From Kiddush to Convention

Your Jewish Guide to J Street's 2027 National Convention

Shabbaton Nov 5–6 · Convention Nov 6–9, 2027 · Grand Hyatt Washington

Welcome

J Street's Convention brings together a community as varied in its Jewish practice as it is in its views. Whether you keep Shabbat and kashrut, pray each morning, or are simply curious, we want you to feel at home. This guide gathers what you need to plan: the pre-Convention Shabbaton, food and kashrut, daily prayer, and how to reach us.

— Emily Kaiman, Director of Jewish Communal Engagement

The Week at a Glance

Fri, Nov 5	**Shabbaton begins** · Candle lighting 5:45 pm
Sat, Nov 6	**Shabbat Noach** · Shabbat ends 6:44 pm · Convention Opening Night
Sun, Nov 7	**Clocks fall back** one hour at 2:00 am, so check morning service times
Mon, Nov 8	**Final day** of Convention programming
Tue, Nov 9	**Advocacy Day** · Meetings with members of Congress on Capitol Hill

PRE-CONVENTION · NOVEMBER 5–6, 2027

The J Street Shabbaton שַׁבָּת

Before we launch into the energy of Convention, we'll gather as a community for Shabbat. Together we'll create a values-driven J Street Shabbat experience: building community, making space for rest and reflection, and preparing for the Convention ahead.

What's Included

- Friday night services and Shabbat dinner
- Shabbat morning services and lunch
- Jewish learning, reflection, celebration, and connection
- All Shabbaton meals are **certified kosher**

Shabbat Times

Parashat Noach · 6 Cheshvan 5788

Candle lighting · Fri	**5:45 pm**
Shabbat ends · Sat	**6:44 pm**

Times are for downtown DC, still on daylight time. Clocks fall back early Sunday morning.

Welcoming for Those Who Are *Shomer Shabbat*

We are committed to making the Shabbaton a comfortable, welcoming experience for participants who are *shomer Shabbat*. If there is anything that will help you observe Shabbat fully at the hotel, please reach out in advance and we will do our best to work it out with you.

How to Join

Add the Shabbaton to your Convention registration. Space is limited.

Spending Shabbat on Your Own?

Sixth & I, 600 I Street NW, is about a 10-minute walk from the hotel. Check its website for service times.

There are also many wonderful congregations and communities in the greater DC area. We're happy to help connect you!

EATING AT CONVENTION

Food & Kashrut

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At the Shabbaton: fully certified kosher
Every Shabbaton meal is hekshered (certified kosher) for all participants.

At Convention: kosher-style communal meals

All Convention communal meals are **kosher-style** but **not certified kosher**. That means:

- No pork, shellfish, or non-kosher meats
- Meat served is not hekshered
- No mixing of meat and dairy at a meal
- Vegetarian or vegan options at every meal

Need certified kosher? Pre-wrapped, certified kosher meals are available at every meal on a clearly labeled table in the main dining area, with a staff member nearby to help. Not sure you selected this option when registering? Email emily.kaiman@jstreet.org.

Kosher Dining Nearby

For a meal on your own. Certified restaurants in DC, nearest first.

Pow Pow · PAREVE · PLANT-BASED
1250 I Street NW · a few minutes' walk

Char Bar · MEAT
2142 L Street NW · Downtown

Zingers Cafe · MEAT
GW Hillel, 2300 H Street NW

Oh Mama Grill · MEAT
1829 Columbia Road NW · Adams Morgan

Baked by Yael · BAKERY · DAIRY & PAREVE
3000 Connecticut Avenue NW · by the National Zoo

Certification and hours change. Please confirm before you go. More options: GatherDC's Kosher Food Finder.

EVERY DAY OF CONVENTION

Prayer & Kaddish

תְּפִלָּה

J Street honors the diversity of Jewish prayer practice and spiritual expression. Morning, afternoon, and evening services are offered daily, and all services are **egalitarian**: all genders sit together and may lead.

Many Ways to Pray

Some services follow a more traditional *matbe'ah* (service structure). Others explore alternative models, such as meditation or musical instruments.

A Dedicated Prayer Space

A prayer space is set aside for services each day. See the Convention program for its location and service times.

Monday Morning

Monday's service will be an alternative Shacharit with Torah study, in place of a traditional Torah reading.

Bring Your Own Gear

Siddurim will be available, but you're encouraged to bring your own. We will not have extra tallitot or tefillin, so please pack yours.

Saying Kaddish

If you are mourning or observing a *yahrzeit* and want to be sure of a minyan for Kaddish, let us know in advance so we can plan accordingly.

We're here to help

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L'Shalom