

The assigned area is intended to illustrate where the majority of Illinois' Orthodox Jewish community is concentrated so that it can be included in a single House district. It is not intended to be a district by itself (and therefore does not meet all the criteria to be a district by itself). Currently, this area is split between House districts 15, 16, and 17. The lines between the 15th and 16th House districts run right through the heart of the Peterson Park neighborhood, cutting off hundreds of Orthodox Jewish households from the rest of the community. These families are condensed into a very small area that's siphoned off into a separate district for no apparent reason. On the north side, most of the community in Skokie and Evanston are cut off as well, with the primary concentration of households in between Dempster and Church, but hundreds more are south of Dempster until the city border, and north of Church up until Golf. While we would like the entire indicated area included in a single district, if that proves impossible, we would like to participate in the map making process to find the best solution possible.

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