

The 60th Anniversary of Selma Experience

with National Council of Jewish Women

March 7–9, 2025



Join NCJW as we travel to Birmingham, Montgomery, and Selma, Alabama to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the bloody confrontation at the Edmund Pettus Bridge and the march from Selma to Montgomery that followed.

The Selma Jubilee commemorates Bloody Sunday, which originally occurred on March 7, 1965, when a group of 525 African-American demonstrators crossed the Edmund Pettus Bridge, in Selma, Alabama, demanding the right to vote. The demonstrators were met by more than 50 state troopers, horses, and possemen. When they refused to turn back, the demonstrators were brutally beaten. The attack was broadcast on national television and caught the attention of millions of Americans, becoming a symbol of the brutal racism of the South. Two weeks later, the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and 3,200 civil rights protesters marched the 49 miles from Selma to Montgomery — an event that prompted Congress to pass the Voting Rights Act.

The 60th Anniversary of Selma Experience will provide participants with the opportunity to engage in meaningful dialogue while learning about the rich history of Black and Jewish life in the South. Participants will connect with civil rights partners and hear stories of resilience from one of the most influential Civil Rights moments of our time.

This trip provides an extraordinary opportunity for relationship building while visiting historical Civil Rights sites and sharing in Jewish practices and prayer. Participants will hear stories and updates from individuals who are continuing the legacy of the brave demonstrators who crossed the Pettus Bridge in Selma 60 years ago.



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Friday, March 7 Birmingham, AL

*Optional early arrival (by 12:00CST)
for those interested in seeing the
Birmingham, AL historic sites:*

- Kelly Ingram Park
- 16th Street Baptist Church
- Congregation Beth El Civil Rights Experience

Official Trip Kick-Off (7:00CST):

- Shabbat Welcome Dinner

Saturday, March 8 Montgomery, AL

- Legacy Museum
- Memorial for Peace and Justice (Lynching Memorial)
- Freedom Monument Sculpture Park
- Mothers of Gynecology Monuments
- Congregation Agudath Israel Etz Ahayem

Sunday, March 9 Selma, AL

- Congregation Mishkan Israel
- Selma Bridge Crossing Jubilee 60th Anniversary Events

*We anticipate that Jubilee events
will go late into the afternoon.
While the trip events will end on
March 9th, please plan to stay
over and fly out on March 10th.*

Cost: Cost to attend the events will be \$750 per person, which includes all event transportation, meals, site admissions tickets, and religious services. This cost does not include transportation to/from the airport, airfare, or hotel accommodations.

Accommodations: NCJW has a hotel room block (\$179 + taxes & fees) at **Marriott Birmingham** located at 3590 Grandview Pkwy, Birmingham, AL 35243. We will depart from and return to the Marriott Birmingham each day.

Food: All meals will have vegetarian options. Due to limited availability of Kosher food in Alabama, anyone requesting Kosher food may be served pre-packaged items for most meals.

Activity Level: Please note that the days will be long (especially Saturday and Sunday) and will require lots of standing and walking in unpredictable (and sometimes very hot) weather.

Shabbat Observance: We will be doing Shabbat and Havdalah blessings as a community on the trip, however we will not be following other traditional Shabbat observances.

QUESTIONS? Please email Rachel at rfaulkner@ncjw.org.

