

Come solve
Hagesher mysteries
Through exciting
programs, awesome
sessions, a unique
Shabbat experience, and
with both new and
old friends.



MYSTERY AWAITS

Spring Convention 2010

April 22nd-25th

Crowne Plaza, Monroe, NJ

Early Registration Fee

\$320.00

Due Date Registration fee

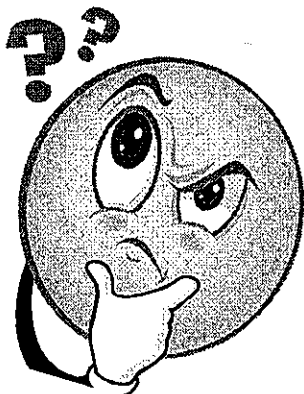
\$335.00

Seniors

Early \$385 Due Date \$399



AT SPRING 2010



DANCE
SPORTING EVENTS
AWESOME PROGRAMS
FRIENDSHIPS
SOCIAL ACTION
ELECTIONS
ISRAEL
THE BEST TIME EVER!

Clue to your first mystery of Spring:

On Friday we will be visiting
this place.

There will be many people
performing in one space.

We will get a chance to see a time
that has long passed.

Don't forget your crown and be
prepared not to fast!



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February 2010

Dear Hagesher USYer,

Get excited because Spring Convention is coming and it is going to be awesome! Spring Convention will take place April 22-25 at the Crowne Plaza, Monroe, NJ. Senior buses will depart early Thursday and all 8th-11th grade buses will depart later on Thursday evening. All USYers will return Sunday afternoon. You will receive all transportation information closer to convention time and **only** with a completed application and all fees paid.

This year we have an early bird special

For USYers 8-11th grade

UNTIL March 26th, \$320 AFTER 3/26 \$335.

Seniors

UNTIL March 26th \$385 AFTER 3/26 \$399

These rates will be strictly adhered to. All transportation costs are included. The application must be filled out **completely** in order to register for Spring Convention 2010! The cut-off date for applications is Friday, **April 2nd**. After that date, please note there will be no refunds. Make sure to get your applications in, you will not want to miss this amazing weekend!

Spring Convention is filled with many wonderful programs including religious, social, social action, and *Tikun Olam*, just to name a few. There of course will also be time to just hang out with all of your friends from Hagesher Region. As always Spring Convention will be an exciting weekend and we hope to see you all there!

Please contact the Hagesher Regional Office at 267-763-1300 with any questions regarding Spring Convention. Sign up soon and don't miss out on experiencing Spring 2010!

Your Spring Co-Chairs:

Mike Jones

Marlena Lurie

Jenna Vertin

Registration Fee for USYers:
Early application by March 26th \$320
Fee between March 27th-April 2nd \$335
Senior Fee (12th grade only)
Early Application by March 26th \$385
Fee between March 27th-April 2nd \$399
The application fee is inclusive of transportation

Spring Convention
April 22nd-25th, 2010
Crowne Plaza, NJ
Co-Chairs

Mike Jones, Marlena Lurie,
and Jenna Verlin

USY Application Due Date
Friday, April 2nd
Cancellation Policy:
 If you cancel on or before April 2nd, 2010 you will receive a \$300.00 refund. After April 3rd no money will be refunded as per Regional Youth Commission Policy

Name _____ Hebrew Name _____

Sex: F M Grade _____ Age _____ Birthday _____ T-Shirt Size: S M L XL XXL

Address _____

& Street

City/State

Zip

Chapter (synagogue you are attending Convention with) _____

USYers E-mail Address _____

Parent's Phone () _____ USYers Phone (if different) () _____

Dad's Hebrew Name _____ Mom's Hebrew Name _____

Mother/Guardian _____ Work Phone () _____

Father/Guardian _____ Work Phone () _____

In Emergency Notify _____ Phone () _____

(on the line directly below) Medical Insurance Company and Policy Number

* _____ *

Current Medication _____ Check if being sent _____

Allergies _____

Physician _____ Phone () _____

I will ride the elevator on Shabbat: **YES NO** I am a vegetarian: **YES NO**

My child has my permission to attend the Hagesher USY Spring Convention. In case of an emergency, I give the adult in charge my permission for medical treatment to facilitate immediate emergency action. I hereby authorize the medical personnel to order x-rays, routine tests and treatment for my child, and in the event I cannot be reached in an emergency, I hereby authorize the physician to hospitalize, secure proper treatment for and order injection and/or anesthesia and/or surgery for my child as named above. I understand that I shall be responsible to pay for any medical care rendered to my child while attending this USY function.

Parent/Guardian _____ **Date** _____

During the convention, I give permission to the staff member in charge or Medical personnel on duty to dispense over the counter medications. I understand that the amount of medication dispensed will be according to the recommended dosage on the bottle. These medications will mostly include, but are not limited to, Tylenol, Advil, Benedryl.

Parent/Guardian _____ **Date** _____

ATTENTION: You must read and sign the code of conduct on the reverse side of this application. Without the signature on the code of conduct, the application is incomplete and will not be processed.

Please return this completed application with the Full Fee made out to USY AND 2 self-addressed business sized and stamped envelopes to: The Hagesher Regional Office 261 Old York Road, Suite 734, Jenkintown, PA 19046

I can lead the following services (please Circle):

Weekday: P'Sukei D'Zimra Shacharit Mincha Maariv

Shabbat: P'Sukei D'Zimra Shacharit Musaf Maariv
Kabbalat Shabbat

Read Torah: Read Haftorah Be a Gabbai Lead Birkat Hamazon
Lead Hamotzi Lead Kiddush

Name _____ Phone Number _____

Your Name _____ Chapter _____

Your Grade _____

Rooming: Please make sure to write the names of two people (of the same gender) with whom you would like to be roomed. Every attempt will be made to room each USYer with at least one of his/her choices. All rooming decisions are final.

I would like to be roomed with:

Name _____

Chapter _____

Name _____

Chapter _____

Name of Participant _____

Region _____

INTERNATIONAL AND REGIONAL CODE OF CONDUCT FOR USYERS, KADIMANIKS AND STAFF

Year after year, the Kadima and USY members have a great time at our Regional activities. Because of our genuine concern and care for each member, and so that all can enjoy these programs to the fullest extent without interference, we have a Code of Conduct at Regional events. These rules are basic, simple and fair, and in the best interest of all participants. It is the responsibility of parents to review these rules and stress their importance to their children as we will expect full compliance. We reserve the right to call parents of individuals whose behavior is inconsistent with the Code of Conduct below to personally pick up their child from the event (with no refund) and/or to exclude their child from future events.

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. Matches, firecrackers (or similar devices), knives, sharp or dangerous objects, as well as the items mentioned before are not permitted to be brought to camp, nor may they be in the possession or cabin of any Camper.
3. There will be no possession or consumption of any alcoholic beverages.
4. There will be no shoplifting or other theft of any kind.
5. If a USYer/Kadimanik is caught in possession of or using alcohol or illegal drugs, he/she will immediately be sent home at his/her parents' expense. Furthermore, USY International policy states: "Anyone violating any such rules at a regional event for the infraction of these rules is barred from International events for one year following the infraction. Individuals will also be prohibited from participating in the next major regional USY program and other events occurring in the interim, and prohibited from chairing events or staffing programs for six months. Individuals already in leadership positions will be removed. A major Regional event is a regionally sponsored overnight event, such as a convention, Kinnus or Encampment. These events will also include (but are not limited to) the International USY Convention and USY summer programs." The Region reserves the right to impose additional sanctions in connection with this or any other improper behavior as it sees fit.
6. All participants are expected to be in sessions (services, meals, study groups, etc.). Swimming is permitted only at scheduled times when certified supervision is present. The pool and lake areas are off limits at all other times. Because the campgrounds are very spacious, certain other areas will be announced as off limits for your safety. NO USYer/Kadimanik may leave the premises without prior approval of the Regional Director and a parent.
7. All males are expected to bring a tallit and tefillin. All males are required to wear a kippah during all services, meals and study groups. Tallit/tefillin must be worn for morning services where appropriate.
8. Each participant is expected to maintain proper decorum and attitude during the entire program. Disruptive behavior (including, among other things, inappropriate sexual behavior) will not be tolerated. Your parents will be responsible to pay for any damage you may cause.
9. Proper dress is expected of everyone. For Shabbat, males must wear a shirt and tie or sweater, no jeans or sneakers. Females are to wear dresses or skirts, no shorts, culottes or dress pants. All USYers/Kadimaniks shall wear clothing appropriate to the event/location. Please note that you may not wear tank tops, halters, see through blouses or strapless shirts to regional events.
10. All housing/rooming/bunking assignments are final. Changes in bunking can only be made by the Regional Director or her designee. All USYers must be in their assigned bunks at curfew and remain there. Males are not permitted in sleeping rooms of females and females are not allowed in the sleeping rooms of males.
11. Each participant is expected to conduct him/herself appropriately as a Conservative Jew (including through the observance of Shabbat and Kashrut), in accordance with applicable standards of the Law and Standards Committee of the Rabbinical Assembly and/or the local Rabbinical Authority.
12. No USYer shall violate any civil or criminal law, including but not limited to, those related to tampering of or destruction of property, and destruction of one's own or another person's physical and/or mental integrity. Inappropriate or unwelcome physical contact or language, indecent attire or public nudity, shall not be permitted.
13. The Region reserves the right to search the room and belongings of any attendee if it has reasonable grounds to believe that such a search is necessary to secure and maintain the health, safety and/or welfare of the program and/or its participants. The USY or Kadima Director, in consultation with the Regional Youth Commission, reserves the right to enforce other rules relating to the integrity of the Regional Youth Program and/or the health, safety or welfare of its participants.

I have read these rules and understand them fully. I certify that I will adhere to this Code and will conduct myself in a manner reflecting credit upon myself, my Chapter, congregation and community. Any violation of this code of conduct may result in the participant being sent home at his/her parents' expense. The Regional Director has the sole discretion to send a participant home.

SIGNATURE OF USYer

I, _____, the parent/guardian of _____, a minor, who will be participating in USY/Kadima Regional programs, do hereby certify that I have read the Code of Conduct set forth above. I do hereby agree that if my child who has signed the above Rules of Conduct fails to adhere to the Code, then in such event those persons in charge of the program may send my child home at my expense. I understand that the Regional Youth Director has the sole discretion to send my child home.

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, that the photographs taken may be used both for purposes of reporting on the event or for such other use as the USY or Kadima 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.

SIGNATURE OF PARENT

DATE

ALL USYers/Kadimaniks MUST HAVE MEDICAL INSURANCE IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN REGIONAL PROGRAMS.