



Congregations



A religion is a set of tenets and practices, often centered upon specific supernatural and moral claims about reality, the cosmos, and human nature, and often codified as prayer, ritual, or religious law. Well, that's a discussion for another time... Today, we will try to photograph religion. Many organized religions have large congregations here in Philadelphia. We will check out some of their places of worship – a cathedral, a synagogue, and a mosque – and see if we can capture their essence.

About the ride: 3.7 mi

About the photog: indoors and outdoors

1. Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul

Trivia: In order to protect the windows of the Cathedral Basilica from possible future riots, the builders would throw stones into the air to determine the height of where the windows would be placed.

2. Beth Zion-Beth Israel Temple

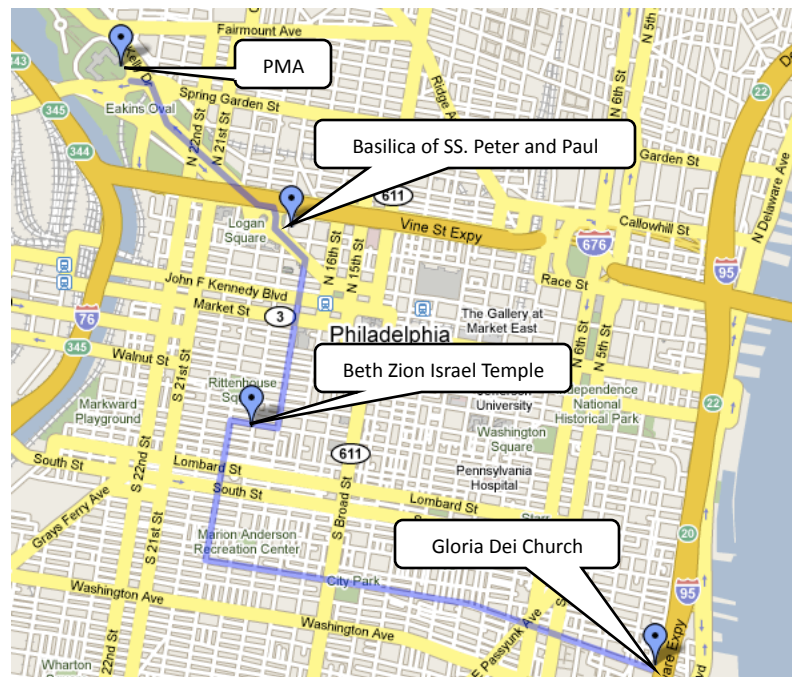
Founded in 1946, this synagogue has served the community for more than 60 years. The Neo-Gothic architecture should provide some great shots. And check out those stained glass windows!

3. Gloria Dei Old Swedes Church

This inner city church creates an interesting juxtaposition with its garden-like setting surrounded by urban Philadelphia.

4. St Francis De Sales Church (optional)

This church is modeled after Istanbul's Hagia Sophia. It's far away, but the ride could be worth it!



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