



[In a nutshell, what is so great about Adath Jeshurun?](#)

Adath Jeshurun (or “AJ” as it is called) functions more like an extended family than a typical institution. We keep our focus on the basics: prayer, learning, caring and connecting with others. Our tagline is “Open Doors, Open Hearts and Open Minds” which is our approach to everything we do at AJ. You won’t find a more welcoming community than Adath Jeshurun!

[Do males and females have equal participation in synagogue life?](#)

Yes, AJ is an egalitarian community, and our commitment is to gender equality.

[How long do Shabbat services last?](#)

Our Friday evening service follows a wine & cheese “Happy Hour” and takes place from 5:45 p.m. to approximately 6:45 p.m. Our Saturday morning Shabbat service begins at 9:30 a.m. and ends around 11:30 a.m.

[What should I wear to services?](#)

Dress is varied – everything from casual attire to suits and ties (most people are somewhere in between). Men cover their heads with a kippah and wear tallit. Some women choose to wear kippot and tallit as well, but it is completely optional.

[Who attends services?](#)

Our community is diverse. We have people from all backgrounds and we welcome everyone. The common thread that unites us is that all of us are learning and growing in our Judaism.

[What services do you have for children on Shabbat?](#)

We have a monthly service called “Short & Sweet Shabbat Jr. Congregation” where students join with their classmates and participate in a service of their own. Parents and grandparents are invited to attend with their children.

[I can’t read Hebrew. Will I be able to follow along?](#)

All Hebrew prayers are translated in the prayer book and page numbers are frequently announced. Our members are at all different levels of proficiency in Hebrew. Some are fluent, and some are beginners. Just follow what you can, and take advantage of the spiritual atmosphere to focus on your personal thoughts and prayers. The synagogue offers free Hebrew tutoring for adult members of the Congregation as well as Hebrew classes.

[Will I feel awkward or find it difficult to meet people?](#)

We are a pretty friendly bunch! We believe that part of what it means to be a spiritual community is to reach out to newcomers, and we take that mitzvah very seriously. So we hope that you will never feel that you are on your own at AJ.

What is your policy on keeping kosher?

We are strict about keeping kosher inside the shul, so that everyone can feel comfortable dining with us. We have two kosher kitchens, and food that is served at AJ is prepared in our own kitchens, or in another kosher facility.

How do I sponsor a kiddush lunch?

Our Kiddush Lunch coordinator, Bonnie Shaikun, will be happy to guide you through the process. Our kiddush lunches are homemade in our kosher kitchen by a group of volunteers called “Bonnie’s Baking Bunch.”

Where do most of your congregants live?

While there are large clusters of AJ members in the Highlands and the Brownsboro Road corridor, AJ members live in all parts of the city, as well as in Oldham County and Indiana.

I’m not Jewish, but am interested in learning more about Judaism. What can I do?

Adath Jeshurun offers a variety of wonderful adult education courses for beginners, and AJ’s website contains a wealth of information through our online learning library. Those considering conversion to Judaism can arrange a meeting with Rabbi Slosberg to discuss their spiritual journey. To make an appointment with Rabbi Slosberg, email Robin Silverman at rsilverman@adathjeshurun.com.

Do you have committees that plan different activities? How can I get involved?

AJ has very active committees working on program-planning and on other aspects of synagogue life. To join a committee, members may contact the Synagogue President or Synagogue Administrator, and they will match up the member’s skills and interests to a committee of their choice.

What is the physical space like?

AJ moved to our current location in the Highlands in 1957. The area is surrounded by a beautiful park system. The structure contains close to 48,000 square feet on two levels. The lower level contains an award-winning preschool, with offices and worship space occupying the upper floor. In 2013, a multi-million dollar renovation to the entire building and grounds was completed, creating a spectacular, warm and inviting synagogue for our members and guests. We invite you to join the great things happening at Congregation Adath Jeshurun. For more information, please contact the synagogue office at 502-458-5359 or info@adathjeshurun.com.

