



Dear Parents of 9<sup>th</sup> grade students:

Next school year, the 9th grade class has the amazing opportunity to take a fun and educational trip to the Grand Canyon area. This ambitious trip takes students to Bryce Canyon, Zion, and Grand Canyon national parks. Students will also participate in a Tikkun Olam activity in the Las Vegas area. Here is a short video of last year's class on the trip: [9<sup>th</sup> grade trip video](#)

The trip is scheduled from 11/05/18 to 11/08/18. We are working with the professional travel company "[Grand Classroom](#)". Please register your child for this trip by clicking this link:

<https://trips.grandclassroom.com/Trip/Index?uniqueUrl=sandiegojewishacedemygc2018>

Now that you have registered for the trip by clicking the above link, here is a sample itinerary (subject to change):

Day One

· Arrive Las Vegas · Community Service, Three Square Food Bank · Hotel in St. George, UT

Day Two

· Bryce Canyon National Park · Tour the Canyon Rim and Sunset Point · Navajo and Queen's Garden Trail · Coral Pink Sand Dunes · Hotel in Kanab, UT

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Day Three

· Grand Canyon National Park · Hike the North Kaibab Trail · Grand Canyon Lodge · Bright Angel Point · North Rim Visitors Center · Dinner overlooking the Grand Canyon · Return to hotel

Day Four

· Zion National Park · Checkerboard Mesa · Hike the Narrows (weather permitting) · Emerald Pool Trail · Depart for Las Vegas · Planet Hollywood Dinner · Depart for airport

The cost of this trip is **\$1549**. This includes everything - all transportation, hotel accommodations, meals, sightseeing and evening activities as well as medical insurance.

Trip Payments are due **August 15, 2018**. Please see page 3 of this letter for the payment form. This form must be completed and payment must be made via one of the options on the form.

**Important Note:** Registering for the trip (see link on first page of this letter) is a separate process than paying for the trip.

**Payments can be made anytime between now and August 15.**

Eligibility for field trip financial aid is based on demonstrated financial need. Assessment of financial need is determined in accordance with how SDJA tuition assistance (TA) awards are determined. If your family did not apply for and receive TA for the 2017-18 school year, it is not expected that financial need criteria would be met for purposes of this trip. In order to apply for financial assistance for this trip please email:

[tuitionassistance@sdja.com](mailto:tuitionassistance@sdja.com)

**FA requests must be submitted by August 1, 2018.**

**Final payment is due August 15**

If you have any questions, you can call the professionals at Grand Classroom at 434-975-2629 or email [tcollins@sdja.com](mailto:tcollins@sdja.com). We look forward to providing a fun and educational adventure that your child will remember for a lifetime!

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1. Complete this form and return to the **UPPER SCHOOL OFFICE**
2. Complete this form, print and mail OR scan with your phone or scanner, and email to:  
[tcollins@sdja.com](mailto:tcollins@sdja.com)
3. Payment: The total fee for the **9<sup>th</sup> Grade Southwest National Parks** Field Trip is \$ **1,549.00**

**OPTIONS FOR PAYMENT :**

- **CREDIT CARD**

Pay via this link: <https://forms.diamondmindinc.com/sdja/fieldtrips?token=1617084653>

- **CHECK**

Check # \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed. If you are mailing in your paperwork and/or payment, please mark '**UPPER SCHOOL FIELD TRIP**' on the outer envelope so your submission can be routed to the right person during the summer months.

- **ADD TO STUDENTS FACTS ACCOUNT**

To add to an existing FACTS account in **good standing** email request directly to :  
[pbrannon@sdja.com](mailto:pbrannon@sdja.com). Full cost of Field Trip will be divided into a maximum of 3 payments.  
**This request must be made via email.**

## Payments Due by August 15, 2018

**REFUND POLICY:**

As field trip expenses will be incurred prior to the trip based on number of students attending (such as non-refundable hotel rooms, plane fare, non-refundable activities' costs, administrative time organizing the Field Trip, etc.) all payments for the Field Trip are non-refundable. In the event of an emergency precluding your student's attendance, as determined in SDJA's sole discretion, SDJA will refund any portion of the cost of the Field Trip that has not already been incurred.

I, the undersigned, agree to pay for the field trip via one of the methods indicated above and acknowledge the refund policy as stated. I understand that failure to pay the amount listed by the specified due date will result in the student's inability to participate in the field trip.

Student Name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_