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## Interfaith Relations

Rabbis participate in numerous projects to promote interfaith understanding and community betterment.



## Clergy Alliances

## Support of Civil Rights

## Mayor’s Prayer Breakfasts

## Communal Prayer Services

## Community Education and Social Service

*Rabbis are teachers!*

Rabbis provide collaborative educational programs to both the Jewish and non-Jewish community. They respond to political and social issues and needs.

- **Community-wide Course: Judaism for Conversion Candidates**  
A year-long engaging and interactive course taught on a rotating basis by rabbis from the Reform, Conservative and Orthodox movements. Introduces those considering conversion to Judaism with what it means to live Jewishly.
- **Day of Discovery: Explore the Joy of Jewish Learning in Kansas City**  
Learn, study, and discover some of the community’s finest Jewish educators, rabbis, and cantors, who lead sessions on a wide range of topics. Breakfast, lunch, dessert reception and door prizes included in day-long program.
- **Global Day of Jewish Learning**  
A worldwide event that brings Jewish communities around the world together once a year to celebrate our shared Jewish text through community based learning. Text study and informal discussions. Sponsored by the Aleph Society.
- **Community-Wide Tisha B'Av Observance**  
A meaningful service with beautiful, mournful melodies, engaging teaching, and communal reflection on both painful times of our past and hope for our future. Includes: Ma’ariv service, Hebrew and English readings of Eichah (Book of Lamentations), songs and prayers.
- **Community-Wide Selichot Observance**  
The evening includes a dessert reception, Havdalah, program and service as worshipers spiritually prepare for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.
- **Jewish Community Faculty Professional Day**  
KC-area congregational school faculty and HBHA teachers join together for a shared day of professional learning. An opportunity to enrich Judaic knowledge, improve practical skills, strengthen networks among colleague and dedicate time to high-level professional development.

- **Community-Wide Purim Celebration**  
We celebrate the joyous holiday of Purim at Village Shalom with a Purim “Seduah” (a festive light meal held on Purim day), an interactive Purim study, a creative reading of the Megillah (the book of Esther) and options for performing mitzvot by assembling Shalach Manot gift bags for others in the community.
- **Community-Wide Passover Programs**  
Exciting alternative programs encourage participation in a Passover Seder experience as well as motivate and promote an appreciation for observing and sharing holiday traditions and histories with others in the community.
  - The **second night of Passover Seder** is an opportunity for family and friends to come together as a community for the telling of the Passover story. Through engaging stories, song and discussion, we retell the story of the Exodus, Crossing the Sea, the story of our people’s journey from slavery to freedom and remember those around the world who struggle with injustice every day. A traditional kosher-for-Passover Seder meal prepared under supervision of the Vaad Hakashrut of Kansas City is served.
  - **Passover workshops** provide education, resources and sharing of ideas to assist the community in creating meaningful and lively at-home Sederim.
  - **Kosher for Passover Seder Meals-to-Go** provide the community with the option of purchasing a traditional holiday meal for their home Seder as well as enjoying Passover meals throughout the week.
- **Jewish Family Services Food Pantry Partner** – In response to the ever-growing need for food assistance in Kansas City, congregations hold food collection drives throughout the year including the High Holy Day and Passover drives.
- **Chai Lifeline’s PROJECT CHAI, the Trauma and Crisis Intervention Department** – Trained volunteers serve as first responders and provide “psychological first aid” in the aftermath of trauma when crisis or loss occurs.
- **Mental Health Coalition Partner with Jewish Family Services** – Develops accessible and effective resources for those facing mental health challenges.

## Community Leadership and Guidance

Rabbis discuss, collaborate and respond to community issues and needs which strengthen Jewish Religious Practices while respecting diversity.



**Kashruth** and issues of observance and respect for dietary practices both at Jewish institutions and at public events in which Jews participate.

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### Mikvah

Ritual bath for family purity and conversion to Judaism.

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### Chevra Kadisha

Traditional preparation for death and burial.

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Participate in the Burial of indigent Jews.

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