

## JEWISH COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

**A.H.A.V.A.:** *Ben's Toys*, a project of A.H.A.V.A, uses uniquely designed toys and games for teaching English literacy skills to at-risk children in after school groups.

**AMIT:** Serves as Israel's official network for traditional, secondary technological education; network contains schools that specialize in science, computer technology and robotics.

**B'NAI B'RITH YOUTH ORGANIZATION (BBYO):** Helps teens connect with their own Judaism and learn Jewish values through informal education and special programming.

**BOY SCOUT TROOP 61:** Aims to build character, fitness, and citizenship through the indoor program (meetings and merit badges) and the outdoor program (camping and hiking). Troop 61 comprises young Scouts and a core of senior Scouts as well as experienced, trained adult leaders.

**BRANDEIS WOMEN'S COMMITTEE:** A group of volunteers who support the libraries of Brandeis University through local fundraising efforts; also support literacy through the community service project "Reading Partners."

**CAJE:** A full-service resource for Jewish education; the mission is to assist every member of the Jewish community in becoming Jewishly identified and Jewishly literate.

**CHABAD HOUSE:** Serves the community with youth programs, adult education, social programs, Kosher food pantry, mikvah, preschool, Hebrew school, and counseling and outreach.

**COMMUNITY KOLLEL OF KC:** Through sharing the classic and richly varied Torah texts of Jewish heritage, in classrooms, boardrooms, and one-on-one study, the Rabbis of the Kollel engage the community in the exciting and inspiring pursuit of Judaism's legacy of wisdom.

**CONCERN FOR HELPING ANIMALS IN ISRAEL:** prevents and relieves animal suffering in Israel and elevates consciousness about animals through education. They strive to foster empathy, respect, and responsibility toward all living beings, and to inspire and empower people to recognize the interconnectedness of all life and to make compassionate choices for the good of all.

**CONGREGATION BETH ISRAEL ABRAHAM & VOLINER:** A Modern Orthodox synagogue with a "forward thinking" mentality; belief is that every Jew, regardless of background or level of observance, can find a place in their warm and friendly community.

**CONGREGATION BETH SHALOM:** Conservative congregation with a rich heritage in Kansas City beginning in 1878. Currently, the congregation of approximately 1000 families holds services and programs encompassing the wide spectrum of Jewish religious, cultural, educational and social experiences.

**CONGREGATION BETH TORAH:** A Reform Jewish congregation dedicated to creating an inclusive caring community and providing opportunities for lifelong learning and meaningful worship. Promotes ethical Jewish living, spiritual growth, social justice and the continuity of the Jewish people.

**CONGREGATION KOL AMI:** A welcoming and inclusive Reform congregation that promotes Judaic values, continuity, spiritual growth and a sense of community through participatory worship, education, outreach and mitzvot.

**CONGREGATION OHEV SHOLOM:** A Jewish congregation affiliated with the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism. Represents a centrist ground in Jewish theology.

**CONGREGATION OR HADASH:** A dynamic, inclusive, participatory Jewish Reconstructionist community (Kehillah) that is deeply committed to experiencing Judaism through learning and exploring our heritage, culture and traditions with renewed meaning in a contemporary American context.

**RABBI GERSHON HADAS GUARDIAN SOCIETY FOR JEWISH CHILDREN:** Focuses primarily on providing funds for Jewish children to attend camps and to participate in Israel study tours.

**HADASSAH, GREATER KC CHAPTER:** The Women's Zionist organization of America, is a volunteer organization whose members are motivated and inspired to strengthen their partnership with Israel, ensure Jewish continuity and realize their potential as a dynamic force in American society.

**HARTMAN B'NAI B'RITH LODGE:** Mission is to unite Jews in service to their community and the world; meets every month to provide services for our community, support for Israel, and conduct fund-raising programs to support Hillel and BBYO.

**HYMAN BRAND HEBREW ACADEMY:** K-12 day school that serves the individual needs of students from all segments of our Jewish community.

**HYMAN BRAND HEBREW ACADEMY PTO:** The parent organization of the Academy, brings parents together to enrich the academic and cultural environment of the school.

**ISRAEL NATIONAL THERAPEUTIC RIDING ASSOCIATION:** An organization committed to teaching equine skills and horseback riding to people with a wide variety of disabilities.

**ISRAEL SPORTS CENTER FOR THE DISABLED:** Specializes in the physical and psychological rehabilitation of Israeli children and youth through sporting activities. Sports activities contribute to the confidence, morale, and self-image of the disabled.

**JEWISH COMMITTEE ON SCOUTING:** Purpose is to aid and support Jewish Scouting by recruiting Jewish youths to the program and by assisting organizations in developing and maintaining Scouting programs.

**JEWISH COMMUNITY ARCHIVES:** The Jewish community and persons of the Jewish faith have played significant roles in the Kansas City community for many generations. The Jewish Community Archives is tasked to collect and make available a range of stories that compose our region's history.

**JEWISH COMMUNITY CAMPUS:** The mission is to bring together the agencies of the Jewish community into a common facility.

**JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER:** Serves people of all ages in an environment of Jewish values and Jewish traditions; offers child development and youth activities, exemplary sports and fitness activities, adult educational courses and cultural arts programs.

**COMMUNITY LEGACY FUND OF THE JEWISH COMMUNITY FOUNDATION:** Awards grants which will enhance and maintain the quality of Jewish life in the Greater Kansas City area, and responds to emergency need for Jewish communities around the world.

**JEWISH COMMUNITY RELATIONS BUREAU/AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE:** The main agency of the Kansas City Jewish community that builds bridges with government officials, the minority community, business and civic leaders, the media, educators and law enforcement agencies to develop communication and understanding.

**JEWISH FAMILY SERVICES:** Mission is to reach out to the entire community and people of all ages and all economic situations, wherever there is a need; strives to be the Jewish community's premier resource for caring, knowledgeable, effective and personal support to those facing life challenges.

**JEWISH FAMILY SERVICES-BIG BROTHERS & BIG SISTERS:** Serves school-aged Jewish children primarily from one-parent homes who need the influence of a long term, one to one, developmental relationship with an adult.

**JEWISH FEDERATION OF GREATER KC:** Serves those in need and strengthen Jewish identity and renewal in Kansas City, Israel and throughout the world; partners with synagogues, agencies, organizations, benefactors, stakeholders and recipients of services, shapes and guides the building of a caring, principle-centered, sacred community.

**JEWISH STUDENT UNION:** Mission of Jewish Student Union is to get more Jewish teens attending public high schools to do something Jewish; facilitates regular club meetings in public schools that meet during the lunch hour, before or after school, providing food for the body and soul.

**JEWISH VOCATIONAL SERVICE:** Assists individuals and families in achieving self-reliance by providing support, personal development, employment and training services.

**JEWISH WAR VETERANS:** Organized more than 100 years ago to counter insinuations that Jews avoided and/or shirked service and combat in the armed forces. Volunteers at Veterans Administration hospitals, ensures that flags are placed on the graves of Jewish veterans on Memorial Day, and provides a color guard for the Holocaust Memorial Day services and for the Israel Independence Day parade.

**KANSAS CITY JEWISH MUSEUM:** Mission is to share Jewish culture and experience with the community through art and education to celebrate the common humanity within our diverse society.

**KANSAS CITY UNITED SYNAGOGUE YOUTH (KCUSY):** The youth group associated with the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism. Serves as a way for Jewish teens across the country to meet each other, hang out together, and make lifelong friendships.

**KANSAS CITY VAAD HAKASHRUTH:** The Kansas City Vaad supervises and certifies approximately 20 local establishments of various types.

**KEHILATH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE:** Strives to be a warm and welcoming congregation, proud of its traditional values of learning Torah, engaging in meaningful and inspirational prayer and practices, and performing acts of loving kindness.

**LUBA SLOME DENTAL CENTER:** Provides over 3,000 children in Jerusalem each year with comprehensive education and guidance in oral hygiene according to WHO standards and benchmarks.

**MIDWEST CENTER FOR HOLOCAUST EDUCATION:** Founded in 1993 by Holocaust survivors, MCHE teaches the history and lessons of the Holocaust to people of all races and religious beliefs throughout the Midwest to prevent its recurrence and perpetuate understanding, compassion, and mutual respect for generations to come.

**NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF SYNAGOGUE YOUTH:** NCSY is the premier organization dedicated to connect, inspire and empower Jewish teens and encourage passionate Judaism through Torah and Tradition; empowers teens through leadership development and guidance to become passionately committed leaders of the Jewish community and instruments for positive change and renewal.

**NATIONAL COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN:** A volunteer organization inspired by Jewish values, that works through a program of research, education, advocacy and community service to improve the quality of life for women, children and families, and strives to ensure individual rights and freedoms for all.

**NESHEI CHABAD WOMEN:** A community service organization that encourages volunteers to visit area hospitals and nursing homes, provides newborn babies and their moms a free Jewish gift packet, and joins together for prayer and healing.

**NEW REFORM TEMPLE:** A historically true Reform congregation. Their small size allows for intimacy, while their vibrancy provides Jewish activities for all ages and interests. All are welcome.

**NORTH AMERICAN FEDERATION OF TEMPLE YOUTH:** Organization that instills Jewish identity, increases synagogue participation among high school youth, fosters long-term commitment to the ideals and values of reform Judaism and creates today the Reform Jewish congregants of tomorrow.

**PJ LIBRARY:** Aims to reach Jewish families with children, ages six months to eight years, by sending a Jewish children's book, CD of Jewish music, or parenting resource into families' homes on a monthly basis.

**PUPS FOR PEACE:** A humanitarian, non-partisan, non-profit organization dedicated to reducing death and injury through the use of explosive-detection dogs to counter terrorism. It is a common sense, innovative program being developed for a previously nonexistent problem: the wide-scale use of suicide (homicide) bombings and bombing attacks against a civilian population.

**RABBINICAL ASSOCIATION OF GREATER KC:** The rabbinic voice in and for the Jewish community and the larger Greater Kansas City community; guides the community in making religious decisions for community events, supports the rabbis in their personal and professional growth, and develops and nourishes collegial relationships within the Association.

**SASONE:** Mission is to empower classroom teachers and camp counselors to effectively meet the needs of students who are exceptional learners in Jewish educational and community settings.

**THE TEMPLE, CONGREGATION B'NAI JEHUDAH:** A caring community of Reform Jews, committed to worship, education and acts of loving kindness and dedicated to the perpetuation of these ideals for ourselves and future generations.

**TORAH LEARNING CENTER:** Community outreach through adult and children education, Shabbat and holiday services, hands-on workshops, Judaic resource, hospital and prison chaplaincy, counseling, spiritual guidance and healing.

**UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS HILLEL:** Foundation for Jewish campus life at the University of Kansas; programming includes Shabbat, Israel, holidays, Tzedek, Jewish learning, arts, professional development, maccabi and student leadership.

**VILLAGE SHALOM:** A full service continuing service retirement community located in Overland Park, Kansas; Offers independent villas and town homes, two forms of assisted living, two forms of skilled nursing, short-term rehabilitation, adult day programs, and a specialized health club.

**YACHAD KOSHER FOOD PANTRY:** Kosher food pantry that is open to the entire community, regardless of religion or race, and follows no income guidelines.

**YOUNG JUDAEA:** The oldest Zionist youth movement in the United States, seeks to build Jewish identity and Zionist commitment in American Jewish youth and young adults.