



## Varieties of Orthodox Communities in Chicagoland

*There is fluid movement among the groupings of Orthodox Jews listed here.  
Community organizations, not listed here, are supported by and serve individuals in each grouping.*

### REFORM

Movement founded ca. 1820  
Asserts human autonomy,  
Faith in human progress,  
Ethical monotheism

### RECONSTRUCTIONIST

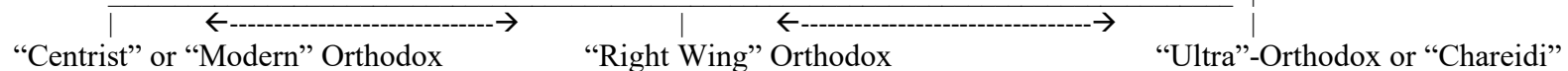
Movement founded ca. 1922  
Founder, Mordechai Kaplan,  
saw Judaism as a  
civilization

### CONSERVATIVE

Movement founded ca. 1890  
Views Halacha (Jewish Law)  
as an evolving process  
**Schools:** Solomon Schechter Day School  
Rochelle Zell Jewish High School

### ORTHODOX

Term first used early 19<sup>th</sup> c.  
Strict adherence to Halacha  
and traditional teachings about God and Torah



#### *Generally:*

Combine observance and openness to secular culture  
College educated, no or some yeshiva education  
Religious Zionists (see religious value in the State of Israel)  
Modern dress code  
Crocheted or black yarmulkes (Skull caps)  
Women may cover their hair, may wear skirts  
Watch TV, movies, read secular literature

#### **Schools and educational institutions:**

Akiba-Schechter, Arie Crown Hebrew Day,  
Cheder Lubavitch, Hillel Torah, Ida Crown  
Jewish Academy, Hanna Sacks BY Girls' High,  
Hebrew Theological College (HS, college, yeshiva)  
Sara Hartman Women's College, Yeshiva U. Kollel  
Torah MiTzion, Chicago Comm. Kollel, Skokie. Kollel

#### *Generally:*

Stricter standards  
Less university education, more yeshiva education  
Darker clothes  
Black yarmulkes; sometimes hats  
Women cover their hair, wear skirts  
May watch TV, see movies, read secular literature

#### **Schools and educational institutions:**

Arie Crown Hebrew Day, Joan Dachs Bais Yaakov (Girls),  
Yeshiva Tiferes Tzvi, Hanna Sacks Bais Yaakov H.S.,  
Mesivta Shaarei Adirim Midwest, Mesivta Yesod Hachaim,  
Hebrew Theological College, Sara Hartman Women's College,  
Telshe Yeshiva, Yeshivas Kesser Yonah,  
Chicago Community Kollel, Skokie Comm. Kollel

#### *Generally:*

Even stricter standards  
Less university education, more yeshiva education  
Not religious Zionists  
Darker clothes  
Black yarmulkes and hats  
Women cover hair, longer skirts  
Usually do not watch popular TV, movies

### "Yeshivish" / "Litvish" (non-Chasidic)

Identify with learning in yeshiva and Roshei Yeshiva (Yeshiva deans)  
such as Telshe (Chi., Cleveland), Lakewood (NJ), etc.  
Sometimes: Men: payos (sidelocks) behind ears

#### **Schools and educational institutions:**

Bais Yaakov (grade and high), Yeshiva Ohr Boruch, Yeshivas  
Tiferes Tzvi, Teachers' Institute; Chicago, Skokie,  
& Peterson Park Kolllels, Telshe Yeshiva, Yeshivas Kesser Yonah

### "Chasidish" (Chasidic)

Identify with a particular dynasty of Chasidic rebbes (Grand Rabbis)  
such as Lubavitch (Chabad), Zhidachov, Veitzen, Hornsteipl, etc.  
Sometimes: Men: Chasidic garb, long payos (sidelocks)

#### **Schools and educational institutions:**

Cheder Lubavitch schools; Yeshiva Ohr Boruch, Lubavitch Mesivta,  
Chassidishe Kollel, Veitzener Kollel