

The Jewish Cultural Coalition at Arizona State University



A Complete Guide

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A Brief History:

The Jewish Cultural Coalition is an initiative that has been in the works since August 2020. When USG Senate Resolution 05 passed, it catalyzed the creation of a coalition specifically for Jewish Students in order to unite them all under one common name and goal. Different Jewish leaders from a variety of Jewish organizations on campus have worked tirelessly throughout the 2020-2021 school year to create the coalition, and as of March 2021, the coalition has officially been established.

The Jewish Cultural Coalition, which will also be referred to as the JCC, is designed to be an inclusive organization in which ALL Jewish students are able to address their concerns, have their voices heard, and find their place in the Jewish community. While some people may not feel that the Jewish organizations on campus are right for them, the JCC is designed to be adaptable and fitting to everyone.

In this pamphlet, students will be able to find information about the JCC, its founding leaders, its structure, its constitution, points of contact, and how to get involved. We urge all members of the Jewish Community to get personally involved in the JCC in order to stay updated on events and hot topics within the Jewish Community, meet leadership and other Jewish individuals, address any and all concerns they may have as a Jewish student on campus, and become more active members of the community.

Who Are We?

The JCC is made up of delegates and officers. Each member organization of the coalition is able to appoint one member from their individual organization to represent them as a delegate within the JCC. Delegate appointments are the responsibility of that specific organization's president. Additionally, the general community members involved in the JCC who may not be part of any organization can seek appointment from within the general membership of the JCC. When a member is appointed in this way, they will be representing the Jewish community at large, rather than an individual organization. The two appointees from among the Jewish community at large

will become delegates of the JCC, representing the needs of the general members, rather than an organization.

Once all delegates are appointed, they will meet amongst themselves and with the leadership of the previous year's JCC to vote on executive officers. The three positions available for executive officers are as follows: President, Vice President of Internal Affairs, and Vice President of External Affairs. These three positions will be voted on by the delegation of the JCC, and any delegates are eligible to run for any of these positions.

When three delegates advance to executive positions, the member organizations that they belong to will be required to appoint a new delegate, because once a delegate becomes an officer, they no longer represent their individual organization, but rather the needs and demands of the JCC. Similarly, if a "member at large" delegate is appointed as an officer, the member body will then appoint a new delegate to take their place as the community representative as they advance to a more demanding executive position.

Community members will be able to enroll in the JCC as general body members by filling out an interest form year-round. To access this interest form, potential members are urged to reach out to the JCC via instagram or email. The interest form will also be found in the JCC bio link all year.

How To Get Involved:

General Membership: In order to become a general member of the JCC, interested individuals should fill out the JCC interest form found in the JCC instagram bio or [here](#). After the interest form is filled out, someone from the JCC will be in contact with you to initiate your membership.

Delegate: The delegate position is more exclusive than general membership. Delegates serve on the Executive Board of the JCC. In order to see the rules that delegates must follow, please refer to Article III Section 3 of our constitution below. There are two ways to become a delegate of the JCC. First, the president of that organization will have to appoint the person who they see most fit to represent their organization's needs within the JCC. Once that person is appointed, they will serve on the board of the JCC. The JCC asks that presidents of organizations ONLY appoint delegates who they believe will put in the necessary time and effort to the needs of the JCC. Delegates who fail to complete their responsibilities within the JCC may possibly be removed from their positions. The other way to become a delegate of the JCC is by being a member of the General Body. Every semester, the member body will vote on two of their own members to serve as delegates of the Jewish community at large in the JCC. Members of the body may

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submit an application to show their interest in becoming a delegate, and then will begin campaigning for votes from among the body. The body will vote on the two members who they deem most fit to represent the community at large. These two members will then become delegates.

*Please refer to Article IV Section 2 of the constitution below to find an in depth description of the role of delegates within the JCC. Please refer to Article V of the constitution for further information about elections and appointments. If there are any further questions, please contact us via email.

Executive Officers: Executive Officers of the JCC will be elected after all delegates are chosen, as they will be selected from the pool of delegates. There are three executive positions: President (at times, there may be co-presidents in the case of a tie or other extraordinary circumstances), Vice President of Internal Affairs, and Vice President of External Affairs. These positions will be detailed in a section below. Each of the delegates may campaign to get one of these positions, and the delegate pool will vote for the candidates they believe are the best fit for each position. The vote will be counted by an executive officer of the previous academic year under the supervision of the club advisor (or, if no previous executive is available, the club advisor will perform the count independently). The applications for these positions will be reviewed by all three executive officers of the previous academic year, as well as by the club advisor, to ensure that the candidates are qualified for the position. Once votes are counted, the new Officers will assume their positions, and the organization from which they were delegated will appoint new delegates to fill their spots. For more information on Executive Officers, please see the section below titled "Executive Positions" and refer to Article IV Section One of the below constitution. The constitution is to be reviewed and revised by the new executive officers at the beginning of each academic year if necessary. Please refer to Article V of the constitution for further information about elections and appointments.

Enrolling Your Club: If a Jewish majority or Jewish focused club on campus would like to join the JCC as a member organization, there are a few requirements that must be met. Organizations that join the JCC must actively demonstrate their participation in fighting against antisemitism, as defined by the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance, or IHRA. If the organization can prove the fulfillment of that requirement, they must also demonstrate that they either are a Jewish majority organization, or that they have Jewish members on their Executive board. These requirements will ensure that the JCC sticks to its goal of amplifying Jewish voices, and does not allow non-Jewish voices to make decisions on behalf of the Jewish

community. If an organization meets these requirements, they should fill out the Member Organization Interest Form found in the JCC instagram bio, or [here](#).

Executive Positions:

President: The President of the JCC has a large responsibility. The president will oversee any and all actions of the JCC. The president is responsible for planning events of the JCC, and may delegate tasks to the VPs and delegates. Further responsibilities of the President include, but are not limited to, creating a meeting agenda to send out to the delegates and VPs before every meeting, approving marketing and social media materials, creating relationships with other organizations and minority groups, facilitating outreach, overseeing the tasks of the VPs, maintaining communication among the Executive officers, and ensuring that each delegate and VP is fulfilling their duties. The president will also check the JCC email at least once a week, and check all forms that the JCC has published weekly to review new responses.

Vice President of Internal Affairs: The Vice President of Internal Affairs is responsible for ensuring the collaboration of the JCC with the entirety of the Jewish community. The main focus of the VP of Internal Affairs is inclusivity, constant communication and feedback between the JCC and the people they represent. Once a semester, the VP of Internal Affairs will host a town hall with the Jewish community. This town hall should serve as an open forum for students to express their concerns and communicate to the JCC which initiatives they find important. The VP of Internal Affairs is also in charge of ensuring that members of the community know that the JCC is a resource for them if they experience Anti Semitism. Most tasks of this VP position will consist of collecting and gathering data from Jewish students.

Vice President of External Affairs: The VP of External Affairs is responsible for all external matters surrounding the JCC. Some examples of responsibilities of the VP of External Affairs are managing the JCC social media, reviewing all messages that the JCC gets on social media and passing them along to the president if necessary, creating social media posts for the JCC, growing the JCC social media platforms, promoting events of member organizations on JCC social media, creating marketing material for the JCC for social media, creating physical marketing materials for the JCC, advertising and marketing all JCC events on JCC social media, and collaborating with the JCC president on any tasks they may delegate to you. Communication with the president should occur often. The president must approve all marketing materials and posts that go up on JCC social media. Both VPs should meet with the President biweekly.

Our Goals:

Support the ASU Jewish community and our interests by fostering communication with the ASU administration.

Facilitate Greater Connection between Jewish organizations and Jewish students.

Promote Community Engagement by Jewish organizations and students.

Create and foster a safe and collaborative environment for Jewish students to celebrate their diverse identities.

Stand against antisemitism and other forms of bigotry.

Represent and protect the Jewish community of ASU.

Our Purpose:

The purpose of this organization shall be to provide a safe space for Jewish students to celebrate and embrace their diverse Jewish identities, provide resources for Jewish students to connect with their heritage, history, and culture, create a united body of Jewish student voices that can stand up against antisemitism, and establish a permanent institutional connection between the Jewish community and the Arizona State University administration. By advocating on behalf of the ASU Jewish community the Jewish Cultural Coalition will strive to ensure that every Jewish student has the opportunity to pursue their education in a constructive and inclusive environment.

Constitution:



Arizona State University Jewish Cultural Coalition Constitution

PREAMBLE

We, the Jewish students of ASU, in order to form the Jewish Cultural Coalition, do hereby establish this Constitution to govern the matters within our organization. In doing so, we dedicate ourselves towards the maintenance of a vibrant Jewish community on all 4 ASU campuses, towards combating bigotry and antisemitism both against our community and against others, and towards reversing the detrimental effects of assimilation on the Jewish community. As we work to achieve this vision we agree to abide by the regulations and policies of Arizona State University.

Article I - Name and Purpose

Section 1 **Name:** The name of this organization shall be The Jewish Cultural Coalition at Arizona State University, a collaboration of recognized Jewish student run organizations hereafter referred to as JCC.

Section 2 **Purpose Statement:** The purpose of this organization shall be to provide a **safe space** for Jewish students to celebrate and embrace **their diverse Jewish identity**, **provide resources** for Jewish students to **connect with their heritage, history, and culture**, create a united body of Jewish student voices that can **stand up against antisemitism**, and establish a **permanent institutional connection** between the Jewish community and the Arizona State University administration. By **advocating** on behalf of the ASU Jewish community the Jewish Cultural Coalition will strive to ensure that every Jewish student has the opportunity to pursue their education in a **constructive** and **inclusive** environment.

Article II – Non-Discrimination Statement

Section 1 Membership and all privileges, including voting and officer positions, must be extended to all students without regard to age, ethnicity, gender, disability, color, national origin, race, religion, sexual orientation, or veteran status. Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972, Section 106.14, makes an exception for social fraternities and sororities, in regard to gender, for membership criteria. Religious student organizations will not be denied registration solely because they limit membership or leadership positions to students who share the same religious beliefs. These groups, however, may not discriminate in membership or leadership on any other prohibited basis (i.e., age, ethnicity, gender, disability, color, national origin, race, sexual orientation, or veteran status).

Article III – Membership

Section 1 **General Membership:** Membership in the Jewish Cultural Coalition shall be extended to the following:

- A. Any recognized Jewish club or cultural organization at ASU. New organizations shall be inducted into the JCC by a 2/3 vote of the officers and delegates present.
 - a. For the purposes of this article, “recognized Jewish club or cultural organization” refers to those organizations which promote Jewish cultural or religious activities and/or actively work to oppose antisemitism.

- B. Any ASU Student in good standing with the University who supports the objectives of the Jewish Cultural Coalition and attends the regular meetings of the Jewish Cultural Coalition. Students may be formally inducted into this organization after attending two (2) regular meetings of the JCC.

Section 2 **Associate Members:** Associate members of the Jewish Cultural Coalition shall include professional staff of registered Jewish organizations within the Jewish Cultural Coalition. Associate members will be entitled to attend all meetings of the JCC, but shall not be allowed to run for office or vote in elections.

Section 3 **Membership Accountability:** Membership requirements for each member shall be reviewed each semester to ensure that all members of the JCC are adhering to the expectations listed below. Members will be reminded of these expectations at the end of each semester. If the members fail to meet any of these requirements, they shall be removed from their position for a probationary period or permanently, depending on the nature of the violation.

- a) Delegates and officers of the Jewish Cultural Coalition must be a full time student, meaning they are enrolled in at least 12 credit hours at Arizona State University each semester.
- b) Delegates and officers must have achieved at least a sophomore standing with the University to be eligible for a position, meaning they have completed twenty four or more credit hours.
- c) Delegates must be in good academic and disciplinary standing with the university, and maintain at least a 2.5 GPA
- d) Officers must be in good academic and disciplinary standing with the university, and maintain at least a 3.0 GPA
- e) General members must remain in good disciplinary standing with the University.

Article IV - Executive Officers and Organization Delegates

Section 1 **Executive Officers:** The executive officers of the Jewish Coalition will include a President, a Vice President of Internal Affairs, and a Vice President of External Affairs.

The President shall be responsible for representing the organization publicly and shall serve as the chair for all meetings of the Coalition. Should there be a tie in the vote for President, or should another circumstance arise in which the elected President requests additional assistance, the office of President may be held by two individuals jointly as co-Presidents.

The Vice President of Internal Affairs shall be responsible for regulating membership, managing the internal JCC calendar, and communicating with leaders of the Jewish organizations which comprise the JCC.

The President and Vice President of Internal Affairs will be jointly responsible for representing the JCC before the Council of Coalitions at such a time as the JCC has been inducted into the Council of Coalitions.

The Vice President of External Affairs shall be responsible for managing the JCC's social media and marketing efforts.

Section 2 **Organization Delegates:** The organization delegates of the Jewish Coalition will include one (1) representative from each organization under the JCC and two (2) delegates from the Jewish community at large.

The role of delegates shall be to represent the interests of their respective organizations and community members. They shall be responsible for maintaining consistent communication with the leaders of their appointing organizations and/or their community constituents.

Section 3 **Term of Office:** Officers will serve in office for a term of one year. For example, officers may start their position in August 2020-August 2021. Delegates will serve for one semester at a time, but may be reappointed at the discretion of their club's President.

Section 4 **Impeachment and Removal from Office:** If any officer is found to be in violation of this Constitution, any additional Coalition Bylaws or the ASU Student Code of Conduct, the officer will receive a probational warning, by means of which they will be placed under probation for a period of between 1-3 weeks based on the nature and gravity of the violation. The length of this period will be determined by a majority vote of the delegates. If said officer violates probation or receives a second offense, they will be subject to an impeachment trial upon a $\frac{3}{4}$ vote of the delegates in favor of impeachment. A unanimous vote of the delegates is required to remove them from office. Delegates from each organization and delegates at large will vote in cases of impeachment.

If any delegate is found in violation of this Constitution, any additional Coalition Bylaws or the ASU Student Code of Conduct, then an officer may cite the delegate for malfeasance. Once a delegate is cited, they are required to meet with the 3 officers and the President of the organization they represent. The delegate may plead their case, followed by a vote by the acting executive officers. A threshold of $\frac{2}{3}$ of the officers must be met in order to remove a delegate. A delegate may also be removed at any time by the President of their respective organization for cause.

Section 5 **Vacancies:** In the case of a vacancy in an executive position, the delegates of the coalition will hold an election for a new officer from among the current officers and delegates. The new officer will then serve for the duration of the term in which the election takes place. Before any such vote takes place, the line of succession shall proceed as follows:

- 1- President
- 2 - Vice President of Internal Affairs
- 3 - Vice President of External Affairs

In case of a vacancy of a delegate, the President of the delegate's respective organization shall appoint a new delegate for the duration of the original term. If the President is unable to appoint a new delegate, they must be prepared to assume the role and responsibilities of a delegate until they are able to fill the position. For delegates at large, a special election shall be held at the next regular meeting to select a new delegate for the duration of the original term.

Article V - Elections and Appointments

Section 1 **Elections:** Elections for executive positions will be held once a year in the month of August. Delegates from each organization shall be appointed by the acting

president of that organization and at large delegates will be elected by and from among the non-delegate members of the JCC. Immediately following these appointments and elections, executive elections shall be held among the delegates. For executive positions, only delegates are eligible to run, and a vote will be held among the delegation to elect the three executives each year. Upon taking office, the new officers shall relinquish their previous positions as delegates.

Section 2 **Appointments:** Delegates shall be appointed at the beginning of each semester by the Presidents of their respective organizations.

Section 3 **Special Elections:** In the event of an executive vacancy, the delegates will elect a new officer to fill that vacancy at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Jewish Cultural Coalition.

Section 4 **Election Procedures:** Delegates must be in good standing to vote and run for executive office. Each delegate thus qualified is eligible to run for an executive position and shall receive one (1) vote in the executive election. Each delegate who is running for an executive office will be allowed to give a brief speech on why they are the best person to hold that position. When all such speeches have concluded, the delegation will hold an anonymous vote submitted to the organization's advisor. The votes will be counted and whoever receives the most votes for each position will become the new officer.

Article VI - Meetings

Section 1 **Meeting Frequency:** Meetings of the Jewish Cultural Coalition shall be held biweekly. At the beginning of each semester the President will propose a regular meeting time which must be approved by a $\frac{2}{3}$ vote of the delegates.

Section 2 **Meeting Procedures:** Prior to every meeting, one of the three executive officers must email the delegates a meeting agenda at least twenty-four hours in advance. Delegates and officers must come prepared with any relevant updates regarding their specific duties and responsibilities. Meetings will be held in the office space provided to the JCC inside of the Student Pavilion unless otherwise designated by the President. Failure to attend at more than two meetings per semester will result in a citation of the delegate or officer, unless the matter is otherwise discussed or extenuating circumstances are presented.

Section 3 **Decision-Making Process:** All meetings will be conducted in a collaborative manner, with every delegate and officer receiving a chance to speak on each issue. Whenever practicable, every general member of the coalition will also be allowed to speak on every issue, at the discretion of the chair. When a matter governed by ordinary procedure comes to a vote, all delegates and officers will have one (1) vote. If there is a tie, the President may break the tie.

Article VII – Advisors

- Section 1** **Number of advisors:** The JCC shall have one (1) faculty/staff advisor who shall be approved by a majority vote of the delegates. At such a time as the JCC is inducted into the Council of Coalitions, the JCC shall be provided with an advisor by the University. At such a time, section 2 of this article shall be rendered inoperative.
- Section 2** **Method of selecting the advisor:** The JCC shall select an advisor from among ASU faculty and staff who are members or allies of the Jewish community. The President of the JCC shall interview and approve any such advisor before putting the matter to a vote of the delegates. If, at any time when an advisor is to be appointed, there are no sitting officers or delegates, the matter shall be decided by the unanimous consent of all JCC members.
- Section 3** **Duties and responsibilities of the advisor:** The advisor shall be responsible for attending meetings of the JCC and providing advice based upon their professional opinion, facilitating connections between JCC leadership and the ASU administration, and facilitating connections between the JCC leadership and the broader Jewish community.

Article VIII – Amendments and Review

- Section 1** **Amendments:** Any amendments to this Constitution must be proposed by an officer, approved by a $\frac{2}{3}$ vote of the delegates present and ratified by a $\frac{3}{4}$ vote of the Presidents of the clubs comprising the JCC. However, in no case shall an amendment be made to Article II Section 1 without the approval of the University, nor shall any organization within the JCC be deprived of their right to a delegate in this coalition.
- Section 2** **Review:** At the end of every academic year the outgoing President and faculty advisor shall review this constitution and propose any relevant amendments for the next cohort of JCC leaders to consider.

Article IX - Ratification and Adoption

- Section 1** This Constitution is hereby adopted and ratified by the general membership of the Jewish Cultural Coalition.