



Register to Vote

Talking Points

As this year's election season approaches, a window of opportunity for the involvement in the American political process is now open to the Jewish community. The Institute for Public Affairs of the Orthodox Union urges you to take advantage of this chance to secure your future as a Jew in America by exercising your freedom to vote.

Why are we alerting our Orthodox Jewish associates, friends, and family about voter registration?

- Orthodox Jews are affected by all political issues and activity on the domestic front, including issues of racism and discrimination, separation of church and state, education, and health care. We must exercise our rights to shape events surrounding these important factors in our lives.
- Orthodox Jews have an important stake in political decisions that affect foreign policy regarding Israel, Anti-Semitism, Jews in the Former Soviet Union and many other international issues. It is crucial that we exercise our choice in voting for those who will best represent our interests.
- Historically, American Jews have voted in overwhelming numbers, which has stamped our influence on American political life. It is most important that we maintain our voice even as Jewish demographics evolve.
- As Jews, we must not forfeit our power to elect a particular candidate to office. We cannot surrender our ability to influence our destiny as American Jews, nor must we allow others to make choices for us.
- Your individual effort to take advantage of the precious right to vote will guarantee religious freedoms for all Jews.

The procedure to register and vote is simple and accessible by filling out a form available at your local synagogue or Board of Elections or by logging on to www.beavoter.org. Make your voice count.

If we can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to call us at the Institute for Public Affairs at (212) 613-8123 or log on to www.ou.org/public