



Jewish Culture Fest: Frequently Asked Questions

Do I have to be Jewish to attend?

You do not have to be Jewish! In fact, we invite anyone who wants to celebrate Jewish culture to join us.

How much does the festival cost to attend?

This is a free event and there is no charge to attend the Jewish Culture Fest. Food, beverages, and some activities will come with a cost. Tickets will be available for purchase for activities including facepainting, balloon twisting, shofar factory, and whiskey tasting.

How much do tickets for activities cost?

Activities in the Kids Zone include facepainting and balloon twisting and will cost \$5 per activity. Other activities that come with a cost include a whiskey tasting (\$15 per person) and shofar factory (\$10 per person).

What type of security will be at the event?

Like many Jewish events in today's world, there will be security on site. There will be bag checks upon entry, and Providence Police and a private security firm will be on premises.

Is this a political event?

No! This event is a celebration of Jewish culture that will highlight music, dancing, food and more. We ask that everyone respect the intention of the day so that this can be an enjoyable event for everyone who attends.

Where is the festival happening?

The festival will be in front of the Bonnie & Donald Dwares JCC located at 401 Elmgrove Avenue, on the East Side of Providence. The area of Elmgrove Avenue directly in front of the building will be closed to traffic (Sessions Street – Savoy Street).

Will there be food/drinks/alcohol available?

Yes! Kosher and kosher-style food, drinks, and alcohol (21+ with proper ID) will be available for purchase throughout the day.

Where can I park?

The surrounding streets of the festival have plenty of parking. It is a residential area, so please do not block driveways.

Will there be restrooms?

Restrooms are located inside the JCC.

Are pets allowed at the festival?

Due to the anticipated crowd size and outdoor vendor booths, we ask that you leave your pets at home. Service dogs are allowed with proper documentation.

Can I pay with cash or with credit card at the festival for food/beverages/vendors?

Cash and credit will be accepted by food vendors/booths.



Artisans and marketplace vendors will vary.

What happens if it rains?

The Jewish Culture Fest will take place rain or shine. If the weather does not cooperate, we will move the event indoors (401 Elmgrove Avenue, Providence).

What time is the festival open and when are things happening?

The Jewish Culture Fest will run from 11:00am – 4:00pm. Please consult the festival schedule for specific performance times.

Can I bring a lawn chair or blanket?

Yes! We will have seating available in designated areas, but attendees can bring lawn chairs and blankets.

Can I take a tour of the JCC?

Yes! We will have guided group tours of the JCC at 11:15am and 1:15pm. Space is limited; [sign up here to save your spot](#).

Are there any events/activities taking place indoors?

While the majority of Jewish Culture Fest takes place outside, there will be several things happening inside the JCC including building tours, a shofar making factory, and tours of the Sandra Bornstein Holocaust Education Center.

Is this event accessible?

The outdoor portion of the festival will take place on the street and in the area surrounding our building. For indoor activities, our building is accessible through the front entrance, with easy access to elevators.