



Religious Action Center
of Reform Judaism

L'Taken Social Justice Seminar A Jewish Social Justice Program in Washington, DC

Intro INFORMATION

“What is it that the Eternal One requires of you?”

Only this: to do justice, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God.” Micah 6:8

Travel Times / Projected Flight Information

Our plan is to fly to and from Boston Logan Airport to Washington National in DC.

Our outbound flight will aim to leave somewhere in between 1:00pm and 4:00pm (remains to be seen). Our return flight will leave DC sometime between 3:00pm and 5:00pm

- It will be your responsibility to transport your son / daughter to and from the airport. We will meet at Logan on Friday afternoon roughly 2 hours before our flight just inside the door of the terminal

Hotel Location

This L'Taken program will be held at the Sheraton National Hotel Arlington, 900 South Orme Street, Arlington, VA 22204, (703) 521-1900. We will be just across the Potomac River from many of the national monuments.

The Schedule

The Seminar begins with dinner on Shabbat evening, followed by Shabbat Evening Services. After evening *t'filah*, and continuing through Sunday, we will learn about a variety of pressing issues facing our community and our world. During the weekend, we will also tour the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum and see some of Washington's sites. The program builds towards Monday, when we will go to Capitol Hill to meet with Senators and Representatives, or, more often, their aides. The program will conclude by 4:00 p.m. on Monday afternoon.

Food

As is the policy with all URJ functions, the food will be kosher-style. No pork or shellfish will be served, nor will meat be mixed with dairy. There will be a vegetarian (or vegan -- includes no animal products) option at every meal.

Dress

Students should bring nice clothes for *Erev Shabbat* and for the visit to Capitol Hill, and casual clothes for the rest of the weekend. (Business attire is required for Monday's visit to the Hill). We will be in our Senators and Representatives offices so we must dress appropriately for Capitol Hill. The hotel is at times cold and at other times, becomes very hot, so we suggest that everyone be prepared for either. Also note that Washington can be cold and rainy during this time of year.

Congressional Appointments

Congress may or may not be in session when you arrive in Washington. It may not be possible to meet with the Senator or Representative personally, but staff members are available to meet with the groups. We will make these appointments for you; we will let you know before the conference if we are having difficulty setting up a congressional meeting for your group.

Medications

If your child takes medication, please place the meds in a baggy marked clearly with your child's name and the name of the medications. Written instructions about dosage should be placed in the baggy. While your child may carry the meds and be able to dose him/herself, Rabbi and I want to be sure that if we are needed, we know what to do. It is always a good idea to have your child bring an extra dose or two in case one gets dropped or lost or we encounter some sort of delay.

Spending Money

We will be in the Georgetown and Old Towne Alexandria, VA areas respectively on both Saturday and Sunday night. That free time, the kids will be able to choose for themselves where they eat dinner (*there are lots of options*). We have suggested that you send them with \$30 per student (total) for these two dinners. There are plenty of pizza / sub options available as well as some nicer restaurants. Additionally, it is a good idea to send your children with some spending money for snacks or if they want to shop. How much exactly, is up to you.

Cell Phones and Other Electronic Equipment

Of course your child should bring his/her cell phone and a charger. They are allowed to bring other electronic devices, but are only allowed to use them during down time (bus ride, in the hotel room, etc). Please be aware that electronic devices are the sole responsibility of the teens. If something happens to the devices (lost, broken...) there is nothing Rabbi, I or the Temple can do about that.