

JDL USA Membership Rules

To ensure the integrity, unity, and mission of the Jewish Defense League USA, all members and potential members must adhere to the following rules. Failure to comply may result in ineligibility for membership or revocation of membership status.

1. ****Jewish Identity Requirement****: Membership is open exclusively to adult individuals who are Jewish by birth (born to a Jewish mother) or who have undergone a traditional conversion (including submersion in a mikveh) and can present Ger Tzedek documents (certificate of conversion from a recognized beit din). Non-Jews are ineligible for membership. If you are not Jewish and wish to support us, please consider donating or pursuing a traditional conversion.
2. ****Basic Adherence to Jewish Law****: Members must maintain basic adherence to Jewish law (Halacha) and must not publicly desecrate or violate core principles, such as publicly breaking Shabbat, kashrut, or other mitzvot that define Jewish practice. (We do not require strict personal Shabbat observance, but members must avoid any public chillul Shabbat that brings shame to the Jewish people or contradicts Torah values.) Public actions that disgrace the Jewish community will result in loss of membership.
3. ****Commitment to the Five Principles****: All members must uphold and embody the foundational Five Principles of the JDL, as taught by Rabbi Meir Kahane ל"ר:

- ****Ahavat Yisrael (Love for your fellow Jews and Judaism)****: Unconditional love and support for fellow Jews and for Judaism itself.
- ****Hadar (Dignity and Pride)****: Maintaining Jewish honor and refusing to tolerate humiliation.
- ****Barzel (Iron)****: Unyielding strength and determination in defending Jewish interests.
- ****Mishmaat v'Achdut (Discipline and Unity)****: Strict discipline and unbreakable unity among members.
- ****Bitachon (Faith in the Indestructibility of the Jewish People)****: Absolute trust and confidence in the eternal survival and destiny of the Jewish nation.

Any disregard, gross disrespect, or actions contrary to these principles will render membership inactive, subject to review by JDL USA leadership.

4. ****Lawful Conduct****: All activities must comply with U.S. laws. Engagement in illegal actions can lead to expulsion following internal review. Minor infractions (such as traffic violations or low-level misdemeanors) will be evaluated case-by-case, while serious criminal conduct will result in removal.
5. ****Vetting and Ongoing Review****: Membership is granted only after a thorough background check and application review. Active status requires continued alignment with these rules, with periodic reviews as needed.

These rules are non-negotiable and designed to foster a strong, principled community dedicated to protecting Jewish lives and dignity.