



# New York Metropolitan Region



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Dear Rakevet USYer:

Attached is your application form for our Spring Divisional Kinnus, November 6-8, 2009 at Manetto Hill Jewish Center. For those of you that are not familiar with what a Kinnus is, it is an action packed weekend away with other USYers from our Division: Eastern Nassau and Suffolk counties. It is held at a local synagogue, where the hosting chapter will house you. You will get a chance to meet new people and experience a Shabbat the USY way. We begin our weekend at approximately 3:00 pm. with registration on Friday. Our weekend consists of a fun Shabbat program including services, discussions, *Ruach* and *Havdallah*. We continue on Saturday night with a dance/social program and a fund raising program. After a creative program Sunday morning, the weekend comes to an end at 12:00 pm.

For many of you this will be your first Kinnus, as well as a new way to experience Shabbat. We ask that you come and actively participate in the "*Ruach*" and the total program that is being offered. Only then will you truly begin to understand what USY is all about. If you are capable of leading a part of the service or wish to participate in some meaningful way, please mail in your application **early** and make all notations in the "ritual" section on your application form.

You must **CLEARLY** write your email address on the application form to be sure of a response from the Kinnus Chair people and specific details related to the weekend. Send your, information page and application to Mike Hirsch. Space is limited, and applications will be accepted on a first come, first served basis. Please note the cost for applications postmarked by the **EARLY DEADLINE October 22, is \$64.99**, and postmarked by the **LATE DEADLINE OF October 29 is \$80**. Once we have reached our limit, applicants will be placed on waiting list, and accepted if space becomes available. Any applicant who is not accepted from the waiting list, will be refunded their kinnus fees.

Kinnus is a social and educational program. Shabbat is a significant part of our Kinnus experience and we ask that you dress accordingly to honor Shabbat, i.e. Boys, dress slacks and shirts, tie and jacket. Girls, dresses or skirts. **JEANS AND T-SHIRTS ARE NOT TO BE WORN ON SHABBAT**. Additional information regarding dress code can be found on the attached information sheet. Each USYer will be expected to attend all activities of the Kinnus from orientation on Friday to the conclusion on Sunday. Manetto Hill Jewish Center has arranged home hospitality. Changes may not be made without the consent of Mike Hirsch.

Please note: Kinnus Registration begins at 3:00pm and Shabbat starts promptly at 4:29pm. All kinnus attendees **must arrive before we begin Shabbat**, so please plan accordingly. I look forward to greeting each of you on November 6.

Sincerely,

Michael Hirsch  
Rakevet Divisional Director

**Please note:** This Kinnus is open to all paid and registered members of the Rakevet Division. If you are not part of the Rakevet Division and wish to attend, you may do so only if you have attended or have registered and paid for your own Division's Fall Kinnus and receive permission from your Divisional Director.

# APPLICATION FORM

Please put your name on all three parts of the application. **PLEASE WRITE CLEARLY!**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE (\_\_\_\_\_) - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

AGE \_\_\_\_\_ SEX \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE \_\_\_\_\_ CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

Do you require vegetarian meals? \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_@\_\_\_\_\_.

Cost per USYer \$64.99 Application Deadline: **Postmarked by NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 22, 2009**

**\$80.00 LATE DEADLINE: Postmarked by OCTOBER 29 (PLEASE NOTE \$15 LATE FEE)**

## ENCLOSED AMOUNT (please check)

Kinnus \$64.99  Postmarked by 10/22/2009

Kinnus + **\$15 LATE FEE** \$80.00  Postmarked by 10/29/2009

\*\*  I would like to contribute an additional \$5.00 to help provide financial assistance for Rakevet USYers to participate in this program .

Make checks payable to:  
**Manetto Hill Jewish Center**

Send check and application to:

Shirt Size \_\_\_\_\_ (Adult sizes only)

Rakevet Fall Kinnus  
18 Willow Place  
Albertson, NY 11507

**NO REFUNDS WILL BE MADE AFTER October 29, 2009.**

## HOUSING

YOUR NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE (\_\_\_\_\_) - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

AGE \_\_\_\_\_ SEX \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE \_\_\_\_\_ CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

Three housing requests only, we will TRY to honor (USYers you would like to room with):

Do you have any allergies? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, which one(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Do you require to be housed within walking distance of the Synagogue? \_\_\_\_\_

## RITUAL

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE (\_\_\_\_\_) - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate whether: You are willing to Lead any of the following - with a "Y"  
You would lead the following if need be - with an "I"  
You would like to learn the following before kinnus and lead it at kinnus - with an "L"

Mincha Weekday \_\_\_\_\_ Kabbalat Shabbat \_\_\_\_\_ Shacharit Shabbat \_\_\_\_\_ Musaf Shabbat \_\_\_\_\_ Mincha Shabbat \_\_\_\_\_

Shabbat Ma'ariv \_\_\_\_\_ Shacharit Weekday \_\_\_\_\_ Haftarah \_\_\_\_\_ Torah Reading \_\_\_\_\_ English Reading \_\_\_\_\_

Shacharit Weekday \_\_\_\_\_ Motzi \_\_\_\_\_ Kiddush \_\_\_\_\_ Birkat HaMazon \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like an Aliyah? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, are you a: Kohen \_\_\_\_\_ Levi \_\_\_\_\_ Israelite \_\_\_\_\_

**Note: All Gentlemen MUST bring a Tallit, Tefillin and a Kipah.**

What is your favorite Ruach song? \_\_\_\_\_

**USY RAKEVET DIVISION \* METNY REGION**  
**Fall Divisional Kinnus \* November 6-8, 2009 \* Manetto Hill Jewish Center, Plainview, NY**

**INFORMATION PAGE**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE (\_\_\_\_\_) - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ AGE \_\_\_\_\_ GENDER \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ CHAPTER (synagogue) \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a new USYer? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ # of Divisional Events attended (approx.) since you joined USY? \_\_\_\_\_

**Code of Conduct**

**METNY Region USY regulations do not permit a USYer to drive during any part of the Kinnus, nor shall "house parties" be allowed by hosting USYers. As a reminder, the use of drugs, alcohol or tobacco products will not be tolerated. Anybody caught stealing, or with drugs, alcohol or tobacco products in their possession will be sent home. Any USYers found not abiding by these rules will not be permitted to attend future Divisional, Regional and International programs and will be sent home during the course of the weekend.**

Anyone who violates this Code shall be subject to disciplinary consequences, including, but not limited to, being sent home at the expense of the violating USYer or staff member (or his/her parent/guardian), monetary payment for personal and/or property damages and suspension from future USY events. The event director reserves the right to enforce these and any other behavioral rules, and impose additional sanctions with respect to behavior that would otherwise affect the integrity of the USY event and/or health and welfare of its participants and staff.

In the event a participant violates the National Youth Commission regarding drug/alcohol abuse or any other criminal offense (including but not limited to shoplifting), punishment for that offense will include suspension from International USY events/activities (including but not limited to International USY Convention and USY Summer Programs) for one year following the infraction. The METNY Region reserves the right to impose additional sanctions in connection with this or any other improper behavior as it sees fit.

METNY Region reserves the right to search the room and belongs of any attendee of any USY event or activity if it 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. The event director in consultation with the Regional Youth Director will make judgments in such situations. METNY reserves the right to enforce other rules relating to the integrity of its programs and/or health, safety, or welfare of its participants.

**Appropriate Dress Policy for United Synagogue Youth**

Tzniut (modesty) is a long-standing Jewish value. As a people who see ourselves as reflecting the image of God, our Jewish Community believes we should act accordingly; thus, some things are not appropriate, for they do not reflect our Jewish values. How we dress is a basic example of these values. This policy represents the minimum expectations for modest and appropriate dress at USY events. It is divided into two sections, one for all USY activities and the other for Shabbat.

**BASIC USY STANDARDS OF DRESS**

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, tight garments, or jeans are not permitted; shoulders must be covered for both males and females. Tank tops, 2-piece bathing suits (except where midriff is covered), bare midriff styles, halter-tops, leggings, or see-through blouses are not permitted. (Adopted unanimously by the National Youth Commission April 14, 2002)

**ALL ATTENDEES MUST ARRIVE BEFORE THE BEGINNING OF SHABBAT.**

USYer's SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ PARENT'S SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

YOUTH DIRECTORS SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

**PARENTAL CONSENT FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL TREATMENT**

**NO APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED UNLESS THIS CONSENT FORM IS FILLED OUT AND SIGNED**

*To be used only if parent or other listed person cannot be contacted*

We the undersigned parents/guardians of \_\_\_\_\_ do hereby authorize the Youth Department staff members of, Manetto Hill Jewish Center to act as our agents to consent to any medical or surgical diagnosis and/or treatment of Manetto Hill Jewish Center officers, Youth Department staff or agents be held liable for any first aid or surgical procedures performed pursuant to this consent.

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/2009

MEDICAL INSURANCE CO \_\_\_\_\_ POLICY NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Names \_\_\_\_\_ Allergies (Food, drug, insect or substance) \_\_\_\_\_

Cell phone Mother: (\_\_\_\_\_) - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone Father: (\_\_\_\_\_) - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Current Medication(s) or Medical Treatment \_\_\_\_\_

***Other than parents/guardian, who should be contacted in the event of an emergency?***

**1)** Name \_\_\_\_\_ Home Telephone (\_\_\_\_\_) - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Relation to USYer \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone (\_\_\_\_\_) - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

**2)** Name \_\_\_\_\_ Home Telephone (\_\_\_\_\_) - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Relation to USYer \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone (\_\_\_\_\_) - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_