

## Frequently Asked Questions

### Shabbat Services

*Are there services every week?*

- We observe Shabbat together almost every week throughout the year.
- Most months we hold 3 Friday night services and a Saturday morning services on the second Saturday.
- Once a month, we do a “Nosh & Shabbat” - a potluck dinner and family-friendly service which starts early on Friday.
- Sometimes we do candle lighting, misheberach & kaddish together via Zoom.
- Visit <https://ljcc.shulcloud.com/events> for upcoming service dates and times.

*How do you have services without a rabbi?*

- Our services are lay led by congregants.
- We are happy to help other folks learn how to lead services - just let the Ritual Committee know that you are interested.

*Are services more Reform or Conservative?*

- Service leaders chose which of the prayer books they want to use and how they want to conduct the service. The website usually specifies who will be leading and you will come to learn the style of each service leader.



### Sanctuary

*Why isn't the sanctuary used for services?*

- Our sanctuary is on the second floor and we only have a chair lift available for folks with mobility issues.

*Is there a plan to put in an elevator?*

- We do not have a current fundraising campaign to cover the cost of installing an elevator. But we are considering one for the future.



### Children

*How do I know when is it appropriate to bring children?*

- If a service or event is noted as “family friendly” then we expect that lots of children, including littles, will be at the event.
- Children are welcome at all services and events that are not specifically noted as adult events.

*Can we use the Religious School area to play with our children during services?*

- Yes, children are welcome to play in the Religious School common area. We ask that you tidy up before you leave.
- Unless babysitting is provided, you are responsible for supervising young children.

### Attire

*What should I wear to services and other events?*

- You will see a range of dress styles when you attend. In general, Lawrence and the LJCC tend to be a little less formal than other congregations. You are welcome to wear the clothes that make you comfortable.
- We do not have a dress code or set expectations about attire.
- The publicity for some events may suggest attire - those are recommendations not requirements.
- We want you to attend when you are able, and not stay home because you can't wear what you think is appropriate.

## RSVPs

*Why is there an RSVP for every in-person event?*

- RSVPs let us make sure we are set up for everyone.
- RSVPs let us make a registration list which we use for safety purposes.
- RSVPs give us a contact list if we need to reach folks about last minute changes.

*Can I come if I didn't RSVP?*

- For all services and most events, we are happy to see you, even if you didn't RSVP.
- If an event is noted as "RSVP Required," you may not be able to attend, depending on the circumstances.

*Why do some events have a donation option with the RSVP?*

- Some of our events involve more expenses than others. So, we offer the opportunity for registrants to donate to help cover that additional cost.
- When we provide the option for donating, you are welcome, but not required, to make one.

*What do I do if I want to attend an event with a registration cost but cannot afford to attend?*

- We ask for payment to register for events that are expensive or are fundraisers.
- If you want to participate, but cannot afford to pay the set cost, please contact the President or Treasurer to make alternative arrangements.



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## Food

*Who provides food for O'neg Shabbats and Kiddush Luncheons?*

- Anyone can offer to host a Friday night O'neg Shabbat or Saturday afternoon Kiddush lunch.
- Hosts can either bring the food or contribute and have the LJCC purchase the food.
- Contact Lara Giordano if you would like to host.

*What's the expectation for bringing food to potlucks?*

- If you can bring an item for a potluck meal, we encourage you to do so.
- If you're not able to bring something, please come anyway.
- It will help us plan if you say what you are planning to bring when you RSVP for an event - use the notes section of the form.
- All food brought in for potlucks and other events must be dairy or parve.

*What does Dairy or Parve mean - and can you explain the level of kosher observation at the LJCC?*

- Our members have a wide range of kosher observation and dietary practices. We want the food we serve at the LJCC to be available to the greatest number of people, so we have chosen to make our kitchen "dairy or parve."
- *Dairy* means items have an animal milk product (milk, cream, half & half, and cheese) in them. *Parve* means the items do not have any meat or dairy ingredients but may have kosher fish or eggs. Vegetarian and vegan food are always appropriate. Pork and shellfish, along with meat & poultry that have not been slaughtered and prepared in accordance with the rules of kashrut are "treif" and not permitted.
- We observe kosher-style practice. That means that everything that comes into the LJCC or is served at the LJCC does not need to have a hechsher (kosher symbol) on it. It is kosher enough for all the ingredients in the food to be kosher (that is, not treyf).
- The kitchen is not under strict kosher supervision. We rely on everyone's best effort to not bring treyf items and keep the kitchen kosher
- All meals served at the LJCC must be dairy or parve unless the Ritual Committee has approved the arrangements for serving a kosher meat meal.