

welcome to cjc

Bruchim Habayim! (Blessed be!)

We're glad you found us!

Welcome to our **Beit Kneset**, our House of Meeting. Here you will meet people who are just like you: people who celebrate life's gifts and must endure life's difficulties; people who are proud of their heritage and their history; and people who struggle with what that means to them in an ever-changing world; people who look to, and rely upon others for fellowship and strength. And some who come simply for the brownies and coffee.

Welcome to our **Beit Midrash**, our House of Study. Here you will have the opportunity to learn, to teach, and, we hope, be inspired to act upon the lessons learned and taught. Our tradition is ancient, vast in scope, and wondrous in depth. It is likened to a gem of seventy facets, held before a flame: turned and turned again, she reveals more beauty and new wonder with every turn.

Welcome to our **Beit Tefilah**, our House of Prayer. Here, our community gathers to commemorate our holy days and offer our thanks to God. Our liturgy is solidly founded in tradition, yet reflects the Reform Movement's support of gender-neutral God language, egalitarian practices and contemporary approaches to worship and music.

Most of all, **Welcome Home**.

what is reform judaism?

Throughout history, Jews have remained firmly rooted in Jewish tradition, even as we learned much from our encounters with other cultures. Nevertheless, since its earliest days, Reform Judaism has asserted that a Judaism frozen in time is an heirloom, not a living fountain. The great contribution of Reform Judaism is that it has enabled the Jewish people to introduce innovation while preserving tradition, to embrace diversity while asserting commonality, to affirm beliefs without rejecting those who doubt and to bring faith to sacred texts without sacrificing critical scholarship.

Reform Judaism affirms the central tenets of Judaism - God, Torah and Israel - even as it acknowledges the diversity of Reform Jewish beliefs and practices. We believe that all human beings are created in the image of God, and that we are God's partners in improving the world. Tikkun Olam — repairing the world — is a hallmark of Reform Judaism as we strive to bring peace, freedom and justice to all people.

Reform Jews are committed to the principle of inclusion, not exclusion.

Reform Jews are committed to the absolute equality of women in all areas of Jewish life. We were the first movement to ordain women rabbis, invest women cantors and elect women presidents of our synagogues.

Reform Jews are also committed to the full participation of people of all gender orientations in synagogue life as well as society at large.

what does cjc stand for?

C is for Commitment

We are committed to creating a vibrant, pluralistic and engaging Congregation that welcomes people as they are and regardless of their religious or ethnic background, race or sexual orientation.

J is for Jewish Living

Judaism, the religious expression of an ancient civilization is but one part of Jewish identity. There are as many ways to be Jewish as there are Jews. Maybe even more. Our goal is to engage each member and inspire them to discover and enhance their personal journey as part of a larger people united in their collective mission.

C is for Common Values

We are adherents of Reform Jewish practice, valuing egalitarianism, pluralism and self-determination. We are joined together by our shared past, present and future, our belief in the prophetic tradition of Jewish scripture and the wisdom and guidance of rabbinical teaching.

N is for Now

Master Hillel taught: "If I do not act on my own behalf, who will act for me? And, if I act only for myself, what kind of person am I? And, if I do not act now, when?"

We invite you to take action and take advantage of the opportunities we present for personal growth, leadership development, community service and social networking.

services and programs

The Kant Family Sanctuary

Weekly Shabbat Services
Holiday Services and Celebrations
Weddings and Lifecycle Events

The Jacques C. Shure Religious School

Consecration
Sunday School
Hebrew Language Instruction
Bar and Bat Mitzvah
Confirmation

Adult Education

Adult Text Study
Adult Hebrew Classes
Adult Bar and Bat Mitzvah
Conversion Program

Youth Groups

Junior Youth Group/CHALLAH
High School Youth (SPRIFTY)
NFTY (National Reform Jewish Youth)

The Meltzer Social Hall

State Licensed Catering Kitchen

Programs and Events

Sisterhood
Mens Club
Book Club
Wise and Wonderful
Cultural Events
Lecture Series
Artist in Residence Weekends
Torah-on-Tap pub nights
“Holy Improv” Comedy Bible Study
Movie Screenings and discussions
The Bayit Wholesale Band

Rabbi Jonathan S. Siger

Personalized Lifecycle Ceremonies
Private Pastoral Counseling
End of Life and Grief Work
Pre Marital and Marital Coaching
Individual Religious Instruction
Hospital Visits
House Calls

the history of cjcj

Congregation Jewish Community North began as a vision in 1975 shared by a small and determined group of Jewish families. They envisioned a synagogue that would serve the needs of the growing Jewish and interfaith population of northwest Harris and southern Montgomery Counties.

These founding families officially established the congregation in 1976 and affiliated with the Union for Reform Judaism.

For the first seven years, CJCJ met in private homes and then in various schools and churches. In 1983, the first phase of construction began with the Meltzer Social Hall, which served as a multipurpose room and sanctuary, classrooms and social hall. Also that year, CJCJ joined a coalition of area religious organizations to form the Northwest Assistance Ministries.

In 1987, the congregation added the 7,500-square-foot Jacques C. Shure Religious School wing.

In 1994 the Kant Sanctuary, with its distinctive stained glass windows depicting the Jewish holidays, was completed and dedicated.

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