



O! What a *Jewish* COMMUNITY



Welcome to Omaha!

You are about to be introduced to one of the most exceptional Jewish communities in the country! This Jewish population of over 6,000 is vital, united and dedicated to making Jewish life in Omaha exciting and productive. Compared to communities our size and larger, Omaha excels in raising Campaign dollars, as well as in missions to Israel, Jewish education, vibrant synagogues, athletics, youth and teen programs and senior citizen activities. Since the first Jews arrived in Nebraska in the early 1850's, we have been instrumental contributors to the growth that has occurred in Omaha's economy, as well as in its neighborhoods.

Newcomers and visitors to Omaha quickly discover a thriving Jewish community. Whether you've just arrived or you simply haven't been involved in the Jewish community, this guide is your resource to the vast array of programs and services available. We hope you'll use it often as you discover all of the great things the Omaha Jewish community has to offer.

We invite you to call upon us if there's anything we can do to connect you to the wonderful world of Jewish Omaha. And to help you keep track of the day-to-day happenings, be sure to visit www.jewishomaha.org. Shalom and welcome, from your friends at the Jewish Federation of Omaha!



The Jewish Federation of Omaha

(402) 334-8200

JCC Campus, 333 South 132nd Street, 68154

www.jewishomaha.org



The Jewish Federation of Omaha is your connection to Jewish life and your center for Jewish philanthropy. We work toward a single purpose...to promote and enhance the quality, welfare and continuity of Jewish life in the Omaha community, Israel and throughout the world.



Fundraising is always critical to Federation success. Year after year the Omaha Jewish community's generosity remains unparalleled. It is due to this incomparable generosity that we are able to maintain a program-rich environment, and to fulfill the mission of the Jewish people — to help repair the world.

The Community Development department reaches out to newcomers, returning members of our community, and people needing help identifying how to connect to Jewish Omaha. Programming includes Shalom Baby baskets for newborns, newcomer get-togethers, the Opportunity Omaha college internship program, and various outreach efforts.

Young Jewish Omaha (YJO), a social group for singles and couples ages 22-45, offers a variety of programming several times a year.

The Federation has established a strong partnership in the Western Galilee area of Israel, with projects, programs and relationships designed to bring Israel to Omaha and Omaha to Israel. And for those who are ready to embark on a life-changing journey, the missions program provides opportunities each year for members of the Omaha Jewish community to experience the wonders of Israel.



The Jewish Federation of Omaha includes the following departments and agencies that share our mission and provide many diverse charitable, educational, social service, cultural, religious and recreational programs. These departments and agencies are funded by our Annual Campaign, which provides the structure for our community and all its endeavors.

Jewish Federation of Omaha Foundation

(402) 334-6440 ♦ JCC Campus

The mission of the Jewish Federation of Omaha Foundation is to help assure the stability and continuity of Jewish life and support Jewish community services in the Omaha area, by establishing and accumulating enduring assets for permanent funding resources.

Foundation resources are raised from caring individuals and earned through our professionally-managed investment program. In fact, Omaha is among the top five communities nationally in Foundation assets per capita.

This money, along with the Foundation's donor-advised funds, provides financial support for programs and services for all agencies on the JCC campus, as well as providing funding for local synagogues and Jewish service organizations.

Jewish Press

(402) 334-6450 ♦ JCC Campus
www.jewishomaha.org



The Omaha Jewish community is fortunate to have a weekly Jewish newspaper. This is a remarkable accomplishment — we are the smallest community in the country that is able to produce a weekly Jewish publication.

The Jewish Press seeks to keep its readers informed and educated on relevant local, national and international issues. The Press strives to provide news of Jewish interest; to offer commentary, interpretation and background on events of the day; to express editorial opinion; to enrich our cultural life through the presentation of features, articles, reviews and other material of Jewish content and interest; to provide a forum for comment by members of the community; and to promote communal goodwill.

Anti-Defamation League / Community Relations Committee

(402) 333-1303 ♦ JCC Campus
www.adlplains.org



Founded in 1913, The Anti-Defamation League (ADL) is a not-for-profit organization dedicated in purpose and in program to defending democratic ideals, safeguarding civil rights and combating anti-Semitism, prejudice, discrimination and bigotry of all kinds.

In a unique relationship, the ADL also serves as the Community Relations Committee (CRC) and is the central resource for information on social issues and problems affecting the local Jewish community in Omaha, the United States and abroad. Another key focus is Israel advocacy. The ADL/CRC attempts to foster conditions conducive to creative Jewish living in a free society.

- The Institute for Holocaust Education -

(402) 334-6575



The Institute for Holocaust Education, a division of the ADL/CRC, is an established Omaha resource whose objectives are to teach students, educators and all members of the community the lessons of the Holocaust, and help them apply those lessons to their lives and to the society of today.

- Project Interfaith -

(402) 334-6573

Project Interfaith, a division of the ADL/CRC, works with religious groups and members of the community to promote a deeper understanding of and respect for religious diversity. Project Interfaith provides innovative educational and community-building programs.

Center for Jewish Education

(402) 334-6445 ♦ JCC Campus
www.jewishomaha.org



The Center for Jewish Education provides a wide variety of educational opportunities to all levels and ages of Jewish learners.

Programs and classes include discussions of current happenings in Israel, basic Judaism courses, adult education classes, community lectures, cultural arts events, the annual Jewish Film Festival, Hebrew reading, and conversational Hebrew. The agency also coordinates the Community Yom HaShoah Commemoration, an annual Holocaust remembrance service.

The Center for Jewish Education provides direct financial subvention to the synagogue religious schools and oversees the administration of grants and scholarships for preschool, day school, undergraduate and graduate studies, residential Jewish camps, and Israel experiences. The agency is also involved with the Federation's Partnership with Israel program, including educational and cultural programs, as well as Israel advocacy efforts. Special needs services to the synagogue religious schools and teacher training for religious school, day school and JCC preschool staff are also included in the agency's responsibilities.

Dorothy K. and Myer S. Kripke Jewish Federation Library - (402) 334-6462



The Kripke Jewish Federation Library, which is a part of the Center for Jewish Education, features an outstanding collection of over 40,000 volumes of Judaica and related materials plus tapes, CDs and DVDs. Library programming includes a monthly book discussion group, story time for preschool age children, annual Jewish Book Month events, a summer reading program and other special events, in addition to serving as a resource to religious schools.

Jewish Community Center (JCC)



(402) 334-8200
333 South 132nd Street, 68154
www.jccomaha.org

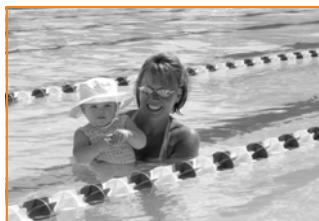
The Jewish Community Center (JCC) is both a facility and an organization. Membership dues, activity fees and Federation allocations support activities at the JCC. A variety of JCC membership categories are available to meet the needs of our community. The JCC offers a vast array of activities for members of all ages that encourage family bonding.

- Athletics -

The JCC basketball and athletic program is like no other in the city. Dedicated and talented staff work year round with children and adults in having fun, perfecting their skills, and creating a love for the game, whatever it may be, including basketball, soccer, flag football, volleyball, lacrosse, and more. The JCC also offers athletic programming with a special focus on girls' participation in sports, teaching girls the necessary skills to enhance their athletic ability, learn fundamentals and have fun playing sports.



- Aquatics -



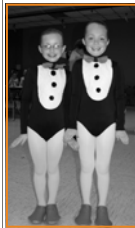
With two adult and two children's pools, the Aquatics Department has room for everyone. The outdoor Olympic size pool is open from Memorial Day through Labor Day. The indoor pool offers lap lanes for fitness swimmers and space for water aerobics and swim classes year round. Swim lessons are available for youth from beginners to advanced. There's even a swim team for swimmers to compete in city-wide leagues.

- Phil Sokolof Fitness Center -



The Phil Sokolof Fitness Center offers state-of-the-art cardiovascular and resistance machines, and free weights with professional staff to orient you to the equipment and get you started on the road to a healthier lifestyle! We also provide personal training for that additional encouragement, support and expertise. Group exercise classes are also available, and are among the best in Omaha, including spinning, kickboxing, aerobics, master's classes, yoga, Pilates reformer training, and more!

- Dance -



The Dance Department of the Jewish Community Center strives to impart the joy and discipline of dance through a well-rounded program of high caliber dance instruction. Classes in pre-ballet, ballet, pointe, jazz, tap and modern dance are offered in a variety of levels with emphasis on technique, musicality, body awareness and the development of self-expression through movement.

In addition to classes, students may participate in a variety of special programs such as choreographic workshops and performance opportunities with local and nationally recognized artists, field trips to area dance events, dance films and special lectures.

As dance is a performing art, performance experience is an important element in dance training. Each year there is a culminating recital in May. Performances alternate each year between a grande story ballet and a themed show.



- Massage -

The JCC offers a first class men's and women's massage program to our members. All JCC Massage Therapists are licensed and certified, and specialize in a variety of massage techniques. Our staff is extremely talented and dedicated to providing a relaxing and soothing massage experience at a time that is convenient for you.

- Jewish Culture -



The JCC offers many Jewish Cultural and Educational Programs for children and adults, including community-wide celebrations such as Yom Ha'Atzmaut and the Hanukkah Festival. This department also schedules exhibits in the JCC

Art Gallery, where contemporary Judaic and Israeli art is displayed, along with the works of local and regional artists.

Our year-round Community Shaliach also brings the Israel experience to Omaha in a very personal way.

Through the latest in satellite technology, the JCC of Omaha is partnering with the "92nd Street Y" in New York to bring the best of their programming to our community.

- BBYO and Teen Programming -

The B'nai B'rith Youth Organization (BBYO) is a youth-led worldwide organization that provides Jewish teens with a peer group that reinforces Jewish identity and strengthens links within the community. Chapters elect officers, run their own meetings, and plan and carry out their own activities with adult guidance.

The boys belong to Aleph Zadik Aleph (AZA), and the girls belong to B'nai B'rith Girls (BBG). Presently Omaha has two AZA chapters and two BBG chapters. The BBG chapters program in the areas of community service, sisterhood, recreation, social action, creativity and Jewish heritage. Likewise, AZA chapters focus their programming on athletics, community service, cultural, social and religion.



BBYO also sponsors regional conventions and sends many teens to Israel and BBYO leadership training seminars throughout the summer.

The teen department offers teen trips to Israel, and organizes the Omaha team for the JCC Maccabi Games, which are held annually in locations around the country.



This department also offers programming for 5th - 8th graders, including JCC specialty camp. Specialty camp participants are constantly on the go with field trips, art activities, sports and swimming.

- Youth Services -



The Youth Services Department specializes in serving school age youth from kindergarten through sixth grade. In addition to Kidz Inn, our before and after school program, Youth Services provides special programs for children when school is not in session. School break specials offer field trips and activities to keep children active and entertained.

We also offer a variety of special classes and events after school, Saturday evenings and Sunday afternoons.



During the summer, Youth Services offers JCC summer camp. Our day camps are fully accredited by the American Camping Association.

- Pennie Z. Davis Child Development Center -

(402) 334-6413



The Pennie Z. Davis Child Development Center (CDC) provides a top quality early childhood program to JCC families with children from 6 weeks to 5 ½ years. The CDC has been accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC).

Our program provides an educational experience which emphasizes age appropriate activities designed to build self-confidence and prepare youngsters for the formal school environment. The curriculum incorporates Judaic culture and values to enhance Jewish identity. Part time programs include gym, swim, art and music. An early childhood education specialist and a special needs teacher are also on staff. Exploratory classes for children 3 to 5 ½ years of age are available for an additional cost.



Camp Shemesh provides young children with a summer camp experience 2, 3, or 5 days per week.

Jewish Social Services

The Omaha Jewish Community maintains a strong commitment to individuals and families who have special needs.

Jewish Family Service

(402) 330-2024 ♦ JCC Campus
www.jewishomaha.org

Jewish Family Service (JFS) is a human service agency whose purpose is to strengthen and preserve the highest quality of life for the Omaha Jewish community through every stage of the life cycle.



An accomplished team of JFS therapists and social service professionals provide outstanding assistance to the community in the following areas:

Counseling & Crisis Intervention: Provides support for families and individuals confronted with personal difficulties or sudden tragedy.

Adoption Services: Includes home studies and placement, both domestic and international.

Emergency Financial Assistance: Provides short-term support and relief to Jewish families in need.

Family Life Education & Enrichment: Assists with parenting issues and everyday challenges facing families.

Project Dreidel and Tzedakah: Serves Jewish families in need during the holidays by delivering traditional kosher meals, gifts and other items.

Special Needs (Yachad): Includes social, cultural and religious activities plus advocacy, referral services and general support for Jews with developmental disabilities and their families.



Rose Blumkin Jewish Home

(402) 330-4272 ♦ JCC Campus
www.rbjh.com



The Rose Blumkin Jewish Home is a skilled nursing facility providing exceptional long and short-term care, including physical therapy rehabilitation services. The Home's reputation as one of the top nursing facilities in the Midwest is based on the quality of its staff, as well as the variety of programs and services provided to residents. Meals are provided by S.N. Kosher Catering, a special department of the Blumkin Home kitchen.

The Blumkin Home's physical connection to the Jewish Community Center (JCC) building gives residents easy access to the amenities of the JCC, including the theater, Judaic library and social spaces, and affords opportunities within the community for intergenerational visits.

Making sure that residents live in a warm, caring environment, with the highest level of dignity, independence and security, is of paramount importance to the Blumkin Home professional staff.

Jewish Senior Services/Community Outreach

(402) 330-4272 ♦ JCC Campus
www.rbjh.com



The mission of Jewish Senior Services (JSS) is to promote the highest level of independence, good health and quality of life for Omaha's Jewish seniors. A complete compliment of programs is available to meet individual and group needs. JSS Outreach Services provide geriatric counseling and care coordination, Meals-on-Wheels, transportation to and from doctor's appointments and shopping excursions, as well as numerous adult social programs. The following groups are part of JSS:

Visions: Focuses on independent older adults, with trips throughout the year and monthly social events to engage our seniors and keep them vital and active. Luncheon meetings feature guest speakers and entertainment. To learn more, call (402) 334-6521.

Young Energetic Seniors (YES): This group for seniors over 65 meets regularly at the JCC for lunch provided by S.N. Kosher Catering, a department of the Blumkin Home's glatt kosher kitchen. Weekly programs include bingo, cards and current events groups. For more information, call (402) 334-6521.

Synagogues

Beth El Synagogue (Conservative)

(402) 492-8550
14506 California Street, 68154
www.bethel-omaha.org



Beth El Synagogue, affiliated with the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism, is the center for Conservative Judaism in Omaha. We are committed to conserving and upholding Jewish traditions. We also

believe the Jewish tradition continues to grow and change over the generations as the tradition interacts with modern life. Because of this view, women participate equally with men in our services.

Our membership includes singles, just married couples, families with young children, families with teen-aged children, empty nesters, Jews-by-choice and intermarried couples exploring Jewish choices.

Daily, Sabbath and holiday services, Sabbath and High Holiday child care and a full array of youth and adult programming activities are all offered. There is also a full range of adult education opportunities.



- BESTT Religious School -

Beth El offers a Sunday morning program for grades K-2, and Sunday plus two-day-a-week program for grades 3-7. Weekly Shabbat Junior Congregation stresses Siddur Skills and the weekly Torah portion for grades 3-7. Tot Shabbat and Shabbat Tunes & Tales are offered for families with children age 6 and under. Shabbat Morning Live, a program for children ages 4-8 and their parents, provides a brief Shabbat morning service and activities several times a year. The High School of Jewish Studies meets weekly, offering a contemporary curriculum geared to the needs and interests of teens in grades 8-12. A trip to New York or Washington, D.C. is offered annually.



- Beth El Youth Group Activities -

All Jewish 9-12th grade students are invited to join United Synagogue Youth (USY), the youth movement of the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism. Seventh and eighth grade students have a youth group of their own called Kadima. USY and Kadima are both dedicated to creating a fun, educational environment where Jewish teenagers can connect. Chaverim is a social group for all Jewish students in grades 4-6. College students meet several times a year.

Programming at a Glance:

Adult Programming:

20's and 30's Group

Men's Club

Sisterhood

Hazak (for our "seasoned" Seniors)

Adult Classes and Mini-Courses



Youth Programming:

Chaverim - grades 4-6

Kadimah - grades 7-8

United Synagogue Youth (USY) - grades 9-12

College Student Get-Togethers



Beth Israel Synagogue (Orthodox)

(402) 556-6288
12604 Pacific Street, 68154
www.orthodoxomaha.org



A member of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, Beth Israel Synagogue strives to perpetuate the legacy of Torah Judaism in the modern world and provide a home for those who wish to learn about and observe Halacha, Jewish Law. Beth Israel welcomes all persons of the Jewish faith to join, and accepts the diversity of practice and thought among its members.

Beth Israel offers a variety of religious, cultural and social programs throughout the year including the award-winning NCSY Youth Group, Sisterhood, adult education classes, daily minyan, an innovative religious school program, Shabbat and Holiday celebrations, and prominent scholars-in-residence weekends. Beth Israel's new, fully accessible synagogue building opened in 2004, and includes a beautiful Judaic shop and the Hall of History detailing Orthodox Omaha since the early 1900's.



We are also the recipients of national program grants, enhancing our offerings to the congregation and the community.

- Youth Group Activities -

National Conference of Synagogue Youth (NCSY) is a multi-faceted Jewish youth group which is open to all Jewish high school students regardless of background or synagogue affiliation. NCSY offers local and regional programming for teenagers in a relaxed, fun environment. Jr. NCSY is for youth in grades six through eight and Senior NCSY for ninth through twelfth graders.





- Beth Israel Religious School -

Beth Israel offers an innovative approach to religious education through the following programs:

Shabbat Morning: Age appropriate classes on Shabbat morning are offered for children ages two through pre-Bar/Bat Mitzvah, and include study on the parsha of the week plus aspects of Shabbat services and upcoming holidays and rituals. Babysitting is available at no charge each Shabbat (infants welcome).

Hebrew Tutoring: Beth Israel offers one hour per week of private or small group tutoring in Hebrew language and synagogue skills.

Junior High/High School: Class is held on Sunday mornings during the school year for the 7th through 12th graders. This class covers everything from biblical literacy to Israel advocacy, always focusing on making Judaism relevant to a 21st century teen.

Friedel Tuition Subsidy: Families whose primary membership is at Beth Israel are eligible for a tuition subsidy to Friedel Jewish Academy.

Programming at a Glance:

Adult Programming

Sisterhood
Weekly Classes
Social Activities
Scholars-in-Residence

Youth Programming

Jr. NCSY - grades 6-8
Sr. NCSY - grades 9-12



Temple Israel (Reform)

(402) 556-6536
7023 Cass Street, 68132
www.templeisrael-ne.org

Striving to be a holy congregation, Temple Israel is committed to the precepts of Reform Judaism: Torah – inspiring spiritual, educational and ethical growth; Avodah – involving members in worship; and Gemilut Chasadim – improving our and our neighbors' communities through Tikkun Olam (repairing the world).



We offer Sabbath and holiday services, tot and family services, religious school, adult education, parent/toddler programs, outreach to interfaith couples, and scholars/cantors/artists-in-

residence programs. Our sisterhood gift shop offers Judaica for every occasion.

- Temple Israel Religious School -

From kindergarten through graduation/confirmation in 12th grade, Temple Israel youth develop a strong Jewish identity, build meaningful connections to the Jewish Community, and become knowledgeable about Jewish ritual and beliefs. Children attend school on Sunday mornings in grades K-2. In 3rd-6th grades, students attend twice a week. One night a week, we hold an optional "Family School" for students in 3rd-6th grades so parents and children can learn together. Our Middle/High School meets weekly and students are given a large "menu" of classes from which to choose.

Our religious school welcomes children of all abilities and provides special services for children with special needs. A weekly parent/toddler program is available for families with children 12-36 months old.





- Omaha Temple Youth Group (OTYG) -

A Temple Israel priority is developing Jewish identity and commitment among our youth. Trips to Israel, intra-city activities, summer camping, and meeting peers from neighboring states are integral components in helping our youth mature as Jews. Pre-teen programming begins with Club 56 for fifth and sixth graders, and continues through Junior Youth Group (for seventh and eighth graders) and OTYG (Omaha Temple Youth Group) for ninth through twelfth grade students.

Programming at a Glance:

Adult Programming

Men's Club

Women of Reform Judaism

Interfaith Couples Group

Caring Community Committee

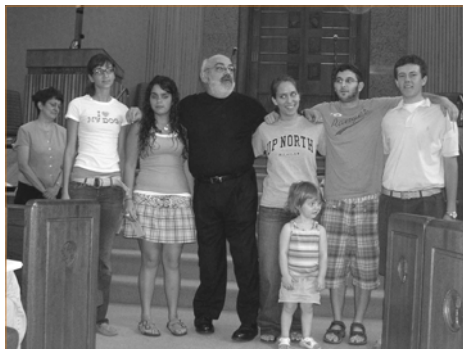
Social Justice Committee

Youth Programming

Parent/Toddler Group

Club 56 - grades 5-6

Junior Youth Group - grades 7-8



Chabad House

(402) 330-1800
1866 South 120th Street, 68144
www.ochabad.com

Chabad House welcomes Jews of all backgrounds who want to explore their Jewish roots. Through creative programming Chabad offers a wide variety of educational, social and spiritual opportunities. Traditional



Jewish values are brought to life in a joyous, non-judgmental atmosphere. Torah values are presented and experienced in a modern, relevant context. Cutting-edge technology is harnessed to bring Jewish pride and enrichment to the community.

People have come to depend on our beautifully designed holiday publications for children and adults, weekly Torah emails, annual Jewish Art Calendar, and interactive website which proliferate knowledge and infuse meaning into Jewish life. The Ten Point Mitzvah Campaign provides subsidies and information so Mitzvah observance is made easy. The Chabad Judaica Boutique offers one-of-a-kind gifts for purchase.

Our popular Gan Israel Summer and Winter Day Camp (sponsored in part by the Shirley and Leonard Goldstein Supporting Foundation) for children ages 3-12, offers amazing fun and enrichment. “How to” pre-holiday workshops, Shabbat and Holiday celebrations, parenting support, and family-friendly services engage parents and their young charges.

In the spirit of Ahavat Yisrael and Gemilut Chasadim, Chabad provides assistance with crisis intervention, teen and parent counseling, prison and police chaplaincy, hospitality for out-of-town patients and families, and financial support for needy individuals. We help with job searches, emergency funding and interest-free loans.

- Chabad Religious School -

Chabad offers Cheder classes on Sunday mornings in addition to the Aleph Champion Hebrew Reading Course and Mishpacha Mornings which cater to young families. Mishpacha Mornings (sponsored in part by Esther K. Newman/Carolyn Kully Newman Foundations) offers parallel education for parents and their children, and provides reinforcement tools for parents. Private tutoring and Bar and Bat Mitzvah training are offered as well.

- Chabad Youth Activities -



Tzivos Hashem Youth Group, Friendship Circle, and Bat Mitzvah Club offer fun and meaningful opportunities for growth and leadership development. These programs serve to solidify Jewish identity in our youth.

Programming at a Glance:

Adult Programming

Women of Worth

Jewish Learning Institute (JLI)

Bikur Cholim - Hospitality

Prison and Police Chaplaincy

Kosher Consulting (domestic and commercial)

Youth Programming

Camp Gan Israel

Bat Mitzvah Club

Friendship Circle

Tzivos Hashem



B'nai Israel Synagogue (Reconstructionist)

(712) 322-4705
618 Mynster Street, Council Bluffs, IA 51503

Sponsored by the Federation of Reconstructionist Congregations and Havurot, B'nai Israel programs and activities include Shabbat and holiday services. Services are participatory and include a children's service.

- B'nai Israel Religious School -

At B'nai Israel, religious school instruction is available for children younger than the ninth grade. The curriculum covers history and cultural studies. In addition, individualized instruction is available for high school age students.

Beyt Shalom Synagogue (Reconstructionist)

(402) 660-2395
3012 S. 119th Street, 68124
www.beytshalomomaha.org

Beyt Shalom is warm, friendly, inclusive and totally egalitarian, offering Sabbath and Holiday services. Services are participatory and include a variety of formats including periodic "Youth Shabbats" and "Learner's Minyans." Beyt Shalom welcomes everyone to Omaha with monthly Havdalah and potluck dinners.

- Beyt Shalom Religious School -

Religious school classes include Pre-K through B'nai Mitzvah. The curriculum includes individualized B'nai Mitzvah preparation. In addition, youth group and education for high school students is also available. Beyt Shalom periodically offers adult education classes.

Community Day School

Friedel Jewish Academy

(402) 334-0517 ♦ JCC Campus
www.friedeljewishacademy.com



In 1994, the Dan and Esther Gordman Center for Jewish Learning was established on the JCC Campus to house the relocated Friedel Jewish Academy. Friedel is an elementary school for Jewish children in grades K-6 and is fully accredited by the Nebraska State Department of Education.

Friedel was founded in 1965 by a small group of people who wanted to provide a superb education for their children in a pluralistic Jewish community — a mission we continue to honor today.

Our innovative Fine Arts curriculum permeates the general and Jewish studies programs. General studies include the traditional areas of math, social studies, science, reading, language arts, technology, health and wellness, music, and physical education, including weekly swimming lessons. Along with special emphasis in communications, integration and interdisciplinary studies, Friedel Jewish Academy offers a unique and exceptional educational experience.



The Jewish Studies TaL AM curriculum includes: Hebrew language immersion, Tanach (Bible), T'filah (prayers and blessings), and Jewish history and holidays. In addition, TaL AM activates the eight types of intelligence: spatial, interpersonal, intrapersonal, kinesthetic, musical, linguistic, logical mathematical and naturalist.

In addition to the numerous advantages of being located on the Jewish Community Center campus, Friedel students have the option of purchasing daily hot kosher lunches, provided by S.N. Catering, a department of the Rose Blumkin Jewish Home kitchen.

At Friedel Jewish Academy, excellence is our standard. In recent years, utilizing Terra Nova standardized testing, Friedel students have consistently scored in the top percentiles compared to local and national scores.



Friedel welcomes the diversity of Jewish experience and tradition, embracing children from all branches of Judaism.

Jewish Organizations

B'nai B'rith

Founded in 1843, B'nai B'rith International is the world's largest Jewish organization. One quarter million men and women in 58 countries are members of B'nai B'rith. The organization defends human rights and fights discrimination throughout the world. It sponsors interfaith dialogues, promotes democracy and world peace, and is committed to Jewish unity.

- **B'nai B'rith Henry Monsky Lodge** -
(402) 334-6443 ♦ JCC Campus
www.jewishomaha.org



Omaha's B'nai B'rith Henry Monsky Lodge – one of the most active chapters in the country – sponsors B'nai B'rith youth programs and scholarships, a bible and a trivia quiz, a weekly mini-press conference lunch, cultural arts programs and an annual charity banquet to honor the most outstanding male and female graduating high school senior scholar/athlete. We invite Jewish men and women, 18 and older, to join by calling the above number.

- **Jewish Women International** -
(402) 391-0661 ♦ 331 South 93 Avenue
(Formerly B'nai B'rith Women)

Jewish Women International is dedicated to helping members lead a meaningful Jewish life and to transmit the legacy of our heritage to future generations. Programs include humor therapy, action and advocacy, community programs, residential treatment center in Jerusalem, pro-choice advocacy, family violence prevention and prejudice reaction and awareness. JWI offers a contemporary framework within which we can express our values and be effective in our communities.

*See page 7 for information about the
B'nai B'rith Youth Organization.*

Hadassah

(402) 333-1621

Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America, reaffirms its historic commitment to Zionism, the most idealistic and significant Jewish movement of our time. Hadassah's ongoing creative program of Jewish education serves to transmit these values, generation to generation, strengthening the core of Jewish family life and personal Jewish identification. As a community of Jewish women, Hadassah understands the dramatic changes and challenges for women in the world today. Recognizing that women are confronting the demands of multiple roles and responsibilities in the family, at work and in society at large, Hadassah offers each member, within her own timeframe, an opportunity to realize fully her potential as a powerful and positive force within the Jewish community and in the United States through its various programs.

League Offering Volunteers for the Elderly (LOVE)

(402) 334-6519 ♦ JCC Campus

League Offering Volunteers for the Elderly (LOVE) is an organization for men and women whose purpose is to provide volunteer services for residents of the Rose Blumkin Jewish Home, and to raise funds for the Home and its programs.

National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW)

(402) 334-6565 ♦ JCC Campus
www.ncjwomaha.org

The National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW) is 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. NCJW strives to ensure individual rights and freedoms for all. The Omaha Section was established in 1896.

Nebraska Jewish Historical Society (NJHS)

(402) 334-6441 ♦ JCC Campus

The NJHS has many exhibits and displays in the corridors and on the walls of the Jewish Community Center. Also located at the JCC is the Dorothy and Henry Riekes Museum, an outstanding replica of the old Kapulier Synagogue. The Carl Frohm Archival Center is located in the NJHS office and grows daily with donated photographs, records, artifacts, and memorabilia of Jewish families, businesses, organizations, synagogues, etc. Tours of the NJHS are available by appointment.

Vaad Hakashrut of The Jewish Federation Of Omaha

The Vaad is under the direction of the Rav Ha'Machsher, and is committed to ensuring the availability of kosher establishments for the Omaha Jewish community. Supervision currently includes:

S.N. Kosher Catering: A department of the Rose Blumkin Jewish Home kitchen, S.N. Kosher Catering is the largest purveyor of glatt kosher food services in Nebraska. For information about catering services call (402) 334-6555.

Bagel Bin: 1215 South 119th Street, www.bagelbin.com, eat-in bagel store, tuna, egg salad, spreads, bread, cakes and desserts.

Krispy Kreme: 2715 S. 120th Street, www.krispykreme.com

Leading supermarkets offer a selection of kosher products. A wide variety of kosher and Passover foods can be found at Bag 'N' Save, located at 7646 Dodge Street.

Mikvah

(402) 334-6437 ♦ Rose Blumkin Jewish Home, JCC Campus

A community mikvah (ritual bath) is available by appointment at the Rose Blumkin Jewish Home.

Livingston Plaza Apartments

(402) 330-3995 ♦ JCC Campus

Federation Manor Inc., a not-for-profit subsidiary of the Jewish Federation of Omaha, owns and operates Livingston Plaza Apartments. This apartment complex for the elderly is funded in part by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Jewish Cemeteries

Beth El Cemetery
84th & L Streets

Beth Israel Cemetery
78th & Crown Point Avenue

BHH/B'nai Abraham/
Fisher Farms
8900 So. 42nd Street

Golden Hill Cemetery
5025 North 42nd Street

Mt. Sinai
78th & Crown Point Avenue

Oakhill Jewish Cemetery
17510 Sunnydale Road
Council Bluffs, Iowa

Temple Israel (Pleasant Hill/
B'nai Jacob/B'nai Shalom)
42nd & Redick Avenue

Jewish Funeral Home

(402) 556-9392 ♦ 4415 Cuming Street

Also known as Chesed-Shel-Emes, this voluntary organization is available to the entire Jewish community. It provides funeral services in accordance with Jewish law and custom. Arrangements are made through the synagogues.

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