

BBYO South Jersey Region (SJR) | Conclave Convention 2021
Frequently Asked Questions

IMPORTANT DATES + REGISTRATION

- **When is Conclave 2021?** Conclave takes place **Friday, December 10 through Sunday, December 12**. Programming will begin Friday evening, continue through Saturday and conclude on Sunday, with plenty of breaks in between.
- **What are the important dates to know?**
 - **Monday, October 18:** Registration opens.
 - **Standard Pricing (\$275):** [Register here!](#)
 - Standard Pricing includes all convention costs and standard rooming (four participants per room).
 - **Limited Roommate Pricing (\$375):** [Register here!](#)
 - Limited Roommate Pricing includes all convention costs plus a guarantee that you will only have one roommate (two participants per room). We have a limited amount of these rooms available and everyone in a double room will be rooming with someone else who has also paid the Limited Roommate pricing.
 - **Sunday, November 7:** Scholarship applications due by 11:59pm. [Apply for scholarship here!](#)
 - **Tuesday, November 8:** Scholarship allocations announced.
 - **Sunday, November 14:** Regular registration closed at 11:59 PM. After this date, the standard pricing option will increase.
 - **Monday, November 15:** Late registration price goes into effect for the standard pricing option. The cost of standard pricing will now be \$299.
 - **Sunday, November 21:** Registration closes at 11:59pm. After this date, partial refunds are available but not guaranteed.
 - **Tuesday, November 30:** As of this date, no refunds will be given.
 - **Friday, December 3:** Anyone arriving late or leaving early, [must fill out this Google Form.](#)
- **Are there scholarships?** Need-based scholarships are available. Applications are due by Sunday, November 7 at 11:59 PM.
 - [You can apply for scholarship here.](#) Applying for scholarship confirms your registration. Late applications will not be accepted for any reason. Your scholarship serves as your registration- you do not need to pay anything until you have received your scholarship allocation. Scholarship awards will be announced on Monday, November 8..
- **What is the cancellation/refund policy?** The deadline to cancel with a full program refund is the final registration deadline (Sunday, November 21). Until that date, full refunds will be granted for cancellations in writing (email is acceptable) for any reason. After the registration deadline (Sunday, November 21st), partial refunds may be available based on convention expenses already paid (venue, transportation, etc.). Within ten days of convention (Tuesday, November 30th) we've already confirmed final counts with our vendors, and no refunds will be given. "No shows" will not receive a refund.

- **Are there an unlimited number of convention spots?** No, we have a limited number of hotel room spaces available. After registration is full, we will begin a waitlist. Please note that spots are further limited for our Limited Roommate Pricing option.
- **What are the precautions BBYO is taking to protect participants from COVID-19?**
 - Our top priority is to keep everyone healthy and safe. Based on the CDC and BBYO guidelines, and our own experience and ability, we are moving forward with convention by doing the following:
 - All convention participants, staff, volunteers and speakers are required to have the COVID-19 vaccine.
 - Masks will be required throughout the weekend in exception to when we are eating and when participants are sleeping.
 - Hand washing and sanitizer will be abundantly available (and encouraged frequently).
- **What if someone needs to arrive late or leave early?** We understand that members have other activities and commitments throughout the weekend. Participants are allowed to arrive late, leave early, or leave and come back as long as they are picked up by a parent or guardian as participants are **not** permitted to drive themselves to/from Conclave. Additionally, we are not able to offer any prorated rates if a participant must miss parts of the convention.
 - Anyone who is arriving late or leaving early [must fill out this Google Form](#) by **Friday, December 3**.
- **Why does a convention cost money?** Great question! The convention fee helps cover hotel meeting and overnight rooms, six meals (Friday and Saturday dinner, Saturday breakfast, Saturday lunch, Sunday breakfast, and Sunday lunch) and plenty of snacks, convention supplies (programming materials, software purchased for convention, etc), guest speakers and workshop programming, staff, songleaders, and more.
 - Extensive scholarship is available, and we strongly encourage you to apply. There is an opportunity to list why you are applying for a scholarship (COVID-related barriers, teen paying for convention, family expenses, etc.) that may paint a bigger picture than your AGI.

OTHER FAQ

- **Who is Conclave for?** Conclave is for every Jewish teen involved with BBYO. Chapter leaders, chapter members, new members, seniors, and all members in between are invited and encouraged to attend! No leadership role or prior program participation is required to attend. Teens must be [registered members](#) of BBYO to attend convention.
- **Why should I attend Conclave?** BBYO conventions are one of the things that teens look forward to most during the school year. Conventions are planned and led by teens and are an opportunity for our region to come together as a community. Conventions provide teens with meaningful Jewish experiences and friendships that they will remember for years to come.
- **Where will I be?** At the [Westin Mt Laurel](#)
- **How will I get there?** As this event is local to our region, SJR is not providing bus transportation for this event. All teens will be dropped off and picked up, though carpools are encouraged! Participants are **not** permitted to drive themselves to/from Conclave. Final information about drop off and pick up will be provided the week of convention.
- **What are BBYO's community standards?** Linked here is BBYO's [Code of Conduct](#) as well as our current [Covid-19 Guidelines](#).

- **I want to request a roommate! How can I make that happen?** There is a spot on registration for teens to request roommates. Please type in the first AND last name of the person you'd like to room with. We can only accommodate mutual requests, meaning the person you request must request you, too. We will do our best to honor requests but cannot make any guarantees. Please note that if you are registering through the Limited Roommate Pricing, both roommates must have registered at that pricing level in order to be roomed together.
 - Please also note all participants are permitted ONE roommate request. For Limited Roommate Pricing, as long as that request is mutual and both teens register for Limited Roommate Pricing, they should be able to room together. For Standard Pricing, teens are still only permitted one request. If that request is mutual and both teens have registered at Standard Pricing level, we will do our best to keep those teens together and pair them up with another two teens to complete their room.
- **Is the food Kosher?** All food at conventions are kosher-style, meaning dairy and meat are not served together. However, the food served may not be cooked in a kosher kitchen. If you/your teens require strictly kosher food, please email Regional Staff at sjr@bbyo.org
- **My teen has a dietary restriction and/or allergy. Can you accommodate?** Yes - similar to the strict kosher option, we will ensure vegetarian, vegan, gluten-free, dairy-free meals are available if the Office is notified in advance. Please make sure to note this in the appropriate field in registration to ensure we can accommodate for your teen. All BBYO programs and events are nut-free.
- **My teen takes medication. What is your process for handling medication?** Teens are expected to self-administer their own prescription medication throughout the course of the convention weekend. We will not be collecting and distributing medication during the convention unless we receive a specific request from a teen's parent. If you would like to speak about your teen's medication needs, please contact us.

COVID-19 QUESTIONS

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- **What is BBYO's COVID-19 vaccination policy?** As of August 2021, BBYO is requiring all teens, staff, and advisors attending any overnight programs (chapter, city, council, regional, and international programs) based in the United States to be fully vaccinated (vaccination date plus two weeks). Currently, Moderna, Pfizer, Astra Zeneca, or Johnson & Johnson are the accepted vaccines.
- **Can my child present a negative PCR test in place of a vaccination to attend Conclave?**
No. A COVID- 19 vaccination is required to participate in overnight programs.

- **Are medical exemptions allowed for the vaccination policy?** Yes. Each request will be reviewed by BBYO's medical advisors. Parents will need to [complete this form](#) and submit documentation from a medical doctor providing the specific details preventing the participant from getting the vaccination.
- **How will teens show proof of COVID vaccinations?** As part of the registration process for Conclave, parents will need to sign off on BBYO's [vaccine acknowledgement form here](#). This form will only need to be completed once, so if you have already completed it, you do not need to do so again. Teens with incomplete vaccine acknowledgement forms will not be permitted to attend Conclave, unless they have been approved by BBYO's medical advisors for a medical exemption.