

IC/DC 2008

Rockin' The Capital

UNITED SYNAGOGUE YOUTH
58th Annual USY International Convention
Application Form & Instructions

We're thrilled you want to join us in Washington, DC for USY's 58th 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

Israel Culture Workshops

During our Israel Culture Festival, you will have an opportunity to participate in workshops listed below:

1. Israeli Music and Singing
2. Israeli Dancing
3. Krav Maga (Martial Arts)
4. Mini Ulpan (Learn Hebrew)
5. Gadna (Israeli Army)
6. Israeli Drama and Games
7. Israeli Film Festival
8. Israeli Newspapers and Journalism
9. Israeli Sports
10. Israeli Cartoons
11. Israeli Food (sorry, no eating!)
12. Israel on TV

Koach L'Moach (Brain Busters)

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:

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| 1. Keeping Kosher on Your Own—Back to Basics | 7. Israeli-Palestinian Conflict |
| 2. Judaism and Homosexuality | 8. Army Service in Israel |
| 3. External Substances—Alcohol and Drug Use | 9. Jewish Law and the Conservative Movement |
| 4. Inter-marriage/ Inter-dating | 10. Mitzvah Heroes: How do ordinary people become superheroes? |
| 5. Difficult Choices: Medical Ethics and Jewish Law | 11. Building Healthy Relationships |
| 6. Current Israel Issues | 12. Hechsher Tzedek: Ethical Kashruth in the 21 st Century |

Leadership Workshops (Sadnaot)

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 Q through Z.

CHAPTER LEADERSHIP AND PROGRAMMING--Share ideas, and learn some new techniques from the experts:

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

REGIONAL LEADERSHIP AND PROGRAMMING--Required for all regional executive board members

- K..... Meeting for Regional Presidents
- L..... Meeting for Regional Religion/Education Vice Presidents
- M..... Meeting for Regional SATO Vice Presidents
- N..... Meeting for Regional Membership/Kadima Vice Presidents
- O..... Meeting for Regional Communications Vice Presidents
- P..... Meeting for Regional Israel Awareness Vice Presidents

LEADERSHIP WORKSHOPS CONTINUED

- Q. **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.
- R. **Get Ready to Lead (SENIOR ONLY):** 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. (Open to SENIORS only)
- S. **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)
- 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. **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?
- V. **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?
- W. **Going Green:** Today, it is more and more important to be conscious of the environment and our impact upon it. What does Judaism have to say about environmental action?
- 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.

Creative Tefillot

One morning 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' Noize, Bring in Da' Shacharit**—Learn how to use rhythm and beat to help make tefillot come alive. Come to this Shacharit, where you will get the chance to add your own unique beat to our tefillot.
- E- Express Yourself (Arts)** —Even if your middle name isn't Picasso, you'll still love this service! No talent necessary to create a masterpiece!
- F- Express Yourself—Tefillot Through Drama**—How can we use drama and improve exercises to make our tefillot more meaningful? What ways can our personal experience impact how we pray?
- 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- Musical Minyan**—Get ready to sing in this musical minyan!
- J- Oseh Ma'aseh B'reishit**—Escape the plain walls of the hotel and join us in the "woods" for a unique tefillah experience.
- K- Rock and Roll Shacharit**—Learn how to use rhythm and beat to help make tefillot come alive.
- L- Shacharit L'Yisrael**—What role does Israel play in our daily tefillot? How does your relationship with Israel change through prayer?
- M- Shacharit on the Big Screen**—Come experience the power of Hollywood! These "Awesome" clips will shed new light on your tefillot!
- N- Social Action Shacharit**—What can our tefillot teach us about poverty, human rights, and the many other issues of social action and social justice that confront our world today? How can we use tefillot to think about creating a better world for everyone?
- O- Story-Telling Shacharit**—Jewish tradition has many stories that help us to find meaning in our everyday tefillah experiences.

ATTN: REGIONAL OFFICE:

INSERT CROS# PLEASE

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UNITED SYNAGOGUE YOUTH
58th ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION
DECEMBER 21-25, 2008

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: () / () USYer M F Gender 9 10 11 12 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

ISRAEL CULTURE (Place the numbers signifying your choices) 1st Choice 2nd Choice 3rd Choice

BRAIN BUSTERS (Place the numbers signifying your choices) 1st Choice 2nd Choice 3rd Choice

SADNAOT/ LEADERSHIP WORKSHOPS (Place the letters signifying your choices, and indicate if you are a chapter board member):

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

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

EMERGENCY INFORMATION: (Please supply all information below.)

Table with 4 columns: Parents' Names, Home Phone, Daytime Phone, Cell Phone. Includes two rows of input fields.

Emergency Contact Person:

Phone: () Phone:() Relationship:

Health Insurance Carrier Identification #

Name Of Group Group #

Special Needs, Medical Conditions, Or Allergies:

Medication(s) Currently Being Taken:

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 58th Annual International Convention including travel to and from this program, or any pre- or post-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.
4. 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.
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: _____ * _____ *

*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

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 using 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. USYers are not permitted to be on balconies at any time.
8. 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.
9. 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.
10. 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.
11. 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.
12. 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.