



WELCOME TO
B'NAI ISRAEL OHEV ZEDEK'S
Community Growth Initiative
IN NORTHEAST PHILADELPHIA

DEDICATED TO SUSTAINABLE JEWISH LIVING

- Only 90 minute commute to NYC
- Incredibly affordable housing
- Excellent day school options
- Help with moving expenses
- Kosher food & restaurants
- Low property taxes
- Robust job market





WELCOME TO OUR SHUL

Congregation B'nai Israel Ohev Zedek (BIOZ) is an active and warm shul dedicated to enabling all people to connect to our heritage and remain inspired Jews. We are a diverse, accepting, and family-friendly shul where all people are appreciated and welcomed.

- Growing and Vibrant! Over 50% growth in membership over the last 18 months!
- Daily minyanim
- Shiurim, chavrusa study, and learning opportunities for men & women on a weekly basis
- Scholar-in-residences and guest speakers throughout the year
- Special emphasis on dynamic programming to service our youth
- Mom and tot play area with singing, davening, and snacks for young children
- Yom Tov Celebrations & Chaggigos
- Weekly hot kiddush
- Family Game Nights & Social Programs

LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION!

Within easy and close driving distance to many of the major Jewish communities on the East Coast.

- One hour and 45 minute drive to Manhattan & Brooklyn
- One hour and 15 minute drive to Lakewood
- Two hour drive to Queens
- Two hour drive to Baltimore
- One hour and 30 minute car/train commute to NYC Penn Station
- Vigorous transit system, offering frequent trains and buses to New York, New Jersey, Maryland, and surrounding areas

AFFORDABLE HOME RENTALS & OWNERSHIP

Incredibly affordable housing within close walking distance to our shul!

- Homes for Sale - \$160k-\$250k for a 3-4 bedroom home with ample parking & friendly neighbors
- Property Taxes range between \$1700-\$2700

- Rent 2 bedroom private entrance duplex home for \$750-\$900 per month
- Rent 3 bedroom apartments for \$900-\$1200 per month
- Rent 3-4 bedroom twin home with basement and garage for \$1500-\$1800 per month
- All homes equipped with full kitchen appliances, washers and dryers, yards, and plenty of street parking right outside your front door.

MANY EXCELLENT SCHOOLING & CHILDCARE OPTIONS...FIND THE PERFECT FIT FOR YOUR CHILD!

Our Community has many school and childcare options that appeal to varying student needs and family priorities. To learn more about each school's philosophy, be sure to visit each school's website or let us know and we will be happy to connect you to representatives who can answer all your questions.

Babysitting & Daycare Options:

- Options including affordable in-home babysitting groups and licensed Jewish daycares
- And... who said childcare has to be so expensive? Subsidized Child Care Program (CCIS) which heavily subsidizes costs of childcare for eligible families plus many scholarships ensure that childcare is very affordable.

Preschool options:

- Many preschool options which offer scholarships based on the state's Educational Improvement Tax Credit Program
- Excellent financial assistance availability, ensuring that our schools remain extremely affordable for families within our community

Elementary School options to fit every child's needs!

- Abrams Hebrew Academy: Serves Preschool - 8TH grade with co-educational classrooms
- Kohelet Yeshiva Lab School: A modern orthodox yeshiva day school. Serves Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, and 6th grades with co-educational classrooms. This school opened in 2014 and adds a grade every year to its elementary and middle school programs.



ABOUT OUR RABBI



Since August 2015, our shul has been led by Rabbi Yehoshua Yeaman, who inspires us with his deep knowledge of Torah, enthusiasm for learning and growth, and genuine love for Klal Yisrael and Eretz Yisrael. Rabbi Yeaman grew up in Scarsdale, New York. After two years of learning in Yeshivat Kerem B'Yavneh in Eretz Yisrael, Rabbi Yeaman spent eight years learning in Yeshivas Ner Yisrael, where he received Semicha in both Orach Chaim and Yoreh Deah. In addition to his rabbinical degrees and training, Rabbi Yeaman earned his Masters in Business Administration from Loyola University in Baltimore, Maryland. Prior to his appointment at our shul, Rabbi Yeaman served as the Assistant Rabbi of Beth Israel Synagogue in Edmonton, Alberta. He has spent over a decade actively engaging youth of all ages as a NCSY director and camp director, and ensures that our shul is a place where all children feel welcomed and engaged. Rabbi Yeaman's strong leadership skills, personable nature, and diverse life experiences allow him to connect with Jews from all walks of life. Rabbi Yeaman is married to Sarah Wachs, a native of Philadelphia. She has specific training in the laws of Taharas Hamishpacha and offers engaging shiurim to the women in our community. The Yeamans embrace opportunities to open their hearts and home to all members of our community, and as the parents of young children, they take special pleasure in welcoming other young families and couples to Philadelphia.

- Politz Hebrew Academy: An affiliate of Torah Umesorah and the Consortium of Jewish Day Schools. Serves Kindergarten - 8th grade with separate buildings and instruction for boys and girls starting in 1st grade.
- Politz of Cherry Hill: A modern orthodox day school. Serves Preschool - 8th grade with separate gender classes from 3rd grade and up.
- Torah Academy of Greater Philadelphia: An Affiliate of Torah U'Mesorah and the Consortium of Jewish Day Schools. Serves Preschool - 8th grade with separate gender classes from 4th grade up.

High School options to fit every child's needs!

- Kohelet Yeshiva High School: A modern orthodox yeshiva high school for boys and girls with separate gender for the majority of classes.
- Kosloff Torah Academy for Girls: An affiliate of Torah Umesorah. An all-girls high school.
- The Mesivta: An affiliate of Torah Umesorah. An all-boys yeshiva high school.
- Foxman Torah Institute of Cherry Hill: An affiliate of Yeshiva Chofetz Chaim in Queens, NY. An all-boys yeshiva high school.
- The Talmudical Yeshiva of Philadelphia: A mesivta and bais medrash for boys.
- Yesodai Hatorah: Yeshiva high school for boys. A satellite of Mesivta Yesodei Yeshurun in Queens, New York.

Special Education

- Orot program provides customized programs encompassing academic, behavioral, and social curricula aimed at educating the "whole" child.
- State of Pennsylvania provides generous special education services at no charge to qualifying students.
- State of Pennsylvania offers a no-cost health insurance plan for children with special needs, regardless of family income or assets.

Parents looking for quality education for children with learning challenges have moved here just to avail themselves of our fantastic special education programs!

Free School Transportation:

- Free school busing service to all day schools!

Summer Camps:

- Many camp options ranging from: backyard style day camps, all-boys day camps, all-girls day camps, and co-gender day camps.

AFFORDABLE SCHOOL TUITION

And... with all these school options... we also have affordable tuition!

- Philadelphia Jewish Day Schools are beneficiaries of the State of Pennsylvania's Education Improvement Tax Credit Program.
- Tax Credit program translates into heavy state-sponsored scholarships for eligible children attending private schools.
- Most families in our community benefit from very reduced school tuitions, due to the very generous eligibility requirements for this program. For example, a family of four with an income of \$135,000 can still be eligible for very large state sponsored scholarships.
- All our wonderful schools ensure that each family can afford Torah education for their children.



Are you a graduate, medical, law student, or resident moving to Philadelphia?
Come to Northeast Philadelphia and save over \$10,000 a year on rent!
Get an easy commute to all major colleges and hospitals!
Plus - an additional \$8,000 cash incentive!
Contact us for more information.

ROBUST JOB MARKET...OR, NO NEED TO GIVE UP YOUR JOB AT ALL!

Our shul is located within easy commuting distance to the large metropolitan city of Philadelphia.

Philadelphia is home to countless jobs in sectors including:

- **Medicine:** Over 25 hospitals, including the world-renown Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP) and the University of Pennsylvania Medical System. Vast number of medical facilities, senior-living facilities, research labs, pharmaceutical facilities, and more.
- **Education:** Countless universities and colleges, a very large public school system which looks to fill jobs in teaching, support staff, and administration.
- **Government:** Many federal government agencies, as well as many state and city agencies with municipal opportunities.
- **Business, Finance, & Technology:** Many Fortune 500 companies with positions in human resources, technology, marketing, business development, accounting, real estate, and more.
- **Technical & Service Industries:** As the 5th most populous city in the US, many technical and service opportunities are available.

Consider This! Some people have even kept their jobs in the New York or New Jersey area, due to the proximity of our community to their previous homes. Others keep their jobs until they find something that suits them in Philadelphia. The City of Philadelphia's transit system enables people to commute easily to New York City or other areas in New Jersey. Commute time from Northeast Philadelphia to NYC's Penn Station totals approx. 1-1/2 hours.

KOSHER FOOD, RESTAURANTS, AND MORE!

Our community has a warm, friendly, and out-of-town atmosphere, yet offers every resource that Orthodox families rely on!

- Eruv and Mikvah
- Supermarkets with large kosher sections, fresh deli and fish counters, multiple meat and dairy restaurants, chalav yisrael milk and dairy products, bakery
- Kosher food delivery service offering fresh chicken, meat, fish, grocery items, paper goods, and more
- Pennypack Park, one of the biggest parks in the nation, with trails, creeks, nature centers, and playgrounds
- Tons of local attractions - lots to do for children and adults of all ages

A WARM, CLOSE-KNIT COMMUNITY WHERE YOUR FAMILY MAKES A DIFFERENCE!

NE Philly is a warm, accepting community, and has a place for all to get involved. Everyone can use their strengths and talents to make a difference. Your family will not get lost in the crowd, but will be an integral part of our community!

At BIOZ, every family is *treasured* and makes a *difference!*

To learn more about our community or to arrange a visit, please email info@biozshul.org or call Sarah Yeamans at 215.742.0400



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