

SELF GUIDED AUTOMOBILE TOUR OF CONTEMPORARY AND HISTORIC JEWISH SITES IN GREATER KANSAS CITY



We hope you enjoy your trip. This guide was prepared by Sheldon Wishna for the Jewish Community Archives of Greater Kansas City and is an open document that will be corrected, modified and updated periodically from input supplied by the users. Please submit your suggestions to Sheldon Wishna at sheldonwishna@yahoo.com.

This self-guided automobile tour highlights the past history and ongoing life of the greater Kansas City Jewish Community. The tour consists of 29 stops starting and ending at the Jewish Community Campus in Overland Park, Kansas. The trip is designed to take about a half day to complete if one just spends only a few minutes observing each stop. The tour will take you east to Kansas City, Missouri and then north through midtown and downtown. You will then loop back from downtown west and north to Prairie Village and Overland Park, Kansas. The guide identifies each stop, its location, driving directions between each stop, and a few interesting facts about the stop.

The tour stops are as follows:

1	Jewish Community Campus (1988-Present)	16	H & R Block World Headquarters (2006-Present)
2	Beth Shalom Congregation Missouri Campus (1969-Present)	17	Historic Garment Center Museum (2001-Present)
3	Congregation Beth Israel Abraham Voliner (1959-1994)	18	Congregation Ohev Shalom (1962-Present)
4	Jewish Community Center (1961-1986)	19	Congregation Kol Ami (2003-Present)
5	Jewish Geriatric and Convalescent Center and Plaza (1950-2000)	20	Chabad House (1988-Present)
6	New Reform Temple (1967-Present)	21	Kehilath Israel Synagogue (1983-Present)
7	Rose Hill Cemetery (1921-Present)	22	Congregation Beth Israel Abraham Voliner (1994-Present)
8	Louis Memorial Chapel	23	Torah Learning Center (2008-Present)
9	Kehilath Israel Synagogue (1950-1983)	24	Nerman Museum of Contemporary Art (2007-Present)
10	Menorah Hospital (1931-1996)	25	Congregation Beth Shalom Kansas Campus (2006-Present)
11	Marion and Richard Block Wing of the Nelson-Atkins Museum (2007-Present)	26	Congregation Beth Torah (1996-Present)
12	Beth Shalom Congregation (1927-1969)	27	The Temple B'nai Jehudah (2003-Present)
13	The Temple Congregation B'nai Jehudah (1907-1967)	28	Village Shalom Retirement Center (2000-Present)
14	Elmwood Cemetery (1872-Present)	29	Menorah Medical Center (1996-Present)
15	Harry Truman and Eddie Jacobson Haberdashery Store (1919-1922)		

STOP 1. Jewish Community Campus (1988-Present)
START 5801 W. 115th Street, Overland Park, Kansas

FACTS

The Jewish Community Campus has been the center of Jewish social, educational and philanthropic activities since opening in 1988. It is occupied by the Jewish Federation, Jewish Community Center, Jewish Heritage Center, Hyman Brand Hebrew Academy, Jewish Family Services, Jewish War Veterans Museum, Midwest Center for Holocaust Education, Melton Educational Institute and Louis and Shirley White Theater.



STOP 2. Beth Shalom Congregation (1969-Present)
9400 Wornall Road, Kansas City, Missouri

FACTS

Beth Shalom is a Conservative Congregation with a rich heritage in Kansas City beginning with Kneseth Israel Congregation founded in 1878. This building contains the Congregations Sanctuary and Social Hall. A spectacular feature of the architecture is the triangular shaped roof.



DIRECTIONS FROM STOP 1.

5.1 mi

1. Go east on W.115 St. (0.2 mi.)
2. Turn left (N) on to Nall Ave. (0.7 mi.)
3. Take ramp right and follow signs for I-435E (2.7 mi.)
4. At exit 75A, take ramp right and follow signs for Wornall Rd. (0.2 mi.)
5. Turn left (N) on to Wornall Rd. (1.2 mi.)
Building on the left (W) side of the road.

**STOP 3. Congregation Beth Israel Abraham Voliner (1959-1994)
8300 Holmes Road, Kansas City, Missouri**

FACTS

The Congregation is now located in Overland Park, Kansas. The building is currently used as a charter school.

DIRECTIONS FROM STOP 2.

2.3 mi

1. Go north on Wornall Rd. (1.2 mi.)
2. Turn right (E) on to W. 85th St. (0.3 mi.)
3. Road changes to E. 85th St. (0.6 mi)
4. Turn left (N) on to Holmes Rd. (0.2 mi)
5. Building is on the left (W) side of the road.



**STOP 4. Jewish Community Center (1961-1986)
8201 Holmes Road, Kansas City, Missouri**

FACTS

The building was previously occupied by the Jewish Community Center prior to moving to the Jewish Community Campus in Overland Park, Kansas. The building is currently unoccupied.



DIRECTIONS FROM STOP 3.

0.0 mi.

1. Directly northeast on Holmes Rd. (0 mi.)

**STOP 5. Jewish Geriatric and Convalescent Center and Plaza (1950-2000)
7801 Holmes Road, Kansas City, Missouri**

FACTS

This complex of buildings was replaced by the Village Shalom in Overland Park, Kansas. The complex is now a Kansas City health center.

DIRECTIONS FROM STOP 4.

0.6 mi.

1. Go north on Holmes Rd. (0.6 mi.)
2. The complex is on the right (E) side of the road.



**STOP 6. New Reform Temple (1967-Present)
7100 Main Street, Kansas City, Missouri**

FACTS

This classical reform congregation was founded in 1967. It serves approximately 300 families. This is the last full service congregation in Kansas City, Missouri.



DIRECTIONS FROM STOP 5.

1.4 mi.

1. Go north on Holmes Rd. (0.9 mi.)
2. Turn left (W) on to E. Gregory Blvd. (0.5 mi.)
3. Building on left (S) side of Gregory Blvd. at Main Street.

STOP 7. Rose Hill Cemetery (1921-Present)
6900 Troost Ave., Kansas City, Missouri

FACTS

The cemetery is operated by The Temple Congregation B'nai Jehudah. This cemetery, except for the first grave site, does not use monuments, but grave sites are identified by ground level markers. It is the only Jewish burial site with a Mausoleum in Kansas City.

DIRECTIONS FROM STOP 6.

1 mi.

- 1. Go east on E. Gregory Blvd. (0.7 mi.)**
- 2. Turn left (N) on to Troost Ave. (0.2 mi.)**
- 3. The cemetery is on the left side (W) of Troost Ave.**



STOP 8. Louis Memorial Chapel
6830 Troost Ave., Kansas City, Missouri

FACTS

Louis Memorial Chapel provides for the funeral needs of the Kansas City Jewish Community.



DIRECTIONS FROM STOP 7.

<0.05 mi

- 1. Go north on Troost Ave. (<0.05 mi.)**
- 2. Chapel is located on the left side (W) of avenue just north of the cemetery**

**STOP 9. Kehilath Israel Synagogue (1950-1983)
800 E. Meyer Blvd., Kansas City, Missouri**

FACTS

Kehilath Israel Synagogue is a traditional synagogue originating from Sh'erith Israel Synagogue founded in 1907. Kehilath Israel Synagogue is now located in Overland Park, Kansas.

DIRECTIONS FROM STOP 8.

0.7 mi.

1. Go north on Troost Ave. (0.8 mi)
2. Turn left on to Meyer Blvd. (0.1 mi)
3. Building is located on the northeast corner of Rockhill Rd. and Meyer Blvd.



**STOP 10. Menorah Hospital (1931-1996)
1000 E. 50th Street, Kansas City, Missouri**

FACTS

The hospital was built by the Jewish community to provide for patient care in a Jewish environment and to allow for the internship of Jewish doctors excluded by discrimination from other hospitals. Menorah Hospital moved to Overland Park and the building was completely renovated and is now the home of the Stower's Institute.



DIRECTIONS FROM STOP 9.

1.7 mi.

1. Go north on Rockhill Rd. (1.7 mi.)
2. Turn right (E) on to E. 50th St. (<0.1 mi.)
3. Institute is on the left (N) side of the street.

**STOP 11. Marion and Henry Block Wing, Nelson-Atkins Museum
(2007-Present)
4525 Oak Street, Kansas City, Missouri**

FACTS

Marion and Henry Block are well known Jewish philanthropists. The building is famous for its beautiful interior and spectacular exterior night time illumination.

DIRECTIONS FROM STOP 10.

0.9 mi.

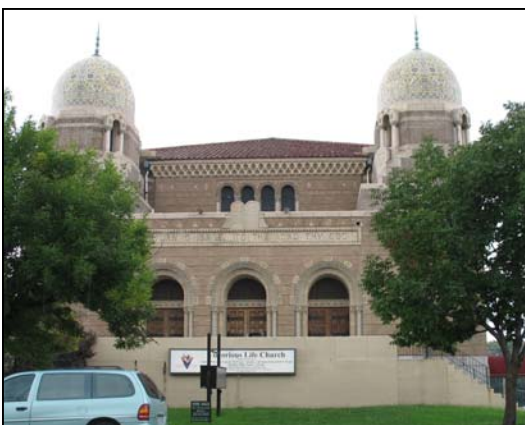
1. Go west on E 50th St. (<0.1 mi.)
2. Turn right (N) on to Rockhill Rd. (0.2 mi.)
3. Turn left (W) on to US 56/Volker Blvd. (0.2 mi.)
4. Turn right (N) on to Oak St. (0.4 mi)
5. Museum is on the right (E) side.



**STOP 12. Beth Shalom Congregation (1927-1969)
Paseo Boulevard and 34th Street, Kansas City, Missouri**

FACTS

Beth Shalom Congregation occupied this beautiful Moor style building for 42 years. The building is currently a church.



DIRECTIONS FROM STOP 11.

2.6 mi.

1. Go south on Oak St. (0.2 mi.)
2. Turn left (W) on to Brush Creek Blvd./Emanuel Cleaver II Blvd. (0.8 mi.)
3. Turn left (N) on to Paseo Blvd. (1.6 mi.)
4. The building is on the left (W) side of the boulevard.

STOP 13. The Temple Congregation B'nai Jehudah (1907-1957)
1701 E. Linwood Blvd., Kansas City, Missouri

FACTS

The Temple Congregation B'nai Jehudah was founded in 1870 and this building was its home for 50 years before the Congregation relocated to a new facility at 69th Street and Holmes Road. The building has beautiful Masonic Temple type architecture. The building is currently being used as a multi-service complex.

DIRECTIONS FROM STOP 12.

0.5 mi.

- 1. Go north on Paseo Blvd. (0.3 mi.)**
- 2. Turn right (E) on to E. Linwood Blvd. (0.2 mi)**
- 3. The building is on the right (S) side of the blvd.**



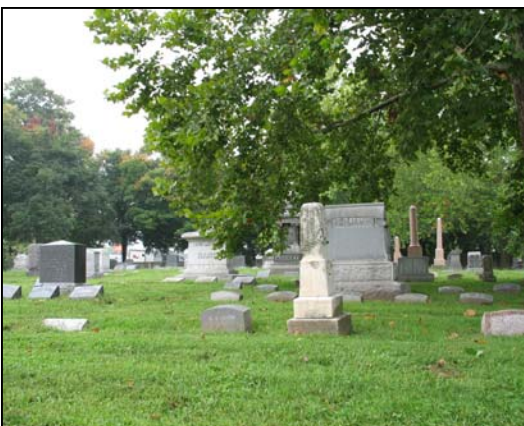
STOP 14. Elmwood Cemetery (1872-Present)
4900 E. Truman Road, Kansas City, Missouri

FACTS

This cemetery is the oldest Jewish burial site in Kansas City, Missouri. The Jewish section (B'nai Jehudah) is located on a 2 acre parcel in the extreme southwest corner. A small sample of significant grave sites: Meyer Ganz (1st Jewish settler in Kansas City), Rev. Marcus R. Cohen (B'nai Jehudah's first Rabbi) and Louis Hammerslough (1st President of B'nai Jehudah).

DIRECTIONS FROM STOP 13.

5.1 mi.



- 1. Go east on E. Linwood Blvd, (0.2 mi.)**
- 2. Turn left (N) on to Bruce R. Watkins Dr./US-71 N. (0.4 mi.)**
- 3. Take ramp left and follow signs for US 71N./Bruce Watkins Dr. (1.4 mi.)**
- 4. Take ramp right and follow signs for Truman Rd. (0.2 mi.)**
- 5. Turn right (E) on to E. Truman Rd. (0.4mi)**
- 6. Turn left (N) on to Paseo Blvd. (0.1 mi.)**
- 7. Take ramp right for I70 E./George Brett Super Hwy. W. (1.2 mi.)**
- 8. At exit 4A, Take ramp right for Benton Blvd. toward Truman Rd. (0.2 mi.)**
- 9. Turn right (E) on to E. Truman Rd. (1.0 mi.)**
- 10. Cemetery is on the left (N) side of the road.**

**STOP 15. Harry Truman and Eddie Jacobson Haberdashery (1919-1922)
106 W. 12th Street, Kansas City, Missouri**

FACTS

The original store no longer exists. The Phillips Hotel now occupies the area where the store was located. Eddie Jacobson contributed to the efforts that resulted in President Harry Truman recognizing the State of Israel in 1948.

DIRECTIONS FROM STOP 14.

3.9 mi.

1. Go west on E. Truman Rd. (0.9 mi.)
2. Take ramp right to I-70 W./George Brett Super Hwy. W. (1.4 mi)
3. Keep left on to I-70 Alt. W./I-670 W. (1.0 mi.)
4. At exit 2S, take ramp right from Truman Rd N. toward Broadway. (0.2 mi)
5. Turn right (N) on to Broadway Blvd. (0.2 mi.)
6. Turn right (E) on to W. 12th St. (0.2 mi.)
7. Hotel is on the left (N) side of the street.



**STOP 16. H & R Block World Headquarters (2006-Present)
1 H & R Block Way (E 13th St. and Main St.), Kansas City, MO**

FACTS

Henry and Richard Block, children of a prominent Kansas City lawyer , built a major corporation preeminent in tax preparation and other financial instruments. The world headquarters is an 18 story, 800,000 square foot office building. It includes a theater which is used by the Kansas City Repertory Company.



DIRECTIONS FROM STOP 15.

0.2 mi.

1. Go east on W. 12th St. (0.2 mi.)
2. Turn right (S) on to Main St. (0.2 mi.)
3. Building is on the left (E) side of the street.

**STOP 17. Historic Garment Center Museum (2001-Present)
801 Broadway Boulevard, Kansas City, Missouri**

FACTS

Kansas City after World War I became one of the largest apparel manufacturing centers in the country. The success achieved was a direct result of the large number of Jewish immigrants involved in the industry. The museum is located in an historic building situated amidst many other historic buildings built at the end of the 19th and beginning of the 20th Century. Located across the street from the museum is a needle shaped monument in honor of the needle trades.

DIRECTIONS FROM STOP 16.

0.7 mi.

1. Go west on W. 13th St. (0.3 mi.)
2. Turn right (N) on to Broadway Blvd. (0.4 mi.)



**STOP 18. Congregation Ohev Sholom (1962-Present)
5311 W. 75th Street, Overland Park, Kansas**

FACTS

Congregation Ohev Sholom is a Conservative Congregation whose roots go back to Congregation Gamel Chesed founded in 1877. The building has a unique roof design.

DIRECTIONS FROM STOP 17.

9.8 mi



1. Go south on Broadway Blvd. (0.5 mi)
2. Take ramp right and follow signs on to I-35 S. toward Kansas. (5 mi.)
3. At exit 232B, go right for 18th St. Expwy./US-69 N. toward Roe Ave. (0.1 mi.)
4. Turn left (S) on to S. 18th St. Expwy. (1.8 mi.)
5. Bear right on to Roe Ave. (2.2 mi.)
6. Turn right (W) on to W. 75th St. (0.2 mi.)
7. The building is on the left (S) side of the street.

**STOP 19. Congregation Kol Ami (2003-Present)
7501 Belinder Avenue, Prairie Village, Kansas**

FACTS

Congregation Kol Ami is a reform congregation.

DIRECTIONS FROM STOP 18.

1.7 mi.

1. Go east on W. 75th St. (1.7 mi)
2. Turn right (N) on to Belinder Rd.
3. The building is on the northeast corner of Belinder Rd. and 75th St.



**STOP 20. Chabad House Center (1988-Present)
6201 Indian Creek Drive, Overland Park, Kansas**

FACTS

Chabad House Center is affiliated with the Lubavitch movement. This is an orthodox congregation.



DIRECTIONS FROM STOP 19.

5.9 mi.

1. Go west on W. 75th St. (0.8 mi.)
2. Turn left (S) on to Mission Rd. (3.5 mi.)
3. Turn right (W) on to W. 103rd St. (1.5 mi.)
4. Turn left (S) on to Horton Drive/Horton St. (0.1 mi.)
5. Building is at the intersection (S) of Indian Creek Drive and Horton.

**STOP 21. Kehilath Israel Synagogue (1983-Present)
10501 Conser Street, Overland Park, Kansas**

FACTS

Kehilath Israel Synagogue is a traditional congregation. This building is the 5th home for this congregation and in 2009 they celebrated the 100th anniversary of their founding. The facility includes a sanctuary, chapel, gymnasium, library and religious school. A community mikvah, or ritual bath, is located in this building.

DIRECTIONS FROM STOP 20.

1.4 mi.

1. Go north on Horton Dr./Horton St. (0.1 mi.)
2. Turn left (W) on to W. 103rd St. (1.0 mi.)
3. Turn left (S) on to Conser St. (.3 mi.)
4. Building is on the left side of Conser Street.



**STOP 22. Congregation Beth Israel Abraham Voliner (1994-Present)
9900 Antioch Road, Overland Park, Kansas**

FACTS

Congregation Beth Israel Voliner is an orthodox congregation. The congregation can trace its origins to Voliner Asher Storad founded in 1911.



DIRECTIONS FROM STOP 21.

1.4 mi.

1. Go north on Conser St. (0.3 mi.)
2. Turn left (W) on to W. 103rd St. (0.6 mi.)
3. Turn right (N) on to Antioch Rd. (0.5 mi.)
4. Building is on the left (W) side of Antioch Rd.

STOP 23. Torah Learning Center (2008-Present)
8800 West 103rd Street, Overland Park, Kansas

FACTS

The Torah Learning Center is affiliated with the Lubavitch movement and provides for adult and children education, Sabbath and holiday services, hospital and prison chaplaincy, and other orthodox Jewish religious services.

DIRECTIONS FROM STOP 22.

0.6 mi.

1. Go south on Antioch Rd. (0.5 mi)
2. Turn right (W) on to W. 103rd St. (0.1mi.)
3. Building is located on the right (N) side of the street.



STOP 24. Nerman Museum of Contemporary Art (2007-Present)
12345 College Blvd, Overland Park, Kansas

FACTS

The Nerman Museum of Contemporary Art is located on the campus of Johnson County Community College in Overland Park, Kansas. Major Jewish contributors were Jerry and Margaret Nerman and Barton P. and Mary D. Cohen. The museum's permanent collection was gifted by the Oppenheimer family.



DIRECTIONS FROM STOP 23.

3.4 mi.

1. Go west on 103rd St. (1.7 mi.)
2. Turn left (S) on to Quivira Rd. (1.3 mi)
3. Turn right (W) on to College Blvd. (0.2 mi.)
4. Turn left (S) on to the college Campus Drive and bear left (E). (.2 mi.)
5. The museum is on the right (W) side of the drive.

**STOP 25. Congregation Beth Shalom Kansas Campus (2006-Present)
14200 Lamar Ave, Overland Park, Kansas**

FACTS

This building is the first stage of the congregation's movement from Kansas City, Missouri to Overland Park, Kansas. The building contains the congregation's early childhood , Hebrew school, library, gift shop, social hall, and administrative offices.

DIRECTIONS FROM STOP 24.

6.9 mi.

1. Return using Campus Drive to College Blvd (0.2 mi.)
2. Turn right (E) on to College Blvd. (1.2 mi.)
3. Take ramp right on to US-69/Overland Parkway toward Ft. Scott. (3.4 mi.)
4. Take ramp right and follow signs for 135th St. (0.3 mi.)
5. Turn left (E) on to 135th St. (0.8 mi.)
6. Turn right (S) on to Lamar Ave. (1.0 mi.)
7. Building is on the right (W) side of the avenue.



**STOP 26. Congregation Beth Torah (1996-Present)
5500 West 123rd Street, Overland Park, Kansas**

FACTS

Congregation Beth Torah is a full service reform congregation. The sanctuary is very open with a large picture window overlooking a lovely wooded setting.



DIRECTIONS FROM STOP 25.

3.0 mi.

1. Go south on Lamar Ave. (0.1 mi.)
2. Turn right (W) on to W. 143rd St. (0.3 mi.)
3. Turn right (N) on to Metcalf Ave. (2.0 mi.)
4. Turn right (E) on to W. 127th St. (0.6 mi.)
5. The congregation's entrance is on the left (N) side of the street.

STOP 27. The Temple Congregation B'nai Jehudah (2000-Present)
12320 Nall Ave (3000 W. Geospace Dr.), Overland Park, Kansas

FACTS

This building is the home of the oldest congregation in metropolitan Kansas City. The Temple Congregation B'nai Jehudah is a full service reform congregation. A striking feature of the building is its golden domes.

DIRECTIONS FROM STOP 26. 0.8 mi.

1. Go east on 127th St. (0.4 mi.)
2. Turn left (N) on to Nall Ave (0.4 mi.)
3. Turn left (W) in to congregation entrance opposite 124th Terrace.



STOP 28. Village Shalom (2000-Present)
8800 West 123rd Street, Overland Park, Kansas

FACTS

Village Shalom can trace its history to the Michael Appleman Home for Aged Jews founded in 1919. Village Shalom contains a full nursing care facility, assisted living, residential homes and apartments. It features a kosher café, chapel, and The Kansas City Jewish Museum of Contemporary Art .



DIRECTIONS FROM STOP 27. 0.2 mi.

1. Go south on Lamar Ave. (0.1 mi.)
2. Turn left (W) on to W. 123rd St. (0.1 mi.)
3. Village Shalom is on the right (N) side of the street.

STOP 29. Menorah Medical Center (1996-Present)
5721 West 119th Street, Overland Park, Kansas

FACTS

Menorah Medical Center is now part of HCA Midwest Health System. This hospital was originally founded by prominent members of the Jewish community and has a long history of Jewish community support. The Jewish Heritage Foundation which financially supports many Jewish and general community charities was funded from the sale of the original Menorah Hospital to private entities.

DIRECTIONS FROM STOP 28.

0.8 mi.

1. Go east on 123rd St. (0.1 mi.)
2. Turn left (N) on to Nall Ave. (0.5 mi.)
3. Turn left (W) on to W. 119th St. (0.2 mi.)
4. Menorah Medical Center is located on the left (S) of the street.



STOP 30. Jewish Community Campus
FINISH 5801 West 115th Street, Overland Park, Kansas

DIRECTIONS FROM STOP 29.

0.9 mi.

1. Go east on 119th St. (0.2 mi.)
2. Turn left (N) on to Nall Ave. (0.5 mi.)
3. Turn left (W) on to 115th St. (0.2 mi.)
4. Turn left (S) in to the Jewish Community Campus entrance.

You are invited to visit Conference Room C on the upper level of the Jewish Community Campus to view the displays on the history of the Kansas City Jewish Community prepared by the Kansas City Jewish Archives. Please notify the front desk guard when you arrive that you wish to visit Conference Room C.