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Jewish American Council Launches at Democratic National Committee

New council will organize, engage and amplify Jewish Democrats across the country

First event will be at 2027 Winter DNC Meeting in Washington, D.C., 1/ 28–30, 2027

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Democratic National Committee Chair Ken Martin announced on Thursday the creation of the DNC Jewish American Council, a new constituency council dedicated to organizing and engaging Jewish Democrats, strengthening Jewish representation within the Democratic Party, and ensuring Jewish Americans have a meaningful voice in the party's work nationwide.

“Following many months of engagement with DNC members around the country, I’m pleased to welcome the Jewish American Council as a new constituency council of the DNC,” said Martin. “The Council will serve as an important outreach and advocacy body, and I’m grateful to the many members who shared their perspectives throughout this process.”

The Council will be led by Adam Goldwyn, a member of the North Dakota State House of Representatives and Chair of the North Dakota Democratic Non-Partisan League Party; Steph Newton, the City Council President of Albany, Oregon as Vice Chair; and Sam Crunkilton of Nevada as Secretary.

“Jewish Americans have a long and proud history of fighting for a better and more just America. The formation of this new Jewish American Council honors Jewish Americans’ contributions to the Democratic Party in that fight,” said Goldwyn. “This Council will support critical organizing needs to win elections and ensure Jewish Americans know that a vote for their Democratic candidate is a vote for their values, including the continued fight against the rising tide of antisemitism we’ve seen in recent years. Thank you to Chair Martin and the DNC for working with us to create this Council.”

The Jewish American Council will serve as a national home for Jewish Democrats within the DNC, bringing together members from communities across the country to build relationships, support organizing efforts, develop programming, and advocate around issues affecting Jewish Americans.

“For generations, Jewish Americans have found a political home in the Democratic Party because our values are deeply connected to the work of building a more just, free, and compassionate country,” said Newton, “but this is also a moment when many Jewish Americans are feeling anxious, isolated, or uncertain about where we belong. We want them to hear clearly: you belong here. Your voice matters here. And you should never have to choose between being proudly Jewish and being a part of this party. This Council is about building that sense of community while making sure Jewish Democrats have a meaningful voice in the future of our party.”

The Council will work to reflect the breadth and diversity of Jewish life in America, creating space for Jewish Democrats from different communities, backgrounds, traditions, and perspectives to participate in the party and in the Council’s work.

“Jewish Democrats are organizing and leading in communities across this country, and this Council gives us an opportunity to bring that energy together nationally,” said Crunkilton. “We want to build a Council that is welcoming, active, and useful to Jewish Democrats, our state parties, and Democratic candidates up and down the ballot.”

The Council will hold its first in-person meeting during the 2027 Winter DNC Meeting in Washington, D.C., January 28–30, 2027. Additional information about membership, bylaws, programming, and upcoming events will be announced in the coming months.

Jewish American Democrats interested in joining the Council can become members here: [<https://forms.gle/oJ6NTQ7DZp6sn8dh9>].

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About the Jewish American Council

The Jewish American Council is a constituency council of the Democratic National Committee dedicated to engaging, organizing, and amplifying Jewish Democrats across the United States. The Council works to strengthen Jewish American participation in the Democratic Party, support Democratic organizing and electoral efforts, combat antisemitism, and create a national community for Jewish American Democrats.