

**AN INVITATION
TO TEENS ENTERING
NINTH AND TENTH GRADE
IN 2009**

BONIM BANIM: BUILDING YOUTH

WHAT? A week of a life-changing, home-building, worship and Torah experience

WHO? 24 Jewish high school freshmen and sophomores

WHERE? Hopkinton, Massachusetts

WHEN? August 16-23, 2009

WHY? 'Cause this is why you were created

HOW? Turn the page and complete the application

RSVP: to Rabbi Joel Soffin, by March 1, 2009



Rabbi Joel E. Soffin Founder
Sara Losch Program Director

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APPLICATION FORM - PAGE 1

For one week, 24 young Reform Jewish teenagers will live together as a Jewish community, learning, praying, and working beside one another. This experience of Jewish religious living will make a significant change in the lives of many local women as their center is restored, and in the lives of all of the participants. There will be fun at the hotel and in the nearby towns, and a new sense of competence and holiness in action.

This form is due with your release letter, essays and a non-refundable deposit of \$100 by March 1, 2009. Notification of acceptance will be sent by the end of March.

Participation is open to teenagers entering grades 9 and 10 in September 2009, whose families are members in good standing of Reform Jewish congregations. Participation is subject to our 24-student maximum capacity.

Registration Fee: The Application fee is due by March 1, 2009. The balance of \$900 is due no later than May 1, 2009.

Participants must arrange for their own transportation to and from Hopkinton. The Registration fee includes all costs except transportation to and from Hopkinton, and Wednesday's "Trip Night" activities.

Checks should be made payable to Jewish Helping Hands.

**Send completed application form, signed release form, health and safety form, Brit Kehillah, deposit or full payment, and essays to:
Jewish Helping Hands, c/o Rabbi Joel Soffin, 304 West 89th Street, Apt. 4a, NY, NY 10024.**

PLEASE TYPE or PRINT

One Form per Teen

Make Copies if Needed

TEEN'S NAME _____ PARENTS' NAMES _____

TEEN'S ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

HOME PHONE _____ TEEN'S CELL _____

TEEN'S EMAIL ADDRESS _____

PARENT'S EMAIL ADDRESS _____ PARENT'S CELL _____

GRADE ENTERING SEPTEMBER 2009 _____ BIRTHDATE _____

TEMPLE AFFILIATION _____

CITY _____ STATE _____

TEEN'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

PARENT'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

I RECOMMEND _____ FOR PARTICIPATION IN BONIM BANIM.

RABBI'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

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TO ASSIST WITH ADVANCED PLANNING, please complete the following:

1. Any DIETARY RESTRICTIONS, including FOOD ALLERGIES? YES__ NO__

If "yes," please explain in detail _____

2. Any NON-FOOD ALLERGIES, including ENVIRONMENTAL? YES__ NO__

If "yes," please explain in detail _____

3. Are you taking any MEDICATIONS we should know about? YES__ NO__

If "yes," please list the names and categories _____

4. Are you ALLERGIC to any MEDICATIONS? YES__ NO__

If yes, please list them (penicillin, sulfa drugs, etc.) _____

5. Any PHYSICAL LIMITATIONS that need to be considered? YES__ NO__

If "yes," please explain _____

TO HELP US CREATE THE BEST POSSIBLE EXPERIENCE FOR EVERYONE, PLEASE SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH US:

TRANSPORTATION: Please notify us of your arrangements as soon as they are completed.

BUILDING SKILLS: Have you participated in a building project before? If so, when and where? _____

How would you describe yourself: skillful____ handy____ willing____

During the week, we will have worship experiences (both formal and informal) as well as Torah study.

Are you interested in taking a leadership role in worship? _____

Do you sing well or play an instrument? _____

Will you bring your instrument? _____

QUESTIONS? CONTACT:

Rabbi Joel Soffin: rabbisoffin@gmail.com

Sara Losch, Program Director: bonimbanim@gmail.com

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ESSAY

Please write complete and thoughtful responses. Please use a blank sheet if you need additional space.

1. Why are you especially interested in Bonim Banim? _____

2. Why will you be a positive addition to our community of 24 teens? _____

3. Write about something that has happened in your community or in the world that made you feel that you wanted to get involved. _____

4. Write about a person you know who did something to make the world a better place. What did he/she do? Why was it important for him/her to do it? _____

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