



Become a Pathfinder.

Congregation Solel

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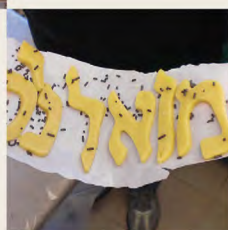
Beit Kehillah, A Community.

Solel is a community of communities. From founding members to newly-married couples, we bring together many generations. We welcome everyone who seeks a connection to Jewish life, including interfaith families, who participate in every aspect of synagogue life. Our definition of community also extends beyond our walls – urging us to engage in social action and community service throughout the year and throughout the Chicago area. As we support the community, we build community – creating ties and relationships that last lifetimes.



Beit Tefillah, Sacred Worship.

We engage in vibrant and dynamic worship experiences, from Friday Night Live services to interfaith seders. We respect individual religious practices and encourage individual spiritual growth and exploration. Indeed, families



have the option of making their b'nai mitzvah services as singles if they prefer to celebrate their child's milestone individually.

At Solel, we gather as one community for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur worship. All services take place in our sanctuary.

Beit Midrash, Lifelong Learning.

On Sundays and Tuesdays, our building is bursting with students gathering together for formal and informal learning experiences. Our teachers offer creative and challenging lessons that seek to build a love of Judaism and the





synagogue in our students. Every Sunday, many parents stay for learning and socializing, including frequent family services and educational programs.

Religious School. Judaism is alive in the halls of Solel's religious school. We value innovative teaching that nurtures by engaging children in creative and fun ways.

Adult Education. Learning opportunities take place both at our synagogue in Highland Park and in downtown Chicago, and all classes are offered to Solel's members at no charge.

Special Events. Solel welcomes speakers of national and international prominence.

Past guests have included: Martin Luther King, Jr., Senator Joe Biden, Rabbi Herbert Bronstein, Professor Ron Miller, Judge Milton Shadur, Jane Ramsey, Rabbi Asher Lopatin, Naomi Chazan, and Hubbard Street Dance, Chicago

Pathfinders for Social Justice.

Solel pathfinders reflect the dedication to social justice that permeates our past and defines our future. Repairing the world is important work, and the Solel vision engages every congregant – children and adults – in *tikkun olam* – repairing the world. We realize this vision by creating innovative programs and advocacy initiatives that drive the pursuit of meaningful change.

Our annual Mitzvah Day is devoted to study and hands-on activities. We offer lectures, study sessions, and programs – all with the theme of social justice. Activities include an educational component to provide context and encourage continued involvement.

With its focus on achieving systemic social change, *Just Congregations* pursues social justice. We understand the value of direct service within the congregation and political action in the larger community.



We hold an annual Martin Luther King Shabbat to commemorate Dr. King's visit to Solel, host guests who speak on social justice, and we support important causes.

Our Leaders are Pathfinders.

Solel is led by Rabbi Evan Moffic who joined us after three years at Chicago Sinai Congregation. Rabbi Moffic graduated with high honors from Stanford University with a major in history and a senior thesis on Louis Brandeis and the American Zionist movement. He is broadly published and one of the youngest senior rabbis in the U.S. Reform Jewish movement. Geoff Prass, our Director of Education, brings more than 15 years of creative programming and religious school expertise to our children's education. Our Executive

Director, Allan Litwack, manages our facility and operations with great expertise having spent more than 25 years in the synagogue management field.

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All of us are part of a journey toward meaning, spirituality, and balance in our hectic and ever-changing lives. All of us are pathfinders. When you join Congregation Solel, you join a community dedicated to making our lives meaningful and our Jewish heritage deeper and stronger; to inspiring our children and instilling in them important values and a sense of community; and to creating a warm, caring, and intimate congregation that is there for all of us when we need it most.



Many Paths, One Community

Each of us embarks on the journey toward Judaism from a different point of departure. Each of us travels the road in our own way and at our own pace. We are – each of us – pathfinders, and that is what brings us to Congregation Solel.

Solel is a Hebrew word meaning pathfinder or trailblazer. Our founders chose this name for our congregation more than 50 years ago because it expressed their ideal: to build a synagogue that tried new things and charted new paths in Jewish life. Here, we focus on the ways in which Judaism can enrich congregants' lives – meeting people where they live and enabling them to get involved in a manner meaningful to them.

Today, Congregation Solel continues this creative journey. We prize innovation and involvement in our community's programs, life cycle events, and leadership.

We actively engage our community in informal, joy-filled worship, in learning that broadens the mind and enriches the soul, and in the pursuit of social justice that repairs the world. And while our geographic footprint now extends from the city to the North Shore and Northwest suburbs, we remain small enough to give members a sense of intimacy and community, and for the entire Solel community to worship together on the High Holy Days.

And as Reform Jews, our definition of community is intentionally inclusive, welcoming all who seek a spiritual home in our synagogue. Our goal is to inspire, uplift, and connect everyone who enters our doors. At Congregation Solel, we are all pathfinders together.

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We are a spiritual home that engages our community in prayer, learning and the pursuit of social justice.

We prize inclusiveness, innovation, and involvement in our programs, life cycle events and leadership.

Everyone who walks in the building should feel inspired, uplifted and connected.

We believe it is important to become part of a synagogue for five reasons:

To Identify with Judaism.

Synagogue membership is like a badge of citizenship in the Jewish community. It shows identification with our timeless heritage.

To Develop Connections.

Membership opens the doors to programs, classes, and new friends. All of these can add meaning and purpose to our lives.

To Learn and Grow.

Judaism is a life-long endeavor that does not end after Bar or Bat Mitzvah. At all points of our lives, we can learn and grow within a warm and sacred community.

To Benefit from Rabbinic Pastoral and Ritual Support.

While a rabbi serves the entire Jewish community, he or she is always on call for synagogue members.

To Support Community.

Synagogues serve the entire Jewish community regardless of ability to pay. Those who can provide support can help sustain the broader community.

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