



The Men's Club of Congregation Shir Hadash

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Youth Leadership Grants Program Selection Criteria and Policy & Procedure

Mission Statement: This program seeks to promote the development of the next generation of Jewish leaders at Shir Hadash by encouraging our youth to participate in Jewish-context leadership development programs offered outside the temple community. These experiences are intended to enhance the participant's Jewish participation and leadership and provide the necessary foundation for our youth to live a life of contribution to the community, informed by Jewish values.

Process:

- Shir Hadash Men's Club will provide funds directly to the sponsoring organization for approved activities, events, conferences, and programs.
- Grants are intended to offset only a portion of the program expense.

Eligibility:

- Members of Congregation Shir Hadash families.
- In school grades 9 through 12.
- Applications will be considered for Shir Hadash Youth for events through the first August after their High School graduation or their 18th birthday, whichever comes later.

Schedule:

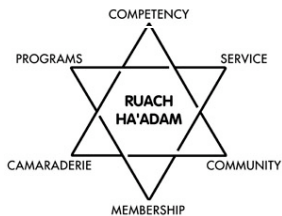
- Apply by the 2nd Friday in December for Spring events and the 4th Friday in March for Summer events.
- To support processing, please submit your application at least 45 days before the event.
- We will make every effort to consider any application we receive, no matter the timing.

Application:

- Apply to the Shir Hadash Men's Club Youth Leadership Grants program using the Men's Club supplied application form, sending it in a sealed envelope to the attention of Secretary of the Shir Hadash Men's Club, to the Shir Hadash address.
- The Youth Leadership Grants Committee will evaluate applications on a "blind" basis. (It is intended that the Committee will not know the applicant's identity during consideration).
- Applicants who receive grants give their permission for their essays to be published in the Shir Hadash Notes. Applicants shall provide a written or verbal report after the event, as may be requested by the Men's Club.
- Provide a copy of the official event registration form for the event.
- Applications will be reviewed for grants in the order in which they are received.
- Although this is not a means-based program, we will consider input from the clergy for applicants who might need additional financial consideration.

Funding Approval:

- Applications will be reviewed and grant awards determined by the Shir Hadash Men's Club Youth Leadership Grants Committee.
- Applicant will be notified by the Committee of the Committee's funding decision.
- The Committee will coordinate with the applicant to submit the awarded grant funds directly to the sponsoring organization.



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APPLICATION FORM – page 1

Application #: _____

Please fill out both pages of this form. You must also attach your essay and a copy of the completed registration/application form for the event that you are planning to attend.

Applicant Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Parents/Guardian: _____

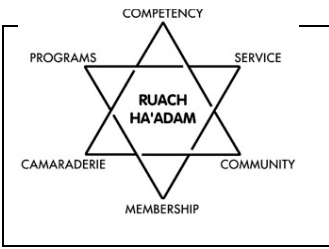
Phone: _____ Email: _____

I am applying for a grant for the event as described below and agree to and will follow the Youth Leadership Grants program policies.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____



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Shir Hadash Men's Club Youth Leadership Grants Program APPLICATION FORM – page 2 Application #: _____

Your School Grade Level: _____ Your Age: _____

Name of Event: _____

Sponsoring Org: _____

Location: _____ Start Date: _____ End Date: _____

Event Registration Fee: \$ _____ Estimated Travel, Lodging, Food Costs: \$ _____

Is your participation in this event dependent on the amount of funding you receive from the Youth Scholarship Program? _____ If so, what is that amount: \$ _____

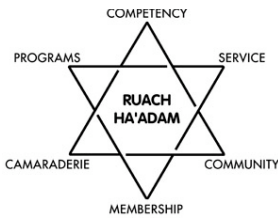
Please describe the event you would like to attend:

Essay: On a separate page, please attach a 250-300 word essay in which you describe how you feel attending this Event will make you a better leader in the Jewish community as well as what future leadership roles you intend to fulfill as a result of your participation. Quotations may be used *sparingly* if plainly identified wherever used. The judging committee will use the following scoring criteria to evaluate essays, along with any clergy input on financial need.

- Leadership Intent = 50 points
- Clarity of Ideas = 30 points
- Future Actions = 20 points

Parent's Comments (optional):

Committee Decision:



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APPLICATION FORM – page 3

Application #: _____

Clergy's Comments (optional)

Note to Clergy: Although this is not a means-based program, the Men's club will consider input from the clergy for applicants who might need additional financial consideration. Please return this completed page directly to the Men's club secretary by placing it in the Men's Club mail slot.

Applicant: Fill out the following and submit to the appropriate clergy member

To: _____

I am applying for a grant for the event as described below and request your inputs.

Applicant Name: _____ Email: _____

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parents/Guardian: _____ Phone: _____

Signature: _____ Email: _____

Applicant's School Grade Level: _____ Applicant's Age: _____

Name of Event: _____ Sponsoring Org: _____

Location: _____ Start Date: _____ End Date: _____

Event Registration Fee: \$ _____ Estimated Travel, Lodging, Food Costs: \$ _____

Is your participation in this event dependent on the amount of funding you receive from the Youth Scholarship Program? _____ If so, what is that amount: \$ _____

Please describe the event you would like to attend: _____

Clergy's Comments:, The value the community would receive from the grant applicant participating in the program and any comments about additional financial underwriting that might be needed.



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Some Worthy Jewish Youth Leadership Development Programs

-- Advancing our objective of developing the next generation
of Jewish leaders at Shir Hadash

- NFTY Convention, Leadership track, at <http://www.nfty.org/>
- NFTY Leadership Academy at the URJ Kutz Camp in Warwick, NY, for the skills to lead and run one's home Temple Youth Group, at <http://kutz.urjcamps.org/summer/nftyleadership/>
- BBYO Leadership programs, at <http://www.bbyo.org/index.php?c=69&kat=Leadership>
- Union of Reform Judaism Biennial Convention, at <http://www.urj.org>
- CAJE, the huge Jewish educators' conference, has a teen track, at <http://caje.org/caje30/>
- Programs at Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion, at <http://huc.edu/academics/continuing/nacyp.shtml>
- Anything else you are interested in that might fit the criteria: leadership training, Jewish, growth-causing, and FUN!!
- URJ/RAC L'Taken - Funding is being provided by the Men's Club directly to Shir Hadash to support the overall program which includes this worth-while L'Taken Social Justice Seminar, so individual grants for L'Taken will not be available.

To find out about these exciting opportunities and the possibility of obtaining a grant from the Men's club, contact Ron Wolk ronwolk@aol.com, or Bruce Preville bruce@preville.net of the Shir Hadash Men's Club, Rabbi Aron, Rabbi Fleekop, or Rabbi Rosenberg