ECE-RJ 2022 San Diego Conference Frequently Asked Questions



Meal Selection and Food Restrictions

Notation of any dietary restrictions will be made during the registration process. For any severe allergies, please note that in the registration and we will be in touch with you prior to the conference. Meal Selection will be sent to all registrants at a later date.

When are the registration fees due?

- Early Bird fees must be received and paid in full by July 31, 2022, to qualify for this rate.
- Regular registration fees must be received and paid in full by September 15, 2022, to qualify for this rate.
- All late payments must be received by October 3, 2022.

Is there financial assistance available?

With the need for COVID mitigation, AV, and increased food costs, the cost of running a conference has unfortunately increased in the last 2 years. We do not want price to be a barrier to any who would like to join us, and therefore are offering different fees so you can choose which is most comfortable for you. We are estimating that over 120 Directors, Assistant Directors and over 75 teachers and will be joining us for this conference – we would love for you to be one of them! If you would like to request scholarship beyond the pricing that has been listed on the registration, please select the "Further Assistance" option AND complete the <u>Scholarship Form</u> to apply.

Who should I contact if I have any questions regarding registration, payments or the conference itself?

The ECE-RJ 2022 San Diego Conference promises to be extraordinary and we are all excited you are going to be part of the learning, networking, and sharing and fun! If you have any questions, please check our website and if you don't find the answer there, feel free to contact Tricia Ginis, Executive Director, tginis@urj.org.

What does my conference fee include?

- Registration and resource materials
- Scholar-in-Residence, speakers and musical guests
- 4 days of inspiration, learning and connection
- School Tours:
 - o Friday evening November 4, 2022: Congregation Beth Israel's Bill & Sid Ruben Preschool
 - Saturday November 5, 2022, Grossmont College Child Development Center
- Shabbat experience Friday evening and Saturday morning
- Meals included in the pricing: Dinner and Welcome event Wednesday evening, Lunch on Thursday, Lunch on Friday, Shabbat Dinner on Friday, Brunch/Lunch on Saturday

What is NOT included in my conference fee?

- Breakfast Thursday and Friday
- Thursday dinner Dine-a- Round (attendee pay)
- Saturday dinner

How does the Dine-A-Round?

Kallah attendees will participate in a 'Dine-a-Round' style dinner on Thursday evening following a day of learning. Conference attendees will sign up in advance of the conference (in October). The Dine-a-round dinner is attendee pay.

What is the Conference Cancellation Policy?

Intent to withdraw or transfer registration to another person (at any date) must be communicated via email to Tricia Ginis, Executive Director at tginis@urj.org.

- Withdrawal on or before 9/15/22 results in a refund of the full registration fee less a \$125 administrative fee.
- Withdrawal between 9/16/2022 and 10/10/22 results in a refund of half of the conference registration fee less a \$75 administrative fee.
- NO REFUNDS will be issued after 10/11/2022.

How do I make a hotel reservation?

Hotel Room Reservations can be made at any time with this **LINK**. The cutoff date for hotel reservations is October 3, 2022. Please be sure to reserve your room as soon as possible to ensure they have the room selection you prefer (2 queen beds or a king bed)

Arrival/Departure Information:

- The conference officially begins at 5:30 pm on Wednesday, November 2, 2022, and ends at 11 pm on Saturday, November 5, 2022, with a wrap-up and reflection closing program.
- Please plan to arrive on November 2 and Depart on November 6th unless you plan to extend your stay in San Diego.
- IF you plan to attend the **Pre-Conference Day of Learning** on November 2, 2022, please plan to arrive and be ready to board the bus at 8:30 am 11/2/22. Most will arrive the night before and we can plan to coordinate dinner together for those who arrive on Tuesday 11/1/22
- The Conference will conclude on Saturday evening November 5, 2022, after the concluding program at 11:00 pm. Please plan to depart on Sunday November 6, 2022
- As we get closer to the conference, please check the schedule for updates on the ECE-RJ Kallah website.

Reserve your room:

We have arranged a block of rooms and special rates. You can start making your room reservations now through the booking page they have set up for this event. Please use this link to Book your group rate for Union for Reform Judaism ECE Conference 2022. If you would like to extend your stay either before or after the conference, please call the hotel directly to make those changes to your stay.

Room Rate (does not include tax or incidentals)

- \$159/night for 2 queen beds (limited availability-please reserve early if you plan to share a room)
- \$159 / night for 1 king bed

Parking:

- On-site parking fee: \$19 daily (conference discounted rate)
- Valet parking is available for \$39 daily

Check-in and Check-out

Check-in: 4:00 pmCheck-out: 11:00 am

Internet Access

• Internet access is complimentary in guest rooms and meeting rooms for ECE-RJ Guests

Airport Information

- San Diego International Airport (SAN)
- The hotel does not provide shuttle service
- Alternate transportation:
 - Express Shuttle Service: \$12 each way-reservation required
 - Taxi Fare: Estimated \$22 each wayBus Service: Estimated \$5 each way

Will the hotel accommodate special needs?

Every effort will be made to accommodate the special needs of conference attendees, whether physical or dietary. Be sure to include any helpful information during registration process. Please reach out to Tricia Ginis, Executive Director, at tginis@urj.org to discuss any concerns or requests you may have.

What are the suggested arrival and departure times?

- Pre-Conference Learning Option: Depart the hotel by 8:00 am Wednesday November 2, 2022
- Conference attendees: Please plan to check-in for the Conference between 3:00 pm 5:00 pm on Wednesday November 2, 2022, at the registration area for ECE-RJ. The opening program begins at 5:00 pm.

Will I get a certificate of attendance for professional development hours?

Certificates of professional development hours will be emailed to attendees for the Pre-Conference Option and for the Conference within 2 weeks after the conference.