



ACC-GTM First Time Convention Attendee Tips!

CLOTHING AT CONVENTION

Clothing at convention is casual, with the exception of the opening banquet when “professional dress” is more the norm. The closing banquet leans toward “party attire” but this year we are having a party in a night club with a private pool, so bathing suits and fun coverups are welcome! In general, if you’re not participating in the concert, attendees generally dress a little more toward “business casual.” Bring a sweater with you! The air conditioning will be on in the rooms even though it will be 100° outside. Bring comfortable shoes! While the area of the hotel where meetings and workshops will be held is compact, you’ll have an opportunity to visit both the Las Vegas Strip and the dining/shopping area around the hotel for some meals on your own.

MOBILE APP

Be sure to download the mobile app and all of the music and materials before you arrive in Las Vegas. The daily schedule will be updated in the app and serves as your best resource for information. Hard copies of most materials are not provided.

MEALS

Many meals are included in your registration fee. See the convention schedule for which meals are included. We hope you will use these as an opportunity to get to know your colleagues; sharing a meal is a great way to get to know someone. The hotel has many restaurant options onsite and nearby. The restaurants range from Starbucks to a 5-star steakhouse.

WORSHIP

We offer daily morning and evening worship services.

PLENARY

The plenary sessions are where the business of the organizations is done. This is where you will have a chance to hear from the leadership of your organization and vote on important initiatives.

EXHIBITORS

Please shop our exhibitors! We have brought in a variety of vendors who need our support!

PROGRAM EXCLUSIVES FOR FIRST-TIMERS

We are committed to making the experience of your first convention as valuable as possible. We hope you have the opportunity to join ACC President, Steven Weiss, GTM president, Alan Mason, and some of our leadership team members on Sunday evening for a reception in Steven’s suite. The exact location will be posted on the mobile app.

FIRST TIMERS—MEET AND GREET

Everyone will be gathering for the first time during the “all participants rehearsal” on Sunday at 4 p.m. We hope buddies have an opportunity to meet before the rehearsal begins.

FINDING MY WAY THROUGH THE CONVENTION

We’re a friendly group! You’ll be welcomed by many, and especially by one person who will be assigned to help you during your first Convention.

Feel free to ask questions - and don't be surprised if you hear a variety of answers. Some of our most valuable learning comes during informal discussions - over meals, before and after sessions, and during group outings. Your colleagues not only come from a range of backgrounds, but work for a wide range of synagogues, as well. Most of your colleagues are in the Reform Movement, but we welcome those from Conservative, Reconstructionist and Renewal synagogues, too. You'll meet those who are clergy for synagogues of 500 households or less, as well as those whose memberships number in the thousands. Some of your colleagues have had experiences with different-sized synagogues, having made moves during their professional careers. So, ask away!

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

We offer many opportunities for continuing education, spiritual growth and professional development. Our conventions have an educational theme. In addition, the ACC and GTM Yammer networks are an excellent source for collegial support and information. Publications such as the GTM Newsletter, the ACC’s Chadashot, and email communications are “must-reads” in our profession.

We welcome you to the ACC/GTM Convention!