



## **VOTING IN THE NOVEMBER PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION (NEW YORK)**

As a service to our members, the Tikkun Olam Team has gathered together information about the upcoming November election.

There are three ways to vote:

### **1. Mail-in Absentee Ballot**

- Advantages: Voters avoid being in crowds and standing on possibly long lines at the polls
- Disadvantage: Currently, there are fears that delays in the mail service and in counting ballots could lead to not counting some of these votes

### **2. In-person early voting from Saturday, October 24 – Sunday, November 1**

- Advantages: Voters will probably face only small crowds and short lines; ballots will be counted soon after voting
- Disadvantage: Physical distancing for covid-19 could still be difficult

### **3. In-person voting on November 3**

- Advantage: Ballots will be immediately counted
- Disadvantage: Crowding and long lines will make physical distancing for covid-19 very difficult

At this time, there are two actions you can take to be ready to vote:

1. **Register to vote**, if necessary
2. **Apply for an absentee ballot.** Because the voting rules and covid-19 landscape are changing so rapidly these days, **it is prudent to obtain an absentee ballot to have on hand even if you are currently planning to vote in person.** Simply applying for an absentee ballot does not take away your option to vote in person.

It is advisable to complete each step in the voting process as soon as possible, in order to avoid delays at the post office and vote counting sites.

### **REGISTERING TO VOTE**

- Do you need to register? Probably not, if you have already voted recently. **However, if your address has changed since the last time you voted, you need to re-register.**
- How to find out if you are already registered: Go to [elections.ny.gov](https://elections.ny.gov) and click on “Voter Registration.” You will see clear directions on how to check your status.



- If you are not registered, go to [elections.ny.gov](https://elections.ny.gov) to register online or to request a registration form from the Board of Elections that you will mail to the Monroe County Board of Elections, 39 Main St. West, Rochester, NY, 14614.
- The last day for a mailed registration form to be postmarked is October 9, 2020.
- If you do not own a computer and/or printer, or need any help with the registration process, contact Carl (585-266-6982, [carlwetzstein38@gmail.com](mailto:carlwetzstein38@gmail.com)), chair of our Tikkun Olam Team, and he will arrange for a Temple Emanu-El member to assist you. You can also call Monroe County Board of Elections at 585-753-1550 with any questions.

#### FILLING IN AND SUBMITTING AN ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICATION FORM

- In order to obtain an absentee ballot, you need to submit an Absentee Ballot Application Form. **A blank Absentee Ballot Application Form is included in this handout.**
  - Question 1: For the reason for your request, if no other reason fits, choose “temporary illness or physical disability.” Risk or fear of illness such as covid-19 is an approved reason to choose this option.
  - Question 2: Choose “General Election only.”
  - Questions 3, 4, and 5: Fill in.
  - Question 6: Do **not** fill in. This question does not apply to a General Election.
  - Question 7: Choose one of the three options for how to receive your Absentee Ballot.
  - Question 8: **You must sign and date the application.**
- Submit your completed Absentee Ballot Application Form by mail or in person to Monroe County Elections, 39 W. Main Street, Rochester, NY 14614-1490.
- If you need any help with this process, contact Carl ([carlwetzstein38@gmail.com](mailto:carlwetzstein38@gmail.com), 585-266-6982), chair of our Tikkun Olam Team, and he will arrange for a Temple Emanu-El member to assist you. You can also call the Monroe County Board of Elections at 585-753-1550 with any questions.
- The last day to postmark a mailed Absentee Ballot Application Form is October 27.

#### SUBMITTING AN ABSENTEE BALLOT

- The earliest that you will receive your Absentee Ballot is during the 1st or 2nd week in October. Once you receive it, fill it out and deliver it in person or mail it in as soon as possible in order to avoid delays at the post office and vote counting sites.



- If you need any help with the Absentee Ballot, contact Carl ([carlwetzstein38@gmail.com](mailto:carlwetzstein38@gmail.com), 585-266-6982), chair of our Tikkun Olam Team, and he will arrange for a Temple Emanu-El member to assist you. You can also call the Monroe County Board of Elections at 585-753-1550 with any questions.
- The last day to postmark your Absentee Ballot is November 3. The last day to deliver your Absentee Ballot to the Board of Elections in person, by you or someone else, is November 3. The last day for your mailed Absentee Ballot to be received is November 10.

### EARLY VOTING IN PERSON

You may vote at any polling location listed below.

#### **Early Voting Dates & Times for the November 3, General Election:**

- Saturday, October 24, 2020 - 9am-3pm
- Sunday, October 25, 2020 - 9am-3pm
- Monday, October 26, 2020 - 9am-5pm
- Tuesday, October 27, 2020 - 11am-8pm
- Wednesday, October 28, 2020 - 9am-5pm
- Thursday, October 29, 2020 - 11am-8pm
- Friday, October 30, 2020 - 9am-5pm
- Saturday, October 31, 2020 - 9am-3pm
- Sunday, November 1, 2020 - 9am-3pm

#### **Early Voting Locations that will be open each date and time listed above:**

- David F. Gantt Community Center - 700 North St, Rochester, NY 14605
- City of Rochester Recreation Bureau - 2nd Floor, 57 St Paul St, Rochester, NY 14604
- Roxie Ann Sinkler Recreation Center - 75 Grover St, Rochester, NY 14611
- Edgerton Recreation Center - 41 Backus St, Rochester, NY 14608
- SUNY Empire State College - 680 Westfall Rd, Rochester, NY 14620
- Town of Chili Senior Center - 3235 Chili Ave, Rochester, NY 14624
- North Greece Road Church of Christ - 1039 N Greece Rd, Rochester, NY 14626
- Marketplace Mall (North Entrance) - 1 Miracle Mile Dr, Rochester, NY 14623
- Irondequoit Public Library - 1290 Titus Ave, Rochester, NY 14617
- Harris-Whalen Park Lodge - 2126 Penfield Rd, Penfield, NY 14526
- Perinton Square Mall - 6720 Pittsford Palmyra Rd, Fairport, NY 14450
- Webster Recreation Center - 1350 Chiyoda Dr, Webster, NY 14580

### VOTING IN PERSON ON NOVEMBER 3

To find your voting location, go to [vote.org](http://vote.org) and click on “Polling Place Locator.” If you don’t own a computer, call the Monroe County Board of Elections at 585-753-1550.