

This policy guides how Germantown Jewish Centre (GJC) communicates and organizes programs, balancing open discussion with community unity. It applies to electronic communication (including email, listservs, and social media), flyers, and programs affiliated with Germantown Jewish Centre and any sub-groups thereof (e.g. Prayer groups, clubs, and committees). Sub-groups may publicize but not sponsor outside programs on their own without following the procedure detailed below. The purpose of this policy is to ensure that GJC remains a welcoming space while fostering open, respectful discussions. Groups should also consult the full policy on the GJC website: <https://germantownjewishcentre.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/GJC-P-C-Policy.pdf>

Key Points:

- **Encouraged Content:** GJC supports messages and events that build community, promote Jewish values, encourage social action, and allow respectful exchange on different viewpoints.
- **Prohibited Content:** Messages or events cannot violate GJC's Shabbat or kashrut policies, repeatedly advertise for-profit businesses, endorse political candidates or parties, or attack individuals or groups.
- **Approval Process:**
 - Group organizers should monitor social media and listservs for adherence to these rules.
 - Other communications and events must be reviewed by the Rabbi to make sure they adhere to policy principles.
 - If content is controversial or borderline, the Rabbi will bring it to the Executive Committee for final approval.
 - Topics related to Israel must be reviewed by the Israel Programming Committee.