



Canadian Federation of Jewish Students and National Jewish Campus Life

Student Leaders Volunteer Mission to Cuba: May 25- June 3, 2008

This unique educational experience awards ten university students (Jewish and non-Jewish) the opportunity to spend one week learning about Cuba, notably the Cuban Jewish community that numbers 1,500 people. Throughout the trip, students will learn about Cuban history and society through meetings with community leaders, professionals, journalist, academics, and NGO's. Modern Cuban society is in a stage of rapid transition brought on by a shift in national leadership. This mission will explore the challenges faced by various communities (e.g., poverty, and communism) as well as the current change in government and its impact on Cuban citizens.

Moreover, in keeping with Jewish principles of charity, justice and "tikkun olam" (repairing the world), the group will undertake various social action projects, including hospital visits, cemetery maintenance, organization/stocking of food, teaching English/Hebrew to the Jewish Day School, and medical donations. The mission will be centralized in Havana, but will branch out and visit various communities within Cuba (i.e., Santa Clara, Cienfuegos, Camaguey, and Trinidad.) We will also have the opportunity to connect with Cuban University students and spend a meaningful Shabbat with the Jewish community in Havana.

The trip is heavily subsidized and will only cost \$1,000 per person (this includes flights, hotels, and food). Additional subsidies are available.



APPLICATION FORM

Due: Monday April, 28th at 11:59 PM

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Submit to Tali Bogler: tbogler@uwo.ca Please feel free to contact me with any questions concerning the trip.

Name _____ **Date of Birth** _____

Current Address _____

Current Phone Number/s (Cell and Home) _____

_____ **Email Address** _____

Home Address: (if different) _____

Home Phone Number (if different) _____

Passport Number and expiry date: _____

**** Your passport must be valid for six months from the date of entry into a foreign country**

Do you have a passport other than a Canadian if yes, please specify: _____

Campus: _____ **Year of Studies:** _____

Major: _____ **GPA:** _____

Interests: _____

Current and future position(s) in campus student life: _____

Past travel experiences:

NOTE: Please complete the next set of question in no more than 250 words:

***Describe your past and present levels of social action (volunteerism/Tzedek):**

***Why do you want to participate on this trip?**

*** What is your past involvement with your local JSA/Hillel? How do you see this trip contributing to your (or your club's) future relationship with JSA/Hillel next year?**

***How do you see this trip contributing to your level of social activism (on campus and in your community)?**

***What are your long term and short tem career objectives?**

***What is one thing you would like to especially learn or experience while on this program?**

***Do you have any medical conditions (please describe)?**

***Do you have any dietary restrictions? (note: strictly kosher food is not available in Cuba)**

***Is there anything else that you would like us to know about you?**

I agree to participate in all aspects of the program including pre- and post program initiatives.

Signature: _____

Date: _____