



**Shalom!**

Thank you for your interest in applying to be a member of Judea Reform Congregation’s Madrichim Corps! The JRC Madrichim are post B-nai Mitzvah (8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade) students who extend their education and their service to our congregational community in the JRC Religious School. The guiding principles of the Madrichim Corp echo those of our school and synagogue: Torah, Avodah, and G’millut Chasadim. Through teaching and learning, worship and service, the JRC Madrichim actively engage in Jewish life at the temple by participating in the education programs of the school, enriching the curriculum, and inspiring younger students to develop positive Jewish identities. Madrichim may assist teachers in the classroom, provide creative and administrative support, and always model leadership, learning, and justice.

The singular MADRICH for men and MADRICHА for women refers to one who is a guide. We know you serve this purpose with our youth.

There are three parts to this application:

- 1) questions for you to complete and return with both your signature and that of one parent/guardian;
- 2) a description of the roles and responsibilities of the Madrichim; and
- 3) possible questions you will receive via email as follow up to your application.

Please return your completed application by July 25. You may return your application to the attention of Rena Fraade via snail mail (Judea Reform Congregation 1933 W. Cornwallis Road Durham, NC 27705), as an e-mail attachment (ReligiousSchool@judeareform.org), or via fax (919-489-0611).

Once we have received the application—completed and signed—we will email you confirming we received it and ask you a few questions in response to your answers.

**Madrich(a)’s Data**

Your Name:

By what pronouns do you want to be addressed (ie: he/him, she/her, they, them)?

Home Phone:

Cell Phone:

Your Email:

Do you use text messaging? Yes — unlimited yes — sparingly no

School: Grade in '18-19:

T-shirt Size: XS S M L XL XXL

**Assignment Preferences**

There are various roles available to Madrichim: Teaching Assistants for Religious School; Youth Development Assistants for JRC; Administrative Assistants for Religious School; Shirah U’Tilfilah Leader. We aim to match



you with the age group and/or responsibilities that appeal to you the most. Please rank the following options in order of your preference (1 = top preference):

- Preschool – 2nd Grade: Sundays at the Lerner School, 9:15am to 11:30am
- Grades 3-4: Sundays in the Mirkaz Limud, 9:15am to 12:30pm
- Grades 5-6: Sundays in the Mirkaz Limud, 9:15am to 12:30pm
- Grade 7: Saturdays at Mirkaz Limud, 8:45am to 11:00am
- Youth Development/Administrative Assistant: hours to be arranged in consultation with Rena
- Shirah u't'filah: Sundays with Zemer Allan 9:15-11:30am (helping in our shirah and t'filah programming)

### **Experience/Skills**

1. To help us make the best match for you, it will be helpful to know the following:

- a) Will you have siblings in the Religious School in 2018-19? If so, which grade(s)?
- b) Please rate your Hebrew skills:  Excellent  Good  Fair  Poor
- c) Do you anticipate that you will attend regional NFTY MAR events? Yes No

2. What experience do you have working with children (babysitting, camp, tutoring, etc)?

3. What special skills or talents would you bring to our program (playing a musical instrument, singing, art, Hebrew, etc)?

4. In what other extra-curricular activities are you involved?

### **Email Questions**

In your follow up email, we will ask some more about why you want to be a madrich/a. Some questions will include how you've previously served as a role model to younger kids, an idea for something exciting you would be interested in doing in your classroom, and how this experience will benefit you as you explore other ways to continue your Jewish education.



## **Summary**

### **Pre-Requisites:**

- Post B'nai Mitzvah
- We strongly encourage you to participate in Community Midrasha and/or DRTY to strengthen your relationship with the greater Jewish community and JRC while building your own Jewish identity.
- Completed application including parent/guardian signatures
- Email exchange with Rena when she receives your application

### **Responsibilities...You will...**

- Check email at least once each week and respond promptly as requested
- Serve as role model for younger students by engaging in classroom programs, modeling proper behavior and interest in t'filah and shirah, acting as a partner to your classroom teacher, and being present in all ways.
- Assist classroom teacher in preparing the classroom and activities
- Grow into additional responsibilities in planning/preparation as the year progresses
- Assist classroom teachers in execution of activities
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- Attend Professional Development Sessions and meetings with fellow madrichim
- Engage wholly with the classroom and JRC environs to be able to bring my best self to the program to help be part of the vision of the Madrichim Corp and JRC.

### **Our Commitment to you**

- You may receive up to 2 (two) grants of \$50 for NFTY or DRTY programs and/or events
- You will receive high quality professional development and mentorship both in and outside of the classroom
- We will provide a formal letter of recommendation as needed
- We will provide documentation of community volunteerism as requested

### **Parent/Guardian Expectations**

By signing in the section below, I commit to helping our teen fulfill the following responsibilities:

- Check and reply to email on a regular basis
- Notify their classroom teacher and Rena in cases of absence, planned or unplanned in a timely manner
- Arrive on time to JRC on a weekly basis (no later than 9:10) and remain until the end of the RS day
- Attend our Professional Development/Mentoring sessions (calendar will be provided at the start of the year)

**Parent/Guardian's Name:**

**Parent/Guardian's Signature:**

**Parent/Guardian's Email Address(es):**

*By signing below, I express my interest in becoming a member of the Madrichim Corps for 5779 and commitment to all of the elements stated above.*

**Applicant's Name:**

**Applicant's Signature:**