

Selected Religious Institutions Accessible by Foot and from BART Stations

Chochmat HaLev

www.chochmat.org; (510) 704-9687
2215 Prince Street, Berkeley
BART: Ashby

Known for their high-energy musical services as well as their deep meditation and contemplative offerings, Chochmat HaLev is a progressive center of Jewish spirituality center that seeks to be joyful, inclusive, and an embodied path to Jewish spiritual and ethical practice.

Congregation Sha'ar Zahav

290 Dolores Street, San Francisco
(415) 861-6932
BART: 16th Street station (.4 miles east of station on 16th St.)
Shabbat services on Fridays at 7:30

Congregation Sha'ar Zahav is a progressive Reform synagogue established in 1977. Their website states: "We are a vibrant kehila (Jewish community) in the San Francisco Bay Area for people of all sexual identities."

First Chinese Baptist Church

www.fcbc-sf.org; (415) 362-4139
Sacramento (at Waverly)
BART: Embarcadero (Two blocks north on Davis, left on Sacramento for 7.5 blocks)
Sundays at 8am (Breakfast), 9am (Contemporary Youth), 10am (Blended English) and 11:15am (Cantonese)

This church was first organized in October 3, 1880 and is affiliated with the American Baptist Churches, USA and the San Francisco Chinese Christian Union. See their website for their numerous Fellowship Groups.

First Mennonite Church of San Francisco

www.menno.org; (415) 695-2812
290 Dolores Street in Congregation Sha'ar Zahav
BART: 16th Street Station (.4 Miles east of station on 16th st.
Sundays, 9:30 Worship, 10:30 Fellowship, 11:15 Education

First Mennonite Church of San Francisco is a small and diverse church community. They are a member of the Supportive Congregations Network, a network of Mennonite congregations who welcome gay, lesbian, and bisexual people to participate actively in all aspects of congregational life.

Glide Memorial United Methodist Church

330 Ellis St. (West of Union Square)
www.glide.org; (415) 674-6000
BART: Powell St. (1 block north on Powell then 3 blocks east on Ellis)
Sunday services at 9am and 11am

Known for its inspiring leader (Rev. Dr. Karen Oliveto), its lively gospel choir and inclusion of the Tenderloin neighborhood's poor, homeless, and LGBTQ citizens.

Grace Cathedral

www.gracecathedral.org
1100 California Street (between Taylor and Jones); (415) 749-6300
BART: Powell St. (6 blocks north on Powell then 2 blocks east on Bush to Taylor, two blocks north on Taylor, turn left on California)
Sunday services at 7:30am, 8:15am, 11am and 6pm

Among the more interesting features of the building are its stained-glass windows, particularly those by the French Loire studios, depicting such figures as Thurgood Marshall, Robert Frost and Albert Einstein; the replicas of Ghiberti's bronze *Doors of Paradise* at the east end; the series of religious frescoes by Polish artist John de Rosen; and the 44-bell carillon. This facility also boasts an indoor and an outdoor labyrinth.

Masjid Darussalam

20 Jones Street (at Market)
(415) 863-7997
BART: Civic Center (Northeast on Market
then left on to Jones)

One of the largest mosques in the city, this masjid is part of the Islamic Society of San Francisco. The community sponsors a wide variety of inter-religious and awareness events.

Mission Dolores

3321 16th Street (at Dolores)
(415) 621-8203
BART: 16th Street (.4 miles west on 16th to
Dolores, Mission is near corner of Dolores and
16th)

The northernmost of the California missions founded by Father Junipero Serra, this mission – which is next to the Cathedral – is the oldest structure in San Francisco, dating from 1788. The mission's small, simple chapel, built solidly by Native Americans who were converted to Christianity, is a curious mixture of native construction methods and Spanish-colonial style. The museum houses artifacts and manuscripts.

The Cathedral of Christ the Light

2121 Harrison St. #100, Oakland
BART: 19th Street Oakland (Northeast on
Broadway .1 miles, right on 21st .3 miles, then
left on to Harrison)

Considered one of the most unusual churches in the world by Huffington Post, The Cathedral of Christ the Light is worth the BART ride.

St. Raphael's Liberal Catholic Church

members.tripod.com/~SRLCC/
2138 Cedar Street (at Walnut), Berkeley; (510)
889-7651
BART: Downtown Berkeley Station (Six
blocks north of Downtown Berkeley BART
Station)

Non-dogmatic and mystically oriented, St. Raphael's has offered Holy Communion to people of all faiths since 1925.

San Francisco Zen Center

www.sfzc.com
300 Page Street (at Laguna)
BART: Civic Center (.5 miles southwest on
Market, slight right onto Page for .3 miles)

San Francisco Zen Center was established in 1962 by Shunryu Suzuki Roshi (1904-1971) and his American students. Today it is one of the largest Buddhist sanghas outside Asia.

Shiva Murugan Temple

www.temple.org; (925) 827-0127
1803 Second Street, Concord
BART: Concord Station (north two blocks)

The temple was originally established in a small wood framed house in San Francisco in 1957 by an American born Hindu guru, Sivaya Subramuniya Swami. It may have been the first Hindu Temple to be opened in America that was beyond the scope of the various Vedanta centers that existed at that time. It moved to the Concord location in 1988. Offering Pujas to murtis of Ganesha, Muruga and Shiva, it was founded on the traditions of Saiva Siddhanta and known as the Palaniswami Sivan Temple.
