



CHICAGO '09: AND ALL THAT JAZZ!

THURSDAY DECEMBER 24- THURSDAY DECEMBER 31

We will meet early Thursday morning 12/24 at Newark Airport and fly as a group to Chicago. We will start with a pre-convention in home hospitality at Congregation Beth Shalom in Northbrook, IL. During our pre- convention we will sightsee in Chicago and participate in many fun activities! On Sunday 12/27 we will check into the Marriott hotel in downtown Chicago for International Convention 2009!! On Thursday 12/31 after the conclusion of convention, we will return to Newark Airport, arriving in the early evening.

COST: \$ 1268

THIS PRICE INCLUDES IT ALL! DELUXE ACCOMMODATIONS - KOSHER CATERED MEALS - ROUND TRIP AIR FARE- HUNDREDS OF USYERS FROM THE USA & CANADA – REUNIONS FOR PILGRIMAGE, USY ON WHEELS, USY HIGH, SUMMER IN THE CITY AND RAMAH SEMINAR- EXCITING STUDY & ELECTIVE SESSIONS – DYNAMIC EVENING PROGRAMS

***DEADLINE IS OCTOBER 20, 2009
SPACE IS LIMITED
WE COULD CLOSE OUT BEFORE THE
DEADLINE!***

***IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CALL MICHELLE RICH
AT 732-738-7960 DURING REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS OR EMAIL RICH@USCJ.ORG.***

Please return your completed application along with a check made payable to USY and mail it to: USY International Convention, 1090 King Georges Post Road Suite 1003, Edison, NJ 08837 by the deadline! We do not save spots for anyone unless there is an application and payment included. Due to limited funds, there are no scholarships available for this event. Please contact your local advisor for scholarship information.



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UNITED SYNAGOGUE YOUTH 59th Annual USY International Convention Application Form & Instructions

We're thrilled you want to join us in Chicago, IL for USY's 59th Annual International Convention!
Use the information below to fill out the appropriate sections of the attached application.

STUDY GROUP LEVEL

In Section 2 of the application form, please circle the number which indicates your highest level of Jewish Education.

Use the following guide:

1. 1-3 years Hebrew School
2. 4-5 years Hebrew School
3. 1-2 years Hebrew High School (1-3 hours weekly)
4. 3 or more years Hebrew High School (1-3 hours weekly)
5. 1-2 years Hebrew High School (4-6 hours weekly)
6. 3 or more years Hebrew High School (4-6 hours weekly)
7. Hebrew Day School/ Yeshiva (through 7th grade or above)
8. Currently enrolled in Hebrew Day School or Yeshiva

LIMUD GIMMEL *And All That Jazz*

For our 3rd educational session, you will have the opportunity to choose from several exciting sessions!

1. **Glory of Love**—What does the Torah have to say about Love?
2. **Love Will Keep Us Together**—A look at inter-dating and intermarriage.
3. **Kiss & Tell**—Explore what it means to have respect and trust in relationships.
4. **Hit The Road Jack**—Shalom Bayit and Domestic Violence—How do we help those around us who need it?
5. **R.E.S.P.E.C.T.**—Find Out What It Means To Me!—Respect and love in relationships.
6. **You're The One That I Want**—What does Judaism have to say about homosexual relationships?
7. **More Than Words**—How has the internet changed the way we meet and date?
8. **Heartbreak Hotel**—How do we handle break-ups and lost love?
9. **Happy Together**—How do we find our *besht*—our meant-to-be?

HOT TOPICS

This year at the International USY Convention, you will have an opportunity to delve further into various cutting-edge issues and explore them both as teenagers and as Jews. Please choose your session from the options below and place your choice in the space on the application:

1. Keeping Kosher on Your Own
2. External Substances—Alcohol and Drug Use
3. Social Activism
4. Difficult Choices—Ethical Dilemmas in Medicine
5. Current Israel Issues
6. Jewish Law and the Conservative Movement
7. Mitzvah Heroes—How do ordinary people become superheroes?
8. Ethical Kashrut—Hechsher Tzedek
9. Going Green—Environment and Judaism

LEADERSHIP WORKSHOPS (SADNAOT and HUGIM)

An important aspect of the convention will be taking back ideas and skills to share with your chapter. These leadership sessions, on a wide variety of topics, will allow you to learn new skills, and to share some of your own ideas. If you are a chapter board member, we recommend signing up for the session that most closely relates to your board position. Leadership Workshops are workshops which focus on intense leadership training. If you do not fall within any of the board categories, please choose from the Leadership workshops listed in letters L through Z.

REGIONAL OFFICER: If you are a Regional Executive Officer, please indicate “A” for all 3 choices. Regional Officers will have meetings during BOTH Sadnaot and Hugim time slots at IC. (You will be placed into the appropriate meeting for your position.)

CHAPTER LEADERSHIP AND PROGRAMMING--Share ideas, and learn some new techniques from the experts. Chapter leadership and programming will only be offered in the 1st time slot (Sadnaot). Please choose something for the 2nd time slot (Hugim) from L-Z and mark as your 2nd (or 3rd) choice.

- B-** Chapter Presidents--Small Chapters (Up to 30 members)
- C-** Chapter Presidents--Medium Chapters (30-60 members)
- D-** Chapter Presidents--Large Chapters (60 members and above)
- E-** Religion/Education Programming
- F-** Social Action/Tikun Olam (SATO) Programming and Fundraising
- G-** General Programming
- H-** Communications: Newspapers and Publicity
- I-** Israel Affairs Update and Programming
- J-** Membership/Kadima Programming
- K-** Meeting for On-Line Representatives/Chairpeople

LEADERSHIP WORKSHOPS CONTINUED

Please choose 2 different sessions from the workshops below (unless you are a chapter or regional officer):

- L- Get Ready to Lead:** Are you interested in becoming a USY Staff Member some day? Working in the Jewish community can be both exciting and fulfilling. In this session, you will learn some of the basics of what it takes to be a strong staff member and make a positive impact on future generations of USY. (SENIORS ONLY)
- M- Group Dynamics:** An essential trait of a leader is the ability to work within a group and to lead a group. This is not always an easy task. Learn via hands-on techniques how to function both as a member of a group as well as the leader of a group.
- N- How To Give A D'var Torah:** Has it been a few years since you gave your speech for your Bar/Bat Mitzvah? In this workshop, we'll talk about how to write and deliver a d'var torah.
- O- Jewish Arts and Crafts:** Want to make a great Judaic craft project? In this session, show off your talents!
- P- Officer-In-Training--CHAPTER:** Considering running for 2010-2011 Chapter Board? In this session, you will learn about what it means to be on chapter board and what you can do to prepare yourself.
- Q- Officer-In-Training--REGION:** Considering running for 2010-2011 Regional Board? In this session, you will learn about what it means to be on regional board and what you can do to prepare yourself.
- R- Planning for College:** This session will discuss the factors that go into that final choice for college, and what might happen once you get there. How can you continue your Jewish involvement on the college campus? (JUNIORS/ SENIORS ONLY)
- S- Public Speaking:** Are you confident when you get up in front of a group to speak? If you could use a little refresher or want to build your confidence, this is the session for you!
- T- Repairing the World--Political Action:** Health care, church vs. state issues, crime--these are just some of the issues facing the U.S. and Canada. How does Judaism inform our opinions on these issues? Should Jewish opinion inform public policy on these issues? How do we make our voices heard so that our opinions are on the radar screens of lawmakers?

- U- Rikkud:** Israeli and traditional dances.
- V- Shira:** Singing the new B'kol Echad—Learn some new songs and enjoy some of the good 'ole oldies.
- W- Slow Down and Live:** Shabbat at a USY Convention is a special experience. How can you bring aspects of Shabbat home? What can you do if there are family conflicts?
- X- Talking to God:** Why do we pray? Does God really listen to my prayers? In this session you will discuss ways to make your life more spiritual and to become conscious of opportunities for prayer.
- Y- Teens in Crisis:** How can you tell if your friend is having a serious crisis? Why are teenagers under so much pressure? Whether it is drug and alcohol abuse or suicidal behavior, how can you reach out and help?
- Z- Tefillah 101:** Want to learn to daven like the pros? In this session, we'll go over some of the weekday services.

CREATIVE TEFILLOT

Two mornings at Convention, we will participate in CREATIVE TEFILLOT. As always, we will also hold our two regular daily tefillot. (Please indicate "A" or "B" if you would prefer to attend one of those minyanim.)

- A- Service A** (All parts of the service which require a minyan will be led by males)
- B- Service B** (All parts of the service will be conducted by males and females)
- C- Back To Basics**—Join us for a tefillah adventure! Find out some of the meanings behind our morning prayers in a fun, interactive way!
- D- Bring In Da Noise, Bring in Da Shacharit**—Get ready to use rhythm and beat to help make your tefillot come alive in this funky drum circle.
- E- Dilemmas in Davening**—What are some challenges that we face as we pray each morning? Explore some of the more challenging prayers with a fun, upbeat tefillah program.
- F- Express Yourself (Arts)** —Even if your middle name isn't Picasso, you'll still love this service! No talent necessary to create a masterpiece!
- G- Let's Get Spiritual**—Come and experience an exciting new Shacharit where we will learn new songs and niggunim to help raise the level of our tefillot.
- H- Meditation Minyan**—Through a series of exercises, you will have an opportunity to find your spiritual "center."
- I- Mitzvah Tefillah**—What do our morning tefillot teach us about mitzvot? How can we use tefillot to think about creating a better world for everyone?
- J- Musical Minyan**—Get ready to sing in this musical minyan! Learn some of USY's newest and favorite melodies for our morning tefillot.
- K- Oseh Ma'aseh B'reishit**—Escape the plain walls of the hotel and join us in the "woods" for a unique tefillah experience.
- L- Rock and Roll Schacharit**—Bring your mp3 players for this musical adventure into our morning tefillot. Discover how music can make our prayers more meaningful.
- M- Shacharit L'Yisrael**—What role does Israel play in our daily tefillot? How does your relationship with Israel change through prayer?
- N- Shacharit on the Big Screen**—Come experience the power of Hollywood! These "Awesome" clips will shed new light on your tefillot!
- O- Story-Telling Shacharit**—Jewish tradition has many stories that help us to find meaning in our everyday tefillah experiences.
- P- Women in Tefillah**—Join us in a spiritual and uplifting women's tefillah group.

CODE OF CONDUCT

In connection with the USY International Convention, including travel to and from this program, or any pre- or post-conventions held in connection with the Convention:

1. There is to be no smoking.
2. There is to be no possession or use of any narcotics, marijuana, other illegal drugs or prescription drugs not prescribed for the user.
3. There will be no possession or consumption of any alcoholic beverages.
4. There will be no shoplifting or theft of any kind.
5. If a USYer is caught in possession of/or found to have used alcohol or illegal drugs or is caught shoplifting and/or involved in theft of any kind, he/she will immediately be sent home at his/her parents' expense. Furthermore USY International Policy states, "If a USYer is apprehended for an infraction of the International Youth Commission's policy regarding drug and alcohol abuse or any other criminal offense (including, but not limited to, shoplifting) punishment for that offense will include suspension from International USY events (including, but not limited to, the International USY Convention and USY Summer Programs) for one year following the infraction. The USYer's Region reserves the right to impose additional sanctions in connection with this or any other improper behavior as it sees fit."
6. At no time are males permitted in sleeping rooms or on floors occupied by females and at no time are females permitted in sleeping rooms or on floors occupied by males.
7. Each participant is expected to maintain proper decorum and attitude during the entire program. Disruptive behavior (including, but not limited to, inappropriate sexual behavior) will not be tolerated. Your parents will be responsible to pay for any damage you may cause.
8. No participant may leave the International USY Convention except at such times as those specified by the schedule (if such times are specified) or with the express permission of the Director of USY.
9. Each participant is expected to conduct him/herself appropriately as a Conservative Jew (including through observance of Shabbat and Kashrut), in accordance with the applicable standards of the Law and Standards Committee of the Rabbinical Assembly and/or the local Rabbinic Authority.
10. Participant is expected to adhere to the dress code as stipulated by the International Youth Commission. Specifically, tank tops or sleeveless shirts, 2-piece bathing suits (except where midriff is covered), sleeveless dresses, bare midriff styles, halter-tops, leggings, or see-through blouses are prohibited at the USY International Convention. Clothing on which any profanity or inappropriate language, pictures or symbols are written, printed or depicted is not permitted. No visible underwear is permitted for both males and females. During Tefillah, inappropriately short skirts or shorts, or tight garments, are not permitted; shoulders must be covered for both males and females.
11. The Director of USY or his designee, in consultation with the International Youth Commission or its designee, reserves the right to search the room and belongings of any attendee if he has reasonable grounds to believe that such a search is necessary to secure the health, safety and/or welfare of the program and or its participants. USY also reserves the right to enforce other rules relating to the integrity of the program and/or the safety, health or welfare of its participants.

United Synagogue Youth

CONSENT, AUTHORIZATION AND RELEASE

RE: _____ ("Minor") (Date of Birth: _____)

THIS CONSENT, AUTHORIZATION AND RELEASE ("Consent") is provided to UNITED SYNAGOGUE YOUTH, a department of the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism, headquartered in New York, New York ("USY"), in connection with the 59th Annual International Convention including travel to and from this program, or any pre-conventions held in connection with the Convention. ("Scheduled Activity")

1. The Minor has my consent to attend and to participate in the Scheduled Activity. There are no limitations or restrictions of any kind whatsoever on such participation unless this box is checked with explanation attached to this page.
2. The Minor has been instructed by me, and understands and agrees, to comply with all rules, regulations and Codes of Conduct established by USY and the official instructions and directives of all authorized staff members, volunteers, agents and employees ("Personnel") of USY. I understand that if The Minor must be sent home due to an infraction of said rules, regulations and Codes of Conduct, it will be at my expense.
3. You are expressly authorized to engage appropriate health care providers to administer, prescribe, and/or direct the administration of any medication, other medical treatment, care, surgery, hospitalization or medical procedures and services deemed appropriate under the circumstance, if you are not able to timely contact me for instructions, acting as my authorized agent and at my sole cost and expense. There are no exceptions or limitations, or other special instructions, in connection with the foregoing, unless this box is checked with explanation attached to this page. Unless this box is checked and I have provided you with specific instructions, directions or other specific data to the contrary, as indicated on this application, you may assume that the Minor has no medical disabilities, allergies or other limitations of any kind whatsoever that might in any way limit participation in the Scheduled Activity.
4. I have been made aware of the fact that the events in which my child is participating may be photographed by either amateur or professional photographers, which the photographs taken may be used both for purposes of reporting on the event or for such other use as the USY organization may determine. I have no objection to the pictures taken being used at any time for promotional use. It is my understanding that by signing this document I consent to the use of the pictures just referred to for any purpose whatsoever.
5. I expressly release and agree to indemnify and hold USY (and its Personnel) free and harmless from any and all liability, charges, claims, costs and expenses of every kind and nature whatsoever, including reasonable attorney fees, in connection with the acceptance and participation of the Minor in the Scheduled Activity. The foregoing Release is without reservation of any kind except only for such acts or omissions on your part that arise out of your intentional or negligent wrongdoing and without fault of any kind on my part in failing to disclose pertinent information to you.
6. I represent to you that I have the sole, full and legal power to execute this Consent, and that you will rely on my representations.
7. If this consent is signed by more than one person, all references to the singular shall include the plural, jointly and severally.

I DECLARE UNDER THE PENALTY OF PERJURY THAT I HAVE READ AND FULLY UNDERSTAND THE IMPORTANCE AND THE EFFECT OF THE FOREGOING CONSENT, AUTHORIZATION AND RELEASE; THAT I HAVE OBTAINED SUCH ADVICE OF AN ATTORNEY AND OF A LICENSED PHYSICIAN AS I DEEMED NECESSARY, TO MY COMPLETE SATISFACTION; AND THAT I SIGNED THIS CONSENT ON _____ (DATE).

Signed: _____ * _____ *

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*Relationship To Minor

APPLICANT SIGNATURE

By my signature, I certify that I have read the Convention Code of Conduct and Dress Code on the previous page. I will adhere to the program, observe the convention code, and will conduct myself in a manner reflecting credit upon my chapter, congregation, and community.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

ADVISOR/YOUTH DIRECTOR/RABBI'S SIGNATURE

I attest to the fact that this delegate is fully qualified, having fulfilled all of the standards listed in the documents accompanying form from September 1 of this year to date, including paid-up membership filed with the regional and international office of USY. I attest to the fact that the information contained in this application is, to the best of my knowledge complete and accurate and that this delegate is Jewish according to the policies of the Conservative Movement. It is also understood that this application cannot be processed unless the full convention fee is included with the application.

Signature of Advisor or Youth Director

Date

Signature of Rabbi

Date

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ATTN:
REGIONAL OFFICE:
INSERT CROS# PLEASE

UNITED SYNAGOGUE YOUTH
DECEMBER 27-31, 2009

APPLICATION FORM

Please fill out **all** information requested on **both sides** of this application, and return it to your chapter president, advisor, youth director, or rabbi. All signatures must also appear. **Incomplete applications will not be accepted.**

NAME: _____ REGION: _____ CHAPTER: _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ PROVINCE/ STATE: _____

_____ POSTAL/ ZIP CODE: _____

PHONE: () _____ / () _____ M F 9 10 11 12
Parent USYer Gender Grade

USYer's EMAIL: _____ I AM A VEGETARIAN: Yes No

PARENT EMAIL: _____ T-SHIRT SIZE: S M L XL

I AM A MEMBER OF: Heschel Honor Society HeChalutzim 613 Club

I WENT ON A USY OR RAMAH PROGRAM THIS PAST SUMMER: YES NO PROGRAM/ GROUP: _____

STUDY GROUP AND LEADERSHIP/INTEREST GROUP CHOICES

(Please refer to the information listed on the accompanying instruction sheets)

STUDY GROUP LEVEL (Circle One): 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

LIMUD GIMMEL (Place the numbers signifying your choices) 1st Choice _____ 2nd Choice _____ 3rd Choice _____

HOT TOPICS (Place the numbers signifying your choices) 1st Choice _____ 2nd Choice _____ 3rd Choice _____

CREATIVE TEFILLOT (Place the letters signifying your choices) 1st Choice _____ 2nd Choice _____ 3rd Choice _____

LEADERSHIP WORKSHOPS (SADNAOT/ HUGIM)

(Place the letters signifying your choices, and indicate if you are a **chapter** board member):

CHAPTER BOARD MEMBER? YES NO 1st Choice _____ 2nd Choice _____ 3rd Choice _____

ROOMING REQUESTS (Please list up to three USYers of your gender with whom you would like to be roomed)

EMERGENCY INFORMATION: (Please supply **all** information below.)

Parents' Names	Home Phone	Daytime Phone	Cell Phone
_____	() _____	() _____	() _____
_____	() _____	() _____	() _____

Emergency Contact Person: _____

Phone: () _____ Phone:() _____ Relationship: _____

Health Insurance Carrier _____ Identification # _____

Name Of Group _____ Group # _____

Special Needs, Medical Conditions, Food or Pet Allergies: _____

Medication(s) Currently Being Taken: _____