



Israel Congregation of Manchester

*Enriching Jewish Community
in the Northshire*

Thank you for your interest in Israel Congregation of Manchester.

Israel Congregation of Manchester is an independent, transdenominational congregation that offers a full range of Jewish programming. **Our mission is to help our members come closer to Judaism – its culture, teachings, and ritual.** We have great pride in our warm and welcoming community; we embrace diversity and strive to create an inclusive environment; we value the participation of our members and encourage them to become involved; we cherish our heritage and are dedicated to ensuring the well-being of the Jewish people; and we actively support the Jewish principle of *Tikkun Olam*.

Israel Congregation has a full-time rabbi, a high quality religious school, and a challenging array of adult educational offerings. Each Friday evening, our community comes together to welcome Shabbat. Services begin at 6:30 pm and are followed by a Shabbat dinner to which all are invited. Shabbat services continue on Saturday morning beginning at 9:30 am. We observe all major holidays and festivals in the Jewish calendar.

Membership benefits include the rabbi's services for life cycle events and pastoral counseling, tickets to High Holy Day Services, use of the sanctuary for Jewish life cycle events, and our newsletters and mailings.

We believe that everyone who would like to be a member of our congregation should have that opportunity. Our reasonable dues structure supports this philosophy. If you feel that your means do not permit you to pay full dues, please speak with our Rabbi, President, or Treasurer.

Our members exhibit a contagious level of enthusiasm, participation, and caring. I hope that you will choose to become a contributing part of this wonderful community, ensuring that Judaism continues to thrive in the Northshire. On behalf of the Board of Directors of Israel Congregation, thank you for your interest in our congregation.

We look forward to the opportunity of greeting you.

Shalom,

Morty Bunis

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President