



FEDERATION'S **GUIDE TO**
JEWISH
MEMPHIS

JEWISH LIVING IN MEMPHIS

Graceland, Beale Street, Delta Queen, the Peabody Ducks, the Mighty Mississippi...these and many more landmarks create a warm image of Memphis. However, few people realize the long and rich history of the Jewish community in this city. Memphis truly offers tremendous and diverse opportunities in educational, cultural and social activities while extending the warm Southern hospitality for which we are famous.

The Jewish communal agencies serve every age and need in state of the art facilities with highly professional staff. In this growing and thriving community, Memphis Jewish Federation is the umbrella uniting every aspect of Jewish Memphis and touching the heart of every Jewish home. For more than 75 years, Memphis Jewish Federation has been serving the Memphis Jewish Community.



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ANSHEI SPHARD-BETH EL EMETH (ORTHODOX)

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The Anshei Sphard-Beth El Emeth Congregation is a vibrant and warm community with active programming and beautiful services. Beth El Emeth was founded in 1854 and Anshei Sphard in 1893, but the two merged in 1970. Located in an award winning building in East Memphis, the congregation enjoys a reputation as a welcoming family congregation.

Known for its innovative and educational programming, the synagogue sponsors community concerts each year, is host to a number of scholars in residence, holds a large Purim carnival each year, is host to the city's only International Kosher Barbecue Contest, and conducts a large Chanukah dinner, extensive Succoth programming, Tu Bishvat Seder, Lag Ba'Omer bonfire, and Jerusalem Day Picnic. The Rabbi, Rabbi Joel Finkelstein and Cantor, Cantor Aryeh Samberg conduct a full array of adult education programs and children's programs, and are available to the congregants at all times. The services are melodic, dignified, warm and sincere. The synagogue offers everything from: "Learning in the Living Room," a series of educational programs in people's homes, to weekly Saturday classes, daily Talmud offerings, a series known as the Mary HytkenDumont Jewish University which has three semesters, a full array of children's activities on a weekly and periodic basis is also offered. Private tutoring and small classes are available for children seeking supplemental Jewish education. The congregation has an active NCSY group and a series of classes for children, a singles group, as well as a remarkably active Sisterhood. Services are held three times a day throughout the week, and childcare is provided during Shabbat and holiday morning services.

BARON HIRSCH CONGREGATION (ORTHODOX)

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Baron Hirsch Congregation traces its roots back 150 years as one of the first synagogues serving the Memphis Jewish Community. For generations, Baron Hirsch has been a place where Jews have gathered to learn and grow in Jewish practice and knowledge, and countless families have become more connected to their heritage and to the community because of their relationship with Baron Hirsch.

The Baron Hirsch Congregation of today is a vibrant, modern Orthodox Zionist congregation that seeks to engage its membership in experiencing all aspects of Jewish life with a strong commitment to the Jewish people, the State of Israel and our Torah. To accomplish this goal, we focus our concentration in four major divisions:

1. The Baron Hirsch Educational Institute offers learning opportunities for all backgrounds. We offer a variety of class settings where everyone can find a venue of interest, including discussion groups, guest lectures, call-in classes, lunch & learns and living room classes.
2. Baron Hirsch Youth, our youth department, offers programs and services from toddler to collegiate. Our Shabbat & holiday programs, NCSY, youth lounge, teen events, summer camp and College Connections project are just a few examples of the importance we place on the futures of our community.
3. Our Building Relationships initiative to create stronger member bonds focuses on both major events for everyone as well as our Chugim - small clubs of people with similar interests. Major events such as Shabbat dinners, holiday celebrations, trivia nights and many other socials attract hundreds of participants who come from different backgrounds, but enjoy celebrating together. Our current Chugim include our Kol Rena So-Shuls, knitting group, book club and young couples group, and many more are in the planning stages. Our Chesed Department makes sure that we reach those individuals who often feel most isolated from the community.
4. Religious services and the celebration of life cycle events form the core of synagogue life. Our services are warm and spirited, and we go to great lengths to make everyone feel welcome. A family simcha at Baron Hirsch becomes a celebration for the congregation, as evidenced by the dancing that occurs following the Aliya of a Bar Mitzvah boy or bridegroom.

BETH SHOLOM

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Beth Sholom was founded in 1955 in order to establish Conservative Judaism in Memphis. It was the first new synagogue in the community since 1905. It is the only congregation in Memphis that is traditional and fully egalitarian. Beth Sholom is affiliated with the United Synagogues of Conservative Judaism.

Beth Sholom is a young, dynamic congregation. There is a friendly atmosphere in the synagogue and everyone is warmly welcomed. Shabbat morning services begin at 9:15 a.m. Beth Sholom offers a comprehensive Shabbat Morning program for preschool through the seventh grade. We offer religious school education, as well, for kindergarten through 7th grade and have an active teen program as well. Daily evening services are held Sunday through Thursday at 6:00pm Sunday morning services are at 8:00 a.m. and Wednesday and Thursday services begin at 7:00 a.m. Please check the Beth Sholom website for details on our service times as well as all programs.

Beth Sholom has an active Sisterhood and a Men's Club. There are a variety of social groups for members of the congregation. There is an Lifelong Jewish learning program which arranges for special classes throughout the year, including but not limited to bi-monthly Lunch and Learn, an annual retreat, and a special visiting scholars program. The congregation is also involved in an array of social action programs. Beth Sholom maintains its own cemetery.

CHABAD

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www.jewishmemphis.com

Chabad Lubavitch of Tennessee is one of more than 3,000 branches of today's largest international organization involved with Jewish education and outreach programs. Under the direction of Rabbi Levi Y. Klein and his wife Rivky, Chabad was founded in mid-1994, offers youth programs, adult education courses, community holiday awareness celebrations and hospital, nursing home, shut-in, and prison visitations. Many have experienced traditional Shabbat and Holiday meals at the Chabad Center. In addition, many have benefited from the Rabbi's counseling. Chabad has become a "one stop" address for the many needs of the Memphis Jewish community.

Chabad does not recognize the labels of Orthodox, Conservative, and Reform. "A Jew is a Jew is a Jew - Period." We have gotten too carried away with the adjectives - the noun is universal - Jew. We have one Torah, we are one people, we have one G-d and one land. Chabad endeavors to bring unity among the Jewish community through our common bond of Jewish faith and observance.

Chabad operates out of the newly renovated "Chabad Center for Jewish Life." The "Chabad Center" is a cozy informal place of worship. But Chabad is much more than just a place to pray. It is a home away from home, where Jews come together to learn and to grow, to discuss and to debate, to sing and to rejoice, to celebrate and to say L'Chaim. Chabad's believes that Judaism should be practiced with spirit and joy, and a visit to any of its programs will prove just that. It is a place to inspire your family and to develop new friendships.

There are no prerequisites for getting involved with Chabad, whether you are affiliated or not, have much Jewish background or none, you are always welcome to try one or all of our programs. We are here to serve you, and we will do our best to help you and your family. You do not have to be a member at Chabad, you do not even have to agree with everything Chabad says or does - you just have to be Jewish - and you automatically belong. There are no membership fees at Chabad, and all are welcome.

OR CHADASH CONSERVATIVE SYNAGOGUE (CONSERVATIVE)

6629 Massey Lane
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www.ocnecs.org

OCNCS is a warm, welcoming community of people of all ages and backgrounds who come together to pray, study, celebrate, socialize, raise families, support one another in good times and bad, participate in social action, and pass the traditions of Judaism on to our children. We are a traditional Conservative synagogue, egalitarian and highly participatory. For many of us, OCNCS is where we find our home as Jews and blossom spiritually. Our members enjoy participating in and leading services and programs at OCNCS.

Along the wide spectrum of our membership are scholars of Judaic studies and members who have minimal knowledge of the Torah. We are lucky to have several individuals new to Judaism, as well as individuals who grew up deeply involved in Yiddishkeit; others who are just beginning to learn about their roots, several inter-religious families, and more. We look forward to remarkable growth as more Jews in our community discover the treasures that we have to offer, and others seek us out to learn about our faith and culture.

Everyone is welcome at all of our services. Shul shopping? Please try us a few times and let us know what you think. Be sure to introduce yourself so that we can personally greet you and answer any questions you might have about our synagogue and community.

We look forward to getting to know you and hope that you, too, will become part of the OCNCS family.

TEMPLE ISRAEL (REFORM)

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Temple Israel is Memphis' largest and oldest congregation. Founded in 1854, it is the only Reform synagogue in Memphis and has nearly 1,750 families. It strives to reflect the wide diversity of its members and their religious, educational, personal, and community involvement aspirations.

Shabbat services are held every Friday evening at 6:15 p.m. and Saturday mornings at 10:00 a.m. Tot Shabbat services and dinner for young families are also held throughout the year.

Activities for children include daycare, preschool and kindergarten classes during the week and Sunday Religious School for Kindergarten through twelfth grades. Youth programs include community service, spiritual, educational and social activities for students of all ages. Temple Israel teens can also participate in MeFTY, the 9th through 12th grade high school youth group that is affiliated with NFTY, the North American Federation of Temple Youth.

Adult programs include WRJ-Sisterhood, Brotherhood, and a wide variety of adult education programs on many topics, including "Exploring Judaism" and Hebrew classes. A Shabbat morning Torah study on the portion of the week, led by a clergy member, is held from 8:45 a.m.-9:45 a.m. every Shabbat. There are also special programs and social activities for singles and couples of all ages.

Members are encouraged to become involved through the above programs and by participating in holiday and cultural events, fund-raising programs, and various committees. In addition, there are many social action programs offering a wide array of opportunities that serve the Jewish and greater communities.

YOUNG ISRAEL CONGREGATION (ORTHODOX)

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Young Israel of Memphis is one of the many synagogues affiliated with the National Council of Young Israel. Young Israel of Memphis was founded in 1998, under the name Kesser Torah, by a former group of worshipers known as the Memphis Minyan.

Young Israel of Memphis prides itself in being a Torah center of Jewish Awareness for the Memphis community where people of all backgrounds are welcome to explore the beauty of traditional Torah values and fervent prayer in an atmosphere of acceptance and warm Southern hospitality. A young, vibrant, knowledgeable congregation, Young Israel is made up of 95 families. Their children make up approximately one-third of the students at the MHA/FYOS.

The Congregation has daily morning services at 6:35 a.m. Daf Yomi class meets at both 5:30 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. Shabbat services begin at 8:45 a.m. Holiday services begin at 8:30 a.m. Young Israel has babysitting services available during Shabbat and Holiday morning services and a youth program for ages K-8 led by Rabbinic teachers and High School students in the community.

The Rabbi delivers various classes and Shiurim throughout the week. One-on-one learning is always available.

Young Israel hosts a myriad of programs including an annual Tisha B'Av Holocaust Memorial Service, featuring a scholar in residence and a Chofetz Chaim Heritage Foundation film series. During the year, Young Israel hosts various Scholar in Residence lecture series and speakers on a variety of Torah topics.

JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS IN MEMPHIS

BBYO

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BBYO is a worldwide organization, which provides opportunities for Jewish youth to develop their leadership potential, a positive Jewish identity, and commitment to their personal development.

BBYO is divided into two components: AZA (Aleph Zadik Aleph) for Jewish boys and BBG (B'nai B'rith Girls) for Jewish girls. Memphis is the proud home of five BBYO chapters: Okeon AZA, Peres AZA, Kriger BBG, River City BBG, and Pearl BBG. Each chapter is an independently functioning, democratic group, made up of 12-50 members. These chapters program under the guidelines of the BBYO Mission Statement.

BBYO is also, quite proudly, a youth organization led by the youth themselves. Through participation in their chapters, our members learn by direct involvement. With guidance, advice, and support from adult staff, our members take active roles in planning and carrying out the many activities offered by BBYO.

The Memphis BBYO program is a beneficiary of the Memphis Jewish Federation. BBYO offices are professionally staffed and located at the Memphis Jewish Community Center.

MORRIS S. FOGELMAN JEWISH STUDENT CENTER AT HILLEL OF MEMPHIS

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Hillel creates vibrant Jewish Life at the University of Memphis, Rhodes College, Christian Brothers University, University of Tennessee-Health Science Center and Southern College of Optometry campuses. We serve as a college student's "Jewish home away from home." Hillel provides exceptional programming, engaging spiritual opportunities, and, of course, a myriad of programs, projects, events and activities for Jewish students to "do Jewish" together, including annual events like our Butterfly Garden rededication, the Fall Daniel Pearl concerts, Spring Interfaith Seders and Yiddishe Cup Mini-Golf fundraiser.

Our Kosher Kitchen (under the supervision of the (VaAd)) gets plenty of use; and host Shabbat/Havdalah dinner once a month. Snacks and drinks are always available for students when they visit Hillel.

Hillel is that special gathering place for Jewish students, faculty and administrators and serves as the eyes, ears and voice of all things Jewish on campus.

Hillel is a program of Memphis Jewish Federation.

JEWISH FAMILY SERVICE AT THE MJCC

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The oldest of all Memphis Jewish communal agencies, the roots of Jewish Family Service date back to 1865 when it was established to aid families stricken by the yellow fever epidemic. Throughout its many years of existence, JFS has constantly evolved and expanded its scope and mission to keep pace with the changing social and economic environment in Memphis. The diverse menu of service under the JFS umbrella includes individuals and family counseling, a full range of adoption services, elder support and special needs services, emergency assistance, family life education, parenting programs and resettlement and refugee assistance services.

Jewish Family Service receives support and is an affiliate of the United Way of the Mid-South and the Memphis Jewish Federation. JFS also relies on private donations and grants to uphold the quality of work that the agency provides.

JEWISH FOUNDATION OF MEMPHIS

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The Jewish Foundation of Memphis was founded in 1995 to serve as a central endowment fundraising resource in support of Memphis-area Jewish institutions, agencies and communal needs.

The Jewish Foundation assists individuals and families to achieve their philanthropic goals and works in partnership with agencies to meet their financial obligations. Individuals may establish a variety of charitable funds including philanthropic donor advised, designated, agency endowment and operating endowment funds. Gifts are generally made from cash and/or securities at a time most beneficial for financial or tax planning.

The Jewish Foundation regularly communicates its services to the Jewish community through its newsletter Continuity and annual report and in organizational newsletters, flyers and through articles sent to the Hebrew Watchman.

In recent years, The Jewish Foundation established two new programs, The Legacy Society and Memphis B'nai Tzedek.

The Legacy Society recognizes individuals and families who have made a commitment to secure the future of the Memphis Jewish community either through a gift of \$10,000 or more to a permanent endowment fund or by establishing an estate gift. These members will be recognized in the Endowment Book of Life.

The Memphis B'nai Tzedek Program reaches out to Bar and Bat Mitzvah teens. The Jewish Foundation, in cooperation with Memphis-area congregations and the Memphis Jewish Federation, established B'nai Tzedek so that teens may create their own "charitable bank accounts." Educational programming is held throughout the year to showcase community agencies.

Building on the strengths of two pillar organizations in the Memphis Jewish community, Jewish Foundation of Memphis and Memphis Jewish Federation have combined to run under one structure operated by Jewish Community Partners, Inc. (JCP).

JEWISH HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF MEMPHIS AND THE MID-SOUTH

6560 Poplar Avenue
Memphis, TN 38138

www.jhsmem.org

The Jewish Historical Society of Memphis and the Mid-South was founded in 1986 to bring together all segments of the Jewish community interested in its mission to research, preserve, and disseminate the Jewish history of Memphis and the Mid-South.

The society produces “Southern Jewish Heritage,” a newsletter of historical articles. It has published the book, *A Biblical People in the Bible Belt: The Jewish Community of Memphis, Tennessee, 1840s-1960s*, authored by Dr. Selma Lewis, and two films, *The Jews of Memphis* and *The Jews of Brownsville, Tennessee*. It maintains archive space in Temple Israel Archives. Its projects include a genealogy committee, the recording of oral histories, collecting historical documents and tours to Jewish sites in towns around the Mid-South.

The Jewish Historical Society of Memphis and the Mid-South is a non-profit, all volunteer organization, which welcomes membership and is dedicated to providing the community with relevant, exciting and free programs on a regular basis. It partners with Bornblum Judaic Studies and other groups in this endeavor. The society seeks to educate, encourage and promote research and study of the remarkable history of the Jews who helped shape our city and region as well as those who continue to do so, in order to assure that our great Jewish legacy will be preserved and safeguarded for generations to come.

MEMPHIS JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER

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The Memphis Jewish Community Center (MJCC) is an inclusive and compassionate community built on Jewish values, heritage, and culture, where people of all ages, lifestyles, ethnicities and levels of observance come together to pursue personal fitness, team sports, the arts, youth programming, and early childhood education. You'll find state-of-the-art facilities and equipment, and trained, certified staff in all areas. We offer a range of activities, classes, and schedule options to fit your personal needs, interests, and goals. MJCC is a place for everyone, with nearly everything you need, near you.

The MJCC is dedicated to Jewish education for all ages, Jewish culture and community. Our NAEYC accredited preschool has an excellent Judaics curriculum in addition to secular studies. We host the Jewish Literary and Cultural Arts Festival and the International Jewish Film Festival each year. Our J-Ed Series educates the community on important issues throughout Judaism.

The MJCC is committed to enhancing the lives of each and every person we touch. As a non-profit organization, the MJCC works with the United Way of the Mid-South and the Memphis Jewish Federation to build and maintain a strong, vibrant, and caring community.

MEMPHIS JEWISH FEDERATION

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WE ARE

dedicated to perpetuating Jewish values by taking care of others, educating people and involving them in Jewish life. Why? Because if we don't, who will? We identify the issues facing our community and address them with our partners. For us, it's what being Jewish feels like. Together we will do that because we are

FEDERATION.

For almost a century, Memphis Jewish Federation has been building community and helping to make the world a better place. It's a promise that social services and community organizations will remain strong and active for all of us as well as providing whatever is needed to Jews in need throughout the world. For you, Federation is an opportunity to be part of a caring community that gives back. And it's an opportunity to foster and celebrate Jewish identity for future generations.

Building on the strengths of two pillar organizations in the Memphis Jewish community, Memphis Jewish Federation and the Jewish Foundation of Memphis have combined to run under one structure operated by Jewish Community Partners, Inc. (JCP).

TEEN PROGRAMS IN MEMPHIS

MeFTY (a NFTY chapter) is affiliated with Temple Israel.

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JEWISH EDUCATION IN MEMPHIS

BORNBLUM JEWISH COMMUNITY SCHOOL

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www.bornblum.org

Bornblum Jewish Community School is committed to our future. Bornblum Jewish Community School offers a full day program of General Studies and Jewish Studies. Our mission is to provide our students with an integrated and innovative curriculum of the highest quality. Ours is a school for the entire Jewish community, drawing students from each of the Memphis congregations. Our Lower Grades program (grades 1-5) has built a reputation for excellence based on offering superior teaching and a challenging curriculum in a caring and nurturing learning environment. Our Upper Grades program (grades 6-8) is uniquely designed to meet the developmental and academic needs of young adolescents. We are especially proud of our facility, opened in January 1998.

Bornblum Jewish Community School is fully accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. The school is a member of the Memphis Association of Independent Schools and the Solomon Schechter Day School Association. We are proud to have received the Solomon Schechter Gold Award from the United Synagogues of America as Best Day School with enrollment up to 250.

MARGOLIN HEBREW ACADEMY/ FEINSTONE YESHIVA OF THE SOUTH

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Memphis, TN 38117

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Grades pre-kindergarten through 12

Established in 1949, Margolin Hebrew Academy/Feinstone Yeshiva of the South is an Orthodox Jewish school. It is committed to academic excellence in Torah and general studies, the State of Israel and providing students a warm, safe and nurturing environment for learning. It offers students an education steeped in tradition and Torah values, while providing the most up to date general studies curriculum and technology available. The longevity of the school and the accomplishments of its students, past and present, are the true gauge of its success.

The school has proven experience in the division of the school day between Torah and general studies to best utilize students' time. Its outstanding faculty and administration, many of who have been associated with the school for more than 20 years provides continuity that allows the school to track each student closely to ensure an optimum educational experience.

The school's Horizons program provides special attention for those students needing either enrichment or special assistance in general Studies. The M.H.A.E.R.A.H. (Margolin Hebrew Academy Enrichment and Remedial Advancement in Hebrew) Program provides assistance to elementary students who need help with their Hebrew skills. MHA/FYOS students excel in all areas of study and regularly score in the upper quartile in all subject areas of the Comprehensive Testing Program.

The highly regarded and fully licensed Leach Early Childhood Center provides careful supervision in a loving environment. Classrooms are divided into learning centers well stocked with the latest learning aids, books, toys, and puzzles for each age group. The Department of Human Services of Tennessee has commended the pre-school for its organization and teaching methods.

The high school division, Feinstone Yeshiva of the South, which includes Cooper Yeshiva High School for Boys and Goldie Margolin School for Girls, was established in 1964. Each school is housed in a separate building and includes its own beit midrash, classrooms and a student lounge. There are two separate dormitories for out of town students. Graduates of MHA/FYOS have gone on to the finest universities, colleges, yeshivas and seminaries and have outstanding careers in many fields of endeavor. Many alumni currently serve on the school's board of trustees and remain involved in fundraising and other supportive activities on behalf of their alma mater.

In addition, through Kollel Torah MiTzion and Bat Ami, the school brings young Israeli men, graduates of Hesder yeshivot (which combine army service with Torah study) and young Israeli women, who are performing their Israeli National Service, to Memphis to learn with its students in small group settings and plan special programs. The Kollel members also learn with each other and with a Rosh Kollel, who directs the program. Through special projects and classes the Kollel also infuses the entire Jewish community with a love and appreciation of Torah and Israel. The school's experience with the Kollel and Bat Ami programs has proven to be invaluable for its students and has created unforgettable, long-lasting relationships.

MHA/FYOS is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS); is a participating member of Torah U'mesorah (National Society for Hebrew Day Schools) and the Association of Modern Orthodox Day Schools.

BARBARA K. LIPMAN EARLY LEARNING CENTER

1376 East Massey Road
Memphis, TN 38120

P: (901) 937-2784

www.templepreschoolmemphis.com

Barbara K. Lipman Early Learning Center offers a high-quality academic experience for young children in a Jewish environment that is nurturing, diverse, and inclusive environment. The faculty and staff in our nationally accredited program take delight in each child's unique development and share their love of exploring, learning, and discovering. A full day of care is offered, and exciting enrichment opportunities are available after school.

As a program accredited by the NAEYC we offer a unique educational opportunity that is both enriching and fulfilling. Our teacher-pupil ratio is low and children receive individualized attention to enhance their self-esteem and capacity for learning. Our mission is to provide for the social, emotional, and cognitive growth of the young child in a Jewish setting.

MJCC EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

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The Early Childhood Center at the Memphis Jewish Community Center (MJCC) offers a superior academic experience and a warm, nurturing environment for children ages 12 months and walking through Kindergarten. (Beginning August 2015, our program will start at 9 weeks and continue through Junior Kindergarten.) We value the experiences of each individual child and differentiate accordingly. Our program is NAEYC accredited and we believe each child is a capable and competent learner who is full of potential. Students of all faiths enjoy our exceptional Judaics program as our students learn Jewish history, traditions, values, and Hebrew. Additionally, we have an incomparable Spanish program where students learn to speak, listen, and sing in Spanish!

Our programs are thoughtfully designed to promote:

- Positive Self-Esteem
- Appreciation and Understanding of Jewish Heritage
- School Readiness and Competence
- A Love of Learning

We believe...

- Supporting children during the important early years is an investment in their future.
- Children learn through play and active engagement in developmentally appropriate experiences.
- A caring environment that models respect teaches children to value themselves and others.
- An integrated Judaic curriculum helps children learn about and respect their traditions.
- Providing support to families and opportunities for involvement are critical components of successful early childhood programs.

FACING HISTORY & OURSELVES

650 E. Parkway South
Memphis, TN 38104

P: (901) 452-1776
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www.facinghistory.org

Facing History and Ourselves is a national educational and teacher training organization whose mission is to engage students of diverse backgrounds in an examination of racism, prejudice, and anti-Semitism in order to promote the development of a more humane and informed citizenry. By studying the historical development and lessons of the Holocaust and other examples of genocide, students make the essential connection between history and the moral choices they confront in their own lives.

The Memphis Resource Center offers introductory institutes for educators. Follow-up programs include seminars, workshops, individual on-site consultation, and events which are also open to the community at large. Resources include a lending library of relevant books, articles, slides, films, posters, videos, and a speakers' bureau.

SENIOR SERVICES

IN MEMPHIS

PLOUGH TOWERS

6580 Poplar Avenue
Germantown, TN 38138

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www.ploughtowers.org

Plough Towers is a 150-unit, HUD high-rise for the elderly and mobility impaired. In order to live here one must be at least 62 or have mobility impairment and income cannot exceed HUD guidelines. The Rent is subsidized by HUD, and is determined by one's income and is usually about 30% of ones' adjusted gross income. There are 141 one bedroom and 9 two bedroom apartments in the building. Each apartment is carpeted and equipped with a stove, frost-free refrigerator, heater/air conditioner, emergency calls in the bedroom and bath, and grab bars in the tub. A noon kosher meal is served Monday thru Friday in the dining room. Staff includes a part time activity director who plans all types of activities. A full time service coordinator is employed to help residents with referrals to other agencies for services for which they may be entitled and to help with any other problems. Located within the building are a beauty shop, convenience store, laundry room, exercise room, library, and computer center. A computer teacher instructs residents how to e-mail, to surf the Web and use of the computer programs. A 16-passenger bus with a lift takes residents out shopping and to community activities on a regular basis. Residents are encouraged to participate in an active volunteer program in the building or in the community.

MEMPHIS JEWISH HOME & REHAB

36 Bazeberry Road
Cordova, TN 38018

P: (901) 758-0036

F: (901) 758-0060

www.memphisjewishhome.org

Memphis Jewish Home & Rehab is a not-for-profit nursing home, Jewish in character and environment, dedicated to providing the highest level of care possible with dignity, compassion and professionalism. From well-tended gardens and grounds to the modern equipment within, from its skilled staff to its variety of activities, the restful and serene atmosphere of MJHR promotes healing.

Founded as the B'nai B'rith Home and Hospital for the Aged in 1927, Memphis Jewish Home & Rehab is now a state-of-the art, 160 bed, facility located in a 77 acre park-like setting. Dedicated to providing the highest level of care possible, Memphis Jewish Home & Rehab serves people and families of all faiths with compassion, dignity, and commitment whether they are here for rehab services or long term care.

Rehab services include physical, occupational, and speech therapies. The Dining Services Department provides kosher meals and snacks to patients and residents. The Nosh-A-Rye Deli, open to the public, offers an inviting space to meet and have lunch.

KOSHER FOOD

IN MEMPHIS

HOLY COW

*(in the lobby of the Memphis
Jewish Community Center)*

6560 Poplar Avenue
Germantown, TN 38138
(901) 598-1152

DINSTUHL'S

Multiple locations
www.dinstuhls.com
(901) 377-2639

RICKI'S COOKIE CORNER & BAKERY

5068 Park Avenue
Memphis, TN 38117
(901) 866-2447

NOSH-A-RYE DELI

*(in the Memphis Jewish Home
& Rehab)*

36 Bazeberry Road
Cordova, TN 38018
(901) 756-3220

NOTHING BUNDT CAKES

5679 Poplar Ave, Suite 102
Memphis, TN 38119
(901)-208-8984
*(Kosher dairy cakes and mini-
cakes, under the supervision
of the VM)*

KROGER

540 Mendenhall Road South
Memphis, TN 38117
(901) 683-8846

*(Has the largest Kosher section in Memphis with Glatt Kosher fresh deli, sushi,
meat, chicken, and baked goods, under the supervision of the VM.)*

WHOLE FOODS

5014 Poplar Ave
Memphis, TN 38117
(901)-969-4368

(Carries kosher organic chicken, kosher cheeses, and assorted kosher products)

DISCOVER

MEMPHIS

Easy Commute:

- Memphis was ranked 3rd in the nation for cities with the quickest commutes in Scarborough Research's "Consumers Who Commute 30 Minutes or More One Way to Work" ranking.

Fun:

- Memphis was named one of National Geographic Magazine's Top 20 must see places in 2013.
- In 2010, Memphis was named as one of the most fun cities in the United States in "Living It Up: The Top 100 Fun Cities" by Portfolio.com.

Great place to work:

- In 2013, Memphis ranked 4th on Careerbliss.com's happiest cities to work in right now.
- Ranked 4th "Happiest city for Job-Seeking Grads" by Forbes.

Affordable:

- Tennessee has no state income tax.
- The cost of living in Memphis is consistently 12% lower than the national average according to the quarterly ACCRA cost of living index.

For Young Professionals:

- According to *Forbes*, Memphis is one of the "Best Places to Live Rich" in the United States - a "Bohemian Bargain" with a lively downtown and reasonable cost of living.
- Flavorwire.com ranked Memphis as one of the best cities in the world for young artists.

Undercurrent (<https://www.facebook.com/getundercurrent>) - a local initiative hosting monthly events for young professionals at hot-spots around Memphis

Memphis Urban League Young Professionals

(<http://www.mulyp.org>) - a service oriented leadership organization supporting the National Urban League.

Young at Art (<http://www.dixon.org/youngAtArt>) - Special membership category at the Dixon Gallery and Gardens for young professionals ages 25-40 that offers art, culture

and social experiences with other young adults of similar interests.

Volunteer Odyssey (<http://volunteerodyssey.com/>)

For Kids and Families

Memphis was listed as one of Parenting magazine's 2011 "Best Cities for Families."

- **Children's Museum of Memphis** (<http://cmom.com>) - memorable learning experiences through the joy of play in hands-on exhibits and programs.
- **Bridges** (<http://www.bridgesusa.org/>)- Bridges unites and inspires diverse young people to become leaders committed to community transformation.
- **The Salvation Army Ray & Joan Kroc Community Center** (<http://www.krocmemphis.org>) - Opened in 2013, this state-of-the art 100,000-sq. ft. recreation, education, worship and arts center is fun for residents of all ages.
- **Memphis Library** (<http://www.memphislibrary.org/mplic-home>) - more than 15 branches in the Memphis area, hub is Ben Hooks Central Library at 3030 Poplar
- **Memphis Zoo** (<http://memphiszoo.org>) - Ranked #1 zoo in the U.S. by TripAdvisor (ranking based on visitor opinions). Featuring animated dinosaurs in March 2012.
- **Pink Palace Family of Museums** (<http://www.memphismuseums.org>) - A collection of various museums that educate Memphis about the technology, history, science and nature of the Mid-South.
- **My Big Backyard** - (<http://www.memphisbotanicgarden.com/mybigbackyard>) a world-class children's outdoor engagement experience at the Memphis Botanic Garden
- **Rock n Romp** (<http://memphisrocknromp.blogspot.com/>) - Family concert series
- **Woodland Discovery Playground** (<http://www.shelbyfarmspark.org/WoodlandDiscoveryPlayground>) at Shelby Farms is an innovative new play landscape, designed by James Corner Field Operations, that re-imagines the way kids play and interact with one another, and with nature.
- See: **Arts - Culture - Dance - Film - Music - Theater** for other family opportunities at Brooks, Levitt Shell, etc.

Helpful family links & resources

Jabberblabber (<http://jabberblabber.com/>)

Memphis Loves Kids (<http://www.memphisloveskids.com/>)

Memphis Parent (<http://www.memphisparent.com/>)

Midsouth Moms (<https://www.facebook.com/midsouthmoms>)

Memphis Arts – Culture – Dance - Film – Music – Theater

- **Memphis Zoo** (<http://memphiszoo.org>) – Ranked #1 zoo in the U.S. by TripAdvisor (ranking based on visitor opinions). Featuring animated dinosaurs in March 2012.
- **National Civil Rights Museum** (<http://www.civilrights museum.org>) - Located in the Lorraine Motel where Martin Luther King, Jr. was assassinated, the Museum traces the history of the Civil Rights Movement from the 17th century to the present.
- **Elvis Presley’s Graceland** (<http://www.elvis.com>) - A National Historic Landmark, Graceland is visited by over 650,000 people a year from all over the world and serves as the centerpiece of the local tourism economy.
- **Brooks Museum of Art** (<http://brooksmuseum.org>) - Varied exhibitions, and dynamic programs that reflect the art of world cultures from antiquity to the present, the Brooks is located in the middle of Overton Park.
- **Dixon Gallery and Gardens** (<http://www.dixon.org>) - Specializing in Impressionist and Post-Impressionist paintings and decorative arts, the Dixon is surrounded by 17 acres of stunning gardens.
- **Levitt Shell** (<http://www.levittshell.org>) - Located in the beautiful and expansive Overton Park featuring seasonal outdoor concert series.
- **Orpheum Theatre** (<http://www.orpheum-memphis.com/>) - “Where Broadway Meets Beale” the Orpheum is the Mid-South’s premiere performing arts center with a packed calendar of Broadway productions.
- **Pink Palace Family of Museums** (<http://www.memphismuseums.org>) - A collection of various museums that educate Memphis about the technology, history, science and nature of the Mid-South.
- **Rock ‘n’ Soul Museum** (<http://memphisrocknsoul.org>) - Home to the only exhibition ever developed by the Smithsonian outside of Washington D.C., Rock ‘n’ Soul is located at legendary intersection of Highway 61, “Blues Highway,” and historic Beale Street.
- **Stax Museum** (<http://www.staxmuseum.com>) - The world’s only soul music museum, Stax Records alumni include music legends such as Isaac Hayes, Otis Redding, the Staple Singers, Wilson Pickett, the Bar-Kays, Booker T. & the MG’s, Johnnie Taylor, Rufus and Carla Thomas.
- **The Cotton Museum** (<http://memphiscottonmuseum.org/>) - The museum tells the story of how Memphis came to be through several engaging exhibits, that help visitors understand Memphis’ art, history and music that shape the city’s culture have been influenced by the cotton industry.
- **Gibson Guitar Factory** (<http://www2.gibson.com/Gibson/Gibson-Tours.aspx>) - See how some of the world’s finest guitars are made for over 100 years - just off of Beale!
- **Ballet Memphis** (<http://balletmemphis.org>) - Named a National Treasure by the Ford Foundation, Ballet Memphis presents work the classic to the modern, the groundbreaking

to the fairytale.

- **Freak Engine** (<https://www.facebook.com/MemphisFreakEngine>) - Memphis' longest running improvisational theater variety show.
- **Hattiloo Theatre** (<http://www.hattiloo.org>) - With Black theatre that is accessible, reflective, and relevant, Hattiloo is leading the charge for the dynamic arts district in Midtown.
- **Memphis Symphony Orchestra** (<http://www.memphissymphony.org>) - World renowned Mei Ann Chen, Conductor, leads the Symphony's meaningful musical experiences. Also known for Opus One, a musician-led series of eclectic music in non-traditional venues.
- **National Ornamental Metal Museum** (<http://www.metalmuseum.org>) - Located on a bluff overlooking the Mississippi river, the Metal Museum is the only museum in the U.S. dedicated exclusively to the exhibition and preservation of fine metalwork.
- **New Ensemble Ballet** (<http://www.newballet.org>) - A community school with a professional performing ensemble, New Ballet's "Nut Remix" was named one of the country's top three Nutcrackers by the New York Times.
- **Opera Memphis** (<http://operamemphis.org>) - With a dynamic new director and sold out performances, Opera Memphis is experiencing a renaissance.
- **Playhouse on the Square** (<http://playhouseonthesquare.org>) - In their gorgeous new Overton Square theater, Playhouse is a professional theater company that produces a challenging and diverse repertoire of theatrical work.
- **Theatre Memphis** (<http://theatrememphis.org>) - Providing outstanding theatrical experiences in East Memphis.

Memphis Area Sports

Events:

- **Regions Morgan Keegan Tennis Championships**
(<http://www.memphistennis.com/home>)
- **Fed Ex St. Jude Classic**
(<http://www.pgatour.com/tournaments/r025/>)
- **Southern Heritage Classic**
(<http://www.southernheritageclassic.com/>)
- **Duncan-Williams Dragon Boat Races**
(<http://memphis.racedragonboats.com>)
- **AutoZone Liberty Bowl**
(<http://www.libertybowl.org>)
- Plus many 5ks throughout the entire city on a regular basis!

Teams:

- **Memphis Grizzlies** (<http://www.nba.com/grizzlies/>) - NBA team has made its home in Memphis since 2001. The Grizzlies 2014 playoff run took them to the Western Conference Semifinals.
- **Memphis Redbirds** (<http://www.milb.com/index.jsp?sid=t235>) - Minor League Baseball affiliate of the St. Louis Cardinals. The first and only professional sports franchise to be recognized as a charity (501C3)
- **University of Memphis Tigers** (<http://www.gotigersgo.com/>) - home to a number of athletic teams, including men's and women's basketball, baseball, football, golf, softball, soccer and tennis among others. The city's love affair with basketball is rooted in the University of Memphis Tigers.
- **Memphis Roller Derby** (<http://memphisrollerderby.com>) - the region's only all-female, flat-track derby league open to women 18 years and older.
- **Mississippi RiverKings** (<http://www.riverkings.com/home/>) - Professional minor league hockey team and the oldest continuously operating professional sports franchise in the Memphis Metropolitan Area.

Golf Courses

- **Mirimichi** (<http://www.mirimichi.com/>) - The 18-hole championship course owned by Justin Timberlake is the first golf course in the Americas to become GEO certified and first course to receive Audubon Classic Sanctuary Certification.
- **Links at Galloway** (<http://thelinksatgalloway.com/>) - 6,013 yard long, par 70 links-style public golf course located in the center of the city.
- **TPC at Southwind** (<http://www.tpcsouthwind.com>) - Home of the FedEx St. Jude Classic, it is the PGA TOUR's only private golf club in Tennessee.
- **Memphis National Club** (<http://www.memphisnational.com>) - Private club including two prestigious golf courses and large short game practice facility

Green Spaces

- **Shelby Farms Park Conservancy** (<http://www.shelbyfarmspark.org>) includes Greater Memphis Greenline
- **Riverfront Parks** (<http://www.memphisriverfront.com/parks>)
- **Meeman - Shelby Forest State Park** (http://www.stateparks.com/meemanshelby_forest.html)
- **Wolf River Conservancy** (<http://www.wolfriver.org/>)
- **Overton Park** (<http://www.shelbyfarmspark.org>)

Festivals

- **Memphis in May** (<http://www.memphisinmay.org/>)
- **Indie Memphis Film Festival** (<http://www.indiememphis.com/>)
- **Africa in April** (<http://www.africainapril.org/>)
- **Elvis Week** (<http://www.elvis.com/elvisweek/default.aspx>)
- **Greek Fest** (<http://www.memphisgreekfestival.com/web/>)
- **India Fest** (<http://www.indiafestmemphis.org/>)
- **Israel Fest and 5k** (<http://www.memphisfoi.org/israel-festival.html>)
- **Italian Fest** (<http://www.memphisitalianfestival.com/>)
- **RiverArts Fest** (<http://riverartsmemphis.org/>)

Monthly and Seasonal Events

- **South Main Trolley Tour** (<http://www.gosouthmain.com/trolley-night.html>) - On the last Friday of every month, the shops and galleries in the Historic South Main Arts district extend their hours to welcome guests with wine.
 - **Cooper Young Night Out** (<http://cooperyoung.biz/night-out/>) - On the first Thursday of every month, the shops in the Cooper Young community extend their hours into the night.
 - **Live at the Garden** (<http://memphisbotanicgarden.com/liveatthegarden>) - Summer Concert Series at the Memphis Botanic Garden
 - **Madison Rooftop Parties** (<http://www.madisonhotelmemphis.com>) - Every Thursday night throughout the spring and summer.
 - **Peabody Hotel Rooftop Parties** (<http://www.peabodymemphis.com/rooftop-parties>) - Thursdays during the summer from 6-11 p.m.
 - **Thursdays Squared** (<http://www.overtonsquare.com/upcoming-events/>)

Entrepreneurship & Technology

- **Emerge Memphis** (<http://www.emergememphis.org>) - a business & technology incubator that helps high-growth start-ups and early stage companies
- **FedEx Institute of Technology** (<http://www.memphis.edu/fedex/index.php>) - a research catalyst, engaging collaborative inter-disciplinary research teams to drive innovation, commercial technology realization and corporate partnerships.
- **Ignite Memphis** (<http://ignitememphis.com>) - A fast-paced geek event where speakers are given 20 slides, each shown for 15 seconds, giving each speaker 5 minutes of fame.
- **StartCo.** (<http://neverstop.co/>) - Supports the earliest stages of entrepreneurship in Memphis with dynamic programs that are designed to help potential entrepreneurs to take

the first steps of starting a new business.

- **Memphis Bioworks Foundation** (<http://www.memphisbioworks.org>) - brings together public, private, academic and government entities in a collaborative effort to change the Memphis bioscience landscape.

Articles & Publications

- **Volunteering** (<http://www.memphismagazine.com/Memphis-Magazine/August-2011/Deeds-of-Mercy/>) - Giving Back
- **Nightlife** (<http://www.memphismagazine.com/Memphis-Magazine/August-2010/Lost-Weekend/>) - 48 hours in the mix
- **The Frugal Foodie's Guide** (<http://www.memphismagazine.com/Memphis-Magazine/December-2010/The-Frugal-Foodie-039s-Guide/>)
- **Amateur Sports** (<http://www.memphismagazine.com/Memphis-Magazine/August-2010/Get-in-the-Game/>) - "Get in the Game"
- **Arts Memphis** (<http://www.artsmemphis.org/>) - provides a complete listing of all art events in the Memphis community.
- **The Soul of Memphis** (<http://www.smithsonianmag.com/travel/The-Soul-of-Memphis.html>) (Smithsonian Magazine article)
- **Move Over Elvis... Meet Indie Memphis** (<http://travel.nytimes.com/travel/guides/north-america/united-states/tennessee/memphis/overview.html>) (NY Times Article)
- **Memphis 101** (<http://vimeo.com/35394069>) - A Crash Course on Memphis' past, present and future
- **Faith in Memphis** (<http://faithinmemphis.com>) - Online space for stories around faith

Newspapers

- **Commercial Appeal** (<http://www.commercialappeal.com>) - the predominant daily newspaper of Memphis, Tennessee, and its surrounding metropolitan area
- **Memphis Business Journal** (<http://www.bizjournals.com/memphis/>) - The city's go-to source for the latest breaking business news, updated throughout the day
- **The Daily News** (<http://www.memphisdailynews.com>) - covers business, government and legal news in Memphis, Tennessee and Shelby County
- **Memphis Flyer** (<http://www.memphisflyer.com>) - The city's largest alternative newsweekly. News and opinion about the area and the world, entertainment schedules, reviews, and other features.
- **Tri-State Defender** (<http://www.tsdmemphis.com>) - one of the longest, continuously-published African-American papers in the United States

Local Blogs

- **Ask Vance** - (<http://www.memphismagazine.com/Blogs/Ask-Vance/>) Memphis Magazine writer answers questions about Memphis
- **Memphis Stew** - (<http://www.memphismagazine.com/Blogs/Memphis-Stew/>) Food blog that celebrates our city's community table and the people who grow, cook, and eat Memphis food.
- **Choose 901** - (<http://choose901.com>)
- **Cooper Young Association** - (<http://cooperyoung.org>)
- **Downtown Memphis** - (<http://downtownmemphisblog.com>)
- **Eat Local Memphis** - (<http://www.eatlocalmemphis.org>)
- **Living Loud in Midtown** - (<http://livingloudinmidtown.wordpress.com>)
- **Memphis Edge** - (<http://thememphisedge.com>) Commercial Appeal Sports blog
- **Memphis Juncture** - (<http://memphisjuncture.com>) A Memphis-centric photoblog, depicting the city from some unique angles.
- **Smart City Memphis** - (<http://www.smartcitymemphis.com>)
- **Tiger Blue** - (<http://www.memphisflyer.com/blogs/TigerBlue>) Memphis Flyer Sports blog
- **I Love Memphis** - (<http://ilovememphisblog.com>)
- **Go Memphis** - (<http://www.gomemphis.com/news/>)