

About Us

Or Emet, the Minnesota Congregation for Humanistic Judaism, is a caring and stimulating community of people who embrace a human-centered philosophy that combines reason and science with a celebration of Jewish culture and identity.

Or Emet offers a Humanistic Jewish alternative for cultural Jews and humanists who wish to celebrate Judaism in a creative and continually evolving community that includes singles, families and children of all ages. We welcome all who identify with the history and culture of the Jewish people. Our congregants and guests come from many walks of life.

Interested in attending a service, school program, or special event? We encourage visitors! Please check Or Emet's [calendar](#) for upcoming events. Most programs are free and open to the public, and the first session of Cultural School is also complimentary.

Or Emet is an affiliate of the [Society for Humanistic Judaism](#) (SHJ), an international movement based in Detroit, Michigan. SHJ has affiliates in North and South America, Israel, Europe and Australia. We also belong to [Big Tent Judaism](#), an organization working for a broad and inclusive form of Cultural Judaism.

Or Emet's executive committee is:

Lisa Gardner-Springer: Co-President

Janet Mayer: Co-President

Liza Finestack: Vice-President

Sharon Miller: Treasurer

Natalie Rosinsky: At-Large

Dan Gladen: At-Large

Harold Londer: Madrikh (Ex Officio)

Eva Cohen: School Director (Ex Officio)



In 1963 Sherwin Wine founded the Birmingham Temple in suburban Detroit, the first congregation of Humanistic Judaism. In 1969 he helped establish the Society for Humanistic Judaism. He also helped to create the International Federation of Secular Humanistic Jews, a worldwide association of national organizations. Rabbi Wine was selected Humanist of the Year for 2003 by the American Humanist Association. In photo: Rabbi Sherwin T. Wine with Margo Fox, Or Emet President 2005-2011.