



## Central Region West | [Virtual Kallah Convention 2020](#) Frequently Asked Questions

### REGISTRATION

- **What are the important dates for me to know?**
  - **Wednesday, September 9:** Scholarship applications open ([apply here](#))
  - **Wednesday, September 16:** Registration Opens (\$65)
  - **Friday, September 18:** Scholarship Applications Due
  - **Wednesday, September 23:** Scholarship Allocations Announced
  - **Wednesday, September 30:** Registration closes at 11:59pm. No refunds will be given after this date.
  - **Monday, October 12:** COVID-19 waiver due online if attending in-person program
  - **Friday, October 16-18:** Regional Convention
- **What is the cancellation/refund policy?** The deadline to cancel with a full program refund is the final registration deadline for each program. Until that date, full refunds will be granted for cancellations in writing (email is acceptable) for any reason. After the registration deadline (Friday, September 30 at 11:59pm) we've already confirmed final counts with our vendors, and **no refunds will be given for any reason.** "No shows" will not receive a refund.
- **Can I register after the registration deadline?** Late registrations will be accepted only if we have not yet placed our supply order for \$75. For the lowest price, and a guaranteed spot at convention, we strongly recommend registering before the September 30th deadline.
- **Are there an unlimited number of convention spots?** Yes! While our in-person portion of convention is limited to 10 teens (or households) per site with our current COVID-19 policy, we are able to accept any members who are interested in joining us!
- **Why does a virtual convention cost money?** Great question! While virtual conventions are much, much cheaper than in-person conventions (\$65 vs. \$365 for Kallah last year), there are still some costs associated with it. The convention fee helps cover convention supplies (programming materials, apparel, software purchased for convention, etc), guest speakers and workshop programming, staff, a songleader, 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.

### CONVENTION BACKGROUND

- **Who is this convention for?** Kallah is for every Jewish teen registered for membership with BBYO CRW! Chapter leaders, chapter members, new members, 8th graders, freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and seniors are all invited. No leadership role or prior program participation is required to participate. Teens must be [registered](#) members of BBYO to attend Kallah.
- **Why should I attend convention?** BBYO conventions are one of the things that teens look most forward to during the school year. With all of the changes in teens' lives over the past six months, we're excited to offer an experience that will be different in looks, but with all of the same BBYO traditions we hold near and dear. Programs are





guaranteed interactive and our teen steering committee is working hard to ensure these are programs CRW has never seen before. We'll also have special guests with us throughout the weekend!

- **Where will I be?** For most of the convention, you'll be joining us remotely. For some programs, you'll be given suggestions of where to be to create the optimal atmosphere (ex. Outside, in a comfy spot, with your families, at a desk/table, etc.). On Saturday, October 17th, chapters will gather in-person for a couple hours for a social distanced program (exact time and participant limit to be announced) for fun activities, including tie-dying convention apparel! This program will match our chapter protocols for in-person programming, including social distancing, masks required, and a maximum of 10 teens.
- **What does programming look like?** While we love a good surprise, we're hoping to share exactly what you can expect from our very first hybrid (in-person and virtual) convention! Here are the program highlights:
  - **Friday**
    - Kabbalat Shabbat and Song Session
    - Chapter Showcase
    - AZA/BBG Separates
    - Onegs
  - **Saturday**
    - B'nai Mitzvah Party
    - Teen Led Breakouts on Jewish Social Norms and Parashot
    - A Day in the Life of an Israeli Teen
    - Social Distanced In-Person Program
    - Havdalah and Song Session
    - Escape Room
  - **Sunday**
    - Mental Health Service, Philanthropy, Advocacy Programming featuring interactive self-care workshops
  - **Throughout Convention:**
    - Surprise interactive moments between programming
    - Virtual Atmosphere
    - International Community-Led Programming
    - Special guest speakers
- **How will participants meet new people and interact with their regional friends if programming is mostly virtual?** Our convention leadership team and steering team are working to ensure programming allows for new connections to be formed. For example, during the Escape Room, you'll have the ability to request one teammate, and will be paired with others for the ultimate competition. As you work together, you'll bond and create new inside jokes.



## PREPARING FOR CONVENTION

- **What are BBYO's online community standards?** Linked [here](#) are the guidelines for engaging in BBYO programming online.
- **Is there anything I need to do after I register?** Keep an eye out for a survey allowing you to pre-select your workshop activities for Sunday's mental health program. You'll also be contacted about attending the in-person portion of our program on Saturday.

## ON-SITE LOGISTICS

- **How do I get to the in-person program?** Teens are permitted to drive themselves to this event, as it is not an overnight. Unfortunately, due to social distancing protocols, we cannot allow carpooling at this time. Teens from the same household are the only exception.
- **What if I don't feel comfortable attending/sending my teen to the in-person portion of convention?** No problem! We absolutely understand that families have different personal practices during this time. While we are not able to discount convention, we will arrange for all supplies from the in-person portion of convention to be delivered to you, and we will be offering a virtual-only Zoom with the same activity for all teens who will not be in person.
- **Who will be staffing the in-person portion of the program?** We will have at least one adult per in-person gathering, and they will be staffed by BBYO professionals, advisors, or members of our parent and volunteer community. We will send a list of all those attending the program, including the adult staff member, to every family with a teen attending.
- **Can I attend the in-person program if I'm not registered for Kallah?** Only registered members for Kallah 2020 will be able to attend the in-person program, as it is a budgeted portion of Kallah.

Have any other questions? Please don't hesitate to reach out to Jennie Neuman ([jneuman@bbyo.org](mailto:jneuman@bbyo.org)) or CRW ([crw@bbyo.org](mailto:crw@bbyo.org))