



# *Jewish Center of Northwest Jersey*

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Thank you for interest in membership at the Jewish Center of Northwest Jersey. Established in 1945 in Washington, our small congregation – affiliated with the Union for Reform Judaism – is comprised of families living in the surrounding counties of Warren, Morris, Hunterdon, and Sussex. Below are a few more facts that we hope will help you in your decision-making process.

- Our congregation is composed of members from a wide variety of backgrounds: from nonobservant to very traditional practicing Jews, from non-Jewish spouses to Jews by choice, etc. *All* are welcome and encouraged to be active participants!
- Our religious School, the Mike Weiner School of Jewish Learning, meets once a week on Sunday mornings and is offered at no charge to members in good standing (a portion of the dues from all members goes toward support of the School). Our school curriculum is determined by the religious leaders, Chairs of the Ritual and Education Committees and the volunteer teachers. Studies include Jewish history, customs, traditions, Torah, music and Hebrew language. The school provides an excellent foundation for those who wish to prepare for bar/bat mitzvah.
- Confirmation Class is offered for students in grades 8-10.
- Educational enrichment programs and a Torah study group are held for adult learning.
- Shabbat Services are bi-monthly on Friday evenings according to a calendar set annually. We enjoy each other's company at a social reception (called an Oneg) that follows Shabbat services! Every family serves as an Oneg host.
- Saturday morning services are scheduled when there is a Bar or Bat Mitzvah, and at other designated times during the year. The entire congregation is invited to attend these services.
- An active Parent Teachers Organization plans special activities and programs for the children.
- The Board of Directors meets monthly to ensure that religious, educational, and social needs continue to be met. Board meetings are open to the congregation.
- Our synagogue functions because of our members who volunteer their time and talents. Staff is limited to our rabbi, cantor, and teachers (parents).

We are happy to answer any questions you may have. Please contact Debbie Kahan, Membership Committee Chair, at 973-722-6056.

We look forward to having you join our congregation!  
JCNWJ Membership Committee