



L'Taken Information Session



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What is L'Taken?

What can I expect from the weekend?

- **Exposure** to a variety of public policy issues and exploration of the Jewish values that inform the Reform Movement's advocacy around these issues.
 - Share your views on social justice topics with decision-makers on Capitol Hill
- **Exploration** of some of the vast opportunities available in our nation's Capitol
 - Visits may include: the National Holocaust Memorial Museum, the Smithsonian, the National Mall and celebrating *havdalah* at the Jefferson Memorial.



TITLE OF PRESENTATION

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When is L'Taken?

When should I expect to go?

- **Insert your info about dates**
- **It may be helpful to include information about who is chaperoning as well**



What will programming look like?

What can I expect from the weekend?

- **On Friday and Saturday:** Attend programs on a range of topics
 - Including Israel, the environment, reproductive rights, LGBTQ+ rights, gun violence prevention, and more!
- **On Sunday:** you will pick a specific topic and write a speech to deliver on Capitol Hill on Monday.
- **On Monday:** Deliver a persuasive and passionate speech on a topic of your choice to present to your elected representatives
 - Members of Congress have chosen to co-sponsor, offer amendments to, and vote for pieces of legislation that participants discussed.



FRIDAY

6:10 PM

Kabbalat Shabbat and Welcome

Together we welcome Shabbat and introduce ourselves and the L'Taken program.

6:30 PM

Shabbat Dinner

A festive dinner and get-to-know-you mixer for students.

7:45 PM

Shabbat Services

9:00 PM

Opening Economic Justice Program

This interactive program educates students about the challenges facing low-income Americans. It includes a simulation illustrating how federal poverty alleviation programs operate and an overview of Jewish texts and values that inform the Reform Movement's position on economic equality.

Chaperone Meeting

Chaperones gather for an overview of the weekend and important information for Saturday.

Returning Student Program

For students who have previously attended the L'Taken Seminar, a program that explores concepts of power, social justice and creating change.

10:50 PM

Free Time & Snacks

11:00 PM

Meet with your congregation/group

Debrief with your congregation/group to discuss the evening program and the next day's schedule.

11:30 PM

Lilah Tov –

All students in their own rooms



Sample Schedule

What will a day look like?



SATURDAY

8:00 AM
Boker Tov

8:30 AM
Breakfast

9:00 AM
Shabbat Services

10:45 AM
Kesef, Koach, and Politika: A Lobbying Simulation (KKP)

Explore how money and power influence politics. Students are broken up into interest groups and work to win the votes of three "senators" on a proposed bill.

12:15 PM
Lunch

Early Afternoon

Visit the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial and National Mall

Buses will first go to the MLK Jr. Memorial. Then, there will be drop-offs at the The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, National Museum of Natural History, and the National Air & Space Museum, all on the National Mall. Groups can spend the afternoon at the museum(s) of their choice.



Late Afternoon

Free Time & Dinner in Georgetown

6:45 PM
Havdallah Service at a National Monument *(weather permitting)*

8:30 PM
Elective Program 1

Examples Include:

- Voting Rights: Let My People Vote!
- Gun Violence Prevention: Battling the Most Lethal Epidemic in the US
- Immigration Reform: A Global Crisis
- Reproductive Rights: The Meaning of "Choice"

9:30 PM

Chaperone Meeting

Review Sunday and Monday logistics, including transportation and the lobbying process.

9:45 PM

Free Time & Snack

10:30 PM

Meet with your congregation/group

11:00 PM

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SUNDAY

7:30 AM
Boker Tov

8:00 AM
Breakfast

8:30 AM
Storytelling for Action

Ever heard an amazing story from an activist or at a protest? Stories communicate our values and inspire others. In this program, students will learn the art of social justice storytelling and use what they've learned to make their voices heard on Capitol Hill and beyond.

9:45 AM
**Debrief & Check-in by Congregation/
Group**

10:30 AM
Elective Program 2

Examples Include:

- Mental Health: Ending the Stigma and Improving Services in Schools
- LGBTQ+ Rights: Beyond Marriage Equality; The Full Rainbow of LGBTQ+ Rights
- Antisemitism: Identifying & Combatting Prejudice
- Climate Justice: Confronting Extreme Weather

11:45 AM
Lunch

12:30 PM
Advocacy Prep – How to be an Effective Advocate

We'll learn about the legislative process through skit, song, and game show!

1:30 PM
Advocacy Prep – State Delegation Time

Visit Smithsonian Museums on National Mall

Buses will have drop-offs at the The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, National Museum of Natural History, and the National Air & Space Museum, all on the National Mall. Groups can spend the afternoon at the museum(s) of their choice.

Dinner at Westpost at National Landing – Arlington, VA

7:20 PM
Lobby Prep – Issue Briefings
Students will meet with RAC legislative staff to review important information to craft their remarks.

7:30 PM – 10:45 PM
Students write speeches & present to LAs
Students will write their lobby speeches and then review them with a member of RAC legislative staff. The RAC staff will have printers to print copies of the students' final remarks.

7:50 PM
Optional: Chaperone Meeting – Capitol Hill Review

10:45 PM
Lobby Prep Ends

11:15 PM
Lilah Tov – All students in their own rooms

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SCHEDULE

MONDAY

7:35 AM
Boker Tov

7:50 AM
Breakfast

10:00 AM – 1:45 PM
Meetings on Capitol Hill

2:00 PM
Where Do We Go From Here? – Wrap up
Students will gather on Capitol Hill to reflect on lobby day and discuss how to build on the experience once back home.

2:30 PM
L'hitraot!



Hear it from past participants!



Where can I get more info?

The logistics of the weekend

- More about the weekend can be found on our website.



- Here, you will find information about travel, meals, a packing list, a school absence note, FAQs, and testimonials from past participants.
- You can also email the L'Taken team at LTaken@rac.org



QUESTIONS/ COMMENTS?



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