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TEMPLE SINAI

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Dear Families,

Temple Sinai believes so strongly in the value of a Jewish summer camp and Israel experiences that we have established a URJ Camp and Israel Scholarship Fund that *provides scholarship to needy and deserving youth attending URJ summer camp and Israel programs*. Applying for a scholarship from this fund now replaces any previous procedures families used for requesting scholarship from the temple.

Temple members in good standing who need financial help sending their children to these programs may apply. This fund is only one of several sources we expect families to draw from to cover the cost of camp or a trip. In addition to what a family can contribute, other community sources include:

1. Our Jewish Federation offers both Camp Incentive Grants and grants for Israel trips through SKIP. There is an application process and deadline.
2. NFTY gives \$250 Israel trip gift certificates to Temple Sinai b'nai mitzvah.
3. NFTY offers an early-bird registration discount.
4. Historically, Camp Coleman will match the amount a temple gives, up to \$500 per camper.

In addition, in today's world, it is not uncommon for grandparents or other family members to help. **It is the family's responsibility to do the legwork and explore all the funding possibilities available to each child BEFORE requesting a scholarship from the temple.**

The one-page application for Temple scholarship is due by January 31st. Any applications received after that date will not receive full consideration. The scholarship committee will meet and announce allocations by the end of February. Funds will be paid directly to the child's URJ camp or the Israel program office.

Providing children these kinds of experiences requires a strong partnership between families, Temple and community. We look forward to working with you to make exciting things happen for your child.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Sunny Brownrout
Vice-President of Youth Education

TEMPLE SINAI URJ CAMP AND ISRAEL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

This completed form must be returned to the temple by January 31, 2012 for full consideration.

Child's name _____ As of June, entering grade _____

Parent(s) name(s) _____

Child primarily lives with ___ both parents ___ mother ___ father ___ equally shared custody

Home phone _____

Mother's cell _____ Father's cell _____

Mother's email _____ Father's email _____

Number of people living in your household: ___ adults ___ children (under 18)

Requesting scholarship for:

___ URJ Camp Coleman _____ NFTY in Israel
 Session attending _____ Which trip? _____
___ Other URJ camp
 Which? _____

How costs will be met: \$ _____ from family

\$ _____ from Jewish Federation Incentive Grant (estimate)

\$ _____ from other source (camp, etc.) Specify: _____

\$ _____ Amount requested from Scholarship Fund

Which circumstances affecting your family's financial situation would it be helpful for the Scholarship Committee to know about when determining your scholarship eligibility? (Use other side if necessary.)

I certify that all information contained in this application for the Temple Sinai URJ Camp and Israel Scholarship is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that any funds received will be paid directly to the URJ camp or Israel program office. I will inform the Vice President of Youth Education of any changes in plans with regard to camp or program attendance. If awarded a scholarship and my son/daughter does not attend, I understand that I will be responsible for repaying the URJ Camp and Youth Scholarship Fund if the money cannot be refunded or reapplied.

PARENT SIGNATURE _____ **DATE** _____