



Dear Parents of 11th grade students:

Next year's 11th grade Experiential Learning trip is set to be an amazing program which integrates direct service for the fulfillment of basic human needs coupled with Jewish learning and living. We will be going to Portland Oregon with the Jewish organization Tivnu.

Tivnu is Hebrew for **Build**. For this experience, *Tivnu: Building Justice* will be our host and is an organization that facilitates programs for groups to participate in hands-on projects to build community, justice, purpose and fulfill the *mitzvah* of *tikkun olam*.

For further information on *Tivnu: Building Justice*, please click here to visit their website: <http://tivnu.org/>

Location: Portland is one of America's most vibrant and visionary cities. It is a community on the cutting edge of anti-poverty work, green building, urban agriculture, and community empowerment. Tivnu's program will immerse students in this exciting mix, giving them hands-on, up-close experience with grassroots social justice organizations.

Participants will:

- Broaden their understanding of some of today's most pressing social issues, including housing, food, environmental quality, and/or other issues determined in conversation with your synagogue/organization;
- Discover how Judaism, Jewish history, and Jewish sources can be agents of social change;
- Know that their efforts made a difference in the lives of others.

During this experience, students will engage in hands-on work with local organizations such as Friends of Nadaka, The Learning Gardens Laboratory, and Zenger Farms. They work **with** others, not **for** them: learning from them, listening to their stories, and moving toward a wider form of justice that embraces us all. Other activities include a visit to the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area, a tour of Timberline Lodge on Mt. Hood, a visit to the Portland Japanese Garden, and an evening at Powell's Books. Itinerary subject to change. More details will be sent in the month before the trip.

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The cost of the trip is **\$1690**. This includes everything on the trip - all flights, busses, hotel accommodations, Kosher meals, sightseeing and evening activities, and 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.

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

FA requests must be submitted by August 1

**Next page is payment form*

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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
3. Payment: The total fee for the **Tivnu Portland, Oregon** Field Trip is \$ **1,690.00**.

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. Full cost of Field Trip will be divided into a maximum of 3 payments.
This request must be made via email.

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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: _____