

JNF Ambassadors 2010-2011 Application

Program Description:

JNF Ambassadors is a program designed to engage volunteers to provide schools with a direct and meaningful link to Israel and Jewish National Fund. The program is facilitated by the staff and leadership of the JNF Israel Advocacy and Education Department, which has as its mission to engage, educate, and energize the Jewish Community of the United States to a deeper commitment to the land and people of Israel.

One or two volunteers from every school will be chosen as a JNF Ambassador. JNF Ambassadors will receive a stipend to attend the 2010 TEVA Seminar on Jewish Environmental Education during which time they will participate in a formal JNF training program, receive resources and materials, and have the opportunity to take part in the conference at large. Throughout the school year JNF Ambassadors will be provided with monthly action items which they will bring to their school to integrate Israel education into the curriculum in a timely and meaningful way.

Benefits of the JNF Ambassador program:

- Full scholarship, and travel stipend, to attend the 2010 Teva Seminar (*up to \$1000*)*
- Free Israel education materials for your entire school.
- Ongoing training and resources to ensure meaningful implementation of JNF materials in school.
- Integration of Israel into school and classroom learning.
- School Commendation showing support of Israel and JNF.
- Become part of local JNF leadership on education issues
- Opportunity to participate in quarterly national conference calls on education and Israel with JNF national leadership.
- Year-end thank you event on behalf of your local JNF office.

Responsibilities of a JNF Ambassador:

- Attend JNF Ambassador training, held at the TEVA Seminar in Cold Spring, NY on June 7-10.
- Implement at least 4 JNF Israel education programs in your school.
- Serve as a liaison to your school for Israel education and programming.
- Facilitate relationship with appropriate educators in the school to increase usage of free JNF materials and participation in programs.
- Report to JNF IAE department and local JNF Education Committee with updated school information and responses to and uses of JNF materials and publications.
- Participate in monthly conference calls for all *JNF Ambassadors*.
- Work with JNF staff to set goals for school based on current level of involvement with JNF.

Who Should Apply?

JNF will accept 1 or 2 Ambassadors from your school. Applicants can be a school administrator, teachers, or an involved parent-volunteer. **We are looking to accept individuals that are dedicated to enhancing Israel education in their community, and will have the time and energy to devote to being an active JNF Ambassador.**

We encourage schools to apply with 2 JNF Ambassadors; we believe that the shared learning experience and partnership will enhance the JNF Ambassador program and its impact on your school.

We realize not all schools have the resources to lend two individuals to this program. In that case, we invite one representative to apply for the program. However, we ask that if the single applicant is not the school administrator, that the school administrator will join their nominee in committing to the program by participating in the application interview and each of the monthly conference calls.

* JNF will provide reimbursement for travel expenses after the Teva Seminar.

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APPLICATION DEADLINE: Tuesday, April 20

Please submit application by email to MWachtel@jnf.org or by fax to: 212-861-5781.

Questions? Contact Michelle Wachtel, Director of Education Programs and Resource Development at (703) 888-2235.

SCHOOL INFORMATION

School: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Type of School (*Congregational, Day, JCC*): _____ Affiliation: _____

Grades in School: _____ Total Number of Students: _____

School Administrator/Head of Judaic Studies: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Congregational Rabbi / Head of School: _____

Nominees for JNF Ambassadors Program

JNF Ambassador 1 Name: _____

Title: _____

Home Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Email: _____

Work Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

JNF Ambassador 2 Name: _____

Title: _____

Home Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Email: _____

Work Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

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APPLICATION QUESTIONS - Please attach additional pages in order to answer the below questions.

1. Are you available to attend the entire Teva Seminar, June 7-10, 2010 at Surprise Lake Camp in Cold Spring, New York? *If this is an application for 2 JNF Ambassadors, both need to be available to attend the JNF training at the Teva Seminar.*

1a. If selected as a JNF Ambassador, what rooming accommodations would you prefer at the Teva Seminar:

_____ hotel (shared room for 2, daily transportation provided to camp)

_____ cabin (shared cabin for 2 at Surprise Lake Camp, with bathroom)

2. In-person interviews are a critical part of the application process. As a national program, JNF staff will be traveling to regions on select dates to host interviews. Are you available on the following dates for your area:

Mon, 4/26 – Tues, 4/27 Los Angeles (& Western Zone) _____

Thurs, 4/29 – Fri, 4/30 Baltimore/Washington, DC _____

Mon, 5/3 – Tues 5/4 Southern Florida _____

Wed, 5/5 – Fri, 5/7 Philadelphia, NJ, New York area _____

3. What role does Israel play in your school's curriculum? What type of Israel education are you already doing?

4. Why are you interested in participating in the JNF Ambassador's program?

5. What relationship does your school currently have with JNF? Have you used our educational materials, and if yes, please list which ones.

6. How do you envision JNF Ambassadors enhancing Israel education in your school? Specifically, what areas of Israel education you are looking to expand?

If applicable:

7. Why do you feel that your nominees are strong candidates to become JNF Ambassadors?

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