



Bernard and Audre Rapoport

Capital L'Taken - Social Justice Seminar

A Jewish Social Justice Program in the DC Metro Area

Sunday, February 27, 2022, 1-5pm ET

Participating Congregations

Baltimore Hebrew Congregation, Baltimore, MD
Beth El Hebrew Congregation, Alexandria, VA
Bolton Street Synagogue, Baltimore, MD
Congregation Rodeph Shalom, Philadelphia, PA
Harford Jewish Center Temple Adas Shalom, Havre de Grace, MD
Northern Virginia Hebrew Congregation, Reston, VA
Temple Beth El, Hillsborough, NJ

Temple Emanuel, Kensington, MD
Temple Kol Emeth, Marietta, GA
Temple Shaari Emeth, Manalapan, NJ
Temple Sinai, Washington, DC
URJ Teen Delegation
Washington Hebrew Congregation, Washington, DC

SCHEDULE

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- 12:15 PM Check-In and Arrival (**Patio Entrance**)
- 1:00 PM Welcome (**Social Hall – Worship Side**)
- 1:10 PM Star Power (**Social Hall – Worship/Parking Lot Side**)
- 2:25 PM Break (**Snack – Outside on Patio**)
- 2:40 PM Elective 1 (see back of back for options and descriptions and **locations**)
- 3:15 PM Elective 2 (see back of back for options and descriptions and **locations**)
- 3:45 PM Break
- 3:55 PM Introduction to Advocacy (**Social Hall – Worship Side**)
- 4:20 PM Calling Congress (**in breakout rooms by issue – see back for locations**)
- 4:50 PM Wrap Up
- 5:00 PM *L'hitraot!*



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Elective Program Summaries

Climate Change: Are We All in the Same Boat? - Social Hall – Parking Lot Side

Climate change is already deeply impacting the world we live in, and urgent and drastic action is required to prevent even more devastating effects. But are we all contributing to the problem equally? Whose responsibility is it to change, and how much do the responsible parties need to change to protect the earth and stop climate change? Learn about how climate change affects each person differently and think about policy proposals that help us tackle a problem that threatens life as we know it.

Gun Violence Prevention: Rifling Through Gun Legislation – 2nd Floor Conference Room

Gun violence affects millions of people across the United States each year. Young people been leading the charge in communities across the country to end all types of gun violence. Learn about the scope of the gun epidemic, what ideas are being considered to stop the epidemic, and how you can harness your own voice, privilege, and experiences to end gun violence.

Mental Health: Ending the Stigma and Improving Services in Schools – Media Room

Mental illness affects millions of people (including millions of young people) each year, yet it is often stigmatized and viewed as less important than physical illness. What does Judaism have to say about mental health and our obligation to ensure that all people can access quality health care? In this program, we'll discuss the relationship between Judaism and mental health, learn about the current status of mental health services in public schools, and discover how to advocate for improved mental health services in our education system. *Note: Although this program focuses on mental health policy, the conversation will touch on sensitive topics including, but not limited to, anxiety, depression, and suicide.*

Reproductive Rights: The Meaning of "Choice" - Social Hall – Worship Side

The U.S. Supreme Court handed down the landmark decision Roe v. Wade in 1973, which recognized that the Constitution protects the right to choose whether to have an abortion. Since then, numerous federal and state laws and court decisions have chipped away at the ability to access this personal decision and right, rendering abortion inaccessible, unaffordable, and out-of-reach for millions of Americans. In this program, you'll learn about Reform Jewish Movement support for reproductive rights, the current threats to those rights, and how you can advocate to protect them.

Voting Rights: Let My People Vote! - Library

What issues do you care about? Reproductive rights? Immigration? Religious freedom? Civil rights? Well in our democracy, all rights begin with the right to vote. In November of 2020, we saw the highest rates of voter participation in over a century, but many elected officials have since rolled back this progress by creating more discriminatory restrictions to the ballot box. In this program, we will take a step back in time to learn about the history of voting rights as it relates to the many barriers that remain today, and why the Reform Movement guides us to ensure every vote is counted, and every voice is heard regardless of race, zip code, or political affiliation.