

# The *Magic City*

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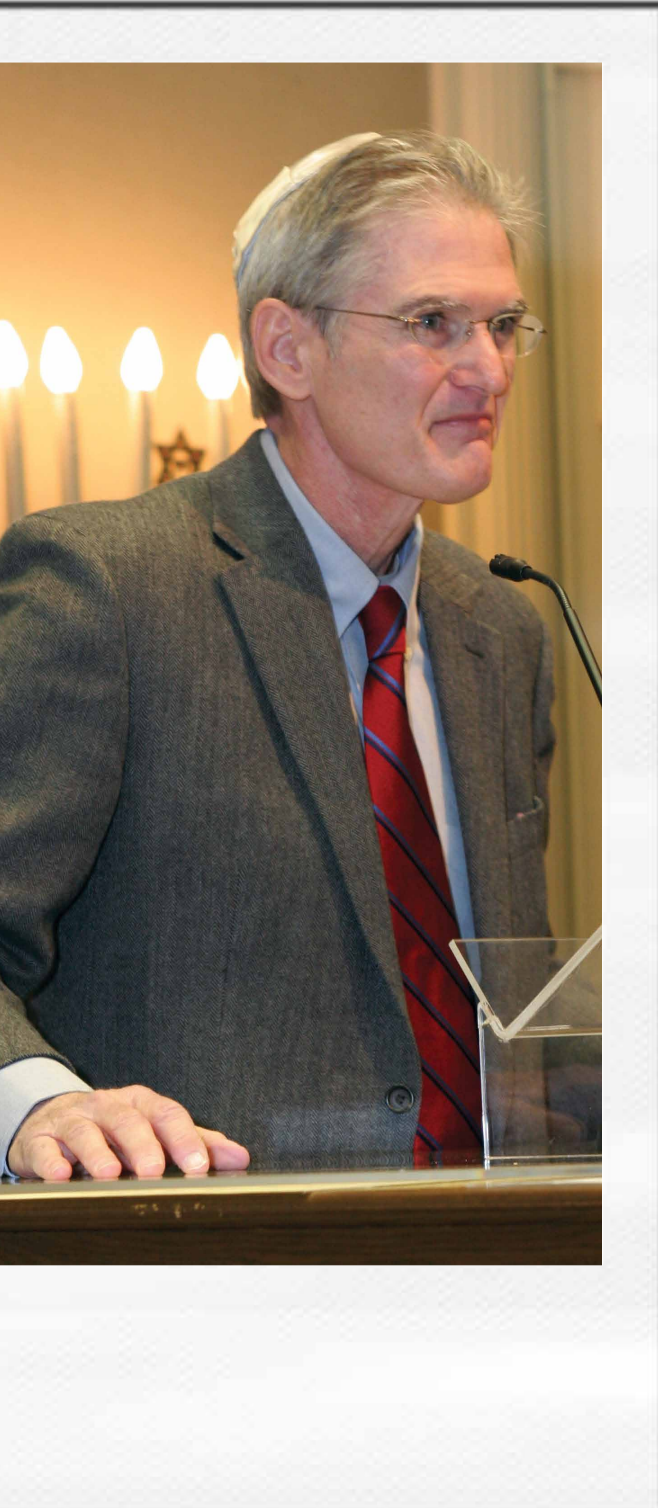
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# Thoughts *from our* Executive Director



Whether you are a newcomer to Birmingham or a longtime resident of what *The New York Times* has named one of America's hottest cities, you will find it a great place to experience an active and vibrant Jewish life. And the Birmingham Jewish Federation and Birmingham Jewish Foundation play a huge part in that experience.

The Birmingham Jewish Federation has been rapidly evolving its programs and services to appeal to all age groups — from You Belong In Birmingham, which serves Jewish adults in their 20s and 30s, to our Ben Gurion Society, givers of \$1,800 under 40, to PJ Library, we have a little something for everyone.

The Birmingham Jewish community has been blessed with creative and thoughtful volunteer and professional leadership and we have been able to channel this into new ways of engagement and innovative fundraising.

The Birmingham Jewish Federation's work centers around five areas: strengthening the local Jewish community, educating the broader Birmingham community on Israel and the Jewish community, providing financial support for Jewish organizations that fit within our mission and allocations through our annual campaign, helping all people in need, and building a better Birmingham.

After 34 years of experience as the Executive Director of the Birmingham Jewish Federation, I have learned a lot about the Birmingham Jewish community. One of the most important lessons I have learned is that we have a great Jewish community, unique and strong in many ways, and one that has a great future. Come be part of it!

*Richard Friedman*



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You belong in  
*Birmingham*





What's so great about the Magic City? It's just that — **magic!**

Our Jewish community continues that trend. There's a certain magic in the air when we get together as a community. From Shabbat to Passover, we gather to celebrate everything as one.

You Belong In Birmingham, which is funded by The Birmingham Jewish Federation's Annual Campaign, connects young Jewish adults in their 20s and 30s, providing opportunities to become more involved in our community. Through You Belong In Birmingham, young Jewish professionals have the opportunity to meet each other through fun social events, community service opportunities, and cultural experiences.

But don't get it twisted. We're not a dating service. Our goal is to help you fall in love with Birmingham — which is an easy task, as you can see in the pages of this magazine. Birmingham is filled with amazing things — from new restaurants to awesome events, and fulfilling volunteer opportunities. Birmingham is a city that allows you to make your mark, and we're here to help you do it.

You Belong offers participants a taste of everything the Birmingham Jewish community has to offer. If you're looking for a fun social experience, consider joining our kickball team, coming out for a happy hour or participating in a Party of Eight dinner. Party of Eight is an intimate gathering of eight people where the Federation pays for dinner and drinks — it's a great way to meet new people and form meaningful relationships!

If you're less social and want a more spiritual experience, join us for a "Jewish Texting" program where we analyze a Torah portion.



"There's magic in the air when we get together as a community."

We're always looking for new ideas and programs to engage our young adult community. At the Birmingham Jewish Federation, we believe strongly that every young person who wants to have an impact should be able to. So whether you'd like to join us or suggest new activities for us to get involved in, please don't hesitate to contact us.

The BJB is a resource for you to use however you want. Whether it's finding which synagogue works best for you or a reliable dry cleaner, **we're here to support our local Jewish community.**

If you're new to Birmingham or planning a move, please contact the BJB Director of Community Impact **Samantha Dubrinsky**. We'll take you out for drinks and find the best way to get you plugged in at whatever level you'd like to be!

# HISTORY OF JEWISH BIRMINGHAM

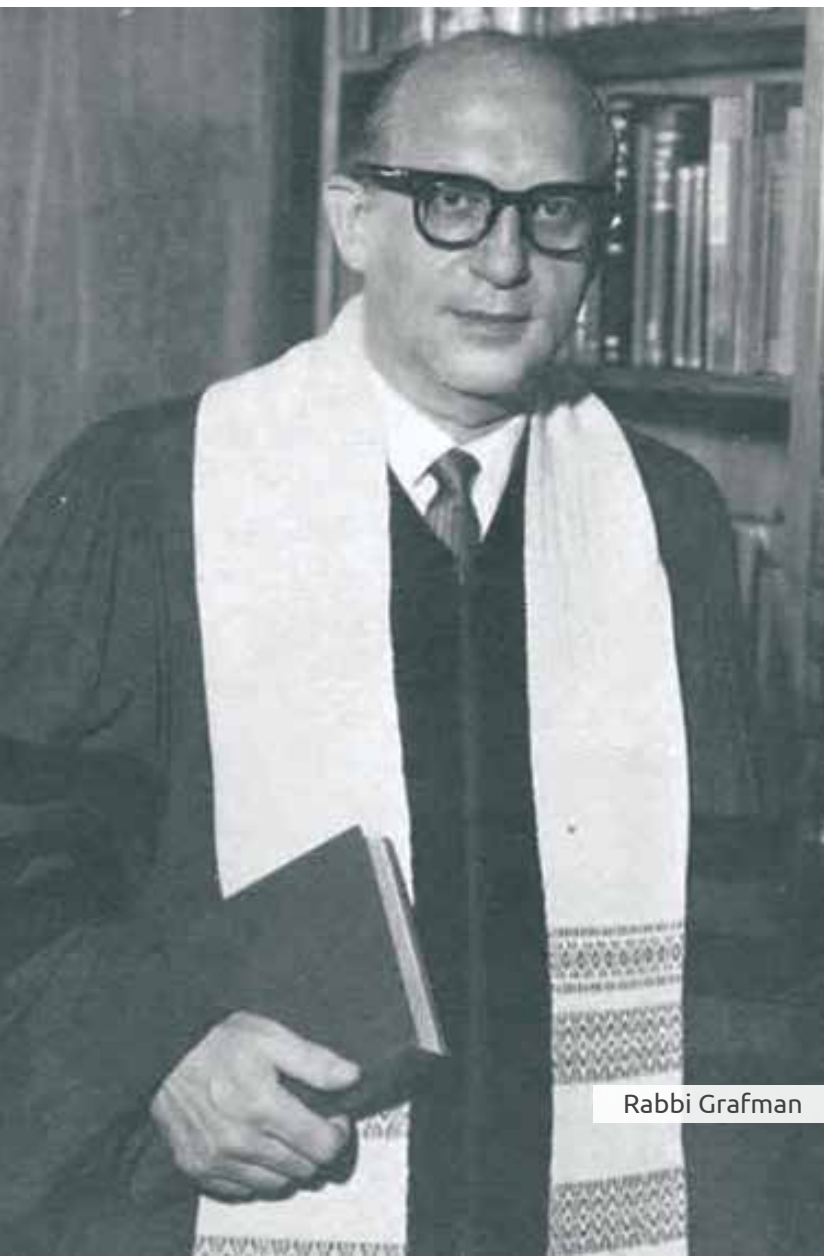
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Jews have been a part of Birmingham virtually since the city's founding in 1871. Those early residents primarily came to establish shops to serve the miners and factory workers, and endured cholera, primitive conditions, and financial panics. Like their city, Birmingham Jews persevered, grew and prospered, with Bertha and Hugo Marx being the first Jewish children born in the city in the mid-1870s.

Birmingham's first observance of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur came in 1881, in the home of Henry and Paula Simon. In 1886, the cornerstone was laid for Temple Emanu-El, and Congregation Knesseth Israel was formed on July 4, 1888.

Several notable Jewish figures came to prominence in Birmingham's early years. Samuel Ullman became a tireless advocate for public education for whites and blacks alike--a hugely controversial position at the time. Samuel's wife Emma was one of the primary motivators behind the region's first hospital to serve indigent and black patients. Banker brothers Burghard and Sigfried Steiner saved Birmingham from financial disaster in 1893 with the "Steiner Plan", having their bank underwrite the city's municipal bond interest. They even personally bought the bonds of investors who lacked faith in the plan. The Steiner Plan gave the city the financial breathing room it desperately needed, and has been a model for other cities facing similar financial difficulties.

In the early 20th century, Jewish businessmen permanently altered the Birmingham skyline. Rising high above First Avenue and 20th Street, Otto Marx's Brown Marx building was one of Birmingham's first skyscrapers, part of "the heaviest corner on earth."



Rabbi Grafman



During the Great Depression, the Jewish community led philanthropic efforts across the region. In 1936, the Birmingham United Jewish Fund was founded. Led by Dora Roth, the Fund coordinated the efforts of numerous organizations to raise money for Jewish causes, raising \$24,000 in its first year. The Fund eventually became the Birmingham Jewish Federation, which took on such projects as the founding of what would become the N.E. Miles Jewish Day School and Collat Jewish Family Services.

Largely due to the Nazi threat, membership in Birmingham Zionists group rose to 600 members by 1936; the city's Zionist ranks continued to grow during and after WWII. In 1943, Zionist leader Abe Berkowitz and others successfully lobbied the Alabama Legislature into passing a resolution calling for the establishment of a Jewish State. After Israel won its independence in 1948, the Birmingham Zionists and Birmingham United Jewish Fund worked to raise funds to help build the fledgling Jewish state.

Jews were an integral part of the civil rights struggle in Birmingham. In 1958, Temple Beth-El discovered 54 sticks of dynamite in a basement window well. Only a faulty fuse prevented the synagogue (and anyone inside) from being destroyed. The bomber was never apprehended. The Ku Klux Klan's significant influence led many to feel that desegregation was an issue best left alone by Jews, who did enjoy some police protection that was denied to civil rights protestors. Caught between their desire to pursue civil rights and to maintain the harmony of the city, Birmingham Jews worked for a peaceful solution both openly

and behind the scenes. One of the most active leaders was Temple Emanue-El's Rabbi Milton Grafman.

After the tumult of the 60's, the 1970's were a time of growth and progress in Birmingham and the Jewish Community. The N.E. Miles Jewish Day School was founded in 1973. What is now the Levite Jewish Community Center expanded and improved its facilities. In 1979, The Birmingham Jewish Foundation was created to support Jewish organizations in the city. The three Jewish congregations — Kneseth Israel, Temple Beth-El, and Temple Emanu-El — all thrived.

Today, Birmingham boasts a strong and thriving Jewish community. Between 1984 and 2016, its Jewish population grew from 4,500 to 6,300. Although Birmingham's Jewish community is small by national standards, Birmingham Jews have a disproportionately large impact on the metropolitan area. Birmingham boasts a diverse array of Jewish institutions, including a Jewish Federation, Jewish Foundation, the Levite JCC, the N.E. Miles Jewish Day School, Collat Jewish Family Services, Chabad of Alabama, the Birmingham Holocaust Education Center, and three religious congregations — Kneseth Israel, Temple Beth-El, Or Hadash and Temple Emanu-El. Southern Jewish Life magazine, founded and edited by Larry Brook, has been reporting on Jewish news in Birmingham and the Deep South since 1990. For almost a century, Birmingham has been Alabama's largest Jewish community and seems poised to retain this title well into the 21st century.

**To learn more about the rich history  
of Birmingham Jews, start here:**  
[www.isjl.org/alabama-birmingham-encyclopedia.html](http://www.isjl.org/alabama-birmingham-encyclopedia.html)

# History of Birmingham

Birmingham was founded in 1871 in Alabama's Jones Valley by the Elyton Land Company, which merged three small farming settlements into one town. Jones Valley was chosen as the site of one of the first post-Civil War industrial cities because it's one of few places in the world where coal, iron ore, and limestone are all readily available. It's said that from Red Mountain—where the ground is so rich in iron that it literally rusts—you can see everything you need to make iron and steel with the naked eye. The city was named after Birmingham, England, the center of British steel production at that time.

The abundant natural resources of the area and the junction of two railroads (the Alabama and Chattanooga and the North and South Alabama) led to rapid growth of the new city. Birmingham became known as the "Magic City" because it sprang into being "like magic," growing to 4000 people by 1873.

The growth of the city was slowed by a cholera outbreak in that same year, but despite the high fatality rate of the disease at that time, Birmingham survived — again "like magic."

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From its founding until the early 1970's Birmingham's fortunes rose and fell with the iron and steel industry. Between 1902 and 1912, four large office buildings were constructed at the intersection of 20th Street and 1st Avenue North (the city's main north/south and east/west arteries), which collectively became known as "The Heaviest Corner on Earth." The Great Depression of the 1930's hit Birmingham especially hard, but wartime steel production needs led to an economic boom. Birmingham enjoyed a period of industrial prosperity during the post-WWII boom years until foreign competition and changing market conditions caused most of the city's furnaces to close during the 1970's. Today, only the U.S. Steel plant in Fairfield remains in production.



## BIRMINGHAM BUCKET LIST

### Birmingham Civil Rights Institute

There's nowhere better to understand the Civil Rights struggle than Birmingham's Civil Rights Institute. A series of galleries lead visitors through the differences between daily life for Caucasian and African-American residents during the age of Segregation and Jim Crow. The Movement Gallery recalls the days of "Bombingham," the years of relentless violence in the late 1950's and early 1960's that drew national attention to the city. The Processional Gallery uses life-sized figures of all ages and races to illustrate the "Walk To Freedom." And, just a few blocks away, the Letter from Birmingham Jail Historic Marker commemorates Dr. Martin Luther King's famous 1963 open letter.

During the 1970's Birmingham began shifting from iron and steel production to service, financial, and educational industries. An urban renewal program in the warehouse district just south of the east-west railway lines centered around the University of Alabama Medical School and University Hospital, leading to what is today the

large campus of the University of Alabama at Birmingham. UAB is now recognized as a world leader in medical treatment and research, and Birmingham's hospitals are some of the finest in the U.S. The city is also the region's financial center, housing the state's largest banking and insurance companies.

Birmingham was at the center of the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960's, and became known as "Bombingham" because of the extreme violence of the period. For years, the image of Birmingham was one of police dogs and fire hoses. Since that time, Birmingham has worked hard to rid itself of the legacy of segregation, Jim Crow and Bull Connor, and is now home to the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute, which preserves the essence of the struggle for equality and is an essential feature of the landscape of today's Birmingham.

In many ways, the history of Birmingham mirrors the history of post-Civil War America. From an industrial, segregated city to today's diverse, technology-driven metropolis, Birmingham is showing the nation that it honors its past without repeating its mistakes.



# Birmingham Today

Natives know that Birmingham is one of the South's best-kept secrets, and the rest of the nation is starting to catch on. The past few years have seen tremendous positive changes in the Magic City, and the future looks bright indeed!

Like many cities, Birmingham saw significant white flight from the city center to the suburbs during the latter part of the 20th century. However, recent efforts to revitalize the downtown area, along with the growth of the University of Alabama at Birmingham, have brought new life, new residents, and new energy to both the city and entire metropolitan area.

The downtown loft district is home to the grand Alabama Theatre and the newly-restored Lyric Theater. Numerous bars and restaurants, many of which feature live performances, have made downtown Birmingham one of the nation's fastest-growing entertainment districts. Dining and entertainment are so much a part of Birmingham life that the British music and fashion magazine *Clash* acknowledged "*Birmingham... boasts a thriving music scene, one that seems to cough up oddball talent on a near weekly basis.*" Home of the Alabama Symphony Orchestra and Alabama Ballet, there's plenty of classical entertainment available. If you prefer something a little more laid back, the Oak Mountain Amphitheater is just a few minutes away from downtown. And, at #1 on *Southern Living's* list of "*The South's Most Iconic Music Venues and Festivals*", Sloss Fest (held at historic Sloss Furnace) is now headed into its fourth year and promises to keep on getting better.

Birmingham has one of the best food scenes in the nation, according to Zagat. From James Beard Award-winning chefs to hole-in-the-wall comfort food, Birmingham has something to offer even the most discriminating diner. Of course there's barbecue, but Birmingham doesn't focus on just one meat — we'll barbecue beef, chicken, turkey, or whatever you might want. There have even been times when vegetables went on the grill, and if there's anything edible that hasn't gone into a deep-fat fryer in Birmingham, it's only a matter of time. If you're thirsty, there's a fantastic local craft beer industry, and Birmingham hosts Brewfest, a celebration of microbreweries, every year.

Looking for sports? Birmingham has 140,000 yards of some of the best year-round golf courses in the nation, including two courses on the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail. The Southeastern Conference has its headquarters here, and the Birmingham Barons play AA baseball in Regions Park. Birmingham also recently was approved to host a professional hockey team — the Birmingham Bulls! In 2021 Birmingham will host the World Games, and some of the country's top Olympic and Paralympic athletes train at the Lakeshore Foundation. Birmingham also knows something about football because of a little game called the "*Iron Bowl*." The Iron Bowl might not be played in Birmingham anymore, but you'll definitely need to learn the difference between "*Roll Tide*" and "*War Eagle*."

"*There's always something to do in Birmingham*" isn't an empty slogan; it's what the city delivers. Birmingham's welcoming, family-friendly version of Southern Hospitality is just waiting for you!



*There's always  
something to do in  
Birmingham!*







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# BIRMINGHAM NEIGHBORHOODS



## Avondale

Built in 1887 as a neighborhood for workers at a nearby textile mill, Avondale is experiencing a resurgence as artists and young professionals move into the historic homes in this pedestrian-friendly neighborhood. In just four years, the four-block commercial area in the heart of the district has gone from 25% occupancy to 75%, thanks to entrepreneurs who recognize the potential of this space just two miles east of Downtown. The active Avondale/Forest Park neighborhood association has led efforts to revitalize Avondale Park, which now hosts family-friendly events year-round including open air movies and concerts, as well as offering softball fields, tennis courts, the rose garden and walking trails.

## Great Picks

Fancy's on Fifth, 41st Street Pub, Melt, Rowe's, Marble Ring, Parkside Café, Avondale Brewery, Post Office Pies.

## BIRMINGHAM VOICES

"Birmingham is very welcoming, very open, we thrive when new people with different experiences join our community. We celebrate diversity here and we want to make Birmingham better by including everyone."

**Mark Schaeffer,**  
young Jewish leader





## Downtown Birmingham

Downtown Birmingham is being reborn. The urban decay that surrounded the business district is being transformed into a 24-hour mixed-use district.

Downtown lofts and condominiums are some of the most trendy addresses in the City, while restaurant, retail, cultural and entertainment venues are exploding. Building on Birmingham's reputation as a Foodie Town with an eclectic, active music scene, the cultural and economic rejuvenation of Downtown has attracted nationwide attention. With new construction everywhere and new shops and restaurants opening regularly, Downtown Birmingham has become a great place to live and play.

## Great Picks

The Pizitz Food Hall, Bistro 218, Carrigan's Public House, Yo Mama's, Roots & Revelry, John's City Diner, Feast & Forest, Railroad Park, Regions Field, Good People Brewing





# BIRMINGHAM NEIGHBORHOODS



Highlands Bar & Grill

## Southside/Five Points South

The historic Southside community is situated on the hilly and forested slopes of Red Mountain just south of the University of Alabama at Birmingham. Southside is one of the most cosmopolitan neighborhoods in Birmingham, and is the hub of the City's bohemian culture. Five Points South has long been a popular nightlife and entertainment district. Several of Birmingham's award-winning restaurants — Highlands Bar & Grill, Hot & Hot Fish Club, Bottega, Ocean — are all located on the Southside. The international reputation, faculty, and student population of UAB make Southside the most racially and ethnically diverse neighborhood in Birmingham.

## Great Picks

Original House of Pancakes, Surin West, The Fish Market, Highlands Bar & Grill, Hot & Hot Fish Club, Bottega, Zydeco, Ocean, World of Beer





Red Cat Coffee

## Lakeview

Just east of UAB and Five Points South, the Lakeview District is one of Birmingham's most rapidly-growing areas for entertainment, retail, design, and food. With new urban dwellings currently under construction on what seems to be every block, Lakeview is evolving its own character and reputation for good food, and good entertainment. Like many other Birmingham neighborhoods, Lakeview is very pedestrian and bike-friendly, and the Farmer's Market at Pepper Place (in the old Dr. Pepper bottling plant) is open every Saturday from April to December, rain or shine, bringing Alabama-grown fresh produce direct to consumers.

## Great Picks

Babalu, Slice, FIVE Birmingham, Hattie B's, Jack Brown's Beer and Burger Joint, Hop City, Trim Tab Brewing Co., Cahaba Brewing Company, Red Cat Coffee, Innisfree Pub



# BIRMINGHAM Education

From pre-K to post-grad and everything in between, Birmingham is rich in quality educational opportunities. The Birmingham metropolitan area is home to many of Alabama's best schools, and choosing a school is one of the most difficult tasks a new family faces when moving to the city. Place of residence determines which public school most students attend, so the choice of schools is largely determined by where the family chooses to live.

## N.E. MILES JEWISH DAY SCHOOL

The N.E. Miles Jewish Day School, a SACS accredited K-8 program, features a low student-teacher ratio, high academic standards, and a values-based, creative, and collaborative learning environment.

## At the LJCC

The Cohn Early Childhood Learning Center at the LJCC provides quality early childhood education in an atmosphere of Jewish culture and values. Beginning at age 6 weeks for full-day and 18 months for half-day programs, the Cohn ECLC facilitates children's development through movement, play, imagination, and basic life skills. Also on the Jewish Community Montclair Road Campus is the N.E. Miles Jewish Day School, which houses grades K-8. The N.E. Miles School integrates General and Judaic Studies and strives to instill the values of lifelong learning, respect for others, and the ability to make informed choices in life.

## Preschools

Jo Ann Hess Morrison Chai Tots Preschool at Chabad of Alabama is a progressive preschool for Jewish children aged 18 months through Pre-K. JAHM Chai Tots is dedicated to educating children from a broad range of Jewish backgrounds and observances through a play-based curriculum and a warm nurturing environment. The Discovery School at Temple Emanu-El is a nurturing and engaging preschool for all children to learn, discover, and imagine. With dynamic, degreed teachers and a curriculum based on best practices in early childhood education, it celebrates moments of discovery. The Discovery School believes that each child brings a unique blessing into the world. The warm, caring environment of this school will nurture that blessing and help it flourish. It offers a full-day, year round program for ages 4 months - 5 years old.

## Elementary Schools

Jefferson County has 9 of the top 10 public Elementary Schools in Alabama<sup>1</sup>: Cherokee Bend, Crestline, Mtn. Brook, and Brookwood Forest (all in Mountain Brook), Shades Cahaba, Edgewood and Hall Kent (in Homewood), and Vestavia Hills and Cahaba Heights (both in Vestavia Hills). There are 102 private Elementary Schools in the county, which serve 16,359 students with a student: teacher ratio of 11:1.





N.E. Miles Jewish Day School

## High Schools

Five of the top 10 Alabama public High Schools are located in Jefferson County<sup>2</sup>: Mtn. Brook (Mountain Brook), Homewood (Homewood), Vestavia Hills (Vestavia Hills), and Hoover and Spain Park (both in Hoover). Both the #1 and #2 private High Schools in the state are in the metropolitan area: Indian Springs (in Pelham, just south of Birmingham) and the Altamont School (in Birmingham). There are 33 private high schools in Jefferson County, serving 7,520 students with a 9:1 student:teacher ratio. For exceptional older students, the Alabama School of Fine Arts is located in the downtown Birmingham Arts District. ASFA is a semi-residential school with admission by audition in one of six areas: Dance, Creative Writing, Math/Science, Music, Theatre Arts, and Visual Arts. Funded by the State Legislature, in-state students pay no tuition. In addition to grades 7-12, ASFA offers summer camps in all areas of study.

## Colleges and Universities

Jefferson County is home to six institutions of higher learning, with the University of Alabama at Birmingham being the largest. Part of the University of Alabama System, UAB has nearly 20,000 students from over 100 countries, pursuing degrees in 140 programs of study. University Medical Center is one of the largest academic hospitals in the country, and UAB is the largest single employer in the state. Birmingham-Southern College and Samford University are small, private universities in the area, while Miles College is one of eight historically-black colleges in Alabama. Two Associate (2 year) colleges have several campuses in Jefferson County, Lawson State and Jefferson State. Three Law Schools — Cumberland School of Law, Alabama School of Law, Birmingham School of Law and Miles Law School — are located in Birmingham.

Whatever your age or educational goal, Birmingham has the resources and facilities to help you reach it.

<sup>1</sup> Niche.com, 2017, based on data from the U.S. Dept. of Education:

[www.niche.com/k12/rankings/public-elementary-schools/best-overall/s/alabama](http://www.niche.com/k12/rankings/public-elementary-schools/best-overall/s/alabama)

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# BIRMINGHAM DIRECTORY

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Shopping & Business Districts  
Day Trips & Family Activities  
Weekend Getaways  
Education

## JEWISH CONGREGATIONS

### Reform

#### TEMPLE EMANU-EL

[www.ourtemple.org](http://www.ourtemple.org)  
2100 Highland Avenue  
Birmingham, AL 35205

### Conservative

#### TEMPLE BETH-EL

[www.templebeth-el.net](http://www.templebeth-el.net)  
2179 Highland Avenue  
Birmingham, AL 35205

### Orthodox

#### KNESSETH ISRAEL CONGREGATION

[www.kicongregation.org](http://www.kicongregation.org)  
3100 Overton Road  
Birmingham, AL 35223

#### CHABAD OF ALABAMA

[www.chabadofalabama.com](http://www.chabadofalabama.com)  
3040 Overton Road  
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#### OR HADASH HUMANISTIC CONGREGATION

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



Temple Emanu-El



Temple Beth-El

## JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS

### THE BIRMINGHAM JEWISH FEDERATION

The Birmingham Jewish Federation is our Jewish Community's central fundraising, community relations, and community development agency. We are dedicated to enriching Jewish life, supporting Israel, helping all people in need, and building a better Birmingham.



### BIRMINGHAM JEWISH FOUNDATION

The Birmingham Jewish Foundation raises endowment, or long term funds for our community's future, with the income available today to meet current needs. The Foundation administers the endowments of several organizations including the Birmingham Jewish Federation, Collat Jewish Family Services, the Levite Jewish Community Center, and the N.E Miles Jewish Day School and helps them grow their endowment funds. The Foundation works with donors to address their individual philanthropic goals and financial planning needs, while also benefiting the community.



### LEVITE JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER

Through the lens of Jewish identity and values, the Levite Jewish Community Center provides a welcoming, family-oriented gathering place for a diverse membership to engage in meaningful experiences of the mind, body and soul. Impacting more than 130,000 members of the Birmingham community annually, the Levite Jewish Community Center is welcoming to people of all faiths, ages, and backgrounds. The agency is a family-oriented recreational and educational facility that is open to the entire community.



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## N. E. MILES JEWISH DAY SCHOOL

For over forty years, the N.E. Miles Jewish Day School has inspired learning for a lifetime. It is a community day school, and through a values-based education students learn to be leaders both in the school community and the greater community. At the N.E. Miles Jewish Day School, the high academic standards, low student-to-teacher ratio, and individualized instruction create a love of learning and an environment of academic excellence where students reach their full potential.



## COLLAT JEWISH FAMILY SERVICES

Since 1989, Collat Jewish Family Services has worked to help individuals and families live happier, healthier lives. Today, the agency's primary focus is preserving independence and enhancing quality of life for older adults. Services include case management/referral; Buz-A-Bus and escorted transportation; financial/personal affairs management and more. Individual and family counseling, as well as volunteer opportunities, are available for all ages.



## BIRMINGHAM HOLOCAUST EDUCATION CENTER

The mission of the Birmingham Holocaust Education Center is to educate the people of Alabama about the Holocaust so that new generations will apply the lessons of the Holocaust to the creating of a more just, humane and tolerant future.



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## THEATRE & PERFORMING ARTS

### ALABAMA THEATRE

1817 3rd Avenue N  
Birmingham, AL 35203-3132

### MOONLIGHT ON THE MOUNTAIN

585 Shades Crest Rd  
Birmingham, AL 35226-1249

### IRON CITY BIRMINGHAM

513 22nd St S  
Birmingham, AL 35233-3109

### LYRIC THEATRE

1800 3rd Ave N  
Birmingham, AL 35203-3102

### ALABAMA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

1200 10th Ave S  
Birmingham, AL 35205-4605

### VIRGINIA SAMFORD THEATRE

1116 26th St S  
Birmingham, AL 35205-2414

### BIRMINGHAM CHILDREN'S THEATRE

10th Ave N Birmingham-  
Jefferson Convention Complex  
Birmingham, AL

### ALABAMA BALLET

2726 1st Ave S  
Birmingham, AL 35233-2719

### RED MOUNTAIN THEATRE

301 19th St N  
Birmingham, AL 35203



Alabama Theatre



Lyric Theatre



## BIRMINGHAM VOICES

"When I moved to Birmingham, I didn't think there were any Jews here, but I was shocked and pleasantly surprised to find that the Jewish community here is incredibly tight-knit."

**Savannah Koplon**  
young volunteer leader  
from Baltimore



## COMMUNITY SPACES

### PEPPER PLACE FARMER'S MARKET

2829 2nd Ave S  
Birmingham, AL 35233

### HIGHLAND PARK

Includes 30th St S, 29 St S, 28th St S, Highland Ave

### RAILROAD PARK

1600 1st Ave S  
Birmingham, AL 35233

### AVONDALE PARK

4101 5th Ave S  
Birmingham, Alabama 35222

### LINN PARK

Corner of 19th St & 6th Ave N  
Birmingham, Alabama

### OVERTON PARK

3020 Overton Rd  
Birmingham, Alabama 35223

### HOMWOOD CENTRAL PARK

1632 Oxmoor Rd  
Birmingham, Alabama 35209

## SHOPPING & BUSINESS DISTRICTS

### FOURTH AVENUE BUSINESS DISTRICT

4th Avenue N at 17th St  
Birmingham, Alabama 35203

## SHOPPING & BUSINESS DISTRICTS

### UPTOWN ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICT

2221 Richard Arrington Blvd N  
Birmingham, AL

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### FIVE POINTS SOUTH HISTORIC DISTRICT

20th St S at 11th Ave S  
Birmingham, AL 35205

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### MOUNTAIN BROOK VILLAGE

2713 Culver Road  
Birmingham, Alabama 35213

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### CRESTLINE VILLAGE

68 Church Street  
Birmingham, Alabama 35213

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### ENGLISH VILLAGE

2012 Cahaba Rd  
Birmingham, Alabama 35213

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### CAHABA VILLAGE

2800 Cahaba Village Road  
Birmingham, Alabama 35243

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### OVERTON VILLAGE

3150 Overton Road  
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### THE SUMMIT

214 Summit Boulevard  
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### BROOKWOOD VILLAGE

780 Brookwood Village  
Birmingham, Alabama 35209





## DAY TRIPS & FAMILY ACTIVITIES

### BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

- Birmingham Civil Rights Institute
- McWane Science Center
- Birmingham Museum of Art
- Vulcan Park and Museum
- Birmingham Zoo
- Kelly Ingram Park
- Regions Field
- Birmingham Botanical Gardens
- 16th St Baptist Church
- Sloss Furnaces National Historic Landmark
- Southern Museum of Flight
- Alabama Sports Hall of Fame

### CHILDERSBERG, ALABAMA

- Desoto Cavern Family Fun Park

### GADSDEN, ALABAMA

- Noccalula Falls Park

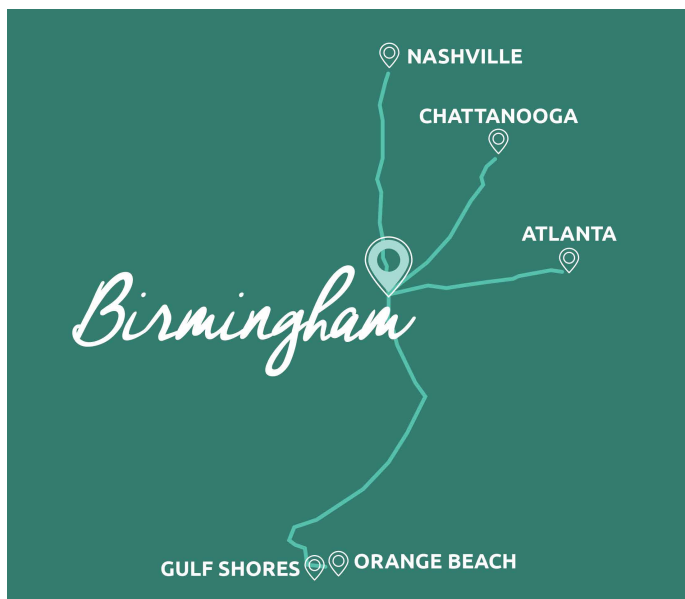
### HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA

- U.S. Space & Rocket Center
- Burritt on the Mountain
- Monte Sano State Park
- US Veterans Memorial Museum

### MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

- Alabama State Capitol
- Civil Rights Memorial Museum
- Rosa Parks Library and Museum
- The Scott and Zelda Fitzgerald Museum

## WEEKEND GETAWAYS



**Nashville, Tennessee**  
(Approx. 3 hours)

**Atlanta, Georgia**  
(Approx. 2.5 hours)

**Chattanooga, Tennessee**  
(Approx. 2.5 hours)

**Orange Beach, Alabama**  
(Approx. 4 hours)

**Gulf Shores, Alabama**  
(Approx. 4 hours)

## EDUCATION

### AREA PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEMS

- **Mountain Brook City Schools**  
[www.mtnbrook.k12.al.us](http://www.mtnbrook.k12.al.us)
- **Homewood City Schools**  
[www.homewood.k12.al.us](http://www.homewood.k12.al.us)
- **Vestavia City Schools**  
[www.vestavia.k12.al.us](http://www.vestavia.k12.al.us)
- **Birmingham City Schools**  
[www.bhamcityschools.org](http://www.bhamcityschools.org)
- **Alabama School of Fine Arts**  
[www.asfa.k12.al.us](http://www.asfa.k12.al.us)
- **Hoover City Schools**  
[www.hoovercityschools.net](http://www.hoovercityschools.net)



### LOCAL PRIVATE SCHOOLS

- **N.E. Miles Jewish Day School**  
[www.nemjds.org](http://www.nemjds.org)
- **Highlands School**  
[www.highlandsschool.org](http://www.highlandsschool.org)
- **Indian Springs School**  
[www.indiansprings.org](http://www.indiansprings.org)
- **The Altamont School**  
[www.altamontschool.org](http://www.altamontschool.org)
- **Spring Valley School**  
[www.springvalleyschool.org](http://www.springvalleyschool.org)



### HIGHER EDUCATION

- **Birmingham-Southern College**  
[www.bsc.edu](http://www.bsc.edu)
- **University of Alabama-Birmingham**  
[www.uab.edu](http://www.uab.edu)
- **Samford University**  
[www.samford.edu](http://www.samford.edu)
- **Jefferson State Community College**  
[www.jeffersonstate.edu](http://www.jeffersonstate.edu)
- **Miles College**  
[www.miles.edu](http://www.miles.edu)



University of Alabama-Birmingham



Birmingham Southern College





## BIRMINGHAM BUCKET LIST

### **The Magic City Sign and Rotary Trail**

A re-creation of an iconic landmark, the Magic City Sign marks the entrance to Rotary Trail, a pedestrian greenway built in the railway cut in 1st Avenue South between 20th and 24th streets. The Rotary Trail was proposed and largely funded by the Rotary Club of Birmingham and is a continuation of the Railroad Park greenspace. The original Magic City Sign welcomed travelers to Birmingham outside Terminal Station from 1926 until it was torn down in 1952. Birmingham became known as the "Magic City" because of its rapid growth in the early 1870's, appearing "as if by magic."



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