

Kehilla Shearith Israel (Atlanta)

Religious Life Committee

Goals

1. Provide avenues and opportunities for individuals to deepen their religious life through *tefila*, study, and personal practice in *kashruth*, Shabbat observance and otherwise.
2. Respect *k'vod habriyot* (human dignity), recognizing that while we are united by communal norms and practices, our commitment to avoiding embarrassment is essential.
3. Create spaces and events that promote *keva* (timeliness) and *kavannah* (intention) in prayer.
4. Recognize the importance of the home as a *mikdash me'at* (mini-sanctuary), supporting the religious awareness and spirituality of the members of our *kehilla* (community) and others who participate with us at home and throughout their lives as well as in shul.
5. Recognize and reflect on the balance between tradition and innovation, advancing knowledge of traditions, while facilitating new directions within the umbrella of Conservative/Masorti Judaism.
6. Recognize and respect the balance of passion and reason as well as the balance of Torah and science in modern Jewish life, positioning Jewish learning and practice in ways that support informed and intellectually honest choices.
7. Support growth of the *kehilla* as a real community that responds to the needs and life-cycle stages of its members.
8. Communicate the practices of our *kehilla* in ways that support individual choice and personal growth, and which are sensitive to inclusiveness and accessibility.

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- Passion and Reason; Torah and Science
- Real Community
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- Inclusiveness and Accessibility