

The Mitzvah and Leadership Application Process

Mitzvah and Leadership are special programs for campers entering 10th grade in the fall. Mitzvah is offered only at Gindling Hilltop Camp from Wednesday, June 23 – Sunday, July 18, 2010. Leadership is offered only at Camp Hess Kramer from Wednesday, July 14 - Sunday, August 8, 2010. Your application (including references) must be completed and received by Wilshire Boulevard Temple Camps by **December 1st, 2009**.

Mitzvah campers will take on a role of leadership within the community of Gindling Hilltop Camp. The Mitzvah program combines all your favorite camp activities with a special focus on *Mitzvot*, inside and outside of camp. The program includes a Mitzvah hour, which focuses on contemporary Jewish issues, specifically on God, Israel, Torah, and most importantly “myself”. Mitzvah may go on an overnight or build a project to enhance GHC.

The Leadership program at Camp Hess Kramer asks each camper to explore what it means to be a leader and give back to camp, to the Jewish community as well as to the entire world. As the oldest campers in camp, they have the responsibility to be role models as well as leaders. This includes an hour during the day just for Leadership, focusing on contemporary Jewish concerns and issues, numerous team-building activities, including building a project to add to CHK and participating in a 2½ day hike.

All Mitzvah and Leadership applicants must fill out the enclosed forms and be part of the interview process. Please refer to the enclosed “Application Check List” to help guide you through the application process. We interview applicants for both programs in a group setting. This is a chance to introduce campers to the programs as well as to each other. We not only look for leaders, but also people who can step back, and this interview provides valuable information about their experience and skills.

In addition to the application form, we have provided a recommendation form, which should be completed by one of the following: your youth group advisor, Rabbi, Jewish educator, coach, school guidance counselor or teacher. The recommendation is to be mailed directly to our office and must be received by **December 1st, 2009**.

Your school activities, recommendations, leadership experience, essays, feedback from your camp counselors, and your years at camp are all evaluated along with your interview. Each of these components completes a picture for the Camp Directors and is used in the decision-making process.

Participation in either program is **not** a prerequisite to becoming a counselor- in- training or staff member during a future summer at our camps; many of our staff members did not attend or were not selected for Mitzvah or Leadership.

If you have any questions and/or to schedule an interview, please call Cheryl Garland at our Camp Office, at (213) 388-2401, or email Cheryl@wbtcamps.org.

Application Reminders and Checklist

Mitzvah and Leadership 2010

Please note:

- Applications are **DUE NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 1st**.
- They must be **MAILED** (*faxes will not be accepted.*)
- Applications will be date stamped as they arrive in the mail.
- You **MUST** send in a completed registration form to the camp office.
- You **MUST** include a recent picture with your application.
- It is your responsibility to **CALL** to reserve a spot for an interview. If you are from out of state please call to set up a phone interview.

Helpful Hints:

- You should send in your application as soon as you are done. Your letters of recommendation should be sent directly to the Camps office. It is your responsibility to follow up with your references to make sure they have sent in the letter,
- Be sure you make a copy of what you send us, or at least make sure that you have a copy of your typed responses saved on your computer.
- Use the following check list as a guide.

CHECK LIST

- Read over entire application packet
- Contact reference to ask if he or she has the time to fill out the recommendation form so that it can be received at Wilshire Boulevard Temple by **December 1st, 2009**
- Fill out top portion of recommendation sheet (applicant name and program applying for)
- Give recommendation form and stamped envelope with the address of Wilshire Boulevard Temple to reference so they can mail it directly to us – 3663 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90010
- Fill out application (print clearly)
- Fill out Registration Form, sign it and have your parent sign it. (your application will be considered incomplete without your registration form)
- Put recent picture on application (your application will be considered incomplete without a picture)
- Type answers to the questions in the essay section of the application

- PRIOR TO NOVEMBER 27TH** make sure completed application has been mailed
 - Application sheet—with picture attached
 - Typed responses to the Essay section
- Mail to:
Wilshire Boulevard Temple Camps
3663 Wilshire Boulevard
Los Angeles, CA 90010
- Check in with reference—make sure recommendation will be sent in by **December 1st, 2009.**
- Call Cheryl at the camp office (213) 388-2401 to schedule an interview

Applying for:

- Mitzvah**
- Leadership**
- Either**

Please attach recent photo here

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3663 Wilshire Boulevard
Los Angeles, CA 90010-2798

MITZVAH AND/OR LEADERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

To be completed by Mitzvah and/or Leadership applicant and returned to the Wilshire Boulevard Temple Camps Office **NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 1ST, 2009.**

Name _____
First
Middle
Last

Daytime or cell phone # _____ email address _____

How many years have you attended Wilshire Boulevard Temple Camps? CHK _____ GHC _____

Who were your most recent counselors? (1) _____ (2) _____

Have you attended other camps? No _____ Yes _____ If yes, give names and years of attendance _____

Sweatshirt Size: S M L XL XXL Name on Back (no nicknames): First Last
Please Note: There is an additional charge of \$50 for a sweatshirt if accepted into either Mitzvah or Leadership.

Tell us your vote for the sweatshirt color this year: (your vote will be counted for the program to which you are applying)

- Red Orange Yellow Green Blue Purple Black Grey Brown Other _____

Essay Section: Please type and double-space all answers on a separate piece of paper with your name on it.

Please answer **one** of the following in a well thought out 3-5 paragraph essay:

- *Discuss a social action issue that you know about or would like to learn more about. Describe the issue, what is being done to "solve" it and how it can be applied at camp.*
- *Please write about one Jewish leader and one non-Jewish leader who has impacted your life. Please describe these two people, how they inspired you, and the attributes of leadership that they role model.*

Please write a brief response to **one** of the following:

- ❖ *Tell us about one role model in your life who has inspired you in the desire of doing Mitzvot.*
- ❖ *Describe the relationship and/or responsibility you feel you have to the rest of the camp as a member of Leadership or Mitzvah.*



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MITZVAH AND/OR LEADERSHIP RECOMMENDATION FORM

Applicant's Name

Applying for

To be completed by one of the following: *youth group advisor, Rabbi, Jewish educator, coach, school guidance counselor or teacher.*

THIS INFORMATION SHALL REMAIN IN STRICT CONFIDENCE.

Mail this form directly to the Wilshire Boulevard Temple, 3663 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90010, before **December 1st, 2009**. Please write clearly, so it can be easily read by our camp directors. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Your Name & phone #

Position/Title/Employer

What is your relationship to the applicant? How long have you known him/her?

How does this applicant relate to his/her peers?

Mitzvah and Leadership campers represent the oldest campers at our camps. They are therefore seen as role models for the younger campers. Does the applicant demonstrate potential to be a strong, good role model? Please explain.

Please describe the applicant's openness to new ideas and whether he/she works well in groups.

Please evaluate the applicant as a model of "good citizenship," (e.g., fairness, respect for others - peers and adults, positive attitude, etc.)

Please share any other comments that would help us determine whether this applicant should be admitted to the Mitzvah or Leadership programs.

LEADERSHIP AND MITZVAH PROGRAM
December, 2009 Interview Dates

Please call Cheryl Garland at the Camp Office at (213) 388-2401 to schedule your interview:

At **CONGREGATION BETH ISRAEL**, 9001 Towne Centre Drive, San Diego, CA 92122 .

Thursday, December 3

6:00 pm or 7:00 p.m.

At **TEMPLE JUDEA**, 5429 Lindley Avenue, Tarzana, CA 91356 - Annex & Social Hall

Tuesday, December 8

6:00, 7:00 or 8:00 p.m.

At **WBT's Audrey and Sidney Irmas Westside Campus**. 11661 West Olympic Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90064. Entrance on Barrington Ave. Newberg Rotunda Bldg., #275

Friday, December 18

4:00 p.m. or 5:00 p.m.

At **CONGREGATION SHIR HA- MA'ALOT**, 3652 Michelson Drive, Irvine, CA 92612.

Thursday, December 10

6:00, or 7:00 p.m.

At **TEMPLE SOLEL**, 6805 E. McDonald Drive, Paradise Valley, AZ 85253.

****Interview date and time will be determined after December 1, we will email you to schedule interview time when date has been confirmed.**

At **CAMP HESS KRAMER**, 11495 East Pacific Coast Highway, Malibu, CA 90265

Sunday, December 6

11:00 a.m. or 12:00 noon