

## High School Student Experience *Frequently Asked Questions*

### WHAT IS THE CONSULTATION ON CONSCIENCE?

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Consultation on Conscience is the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism's biennial social justice leadership conference. Held over three days in Washington D.C., the Consultation on Conscience is dedicated to training and empowering Jewish leaders like you to make real, lasting change at the national, state, provincial, and local levels. At the Consultation, you will build meaningful connections with other students committed to justice, learn and expand the skills you need to advocate for social change, deepen your knowledge on the critical issues facing our community, and lobby Congress together as a powerful collective force for change.

### WHAT DO WE DO ALL DAY AT CONSULTATION?

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Every day is different, and every day is a chance to build your social justice skillset. While the 2019 schedule is still in development, you can [check out the 2017 schedule](#) to get an idea of what the Consultation is like and how you might want to build your experience. You choose which workshops you go to and how you want to spend your time.

### HOW MANY PEOPLE WILL BE THERE? HOW MANY HIGH SCHOOLERS AND COLLEGE STUDENTS ARE YOU EXPECTING?

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There will be hundreds of leaders from across the Reform Jewish community in attendance, and we expect that will include around 50 high school and college students.

College students can attend at a discounted rate and join their congregation's delegation. College-aged students also have the opportunity to volunteer as Ambassadors for the Consultation. Ambassadors attend free of cost and will join the RAC staff in working to ensure that everything runs smoothly. [Learn more and apply here!](#) Space is limited.

### WHERE DO WE STAY?

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Consultation will be held at the [Grand Hyatt Washington](#) at 1000 H Street NW, Washington, DC 20001. College students can opt into the Consultation's adult room block or stay with friends in DC.

If you are a high school student coming with a family member, you can choose to stay with them in the hotel, opt into the high school room block, or arrange other accommodations as a family.

If you're coming on your own, you can opt into the hotel block we have for high school students and share a room with 2-3 others. The cost of the hotel is \$300 and college-aged resident advisors, supported by RAC staff, will be responsible for teens at night. The resident advisors will provide supervision only for students staying in the hotel block.

### HOW DO WE GET THERE?

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You should plan to arrange your own transportation to the Consultation on Conscience. The Grand Hyatt Washington is connected to the Metro Center train station through the lobby, which makes it easy to use the Red, Silver, Blue and Orange Metro lines. You can get to the hotel via the Blue Metro line from Ronald Reagan National Airport (DCA) and via the Red Metro line from Union Station. SuperShuttle airport shuttle service offers transportation from BWI and IAD airports, or you can use a rideshare service (Uber, Lyft, etc.) easily in DC.

### WHAT DOES SUPERVISION LOOK LIKE FOR HIGH SCHOOLERS?

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Consultation is different from a NFTY event or synagogue trip, in that high schoolers choose what their experience is like. Staff will not take attendance in workshops – our expectation is that you are spending a lot of money to learn and be with the



group, and you will make the most of your time by being in sessions. RAs will check in with high school students once during the day and then check everyone into their rooms at curfew in addition to roaming the floor to ensure everyone is in their rooms at night.

### **WHEN IS CURFEW FOR HIGH SCHOOLERS?**

It depends. If you opt into the high school hotel block, curfew is after all late-night programming ends each day. You will check in with a college-aged resident advisor, who will be available and staying in a room nearby if you need anything at night. Our expectation is that you will be in *your room and your room only* after check-in, and that no one enters your hotel room but the people living in it, for your safety and the security of everyone's belongings. If you choose to stay with a family member, you decide your curfew together.

### **WHO DO WE GO TO IF THERE IS AN EMERGENCY?**

Most students attending the Consultation will be there as members of their congregation's Delegation, so you will know a group of people to help you problem-solve. For those on their own and in the high school room block, you will have college-age RAs you can check in with if you need anything. Logan Zinman Gerber, the RAC's National Teen Campaign Organizer in charge of the Student Experience, will also be onsite and available in case of emergency.

### **HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?**

	<b>DEADLINES</b>	<b>PROGRAM COST</b>	<b>HOTEL COST</b>
<b>High School</b>			
<b>Flash Sale</b>	<i>November 1 - 23</i>	\$249	\$300
<b>Earlybird Registration</b>	<i>November 24 - January 30</i>	\$329	\$300
<b>Regular Registration</b>	<i>February 1 - April 8</i>	\$479	\$300
<b>Late Registration</b>	<i>April 8 - May 19</i>	\$579	\$300

There are lots of ways for you to get financial assistance. [Check out our blog post on how to pay for Consultation.](#)

### **WHAT'S THE FOOD LIKE?**

If you stay in the hotel block, some of your meals are provided by the hotel, which will be pretty standard hotel buffet food. Food is always kosher style, there will always be a vegetarian option, and we can accommodate most food needs (vegan, kosher, gluten free, dairy free) and allergies.

Some meals will be on your own. You can do your own thing, or we'll have sign-up sheets and you can choose to eat with a group of students at one of a few group restaurant reservations.

### **WHEN DO I HAVE TO REGISTER BY?**

Your best bet is to register by November 23, 2018 to get the best price! The last date you can register is May 1, 2019, or until registration is full.

### **I HAVE A QUESTION THAT'S NOT AS FREQUENT.**

We like those, too. Email [Logan Zinman Gerber](#), the RAC's National Teen Campaign Organizer, with other questions.