

Sharon USY



Hey! My name is Leah, and I am one of the many members of Sharon USY. Sharon USY has given me many opportunities to learn, lead, educate, and have fun with many other Jewish teens in the area. In USY there is a board set up in each chapter to create new and fun events as well as lead all of the activities going on in the chapter. One of my leadership roles in USY is a position on the Sharon Executive Board called Membership/Kadima Vice President. What this means is that I am in charge of all of the new members coming in to Sharon USY along with leading all of the activities going on in Sharon USY. Also, as part of my leadership role I get to attend many of the Kadima events for the younger USYers and make sure that they are having fun at all of their events.

So, what is USY exactly? USY is an organization that allows Jewish teens to participate in fun and exciting events together such as dances, paint ball, lounges, and baseball games. Luckily, Sharon USY is one of the largest USY chapters which makes it easier for the events to have more people and therefore be a lot more fun. In addition, Sharon USY has a Junior USY and Senior USY basketball team who are both very good. Overall, if you are a Jewish teen in Sharon and want to meet new kids and have a blast... join Sharon USY!

For me USY is a place where I can get away, spend time with my friends, meet new people, not be stressed about school, and spend time outside of my home. I am able to learn new leadership skills and learn about Judaism when I am with Sharon USY. Also, USY opens up many opportunities to go on trips during the year or over the summer. For example, this past summer I attended USY on Wheels. USY on Wheels is a program where about 50 USYers from around the country come together to travel across the U.S. on a bus for 8 weeks. I was able to meet many new teens from all over as well as experience the country with all of the new friends that I had made. Also, last year I had the opportunity to travel to Florida over April vacation to participate in Habitat for Humanity with other Sharon USYers. On our trip, all of the teens had a great time; we did not want to leave by the end of the week. In addition, Sharon USY is part of a region called NERUSY, New England Region United Synagogue Youth. Within the region we are able to participate in many more events that incorporate all of the USY Chapters in New England. Here, I have had the opportunity to meet many other USYers from New England who are now some of my closest friends. I am so fortunate to be part of such an amazing chapter where I can meet so many new Jewish teens my age as well as attend many great events with all of my friends.

As you can see, USY has so much to offer; I hope that my experiences will inspire you to try USY out for yourself, I'm sure it will be just as awesome for you too! If you have any questions feel free to ask: leahbriscoe2@yahoo.com or gpoor@tisharon.org, hope to see you soon!

Sincerely,
Leah Briscoe

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USY is a place where you can let go and be yourself

USY is a place to meet lots of cool Jewish kids

USY is unimaginably fun

USY is an opportunity to go to fun places with your friends

USY is a way to meet people from other towns, states, and countries

USY is a chance to explore your own personal Judaism in a relaxed and exciting way

USY is uniting and unifying Jewish youth

USY is a chance to help others less fortunate than you

USY is a great way to experience Israel

USY shows you what it means to be a Jew in modern America

USY is a place where you can experience great spirituality while developing your own ruach (spirit)

USY is a perfect opportunity to develop your leadership skills

USY is a good thing to put on your college applications

USY is a home away from home

USY is full of great role models that you can get to know

USY is full of dances

USY is great chill time

USY is full of laughter

USY is friendship

USY IS COMPLETE AND TOTAL AWESOMENESS!

Why get active in Kadima and USY? Here are some testimonials from active USYers:

“I met so many people from USY that I probably wouldn’t have met otherwise. Now they are some of my closest friends in the world!”

“I joined USY because it was a great way to see my friends who don’t live close by.”

“USY has added so much to my life since I joined. I was shy and hesitant, and now I am a true leader within my chapter and region.”

“After I attended my first USY event I knew I wanted to become more active. Everyone was friendly and welcoming and we had a great time.”

“The USY chapter at my synagogue was always helping out with Religious School activities. I saw them all the time and couldn’t wait until I was old enough to join. They always seemed to have so much fun!”

“USY has a wide variety of programming ranging from Social to Religious. I really enjoy the variation.”

“USY has really helped me feel comfortable with my Judaism”

“I really took advantage of the leadership opportunity USY had to offer; I was on board my first two years of USY, and then I became President of my chapter. I was really proud of my accomplishments.”





**TEMPLE ISRAEL YOUTH
COMMUNITY
MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION**
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First Name: _____ Last Name: _____ Grade: _____ Birthdate: _____
Street Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____
Home Phone: _____ E-mail: _____ Screen Name: _____
Parent 1: _____ Work/Cell Phone: _____ E-mail: _____
Parent 2: _____ Work/Cell Phone: _____ E-mail: _____
Please list any allergies child has: _____
May we send event info to your child via text? _____ Child's cell #: _____
Child's cell's service provider (AT&T, Verizon, etc): _____
Optional donation to USY to help keep costs down: _____

REGISTRATION FEES FOR 2010-2011:

\$10 Discount if this form is returned by August 1, 2010!

Grades 5-7 (Kadima)

\$45 for Temple Israel Members

\$60 for Non-Temple Israel Members

If you are a Temple Israel member celebrating a Bar/Bat Mitzvah between 8/10 and 7/11, please check here for your free year of youth community membership! _____

Grades 8-12 (USY)

\$55 for Temple Israel Members

\$70 for Non-Temple Israel Members

**All checks are payable to Temple Israel. Please mail to Youth Educator at 125 Pond Street
Sharon, MA 02067 or place in the Youth Educator's mailbox in the main office.**

The following release must be signed in order for your membership to be valid:

I hereby agree to the provisions outlined on page 2 of this form regarding Permission.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Member Signature: _____

I hereby agree / do not agree (circle one) to the provisions outlined on page 2 of this form regarding Photo Release.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

The following release must be signed in order for your membership to be valid:

_____ (Member's Name) intends to participate in certain activities being organized by the Youth Community of the Jewish Community Centre of Sharon, Inc. (Temple Israel). The undersigned hereby releases and discharges TI, its officers, directors, agents, employees and affiliated entities from any and all causes of action, liabilities, damages and claims related to Member's participation in said activities. The undersigned also hereby agrees to indemnify and hold TI, its officers, directors, agents, employees and affiliated entities harmless from and against any and all claims, damages, losses and expenses, including without limitation attorneys' fees, related to the Member's participation in said activities.

Member's Primary Doctor and Phone #: _____

Insurance Co. and Policy No. _____

I hereby give permission to the leaders/advisors of the Youth Community of TI to obtain and administer such medical aid or assistance, including that of a duly licensed Medical Doctor, as might be required for the immediate care of my child in the event such emergency treatment becomes necessary.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

PLEASE READ REVERSE SIDE!



TI YOUTH COMMUNITY MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION

www.sharonusy.com

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Please list your hobbies or interests:

Please list any USY events, programs, or activities that you would like to see happen:

If you were referred to Sharon USY by a member, please write their name here:

USY/Kadima Permission Agreement

USY and Kadima are extensions not only of our congregation and community, but parts of an international Jewish youth organization. There are certain guidelines, therefore, that all USY and *Kadima* members must follow. These rules are for the safety of our members and the support of our programs. By signing below, you acknowledge that you are aware of these rules and agree to abide by them. Non-compliance may result in removal from any program or event, and may jeopardize future attendance at programs and events.

Included in the rules are the following:

No smoking, drugs, or alcohol is allowed at any event.

No physically destructive behavior will be tolerated at any event, including that which is harmful to material or injurious to others.

No theft of any kind will be tolerated.

While participating in an event or program, members are expected to conduct themselves in an appropriate manner. Use of negative, tasteless or hurtful language will not be tolerated. In their language and behavior, members will treat others (including chaperones, staff and other members) with respect.

Members will be respectful of the tenets of Conservative Judaism. These include, but are not limited to, the laws of *Kashrut* and *Shabbat*, when applicable.

As parent or guardian, I have read the above guidelines and certify, by my signature on page 1, that my child has read and understand the listed rules. I give permission for my child to participate in the activities of the Youth Department of Temple Israel of Sharon. By signing above, I allow members of the Temple Israel Youth Department staff to make decisions concerning my child, at my expense, should my child not adhere to the above agreement.

Photo Release

I hereby permit my child to be filmed or photographed by the Temple Israel United Synagogue Youth Department, its representatives, and employees. These photographs and videos may be used in publications, including electronic publications, or in audiovisual presentations, promotional literature, advertising, or in other similar ways.

I agree that Temple Israel USY may use such photographs of my child with or without his or her name and for any lawful purpose, including the above examples. I understand that this is without any compensation to myself or my child.

I hereby warrant that I am over eighteen (18) years of age, and am competent to contract in my own name.

What kinds of activities do USY and Kadima do?

Laser Tag	Paint Ball
Rock Climbing	White Water Rafting
Intense Shabbat Services	Overnights
Parties	Dances
Sports Games	Blue Man Group
Social Actions Activities	Iron Chef
Video Game Competitions	Apple Picking
Six Flags	Art Days
Bowling	Trips to Israel and Europe
Starland	Trips across the U.S.
Improv Shows	Conventions with teens
Movie Nights	from all over
Roller Skating	New England

For more information, contact:

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