

Miles Nadal JCC
Downtown Jewish
Community Council

Membership Frequently Asked Questions:

1. What is the fee to join?

The fee to join is \$150, annually. The Downtown Jewish Community Council membership spans from September 2024 to August 2025.

2. How often and where does the DJCC meet?

It meets four times per year and unless otherwise stated, all meetings will be at the MNjcc, 750 Spadina Ave (at Bloor).

3. How are meetings structured?

We aim for structured interactive discussions that promote collaboration between organizations. To include everyone in the room, we try not to program forward-facing presentations like panels. We design interactive gatherings so that you participate actively in these meetings. The feedback I've received about the 2023-2024 meetings has been very encouraging. These meetings need to be invigorating, empowering, and fun!

Our next meeting will be on September 11, at 10:00 am, taking place off-site at the Native Canadian Centre Toronto (just north of the MNjcc on Spadina Road) where DJCC leaders be given a tour that includes a discussion with [NCCT](#) staff. The co-chairs of the DJCC will develop the agenda with NCCT staff over the summer.

Coming up in the fall of 2024, we will offer DEI training to DJCC members focused on First Nations Inuit and Metis (FNIM) relationship-building through [Circles for Reconciliation](#).

4. To what does the membership fee apply?

The 2024-2025 \$150 fee is applied to all expenses that make the DJCC run: the speakers' honoraria alongside costs associated with professional development services they're offering x 4/year, kosher refreshments for 50 people x 4/year (catering prices have sky-rocketed in the last two years), some of my time and the time of all those at the JCC who support the DJCC including marketing, finance, IT, facilities and other administration.

5. What are members of DJCC committing to in terms of obligations, responsibilities, etc.?

Coming to all the meetings;
Contributing to meetings based on the topic and expertise relevancy;

Sharing communications from your organization on the Facebook group page, and in the Google email group to all the other members.

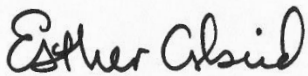
Please note that the DJCC Facebook group called “Downtown Jewish Community of Toronto” can be used as a promotional platform, but the DJCC Google email group is not for promotional communications.

6. What benefits do members of DJCC receive?

Members engage four times per year in a space where downtown Jewish organizations collaborate, discuss challenges in a structured and accountable way, and receive training on topics like DEI and inclusion, Jewish response to poverty, Disability Justice, and UJA strategic models. The goal is to grow impact in downtown Jewish Toronto together, as a council of empowered leaders.

Another service, as part of your membership, is posting your organization’s information on the DJCC page of our website: www.mnjcc.org/djcc
We also coordinate and promote High Holiday, Chanukah and Pride listings of DJCC member organizations through our website and newsletters.

If you have any other questions about membership, the fee, or anything else related to the DJCC, please feel free to reach out to me directly.



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