



DREAM USY

Program Guide



Welcome to a great summer with DREAM USY: An Adventure in the Dominican Republic!

Over the course of this trip participants will see amazing sights, make new friendships, engage in identity-shaping fun experiences, and take part in Jewish celebrations and traditions, all the while having the summer of their lives.

However; before embarking on the road to an *incredible* summer, we want to make sure you are prepared for the journey!

Contained in this guide you'll find information about what to expect when traveling with USY, from day-to-day living to Jewish living to important policies. Participants understanding and acceptance of these policies is crucial to ensuring a successful summer and positive experience for everyone.

DREAM USY is not just another teen tour. It is a total immersive Jewish experience; an opportunity to live Jewishly with new friends from across North America.

In partnership with the DREAM Project (Dominican Republic Education and Mentoring), a United States-based nonprofit focusing on early childhood education and community enrichment, USYers will travel to the Caribbean to:

- Give back to the local community
- Take part in Dominican culture & traditions
- Discover the area's unique Jewish history
- And have fun in the sun

On this trip every participant has a special responsibility. They are not only representing themselves, but also USY and its parent organization USCJ, and are therefore, expected to behave, speak, and act accordingly.

DREAM USY is sponsored by USY and the Teen Learning Committee, which underwrites each participant by subsidizing this program.

TRAVEL

Please be aware that flight schedules are not under our control. Please make sure that all participant travel information is inputted in to the Regpack travel form so that we can meet connecting flights.

It is important that participants advise us ***in writing*** of any special circumstances, such as a family event or college orientation, which require they leave after or return by a specific date, etc.

STAFF

The carefully selected USY Summer Experience staff are mature, responsible, and caring individuals. They are chosen based upon their commitment to and experience working with Jewish youth.

Staff members include youth workers, rabbinical students, teachers, and others who devote their lives and talents to Jewish values and youth.

Staff is responsible for the overall functioning of the trip, as well as creating a joyous and stimulating atmosphere in which participants can grow and thrive.

There is also dedicated staff, which includes the USY Summer Experience Director and Parent Liaison, based in the New York office, who are committed to ensuring participants safety and answering parent questions/concerns.

The USY office can be reached at 212-533-7800 x114.

PHOTOGRAPHY RELEASE

All participants give USCJ/USY permission to use any photographic, video or audio representations of minors that may be taken during the scheduled activities to be it used in print, online, or in other media produced by USCJ/USY for publicity, promotional, or any other purposes without further permission.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Hotel accommodations will be provided in Cabarete at the Hummingbird Hotel. All accommodations are evaluated by a staff member or representative of the program to determine their suitability for use by our program.

Please note: males are not allowed in females' personal hotel rooms or on female floors and vice versa.

ACCOUNTABILITY

When staying in a hotel, participants will not be expected to make their own bed. However; they will be expected to keep the room neat so that the hotel staff can easily tidy up.

Each participant and his or her parent or guardian is responsible for reimbursing hotels for damage done by them during their stay.

We ask participants to remember that they are staying in a "public" place. When you keep your belongings neat, things are less likely to get lost or disappear.

JEWISH LIFE

***TEFILLAH* (PRAYER)**

DREAM USY takes a fun and creative approach to prayer, a daily part of the trip experience. Imagine the beauty of *Havdalah* at the beach or expressing prayer through the arts.

USY and its summer programs encourage a creative approaches toward *tefillah* in order to actively engage teens and strengthen their Jewish identities. For many participants, this will be the first opportunity to pray on a regular basis.

We work to foster an environment where participants and staff can come together to create a supportive atmosphere in which everyone can feel comfortable praying. This is a unique experience only offered by USY and we hope participants will take advantage in order to learn and grow.

All participants engage in daily prayer, including *Shacharit* (morning service), *Mincha* (afternoon service) and/or *Maariv* (evening service). On *Shabbat*, we have additional services starting Friday evening with a lively *Kabbalat Shabbat* and concluding on Saturday evening with a meaningful *Havdalah* ceremony.

Every meal begins with *HaMotzi* and ends with *Birkat Hamazon* (Grace after Meals). By the end of the summer, all USYers will have an understanding of and hopefully, deeper appreciation for these prayers.

SHABBAT

Regardless of how much familiarity teens have with *Shabbat* prior to the summer, *Shabbat* on DREAM will be an experience like never before.

All week long participants will be traveling, visiting communities, and volunteering. On *Shabbat*, they will have the opportunity to slow down and relax with friends.

We strive to achieve true *Menucha* (rest and peace of mind) and learn from one another. As a group and as individuals, participants should refrain from the following in order to feel the *ruach* (spirit) of *Shabbat*:

- Traveling
- Writing
- Doing laundry
- Blow-drying or straightening hair

- Listening to portable music devices
- Watching television
- Using cell phones and other mobile devices (Kindles, iPads, etc)

Religious Garb

On USY trips, participants come together to practice Judaism as a community, sharing common traditions and trying new experiences. Each participant is expected and encouraged to bring and use a head covering at appropriate times, and *tallit* and *tefillin* at *Shacharit* (morning) services.

We recognize that participants may not own these items. Please be in touch with your synagogue Rabbi or chapter youth director to borrow *tallit* and *tefillin*. We will strive to have extras available as well.

There will be USYers and staff available to help those who need any guidance in putting on these ritual items.

***Siddur* (Prayer book)**

You will receive a *Siddur* (prayer book) at orientation as part of your DREAM USY kit. This will be sufficient for the summer and there is no need to bring another.

KASHRUT

One of the best learning experiences on DREAM USY is observing *Kashrut* (Jewish Dietary Law-- see below for specifics).

Observance of *Kashrut* as a group is in accordance with the tenets set by the Committee on Law and Standards of the Conservative Movement and applies to all meals served each day. Participants will learn how to check product's ingredients to make sure that what they are eating is *kosher*.

KASHRUT IS OBSERVED AT ALL TIMES BY ALL PARTICIPANTS AND STAFF. *Kashrut* is followed even when participants are away from the group (ordering or eating food on their own).

DREAM USY meals are vegetarian throughout the week. Kosher meat will be available on *Shabbat*.

In accordance with dietary laws, after eating meat, participants need to wait a minimum of three hours before they can eat a dairy product (i.e. - ice cream, candy). If participants choose to wait a longer period of time, their wishes will be respected.

For those unfamiliar with these laws, there will be many opportunities to learn about *Kashrut* over the course of the summer.

In an effort to further clarify our policies, the *Kashrut* policy of the program is as follows:

1. The most desirable option of food service and preparation is in a supervised kosher kitchen using *hekshered* (rabbinical certified) food product. When possible use a kosher caterer or provide our own supervision
2. Products not needing kosher certification are fruits and vegetables, hard cheeses, and certified vegan food
3. 'K' is accepted except for circumstances in which a particular product is known to be suspect
4. The next most desirable option is the purchase of kosher food in advance and shipping it to the program location
5. Hot foods should be double wrapped in foil to be heated in non-*hekshered* ovens
6. When traveling, during free time, or when other options are not available, cold food is preferred and hot fish or dairy are permitted

When on their own, DREAM participants may only eat food which conforms to the above standards.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING

Similar to USY's approach to *tefillah*, we also try to make learning a fun and interactive process for teens.

Educational experiences during the summer will include *sichot* (discussion groups centered around contemporary issues of concern to teens), presentations, or *Divrei Torah* (explanations of particular themes in the *Torah* or a prayer).

Participants will be encouraged to seek an understanding of Jewish traditions and values and connect them with how they relate to our everyday lives. We strongly urge participants who are interested in continuing these discussions to ask staff members to sit and to talk, whether individually or in a group.

Participants' learning is largely experiential. In observing *Kashrut*, engaging in daily prayers, and celebrating *Shabbat*, participants will gain a unique understanding of and appreciation for Jewish life, something that cannot be found by reading a book or interpreting a text.

DREAM USY is a wonderful opportunity to increase educational and cultural exposure to Judaism.

TZEDAKAH & DONATIONS

DREAM has asked for us to bring donations to give to local communities. Please see the list of requested donations [here](#).

It is optional to bring additional money for *tzedakah* for the local Jewish communities.

FINANCES

INDIVIDUAL EXPENSES

Each participant should bring money to cover personal expenses. The exact amount participants bring should be discussed with their parents, figuring in money for snacks and souvenirs.

The recommended amount of spending money is no more than \$100 for the 11 days, and may be considerably less. Spending money needed could be as little as \$50.

Everything else participants need is covered as part of the cost of the trip. Please do not bring large amounts of cash; rather use a debit or credit card. **Lost cash cannot be recovered.**

American credit cards are accepted, and we will arrange to have cash exchanged at a local financial facility. The exchange rate is currently 50.70 Dominican Peso per US dollar.

COLLECTIVE TREASURY (Group *Kuppah*)

There are a number of events that occur during the program, which the group will want to celebrate with a special activity. In order to do this, the group will establish a *kuppah* (treasury).

Each participant will contribute **\$60 per person** to be used for:

- The group picture
- Group t-shirt
- Bus driver and guide tips
- And the final banquet

GRATUITIES

We do not allow staff members to accept gratuities. The staff members do receive a salary for their summer work and we request that parents not present them with monetary tips.

In lieu of gratuities, we suggest that you make a donation to the USY Summer Experience Scholarship Fund in honor of your child's staff.

You will receive a mailing during the summer that will fully explain the donation procedure.

MEDICAL INFORMATION

Our highest priority of the summer is to keep each and every participant safe and healthy. Failure to disclose medical information will prevent USY from giving each participant the medical coverage and attention he or she deserves.

This includes, but is not limited to allergies, psychiatric care, and past illnesses.

The Medical Form is to be filled out completely and signed by a parent/guardian and doctor. No individual whose physician felt that he/she could adapt to the program has been turned away from participating on our program.

In order for the program staff to be able to deal with medical problems, they must be made aware of them. Failure to report existing or developing conditions may jeopardize your participation on USY's trip to the Dominican Republic.

The medical form must be submitted ASAP if it is not already in.

Medications: All prescription medications must be clearly indicated on the medical form, or in writing if prescribed after submission.

Participants may not hold their own prescription medication with the exception of one epi-pen and emergency inhaler. If your child travels with an epi-pen, they will hold one and the staff will hold the other.

In order for our staff to be properly briefed and prepared, it is absolutely necessary that we be informed of any special:

- Medical condition
- Health condition
- Dietary restrictions (including vegetarians and lactose intolerance)
- Or personal situations and conditions in order for our staff to be properly briefed and prepared

If any situation changes between the time we receive the initial information and the time that the trip begins, we should be advised **immediately. Only with honest, up-to-date information, can we be responsible for your health and well-being.**

IF ANY PHYSICAL OR PSYCHOLOGICAL ILLNESS OCCURS ON THIS TRIP AND IT IS FOUND THAT THERE IS A PAST HISTORY OF THIS ILLNESS, WHICH WAS NOT REPORTED, THE PARTICIPANT MAY BE SENT HOME WITH EXPENSE TO BE INCURRED BY THE PARENTS.

If you wear **glasses** or **contact lenses**, please bring an extra pair with you **plus** a written copy of your prescription with you and give it to your group leader before your bus leaves.

USY SUMMER EXPERIENCE VACCINATION POLICY

All participants attending USY Summer Experience must have completed a primary series of vaccinations for the following high risk diseases:

1. DTP (Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis) with one dose after age 4
2. Polio (oral or inactivated – with booster dose after age 4)
3. Tetanus Booster -Td or Tdap (Tetanus/Diphtheria/Pertussis) within the past 5-10 years (5 years preferred)
4. MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella) – 2 doses after age 1
5. HBV (Hepatitis B)
6. Chicken Pox (in absence of disease history) – 2 doses - 1 after age 4
7. Menactra (meningococcal meningitis)
8. Hepatitis A (highly recommended but not required)

Those who choose not to be vaccinated will not be allowed to participate in a USY Summer Experience.

If a participant is not vaccinated for reasons of immunodeficiency, or other medically documented reasons, they must provide USY Summer Experience with a detailed explanation by a physician, and their participation will then be subject to further approval by the USY office.

If a participant contracts mononucleosis within 90 days of the day of departure, please have your physician send written authorization for him/her to participate in the program. Due to the contagious nature of this condition we need to be very careful.

USY's trip to the Dominican Republic will utilize local doctors and hospital emergency rooms to treat children that need medical care. We will carry a full kit of first aid and over the counter medicine with us, but whenever the child is sick we will seek professional care.

If your child is taken to the doctor, for any reason, you will be called. We will attempt to call you before your child is seen by a doctor, but please realize that this is not always possible.

However, at no time, unless in a dire emergency, will there be any major treatment without your prior knowledge and approval.

If a prescription is needed, we will always purchase it for your child and bill you at a later date. If your child has a credit card with them, they can pay for a prescription on site. In addition, if special rest or conditions are necessary, we will do our best to make sure your child receives it.

If there are any medical emergencies during the summer, we will do our best to be in touch with the parents immediately. If we are unable to do so, we will be in touch with you as soon as possible after the proper treatment was given.

Please be sure to provide us with all the appropriate information with regard to your health insurance.

Zika Virus: For the most up to date information, please refer to the recommendations of the CDC. Please note that while there have been reported cases in the southern part of the country, the participants will be in the northern part of the Dominican Republic.

If you have any further questions, please be in touch with your local physician or medical provider.

HEALTH INSURANCE

USY will have medical insurance for your child while in the Dominican Republic.

PACKING

Please remember participants will be responsible for carrying and transporting their own luggage through the duration of the summer. Therefore, we urge you to travel light.

Remember that suitcases will become fuller and heavier as the summer progresses and participants purchase souvenirs. You may bring a small backpack for daily use.

EVERY PARTICIPANT MUST REMEMBER THAT THEY ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR CARRYING THEIR OWN SUITCASE.

WE ENCOURAGE PARTICIPANTS TO PACK LIGHT FOR EASY MOBILITY AND IN ORDER TO HAVE ROOM FOR SOUVENIRS PICKED UP IN THEIR TRAVELS.

LUGGAGE

Participants are allowed one suitcase and one carry on.

Please make sure that your suitcase AND backpack do not exceed these limits set by JetBlue:

- Each bag must **NOT** exceed 62 inches (157.48 centimeters) in overall dimensions (length + width + height) and **CANNOT** exceed 50 pounds (22.68 kg). Baggage dimensions are determined by adding the length, width, and height together
- Additional baggage and bags that exceed the overall dimensions or weight **WILL NOT** be allowed onboard flights to/from the Dominican Republic*, Haiti, or Trinidad & Tobago
- Each customer may bring onboard carry-on bag
- All carry-on bags must not exceed 22" L (55.88 cm) x 14" W (35.56 cm) x 9" H (22.86 cm), including wheels/handles, on all of our aircraft types. This may be stowed in the overhead bin or underneath the seat in front of you
- All personal items must not exceed 17" L (43.2 cm) x 13" W (33 cm) x 8" H (20.32 cm), including wheels/handles, on all of our aircraft types. Personal items must be placed underneath the seat in front of you

The suitcase should be lightweight and sturdy since it will have to take a lot of wear and tear over the course of the summer. Suitcases with wheels are permissible and highly recommended.

If the suitcase has an expandable feature, it must fit the guidelines. If expanding the suitcase will cause it to exceed, participants may use it but not expand it in any way.

DRESS CODE

Kavod (dignity or respect) should be embodied in USYers' attire.

- Clothing on which profanity or inappropriate language, pictures, or symbols are written, printed, or depicted is prohibited
- Clothing cannot be made of see-through material and undergarments should not be visible
- Clothing, including bathing suits, should be of an appropriate length such that a person's private areas are adequately covered and not accentuated, not because they are bad, but because they are private

Shabbat Dress Attire

To celebrate and mark the important distinction between *Shabbat* and the weekday, *Shabbat* dress attire is required. The following attire is acceptable for *Shabbat*:

- Slacks, khakis, dresses or skirts
- Blouses, collared shirts or sweaters with sleeves
- Dress shoes or sandals
- Religious head covering

CAMERAS

While we realize most participants use their phones as a camera, some participants come with separate cameras. To ensure participants can take all the pictures they want, we recommend bringing memory cards with space for 600 pictures, a battery charger, and/or extra camera batteries.

To protect cameras, keep them in a case and with the participant's name on it. The summer is full of memorable experiences and participants will treasure their pictures.

RESPONSIBILITY FOR ITEMS

We accept responsibility only for those items of value held by the staff—including passports and birth certificates. For any trip that requires passports and/or birth certificates, the staff will collect and hold on to those items.

Please understand that we do not have facilities to store large items such as cameras or video equipment, and cannot take responsibility for those items.

Participants must take responsibility for their personal belongings used on daily basis. **If you are afraid of losing or breaking it then please think twice before packing it.**

We strongly advise against bringing laptop computers and other expensive electronic equipment.

We suggest that parents and/or guardians contact the company that handles their homeowners insurance to see if they have coverage for items lost while traveling. If not, we recommend you consider supplementary coverage through travel agencies or insurance companies.

PACKING INFORMATION

CLOTHING LIST

- 12 sets of undergarments
- 1 sweater/ sweatshirt

- 2 skirts/dresses or dress pants for Shabbat (nothing sleeveless, low cut, backless, or inappropriate length)
- 12 short sleeve shirts (dry fit recommended)
- 6-8 pairs of shorts (past participants recommend separate shorts for work sites and evening activities)
- 2 pairs of pajamas
- 1 pairs of jeans/ sweatpants
- 2-3 bathing suit
- 1 pair comfortable sneakers
- 1 pair of dress shoes
- 1 pair sandals/flip flops
- 9 pairs of socks

TO BRING EVERY DAY TO WORK SITE:

- Backpack
- Hat (the sun is strong)
- Sunglasses
- Sunscreen
- Hand sanitizer
- Spanish-English dictionary
- Insect repellent
- 2 Water bottles (A MUST!)
- Wristwatch
- Rain coat (weather is unpredictable—should have on hand)
- Sneakers or light hiking boots
- Appropriate work attire – comfortable clothes that can get dirty and work gloves

The following miscellaneous items are suggested for all participants:

- *Toothbrush/toothpaste
- *Deodorant, Shampoo, Conditioner
- *Sunscreen
- *Hat
- Hairbrush and comb
- Notebook for journal writing
- Camera
- Flashlight with extra batteries
- *Beach towel for excursions

***THESE ITEMS ARE MANDATORY!**

Please try to LABEL important items.

PASSPORT

Participants on DREAM USY will both travel across the United States/Dominican Republic border. In order to cross the border, participants are required to have a valid passport. **All**

passports must be valid through February 2020.

Please input the requested information into the Passport Information Form on Regpack.

CELL PHONE POLICY

The trip is packed with sightseeing opportunities to learn, grow, and bond with new friends. Time spent on cellular phones and other mobile devices takes away from this experience.

Cell phones are permitted during the summer, but are only allowed to be used during free time and/or in participants' rooms at night. Cell phones may be used as cameras or to play music. They are not permitted to be used for internet or calling purposes on the bus, during any type of programming, or on *Shabbat*. This includes phone calls, texting and Internet use.

Though we encourage communication throughout the summer, we ask parents to please work with their child to limit the number of times s/he will call home.

Please note that all incoming calls to any hotel will be directed to the group leader's room.

For Verizon users: International plan options

Picking the right plan depends on how frequently you'll use your phone and how long you want to stay overseas. Here are the options:

TravelPassSM: Starting at just \$2 a day per line, TravelPass lets you use your domestic voice, text and data plan while traveling to Mexico, Canada and beyond. If you're headed to one of 65 other countries, you pay \$10 a day per line. Either way, you're only charged on the days you use your phone.

TravelPass is simple to activate. Add it from My Verizon and you'll get a text message explaining the daily fee when you arrive.

The first time you use your phone, the daily fee begins. Use your phone as much as you want for the next 24 hours. You'll only get another TravelPass charge if you use your device again after the first 24 hours.

Every 4G LTE World Device from Verizon (including smartphones, tablets, Verizon Jetpack and USB modems) with a qualifying domestic plan is eligible for TravelPass.

Just remember that your minutes, texts and data will count toward your regular plan. If you go over your plan allowance, you'll be charged overages based on your domestic plan.

The staff members will carry cell phones that can be used in the event of an emergency and to be in contact with the New York office on a daily basis.

No rental phones will be available during this program, please check with your provider to see what plans are available for you.

DREAM USY is not responsible for lost cell phones or chargers.

SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY

We know that the Internet when used wisely provides many positive ways to stay in touch with friends and family and can be a constructive outlet for self-expression.

We remind all our participants that once they identify themselves as a member of the USY/USCJ community in a social networking profile, website, group page or blog, or use the USY/USCJ name or logo, everything and anything that you post can be viewed as a reflection of USY/USCJ.

Therefore, we require participants to observe the social media policy guidelines below. We've established these guidelines to ensure that USY/USCJ remains an emotionally and physically safe environment for all staff, participants, and their families.

USY program participants must be respectful of USY/USCJ and its programs, participants, and employees in all communications (e-mails, messages, social media profiles, blogs or other Internet sites). This means that participants will never:

- Share or post e-mails, blogs, images or any content that is cruel, demeaning, disrespectful, or intentionally hurtful to a member of the USY/USCJ community
- Post comments that are derogatory with regard to any individual's race, gender, religion, sexual orientation, disability, or any other group protected under applicable federal, state or local law
- Engage in harassment or intimidation or post content that presents USY/USCJ programs, their participants or staff negatively
- Share, send, or post material of a sexual nature or that which includes nudity, violence, drug or alcohol use, illegal actions, delinquent behavior, destruction of property, harassment or intimidation, or any activity against the program rules
- Post photographs that compromise anyone's privacy or that are used to demean, humiliate or otherwise embarrass anyone.

BEHAVIOR POLICIES

In connection with USY programs, including travel to and from this program:

1. There is to be no smoking or vaping. There is to be no possession of cigarettes, e-cigarettes or any associated liquid or paraphernalia
2. There is to be no possession or use of any narcotics, marijuana, illegal drugs or prescription drugs not prescribed for the user, or matches, firecrackers (or similar devices), knives, sharp or dangerous objects
3. There will be no possession or consumption of any alcoholic beverages
4. There will be no shoplifting or theft of any kind

5. If a USYer is caught in possession of/or found to have used alcohol or illegal drugs or is caught shoplifting and/or involved in theft of any kind, he/she will immediately be sent home at his/her parents' expense. Furthermore USY International Policy states, "If a USYer is apprehended for an infraction of the International Youth Commission's policy regarding drug and alcohol abuse or any other criminal offense (including, but not limited to, shoplifting) punishment for that offense will include suspension from USY events (including, but not limited to, the International USY Convention and USY Summer Programs) for one year following the infraction. The USYer's Region reserves the right to impose additional sanctions in connection with this or any other improper behavior as it sees fit"
6. At no time are males permitted in sleeping rooms or on floors occupied by females and at no time are females permitted in sleeping rooms or on floors occupied by males
7. Each participant is expected to maintain proper decorum and attitude during the entire program. Disruptive behavior (including, but not limited to, inappropriate sexual behavior) will not be tolerated. Your parents will be responsible to pay for any damage you may cause
8. No participant may leave the USY event except at such times as those specified by the schedule (if such times are specified) or with the express permission of the Group Leader. All participants must be at all scheduled programs and during specified free time, remain within boundaries set forth by the Group Leader. At curfew, all participants must return to their assigned room/host home and remain there until the program resumes the next day
9. Each participant is expected to conduct him/herself appropriately as a Conservative Jew (including through observance of *Shabbat* and *Kashrut*), in accordance with the applicable standards of the Law and Standards Committee of the Rabbinical Assembly and/or the local Rabbinic Authority
10. Participant is expected to adhere to the dress code as stipulated by the International Youth Commission. Specifically, bare midriff styles, halter-tops or see-through blouses are prohibited. Clothing on which any profanity or inappropriate language, pictures or symbols are written, printed or depicted is not permitted. No visible underwear is permitted for both males and females. During *Tefillah*, inappropriately short skirts or shorts, or tight garments, are not permitted
11. The Director of Teen Travel and Programs or their designee reserves the right to search the room and belongings of any attendee if he has reasonable grounds to believe that such a search is necessary to secure the health, safety and/or welfare of the program and or its participants. USY also reserves the right to enforce other rules relating to the integrity of the program and/or the safety, health or welfare of its participants
12. USCJ and USY have a ZERO tolerance policy regarding any activity that can be construed as bullying, hazing or harassment. This includes Cyberbullying that is bullying that is using the internet, a mobile phone or other technology (e.g. a camera) to engage in any of the following inappropriate misconduct: Posting nasty or threatening comments on someone's social networking profile; sending anonymous texts or picture messages to intimidate or embarrass; hacking existing website accounts or create fake profiles of

people to intimidate or embarrass; scaring or embarrassing others; or spreading rumors or try to isolate others using technology. The above list is not inclusive. Any individual involved in these or similar acts will be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including removal from our programs.

USY reserves the right to enforce other rules relating to the integrity of the DREAM Program and/or the health, safety or welfare of its participants.

EARLY LEAVE/DISMISSAL POLICY

In the event that a USYer must leave the program before its conclusion, the following guidelines will apply:

- A. If the decision for the USYer to leave early is made by the parents/guardian or the USYer, there is no refund, and all related expenses (such as return travel arrangements) are the responsibility of the parents
- B. If the USYer is dismissed from the program because of behavior problems or actions that are deemed to be detrimental to themselves or the group, there is no refund and all related expenses are the responsibility of the parents
- C. If the USYer must leave for medical reasons, USY will reimburse parents 60% of the non-transportation costs of the remainder of the trip on a daily pro-rated basis, knowing that USY is not able to cancel arrangements that have been made

CONCLUSION

We are excited and looking forward to happy and healthy summer full of life changing experiences, new friendships, and personal growth!

If you have any further questions or concerns after reading this guide please contact Michelle Rich, Director of Teen Travel and Programs at 212-533-7800 Ext. 136 or rich@usci.org.