

USY IC 2012 BOSTON Attendance Guide

Introduction

This attendance guide has been prepared for you as a delegate to the 62nd Annual USY International Convention on December 23-27, 2012.

The upcoming five days will be the culmination of months of planning on the part of many individuals. We have attempted to provide the best Convention programming. We hope that creative and imaginative ideas centered around our theme and highlighted by special programs will make this Convention an exciting and meaningful experience for you and for our organization on an International level.

Study Theme

God and Spirituality

The educational theme this year is God and Spirituality. In our programming, we will explore our relationship with God and different ways to find our own spiritual path. We will engage with Jewish text, debate dilemmas and learn how to apply Jewish values to our own personal belief in God.

A Message from Your Chairpeople



In only a matter of days, the 62nd Annual USY International Convention will become a reality!

Hundreds of the friendliest USYers from all over North America will gather in Boston! As a participant in this most special event, you can look forward to some of the most incredible programming ever implemented at a USY Convention. Together, as a community, we will discover the true meaning of the word *hevra*.

We hope the upcoming five days will be an exciting and meaningful experience for you, full of creative and imaginative programming centered around our theme. The theme of this year's Convention is God and Spirituality.

Get psyched for exciting programs including Twister, Amazing Race, Israel Triathlon, Don't Forget the Ruach and more!

There will also be special sessions related to chapter and regional leadership and programming. Enjoy an incredible Opening Session, our Boston Tea Party, and reunions for USY Israel Pilgrimage, USY on Wheels, USY High, Ramah Programs and much, much more! Our continuing goal is to provide a warm, friendly environment for each USYer who attends International Convention. The unity created by our praying, singing, dancing and celebrating will be like none you have ever experienced. Friendships are created, even by just saying hello to the person standing next to you in the elevator!

There are a few key words that are vital to a successful Convention. Some of these words are assertiveness, enthusiasm, promptness, participation and cooperation. This Convention is for you. We ask that you take advantage of each and every opportunity, and not waste any of the precious moments we will share together.

We cannot wait to meet you in person in Boston. See you at International Convention 2012, where IC 2012 will be REVOLUTIONARY!

Your Chairpeople,
Daniella and Adam

The Boston Marriott Copley Place

The Boston Marriott Copley Place is located right in the heart of Boston. The Marriott is nestled between two shopping malls, and just steps from lots of great Boston hotspots like Newbury Street. From an awesome and exciting opening session to excellent programs to free time spent sitting around singing to just being with old and new friends, it's going to be fabulous for everyone at Convention.



JOSH NELSON PROJECT



We are excited to welcome The Josh Nelson Project to IC as our artist-in-residence.

Josh Nelson, a USY alum, is one of the most popular performers and producers in modern Jewish music. A multi-instrumentalist and songwriter, Josh's music is celebrated and integrated into the repertoire of congregations, camps and communities around the world.

Throughout the week, Josh will be leading sessions, workshops, ruach after meals, and adding to our overall Convention spirit. The highlight of the week will be a very special and unique WAREHOUSE Ma'ariv service to be held on Tuesday evening, featuring The Josh Nelson Project.



Reunions

Special reunions for 2012 USY on Wheels, USY Israel Pilgrimage, and USY High, as well as reunions for Ramah Seminar and Ramah Camps, are only open to those USYers who have registered for the entire Convention. Wear your T-shirt on Tuesday and help spread the word about these exciting programs.

Fantastic Programs

Of course, no International Convention would be complete without some outstanding evening programs. This year will be no exception. We'll start off on Sunday with an exciting Opening Session, Giant Twister, and Don't Forget the Ruach. On Monday, we'll honor nine USYers who are Change Makers in their home regions for their mitzvot and volunteer work. On Tuesday, we'll elect the 2013 USY officers and spend time with Israel Baseball Team player Shlomo Lipetz at our Israel Triathlon. On Wednesday, we'll head outside to Copley Square in Boston for our rally and will conclude our Convention at our awesome Boston Tea Party 2012 which we promise will be Revolutionary!

What To Wear at IC 2012

Attire is casual during all of the Convention – including Wednesday evening's installation.

Included in this pre-Convention e-mailing is the USY Dress Code. We expect that you will adhere to this code at all times during the Convention. The weather in Boston can be VERY cold in the winter. Please be sure to bring warm clothing.

Reunions, Reunions, Reunions: Did you participated in USY Israel Pilgrimage, USY on Wheels, USY High or the Ramah Camps/Ramah Seminar this summer? Please bring your group T-Shirts with them for the reun-

ions which are on Tuesday morning. Tuesday is also ISRAEL SHIRT day!

Please note, you will not be allowed to wear "flip flops" on the Convention meeting floors – please bring appropriate footwear.

Males are required to bring Tallit, T'fillin and a Kippah. Those females accustomed to wearing Tallit and T'fillin are encouraged to bring theirs too. Please note: USY will not be held responsible for lost or stolen property. There will be a set procedure to follow for Tallit and T'fillin storage and we expect that you will follow this procedure.

Convention Code

One of the strengths of USY is that it is composed of such a large variety of different individuals with similar goals. It is designed to improve individuals through the teaching and sharing of Jewish ideals and practices within the Conservative Movement. In order to accomplish this, rules must be made, and obeyed by all.

LEAVING THE HOTEL at any time during the Convention is prohibited, except when indicated on the schedule.

CONSIDERATION for other hotel guests, and for hotel property, is expected from each attendee as a representative of USY. Each individual will be held fully accountable and financially responsible for any damage whatsoever to hotel or other property.

CURFEWS have been set for each day. Each attendee, as a representative of his or her chapter, will participate fully in the Convention program. Disregarding curfews will interfere with your full participation in the program and is, therefore, unacceptable.

SEPARATE FLOORS have been allocated for males and females. At no time will any boy be permitted in a girl's room or a girl in a boy's room.

CONVENTION ADVISORS will be available to help attendees abide by the Convention code and help them gain the most from the program.

PROMPTNESS AND ATTENDANCE at each session are essential in order for each attendee to gain the most from Convention. The schedule will allot sufficient time for each activity and each attendee is expected to cooperate accordingly.

BADGES must be worn at all times. The badge serves as your only ticket to meals and sessions, and enables those of you who are voting delegates to secure a ballot for the elections.

NARCOTICS, ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, AND SHOPLIFTING are strictly prohibited. Anyone in possession of or

found using illegal drugs, narcotics or alcoholic beverages, or found to have shoplifted, will be sent home as quickly as possible at his or her parents' expense. This includes taking prescription drugs that are not prescribed for you. In addition, the individual will be prohibited from participating in any International USY programs and activities (including summer programs) for a period of one year following the offense. The USYer's Region reserves the right to impose additional sanctions in connection with this or any other improper behavior as it sees fit. The Convention code here is very strict and there are no second chances. Any violation of these rules is a violation of the law and can jeopardize the entire Convention program.

CREATING A SAFE ENVIRONMENT USY has a zero-tolerance policy regarding bullying at all local, regional, and international programs, including the USY International Convention.

CELLULAR PHONES, TWO-WAY RADIOS and other electronic communications devices are disruptive to the Convention program. Cell phones are prohibited during tefillot, classes, meals and other Convention sessions unless it is announced that they can be used. Two-way radios and other electronic communications devices are prohibited at all times.

PHOTO IDENTIFICATION is strongly suggested for all Convention attendees. This will be needed if you lose your Convention badge or sleeping room key.

SMOKING is strictly prohibited at all times during the Convention, both in and outside of the hotel.

MEALS always begin with Birkat Hamotzi and end with Birkat Hamazon. It is essential that each attendee be at meals on time.

PLEASE NOTE: Participation in any part of the Convention program is limited to those people who have paid and registered for the entire Convention.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

There will be three or four people to a room.

SPENDING MONEY

Everyone is reminded to bring a reasonable amount of extra spending money. Such funds can be used to purchase books from the Convention Book Sale, USY regalia and for Tikun Olam. All meals will be provided. You may wish to bring additional funds for souvenirs and snacks.

SUPERVISION

Every group of nine USYers is accompanied by an advisor (19 years of age or over). Advisors will be assigned by (and with the approval of) the regional USY office on the basis of standards set by the International Youth Commission. In addition, hundreds of adults from our host region will be present throughout the Convention to help provide a safe Convention for all.

ANY QUESTIONS?

If you have any questions contact your Regional Youth Director. You can also contact your Convention Chairpeople:

Daniella Levine and Adam Rosen
e-mail: usyconvention@uscj.org

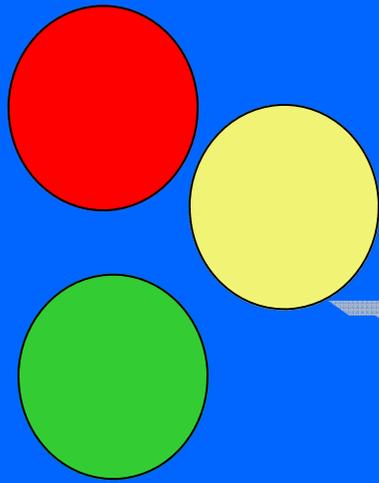
Follow all of the excitement
of IC 2012 on Twitter!



www.Twitter.com/USYTweets

We'll be "Tweeting" daily
from Boston!

Share this link with your
parents please!



TWISTER

Get Ready!

Sunday - December 23, 2012

Right Hand Red! Left Foot Green!

COLLEGE AND PROGRAM FAIR MONDAY, DECEMBER 24TH

PARTICIPATING COLLEGES AND ORGANIZATIONS:

Alpha Epsilon Pi
American Hebrew Academy
American Jewish University
Barnard College
Binghamton University Hillel
Brandeis University Hillel
Brown University/RISD Hillel
Clark University
Colgate University Hillel
Columbia/ Barnard Hillel
Gift of Life
Harvard University Hillel
Hebrew College
Hofstra University

Ithaca College
KESHET
Koach
LIST College:
The Jewish Theological Seminary
MIT Hillel
NATIV
Princeton University
Queens College Hillel
Rutgers University Hillel
Sigma Alpha Mu
Sigma Delta Tau
SUNY Binghamton
Syracuse University

Tau Epsilon Phi
University of Arizona Hillel
UC Santa Barbara Hillel
University of Delaware Hillel
University of Florida Hillel
University of Maryland
University of S. California
University of Virginia
USY Summer Programs
Yale University Hillel
Zeta Beta Tau

(List still growing....)

Appropriate Dress Policy for United Synagogue Youth

Tzniut (modesty) is a long-standing Jewish value. As a people who see ourselves as reflecting the image of God, our Jewish community believes we should act accordingly; thus, some things are not appropriate, for they do not reflect our Jewish values. How we dress is a basic example of these values.

“The privacy which Judaism requires of sex (in Hebrew, *tzniut*, modesty) affects our clothing, our speech, and our public activities. We may dress in accord with the styles of the times, but never should our apparel accentuate the sexually arousing parts of our bodies. Thus sexually suggestive or revealing clothes for either men or women are not in keeping with Jewish law or sensibilities.” (Rabbinical Assembly, Rabbinic Letter on Intimate Relations).

This policy represents the minimum expectations for modest and appropriate dress at USY events. It is divided into two sections, one for all USY activities and the other for Shabbat. We have included only the section for all USY activities. Your Regional Youth Director will have additional expectations for Shabbat dress.

BASIC USY STANDARDS OF DRESS

1. **Clothing on which any profanity or inappropriate language, pictures or symbols are written, printed or depicted is not permitted.**
2. No visible underwear is permitted for both males and females.
3. During Tefillah, inappropriately short skirts or shorts, or tight garments, are not permitted; shoulders must be covered for both males and females.
4. Tank tops, 2-piece bathing suits (except where midriff is covered), bare midriff styles, halter-tops, leggings, or see-through blouses are not permitted.

**SILENT
LIBRARY**

USY Edition

Tues. Dec 25th

**Compete with others
from your grade.**

**USY's
AMAZING
RACE** 

**Race through the Copley
Center and Prudential
Center Malls to solve
clues as you compete in
USY's Amazing Race.**

Mon. Dec 24th

**1 Grand Prize of
\$1,000**

5 First Prizes of \$500

Win as much
as \$1,000 in
Scholarship for
a USY Summer Program!

Apply Today!

Send in your application
today and you will still be eligible
for the raffle!

**Let USY help you
make your
Escape in 2013**

Bring your completed
application to the USY
Convention Office by
Tuesday, December 24th.
A drawing will take place
and winners will be
announced at the end of
convention.

**USY Summer
Programs**

The United Synagogue of
Conservative Judaism
212.533.7800, ext. 1146
youth@uscj.org

USY
Great
Summer
Escape.

God and Spirituality

How will you explore the IC2012 theme?

Yoga

Zen Den

Zumba

Meditation

Sports



God on Trial

Music

Drum Circle

Dance

Arts

Laughter

Keepin' The Faith

Stairway to Heaven

International Tikun Olam



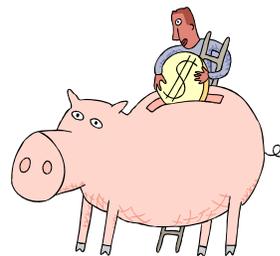
COIN CHALLENGE '12

Each region is expected to follow the honor system to ensure that all of the contributed monies have been raised in a moral way. If you're not sure, ask your Regional Director or an International staff member.

Each region will place its collected money in its designated regional money boxes. If there is an attempt to steal or switch money, the rule-breaker's region will be disqualified from the competition.

The winning regions will be determined by those with the most **TOTAL** money, and those with the most money **PER PERSON** at Convention. There are no special point values for different forms of bills or coins (each region will be credited towards Tikun Olam for the money they raise).

Canadian regions may submit Canadian or U.S. bills (no Canadian coins please!). **Please note, pennies will NOT be counted towards your total.**



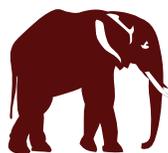
Israel Triathlon

Guest Judge:
Shlomo Lipetz
Israel Baseball Team

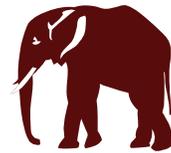


Tuesday
December 25

Intellectual - Artistic - Sports

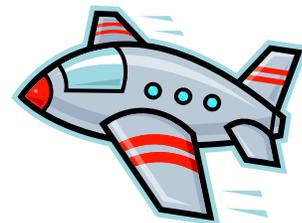


REMINDER



DON'T FORGET...

If you are traveling to the International USY
Convention by Airplane...



YOU WILL NEED PHOTO IDENTIFICATION

You will also need it in the event that you lose your
convention badge or room key.

Back By Popular Demand

IC Shacharit Live



Wed. December 26th

DON'T
FORGET

THE RUACH!

SUNDAY

December 23

Want to win a party for your room? Find our USY Summer Programs Roving Recruiter and you can learn about USY Summer Programs 2013 or Nativ and be entered to win a party for your room! For more info, visit the Summer Programs Table.

Your Convention Co-Chairs

Danielle Levine and Adam Rosen Invite You to the

Boston Tea Party

It's Revolutionary!

Dancing—Dinner—Games

Wednesday December 26, 2012

Following the Installation of the 2013 Officers

Boston Marriott Copley Place



RALLY AGAINST GUN VIOLENCE

Social Action project in honor of the 40th Yahrzeit of Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel (1/11/07—12/23/72)

December 26, 2012

Noon—1:30 PM

**Boston Marriott Copley Place Ballroom &
Copley Square, Boston, MA**

Guests:

**Pastor Corey Brooks
New Beginnings Church of Chicago**

**Colin Goddard
Advocate for the Brady Campaign to Prevent
Gun Violence and survivor, Virginia Tech
shooting, 2007**

*Join us for a special screening of "Living for 32"
and Q & A with Colin Goddard after the rally.*



"For many of us the march from Selma to Montgomery was about protest and prayer. Legs are not lips and walking is not kneeling. And yet our legs uttered songs. Even without words, our march was worship. I felt my legs were praying." —Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel on his march with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Medical Information

USY International Convention 2012

As you know, winter is the flu season, and flu gets spread around when people travel and live in close quarters with people from other places. We will be providing professional medical care for all of the USYers at the convention and we want to take a preventive approach to keeping everyone healthy. We will be providing nursing coverage and will have physicians in the infirmary (Suite 3306) for sick call several hours each day:

Sunday December 23, 2012

11:00 AM - 2:30 PM

9:00 - 11:00 PM

Monday December 24, 2012

7:30 - 8:30 AM

12:30 - 2:00 PM

9:00 - 10:30 PM

Tuesday December 25, 2012

8:00 - 9:00 AM

12:30 - 2:00 PM

10:00 PM - 11:00 PM

Wednesday December 26, 2012

7:30 - 8:30 AM

1:30 - 3:00 PM

9:00 - 10:30 PM

Thursday December 27, 2012

7:30 - 9:00 AM



In an attempt to use infirmary resources for urgent needs, your Regional Staff will be provided with extra supplies of basic health items (including feminine products, Band-Aids, cough drops, and first aid supplies). Contact staff members from your region (rather than the infirmary) to access these.

You can make your convention more fun if you do a few simple things.

Hand washing is the best way to prevent transmission of the flu. Your parents have been telling you to wash your hands for years. In this case it actually does make a difference.

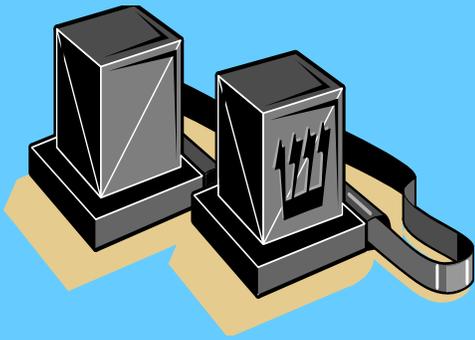


Get adequate sleep at the convention. We know that it is a great time to make friends, talk into the wee hours, and generally not waste a moment when you could be with the gang. But it is still better to sleep a few hours a night than to spend a couple of days sick in bed.

Drink a lot of water. In this kind of busy meeting it is easy for people to forget even food and drink for long hours, and dehydration is a quick way to get sick. Sweet drinks are better than nothing, but if you can just chug that H₂O, it will keep you healthier

We're looking forward to an exciting and **HEALTHY** convention. Thanks for your help.

Shalom!



December, 2012

Dear Convention Participant:

We are looking forward to having you with us at International Convention this year. One of the objectives of our Convention is to spend five days living together as Conservative Jews, feeling the daily rhythm of Conservative Jewish life.

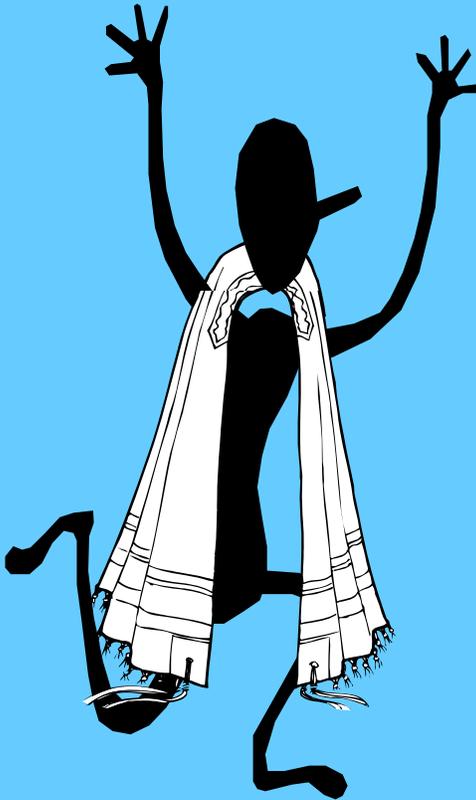
An important mitzvah or practice associated with daily Jewish living is wearing a kippah (at least during meals and t'fillot, prayers), and wearing tallit and t'fillin at shaharit (morning) services. As we study spirituality this week ritual items can help enhance our tefilah experience. All participants are encouraged to bring a kippah, tallit and t'fillin and participate in these important mitzvot. **All male participants at the convention are required to have these items with them and ready to use. All female participants are encouraged to bring and use these items as well.**

We recognize that you may not own these items. Please be in touch with your synagogue rabbi or your regional director to borrow *tallit* and/or *t'fillin*, so you will be able to fulfill this obligation. There will be people available to help those who need a little extra guidance. If you need additional information on purchasing or borrowing these items, you may also contact Amy Dorsch in our office at 212-533-7800, ext. 1109 or dorsch@uscj.org.

Convention is a time when we come together to practice Judaism as a community, sharing common traditions and trying new experiences. Please be sure that you are able to fulfill this important obligation, and be in touch if we can be of assistance.

Sincerely,

Rabbi David Levy
Director



DONATIONS!

Make a Difference at
**INTERNATIONAL
CONVENTION**

Please bring any used cell phones and eye glasses in good condition to be donated to those in need.

