

David and Angella Nazarian Youth Leadership Program Application

Description of Fellowship:

The David and Angella Nazarian Youth Leadership Program is an elite nine month program for eight to ten 9th grade Sinai Temple students. Our two and ½ hour sessions include interactive team building, education seminars, and stimulating peer and mentor/mentee conversations and a winter break trip leadership mission to Israel. These students will become instilled with values of Judaism and leadership and develop a love for the land and people of both Israel and Los Angeles. As well, our fellows will build a connection to Sinai Temple, and learn about other Jewish organizations where they can further develop their Jewish leadership training after the completion of the program. Part of each session will be devoted to learning how to write and present a business plan with the expectation of each fellow developing their own project that will cater to the needs of Israel and the Los Angeles Jewish community.

Please note that all applicants (not parents) will receive a phone call or email from Rabbi Guzik determining the date of their group and individual interviews. As well, Rabbi Guzik will call all applicants (not parents) to inform the applicant if they have or have not been admitted into the leadership program.

**Administrative Costs of the Program: \$180
(Received upon acceptance into fellowship)**

The Program (subject to change):

Opening Shabbat Dinner

Session One~ Successful Leadership

- I. Goals of the Program
- II. Establishing Group Cohesiveness
- III. What is leadership?
- IV. Who is a leader and what are a leader's responsibilities?
- V. Business Plan Lesson #1: Developing Your Passions and Interests
- VI. Meeting Your Mentors

Session Two~ Leaders of the Jewish World

- I. Who are the leaders of the Jewish world?
- II. Who is Theodore Herzl and what is Zionism?
- III. How is a leader able to transmit his/her message?
- IV. Understanding the skill of public speaking
- V. Business Plan Lesson #2: How to Name Your Project

Session Three~ Establishing Jewish Values

- I. What are my personal values?
- II. What is the definition of a Jewish value?
- III. How does one balance between living a Jewish and secular life?
- IV. How do values play a role in becoming a leader?
- V. Responsibility of transmitting Jewish values
- VI. Business Plan Lesson #3: How to Write a Mission and Vision Statement

Session Four~ Tikkun Olam and Repairing the World

- I. What is the definition of tikkun olam?
- II. How does tikkun olam allow us to engage in self-transformation?
- III. What kind of changes do I want to make in my community?
- IV. How will I achieve my goal?
- V. Business Plan lesson #4: Setting Proper Goals and Objectives

Session Five~ Getting to Know Israel and Israel Trip Introduction (Special Weekday Session with Parents)

- I. Our trip itinerary
- II. Israeli society versus American society
- III. Looking at the daily life of an Israeli
- IV. Israel Immersion
- V. Trip Expectations

Winter Break David and Angella Nazarian Youth Leadership Program Leadership Mission to Israel

Mid Session Shabbat Dinner with Participants and Parents (debriefing of Leadership Mission to Israel)

Session Six~ Tolerance in the Jewish World

- I. Puzzles of Jewish society
- II. What are the struggles of each denomination?
- III. How do we become empathic listeners?
- IV. Understanding the role of the silent leader
- V. Business Plan Lesson #5: Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats (SWOT)

Session Seven~ My Journey

- I. Exposure to contemporary community challenges
- II. Constructing goals to meet community challenges
- III. Integrating leadership skills and Jewish values to create a community challenge plan
- IV. Business Plan #6 and 7: How to Create a Budget

Session Eight~ Putting the Business Plan Together

- I. Understanding evaluation and measuring tools for business plan
- II. Presenting business plan in front of peers

Concluding Fellowship Investment Meeting

- I. Presentation of year-long projects before Nazarian Committee

Requirements:

- 1) Must be an entering 9th grade student in Fall 2011
- 2) Must be a Sinai Temple member
- 3) Must attend a formal Jewish education program (i.e. SIHI, LAHH, or Jewish day school)
- 4) Must commit to all sessions and winter break leadership mission to Israel
- 5) Fill out the application by April 29th, 2011
- 6) Turn in two recommendations by April 29, 2011. At least one recommendation should be filled out by a school administrator or educator.

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Application
2011-2012

Applications accepted until April 29, 2011

Return this completed application to Rabbi Nicole Guzik at nguzik@sinaitemple.org or mail to Rabbi Nicole Guzik, Sinai Temple, 10400 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90024.

(To be filled out by applicant using black or blue ink)

I. Personal Information

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Phone Number (Cell) _____

Phone Number (Home) _____

E-mail _____

Birth Date _____ Male/Female _____

II. Family Information

Parent(s)

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Best contact number _____ Email address _____

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Best contact number _____ Email address _____

Siblings: number _____ Names and ages: _____

Applicant lives with (circle one) both parents Mother Father Other

If other, please explain: _____

Dietary Requirements/Preferences: Kosher Vegetarian Other, please explain

III. Education

High School

Name

Expected Graduation Date

Junior High School

Name

Dates of Attendance

Jewish Education

Name and type (day school/religious school/SIHI)

Dates of Attendance

Camp and Youth Group Participation (please list any experience you have had as a camper or a youth group member)

Institution name/location

Dates of Attendance

IV. Volunteer Experience

Institution name/location/description

Dates of Attendance

V. Extracurricular Experience

Institution name/location/description

Dates of Attendance

VI. Leadership Experience

Institution name/location/description

Dates of Attendance

VII. Israel Experience

Program(s) attended and dates attended:

VIII. What other commitments have you made this year that will potentially conflict with the fellowship?

**IX. David and Angella Nazarian Youth Leadership Program
Application Questions**

(Please address each question on a separate piece of paper.)

1. How would your best friend describe you?
2. What is a challenge I recently conquered?
3. When I worry about a community need...

X. Parents' Letter of Permission

I, _____, give
permission for my child, _____, to
participate in the David and Angella Nazarian Youth Leadership Program.

Signature of parent or legal guardian

Date

Signature of applicant

Date

Name

Date

I certify that all statements and details in this application are accurate and correct:

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

**David and Angella Nazarian Youth Leadership Program Reference Form
2011-2012**

Name of Applicant

Application Deadline:

This reference should be returned to:

**Rabbi Nicole Guzik
nguzik@sinaitemple.org**

or

**Rabbi Nicole Guzik
Sinai Temple
10400 Wilshire Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90024**

For more information, contact (310) 481-3246 or nguzik@sinaitemple.org

To be read by applicant and recommender:

If you wish to waive your right to see this letter of recommendation, please sign here:

Signature

Date

To the recommender:

This applicant whose name appears above is applying to be a David and Angella Nazarian Youth Program fellow. Please fill out this form giving your honest evaluation of the applicant. Your assessment of this applicant will allow us to better determine if the fellowship and applicant are compatible. Please return this form back to the address above with the envelope provided by the applicant.

5. Please use the space below to add any additional comments about this applicant.

Overall recommendation:

- Strongly recommend with no reservation
- Recommend with minor reservation
- Recommend with substantial reservation
- I do not feel qualified to make a recommendation.

Name (please print) _____ **Date**

Position _____

Address _____

Signature _____

