EAST-COAST-STYLE AMENITIES, SIGNATURE MIDWEST WARMTH

The community of Oak Park in the Detroit Metropolitan area is within walking distance of the cities of East Southfield and Huntington Woods, close drive to West Southfield and West Bloomfield, and has a diverse population with several choices of day schools, universities, hospitals, restaurants, and other institutions nearby. The community has a strong Federation that oversees, guides, and assists the majority of the Jewish institutions.



PUT DOWN YOUR ROOTS AND RAISE YOUR FAMILY IN A WELCOMING AND AFFORDABLE COMMUNITY

TELL US MORE!

WHAT YOUNG FAMILIES LOVE ABOUT THE OAK PARK COMMUNITY

Thanks in large part to Oak Park's Orthodox Jewish community, the city is vibrant and stable. But its diversity, affordability and walkability sets it apart. Oak Park is a great place to raise a family.

— City Councilwoman **Julie Edgar**



After 3 years in New York City followed by 3 years in Kansas City, we feel like we've found our Goldilocks of homes here in Oak park. On the one hand, the Oak Park area has every amenity one can imagine- several schools and daycares to choose from; multiple milchig and fleishig eateries for any occasion; and plenty of resources for Jewish living: Hatzalah, Chaverim, Eruvin, Kollelim, Judaica stores, NCSY, Bnei Akiva, and much more, beyond the standard elements of a community. At the same time, however, as members of the Young Israel of Oak Park, we've also found that it maintains a charming intimacy, which is atypical of a larger community. While living within such a thriving area typically means feeling lost or forgotten, the warmth and hospitality at the shul makes one feel like he or she belongs and plays an important role. It's the best of both worlds!

— Rabbi Shaya and Rebbetzin Rikki Katz Young Israel of Oak Park

We moved from NYC to Oak Park in February 2017 after my husband got a job at General Motors. It was tough to leave New York but we realized that with the cost of living being lower we could have a more family-friendly life style. My husband is home for dinner and bedtime every night. Oak Park has a lot to offer. We have restaurants, parks, and other young families with children the same age. Setting up our lives here has given us quality time together and we are happy this community gave us that opportunity.

— Melanie [and Sam] Kupfer





Want to know more about the Oak Park community? Let's talk!

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ENVISION YOUR FUTURE IN THE HEART OF THE MIDWEST



Oak Park, MICHIGAN

2020

JEWISH LIVING

Oak Park is a fast growing community that is close knit and supportive of its members. **Young Israel of Oak Park** is proud to be the largest Orthodox shul.



- Several Orthodox shuls in the area
- Beautifully renovated and modernized spacious mikvah
- High-quality facilities (kosher) for senior citizens in the area, some directly next to YIOP

Large **JCC** with state of the art fitness center and pools, large vibrant **Kollel**, **Eruv** for Oak Park and surrounding cities, **Friendship Circle** and support services for individuals with special needs

FROM PRESCHOOL TO BEYOND!

THERE ARE SEVERAL DAY SCHOOLS IN THE OAK PARK AREA THAT SPAN A WIDE RANGE ON THE TORAH SPECTRUM, AS WELL AS A VARIETY OF LOCAL COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES.

- **Farber Hebrew Day School – Yeshivat Akiva** daycare, nursery through 12th grade
- **Yeshiva Beth Yehudah** pre-school and boys' school (grades 1-8) **Beth Jacob** girls' school (elementary, middle, and high school)
- **Yeshivas Darchei Torah** pre-school, boys' school (grades 1-8), and girls' school (elementary, middle, and high school)
- **Yeshiva Gedolah** boys' high school
- **Mesivta of West Bloomfield** boys' high school
- **Hillel Day School** (K-8)
- **Frankel Jewish Academy** (high school)
- **Wayne State University** and **Oakland University**, **University of Michigan** and **Michigan State University**, as well as **several community colleges**

KOSHER + CULTURE

The majority of the kosher establishments are located in Oak Park/ East Southfield and within walking distance of Young Israel of Oak Park, including:

- **Meat Restaurants**
- **Dairy Restaurants**
- **Bakeries**
- **Kosher Grocery Store**
- **Kosher Dunkin Donuts**
- **Kosher Catering Options**

Many family-oriented attractions in and around the Detroit Metropolitan area:

- **Museums** (Detroit Institute of Arts, Henry Ford Museum)
- **Sports** (Ford Field, Little Caesars Arena, Comerica Park)
- **Nature Centers** (Kensington, Belle Isle), and zoos (Detroit Zoo, Belle Isle Nature Zoo and Aquariam, Sea Life Aquarium)

...and more!



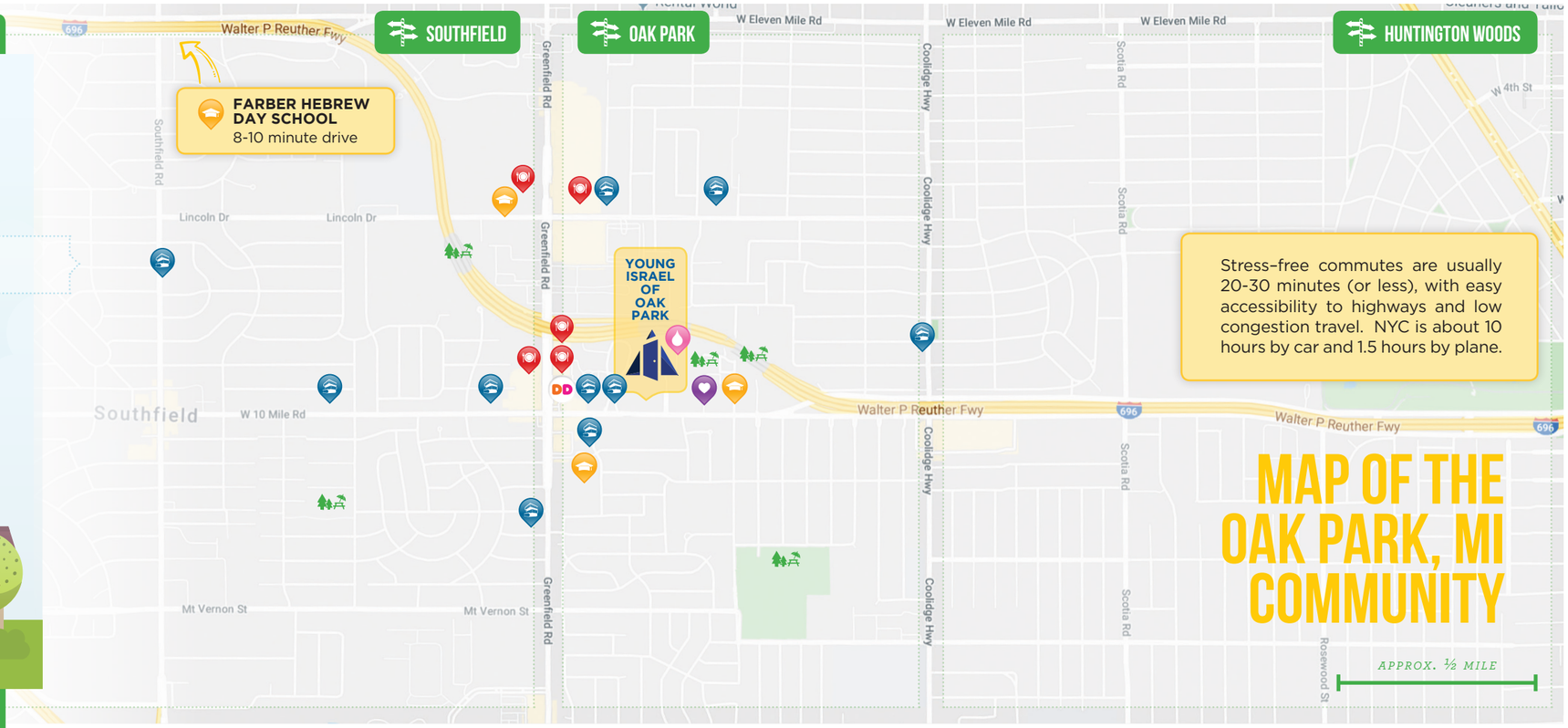
LOCAL HOUSING

There are several areas within/near the Oak Park community that have varied style and affordable housing.

Primarily in Oak Park, as well as in the surrounding Southfield and Huntington Woods neighborhoods

- House price range $150K - $350K
- Affordable rental apartment and townhouse options available.
- Property taxes and income tax (4.25%) are significantly less than those in other major metropolitan areas.





Stress-free commutes are usually 20-30 minutes (or less), with easy accessibility to highways and low congestion travel. NYC is about 10 hours by car and 1.5 hours by plane.

MAP OF THE OAK PARK, MI COMMUNITY

APPROX. ½ MILE

AN ICONIC LEGACY WITH A VISION FOR THE FUTURE

SERVING THE COMMUNITY

through
ALL STAGES OF LIFE

"When we moved to East Southfield, MI, we planned to try all the shuls in our neighborhood before settling on one. But our children made friends instantly and never wanted to go elsewhere. That was 47 years ago. We've watched our children grow up and move away, but the YIOP family has remained dear to us. It continues to be our preferred shul, a place where we meet new families and reconnect with old friends. That's because warmth is at the center of the YIOP community."

— Mintzi and Eugene Schramm



We have been members of YIOP for 16 years, and have never considered going elsewhere. We're both originally from the east coast, but were welcomed with open arms, and have never looked back. The shul is extremely warm, and our kids look forward to going each week to participate in the youth programming, whether it's groups, davening, the teen minyan, or hanging out with their friends. The shul really acts as one big family.

— Jocey and Steve Thompson

have questions? LET'S TALK!

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BECOME A MEMBER TODAY!

- YIOP will sponsor a trip to visit for a shabbat!
- Free membership to YIOP for the first year.
- $10,000 interest-free loan towards moving expenses for members who relocate from another state and join YIOP.
- YIOP will provide a point person who will assist with your move.



YOUNG ISRAEL OF OAK PARK

OAK PARK, MICHIGAN

A PEEK INSIDE + WHAT'S HAPPENING

BUILDING + FACILITIES

Large Beautiful Building for Events

State-of-the-art Security

MAKOM TEFILLAH

Multiple Minyanim on Shabbat and Weekdays

COMMUNITY ACTION

Women's Programming and Events

Weekly Kiddush

Social Events

Chesed Programs

YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

Shabbat Babysitting, Groups, Teen Minyan

Host for Bnei Akiva and NCSY Programs

Summer Camps

LIVE AND LEARN

Adult Education

Beit Midrash

Weekly Shiurim

Scholars in Residence

AROUND THE YEAR

Special programming for chagim, including Yom Ha'atzmaut, Tisha B'av







more than just a shul

MEANINGFUL CONNECTIONS THROUGHOUT ALL STAGES OF LIFE



welcome TO YIOP!



"Modeled after the Beit HaMikdash itself, you'll find that the Young Israel of Oak Park is a home with many doors. You can feel inspired through a variety of 10+ Torah classes throughout the week. Your children would feel welcome in any of our 5 weekly youth groups. You'll feel a sense of belonging through our 3 Shabbat kiddushes and our monthly Young Professional and Shul-wide social events. Our warmth and diversity allows every individual to feel comfortable- to be yourself, to connect with others, and to grow in your own path and at your own pace. We may enter through different doors, but we all feel at home in the Young Israel of Oak Park."

— Rabbi Shaya and Rebbetzin Rikki Katz

a little bit about OUR SHUL

Young Israel of Oak Park, a Modern Orthodox congregation, is conveniently located at the very center of Metro Detroit's Orthodox Jewish community, and draws its membership from three adjacent cities; Huntington Woods, Oak Park and Southfield. These neighborhoods are all a short distance to numerous amenities of the Orthodox Jewish lifestyle including the Mikva, kosher restaurants, supermarket and bakeries. YIOP prides itself on being a community shul and is comprised of members with a multi-generational history at our congregation as well as those new to the city or Young Israel of Oak Park.

Young Israel of Oak Park is a wonderful shul with a diverse yet cohesive membership and a warm and welcoming atmosphere. You can feel the soul there from all the amazing members of the past connected to those there now building a stronger future for our shul and our community. Rabbi and Mrs. Katz are truly great leaders and we feel so blessed and grateful to be a part of Young Israel of Oak Park.

— Shoshana and Daniel Kohn