

# RAJE RUSSIAN AMERICAN JEWISH EXPERIENCE

## RAJE LEADERSHIP FELLOWSHIP

**Congratulations on deciding to join the RAJE Leadership Fellowship program!**  
The Leadership Fellowship is an elite program, uniquely designed for young Russian American Jews.

### The program goals are:

- Empower participants to investigate many of the core spiritual/philosophical ideas that make the Jewish people unique, with an eye on what this teaches us about Jewish leadership and responsibility.
- Interact with leaders and exceptional people in the Jewish world, hear their stories, and develop a first hand understanding of what it takes to be a Jewish leader.
- A hands on exploration of Jewish identity through an unforgettable tour of Europe and Israel

### Program Overview

The program consists of three mandatory components which are necessary to complete the program, be eligible for a trip, and reimbursement of a portion of the deposit due to the participant:

#### 1. Ten study sessions\*:

The study sessions will be held on Sundays from 3:30 – 8:00 PM and will feature:

- A lecture or interactive program exploring major Jewish ideas.
- Meeting with famous Jewish leaders from all walks of life: CEO's of large companies, heads of organizations and political leaders
- An exploration of core Jewish texts
- A Hebrew language course or a class on various Jewish Topics

#### 2. One Community weekend retreat and one In-House Shabbat experience at the RAJE Center

#### 3. An essay describing your Euro/Israel trip experience.

### Program Dates:

**Sessions:** October 18th, October 25th, November 1st, November 8th, November 15th, November 22nd, November 29th, December 6th, and December 13th \*

**Shabbatons:**

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| • RAJE Center In-House Shabbaton | <b>November 6-7</b>   |
| • Community Shabbaton            | <b>November 20-21</b> |

### Program rules:

#### 1. There are two levels of program completion: 'basic' and 'advanced':

- A. 'Basic program completion':** graduating students are eligible for one of the winter trips presented at a highly subsidized cost of \$299 for full-time college students and \$599 for non-full time students.
- B. 'Advanced program completion':** graduating students are eligible for one of the winter trips, presented FREE for full-time college students and \$299 for non-full time students.

#### 2. Requirements for 'basic' program completion:

- A.** Weekly on time attendance and participation in Sunday sessions from 3:30 – 8:00 PM. Missing more than two sessions disqualifies a student from program completion. Showing up late to a session counts as if the person did not show up.
- B.** Upon the completion of each Sunday's session, a program evaluation form must be completed and submitted online prior to the following session.
- C.** An essay describing how your Euro/Israel trip experience has impacted your life. The essay must be a minimum of two pages long. The essay must be submitted 6 weeks after trip completion .
- D.** Two weekend retreats. Missing either of the two Shabbaton weekends disqualifies a student from the program completion. Participants MUST arrive to the Shabbatons on time and abide by all shabbaton rules. This will require you to leave your workplace early on Friday; please make all arrangements as soon as possible. Transportation for each of the weekends may be provided for a fee of \$10 each way, or you may travel there on your own. The transportation fee must be submitted with the Shabbaton fee.
- E.** Attendance at a Wednesday night event with Rabbi Daniel Brenner date to be announced\*

A non-refundable \$25.00 Shabbaton fee must be submitted for EACH of the Shabbatons by **October 25th, 2009**:

#### 3. Requirements for 'advanced' program completion:

In addition to the above 'basic' program requirements, 'advanced' program completion requires:

- A.** Attendance at **all** sessions - Missing any session for any reason disqualifies a student from 'advanced' program graduation.

#### 4. Europe – Israel Trip:

##### Trip Details:

**Zurich – Israel: Jan 12<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>**

Deposit: \$599 + non-refundable Europe ground cost fee: \$200\*

\*ground cost fee does not include optional lift & ski rental for optional ski trip

**Israel Full Throttle: Jan 10<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>**

Deposit: \$599

\*\*All trip locations and dates are subject to change at any point throughout the semester.

*Copy of passport must be submitted with the deposit.*

**Spots for these trips are limited and are available on a first come-first serve basis. (pending completion of the program requirements). In order to reserve your spot a deposit must be submitted by November 8th, 2009.**

All deposits are non-refundable after due date submission and cannot be transferred if the student misses the trip for whatever reason. All students who do not participate in the trip during the winter season are eligible for a similar trip during the subsequent summer season provided that such a trip is offered by the organization and subject to all subsequent rules & pricing changes. Participation on trips is subject to program completion and deposits.

The portion of the deposit due to the student for program completion will be returned during the next semester at the graduation ceremony. Program completion on either a 'basic' or 'advanced' level is necessary to be eligible for the trip. RAJE staff reserves the right to determine eligibility of a participant (despite completion of the program requirements) based on various factors such as disruptive conduct during all aspects of the program, including Shabbat, as well as falsifying any information or documents and the like.

If you have any questions or comments please contact:

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I have read the above information and understand the rules and regulations as well as the deadlines and deposit details for the program.

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Signature & Date