



Dear Parents of 10th grade students:

In August of 2017, Hurricane Harvey hit the Houston Metropolitan area and flooded hundreds of thousands of homes, displaced more than 30,000 people, and prompted more than 17,000 rescues. The people of Houston are still rebuilding after the devastation hit 9 months ago.

At SDJA, we believe it is important to take action based on the *mitzvah* of *tikkun olam*. We do this through service learning adventures which build character and social responsibility. That is why next year's 10th grade experiential learning trip will be to Houston, Texas where we will work directly with the community on home restoration and helping families get back to normalcy. Just last month, this article described the conditions in some of the areas we will be working in: [Houston devastation Article](#)

For this trip, we will be working with expert guides from [Unearthed Travel](#). Here is a short clip of one of their programs: [video](#)

In addition to our service work, we will have an opportunity to explore the Houston Area, spend time at the Emery Weiner School - a sister Jewish Day School, and visit the Houston Space Center.

Here is a sample itinerary (subject to change):

- **Nov 4** - arrival day - flexible timing based on flights - orientation walk upon arrival/check in hotel
- **November 5 & 6** - Two full days of community service with a local partner working with families directly impacted by the storms.
- **November 7** - Houston Sightseeing - Space Center, Jewish Day School visit
- **November 8** - return home.

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The cost of the trip is **\$1913**. This includes everything on the trip - all flights, busses, hotel accommodations, meals, sightseeing and evening activities, insurance, and a \$50 donation to the partner organizations (more info on that to follow).

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.

Final payment due date is due **August 15**

**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 **Houston Service Trip** Field Trip is \$ **1,913.00** .

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: _____