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.

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.

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**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

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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:**

[www.shj.org](http://www.shj.org)