

# OR EMET

MINNESOTA CONGREGATION  
FOR HUMANISTIC JUDAISM

## Principles

- We affirm our identity as Jews and draw strength from history, literature and achievements.
- We express our bond with the Jewish people through secular celebration of holidays and life cycle events.
- We value study and discussion of Jewish and universal human issues.
- We are committed to community service and social justice.
- We view our history as the result of human decisions, rather than divine intervention.



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## Welcome!

to a community with whom you can share Jewish experiences in a secular setting.

## What is Or Emet?

- A caring and stimulating community celebrating Humanistic Judaism.
- An active, inclusive congregation with members of all ages, including interfaith and intercultural families.



### Or Emet Programs:

- honor Jewish thinkers, artists and activists.
- focus on community needs and dialogue with diverse communities.
- embrace Jewish history and challenging study.
- explore local and national issues.
- welcome Jewish groups and others who advance our vision of social justice for all.

We celebrate **Jewish holidays and life cycle events** from a Humanistic perspective with ceremonies drawing upon, not limited to Jewish traditions.

**Shabbat services** reflect the ethical core of Jewish history, literature and culture.

**Or Emet services, programs and events** are held in the Twin Cities, including at the Sabes Jewish Community Center in St. Louis Park and the Talmud Torah building in St. Paul.

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### Jewish Cultural School

Children from preschool through bar/bat mitzvah age participate in a monthly secular Jewish Sunday school program. A program designed for adults meets at the same time.

JCS curriculum is based on a Jewish history cycle. Lessons emphasize Jewish holidays, traditions, and Humanistic Jewish values. Learning comes alive through cooking, art, music, literature, theater and games.



### Life-Cycle Ceremonies

Or Emet offers a full range of life-cycle ceremonies. Ritual Leaders collaborate with involved individuals and families to design personalized events honoring Jewish, Humanist and family traditions.

- **Baby Naming**
- **Bar and Bat Mitzvahs (B'Mitzvahs)**
- **Weddings / Commitment Ceremonies**
- **Funeral / Memorial services**



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*Where is my light?  
My light is in me*

*Where is my hope?  
My hope is in me*

*Where is my strength?  
My strength is in me,  
And in you!*

Rabbi Sherwin Wine  
founder of  
Society for Humanistic Judaism

Or Emet's affiliation with the Society for Humanistic Judaism and the International Institute for Secular Humanistic Judaism affords the benefit of a wide resource network.

Humanistic Judaism is recognized as Judaism's fifth branch by the United Jewish Communities.

### For More Information:



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