

JEWISH CONGREGATIONS & SYNAGOGUES

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Name	F:Founded C:Chartered	Closed	Location	Description
Adath Israel	F:1923 C:1925	1993	3257 Ward Street	Small Orthodox congregation located in Pittsburgh's Oakland neighborhood.
Adath Jeshurun	F:1916 C:1918	2002	Margaretta Street (now 5643 East Liberty Boulevard) Monroeville, Pa. (moved 1996)	Orthodox congregation in Pittsburgh's East Liberty neighborhood, known as the "Margaretta Street Shul." Merged with Cneseth Israel congregation in 1978.
Agudath Achim	F:1921	n.d.	615 Herron Avenue 2919 Wylie Avenue (no date for move)	Orthodox congregation of mostly Ukrainian Russian Jews located in Pittsburgh's Hill District.
Ahavos Zedeck	F:1908	n.d.	200 Glen Caldah Street	Orthodox congregation located in the Hazelwood/Glenwood neighborhoods of Pittsburgh.
Anshe Lebovitz	F:1906	n.d.	108-110 Erin Street	Lebe Kasden served as rabbi from 1920-1924.
Aves Achim	F:c1923	n.d.	Unknown High Holiday services held at Leonard's Hall at 5022 Penn Avenue	Orthodox congregation located in Pittsburgh's Bloomfield neighborhood.

Beit Or	F:1983	n.d.	Y-IKC building at 35 S. Bellefield Street (1983) Anathan House at 1620 Murray Avenue	Congregation based on Reconstructionist principles and founded by Rabbi Peter K. Gluck and the Association for the Advancement of Creative Judaism.
Bet Tikvah	F:1989		Rodef Shalom	Founded as gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender congregation.
Beth Abraham	F:1888	n.d.	23-25 Miller Street (no date) Murray Avenue (c.1945)	Small Orthodox congregation which became, for the most part, a burial and cemetery society in the mid-1940s
Beth Hamedrash Hagodol (founded as B'nai Israel)	F:1869 C:1873		Grant and Third Avenue (1880) Washington Street (1892) Colwell Street (1965) 810 5 th Avenue (2010)	Known as "Washington Street Shul" in Pittsburgh's Hill District and was founded by Lithuanian Orthodox immigrant Jews. Merged with Beth Jacob in 1964 and became Beth Hamedrash Hagodol-Beth Jacob.
Beth Jacob	C:1883		Wylie Avenue Epiphany & Townsend Streets (1901) Colwell Street (1965)	Established when members of Beth Hamedrash Hagodol, who had immigrated from Suwalk, Lithuania, left to form Beth Jacob. Merged with Beth Hamedrash Hagodol in 1964 and became Beth Hamedrash Hagodol-Beth Jacob.
Beth Israel	C:1907	n.d.	801 East Street	Located on Pittsburgh's North Side.
Beth Israel Congregation of Wilkinsburg	F:1935	n.d.	759 Penn Avenue	

Beth Jehuda	F:1913	n.d.	1428 Nixon Street	Located in Pittsburgh's Manchester neighborhood.
Beth Mogan David	F:1914	n.d.	21 Miller Street 823 Highview Street (no date for move)	Founded by Polish Jews. Abraham Zilberberg served as rabbi.
Beth Shalom	F:1917		5915 Beacon Street	Earliest Squirrel Hill congregation. Founded as Conservative. Synagogue completed in 1923.
B'nai Emunoh	F:1927		4315 Murray Avenue	Located in Pittsburgh's Greenfield neighborhood. In 2011, became B'nai Emunoh Chabad.
B'nai Israel	C:1911	1995	327 N. Negley Avenue	Located in Pittsburgh's East Liberty neighborhood. Congregation merged with Beth Jacob of New Kensington to form Adat Shalom in Fox Chapel.
B'nai Zion	F:1907	1996	Lang and Hamilton Avenue 6404 Forbes Avenue (1966)	First located in Pittsburgh's Homewood neighborhood. Moved to Squirrel Hill in 1966 and merged with Young Peoples Synagogue in 1996.
Butler Street Congregation	F:1905	n.d.	5157 Butler Street	Located in Lawrenceville, but never incorporated.
Cahol Chasidim	F:1925	n.d.	5 818 Bartlett Street	Hungarian Orthodox congregation in Squirrel Hill. Joseph Leifer served as rabbi.
Chofetz Chaim	F:1925	c.1972	5807 Beacon Street	Located in Squirrel Hill.

Cneseth Israel	F:1905	1978	72-72 Miller Street 1112 N. Negley Ave (1946)	First located in Pittsburgh's Hill District, and then moved to East Liberty in 1946. Merged with Adath Jeshurun in 1978.
Dor Hadash	F:1963 C:1966		Rented space in the following: Hebrew Institute (1963-1995) Rodef Shalom (1995) Jewish Education Institute (1997) Tree of Life-Or L'Simcha (2009)	Founded as a study group. Affiliated with Federation of Reconstructionist Congregations and Havurot in 1969.
Kether Torah	F:1907 C: 1914		Webster and Erin Streets 5706 Bartlett Street (1957) Hillel Academy (2012)	Opened in Hill District as Anshe Volina than changed name to Keser Torah. Moved to Squirrel Hill in 1957. Building closed in 2012.
Kihilath Jeshurun	F:1930	n.d.	Anaheim Street	Located in the Herron Hill neighborhood of Pittsburgh.

Machsikei Hadas	C: 1900	1989	65 Crawford Street 1849 Wylie Street (1909) 814 N. Negley Avenue (1953)	Opened in Pittsburgh's Hill District by Galicianer Jews. Moved to Highland Park in 1953.
New Light	C:1899		Roberts Street (1903) 1700 Beechwood Boulevard (1957)	Founded by Romanian Jewish immigrants as Oher Chodash. First synagogue, known as the "Roberts Street Shul", was located in Pittsburgh's Hill District. In 1957, the synagogue moved to Squirrel Hill.
Ohave Zedeck	C:1921	c.1975	356 Craft Avenue	Located in Pittsburgh's Oakland neighborhood.
Or L'Simcha	F:2007		5898 Wilkins Avenue	Founded by members of Beth Shalom and merged with Tree of Life congregation in 2010, forming Tree of Life-Or L'Simcha.
Poale Zedeck	F:1881		Grant & 2 nd Avenue Federal (now Fernando) Street Crawford & Rose Street (1901) 6318 Phillips Avenue (1929)	Founded by Hungarian Jews. First located in Pittsburgh's downtown before moving to the Hill District. In 1929, moved to Squirrel Hill.
Rodef Shalom	C:1856		8 th Street (1862) 4905 Fifth Avenue (1907)	First located in Pittsburgh's downtown, the congregation moved to Shadyside in 1907.

Shaare Shemayim	F:1848	1856	Penn and 6 th Street	Located in Pittsburgh's downtown and the city's earliest congregation, the group merged with the Rodef Shalom congregation in 1856.
Shaare Tefilah	C:1902	c.1995	32 Townsend Street 23-25 Miller Street (c.1906) 5741 Bartlett Street (c.1945)	
Shaare Torah	F:1880		Ross & Diamond Streets Wylie & Elm Street (1885) 35 Townsend Street (1895) 2319 Murray Avenue (1948)	
Shaare Zedeck	F:1895	c.1974	7 Scott Street 14 Townsend Street (1907) 5831 Bartlett Street (1948)	Opened in Pittsburgh's Hill District by Polish Jews. Moved to Squirrel Hill in 1948. Merged with Young Israel congregation about 1974.
Sharay Zion	n.d.	n.d.	Wylie and Green Street	
Talmud Torah	C:1914	1970	1908 Sarah St	Located in Pittsburgh's South Side neighborhood.

Temple Sinai	C:1946		5505 Forbes Avenue	Pittsburgh's second Reform congregation.
Tifereth Israel	F:1890 C:1912	c.1945	137 Fullerton Street	
Torath Chaim	F:1927	2000	728 N. Negley Avenue	
Tree of Life	F:1864 C:1865		Fourth Avenue & Ross Street (1882) Craft Avenue (1907) 5898 Wilkins Avenue (1950)	Founded by members who split from Rodef Shalom, it was first located in Pittsburgh's downtown and later moved to a synagogue in Oakland. The congregation moved to Squirrel Hill in 1950 and merged with Or L'Simcha in 2010 forming Tree of Life-Or L'Simcha.
Young Israel	F:1978		5831 Bartlett	Founded as an Orthodox minyan by students and young families.
Young Peoples Synagogue/ Bonhai Yisroel	F:1946 C:1955		Hebrew Institute Building B'nai Zion Synagogue 6401 Forbes Avenue (1996)	Founded as a traditional, member-led congregation. Merged with B'nai Zion congregation in 1996.