

GRADE 4 FIELD TRIP: October 18, 8:00-10:30a.m.

SPIRIT IN NATURE

GOD, JUDAISM & ECOLOGY *ON THE TRAIL*

Judaism compares our Torah, our source of truth, to the tree—it must be seen, heard and felt.

On October 18th our fourth grade students, teachers, teen and parent chaperones and Patti Kahn will take a bus to the Watchung Reservation to “see, hear and feel” trees and nature. We will enjoy interacting with our natural surroundings, working with teachers and teens in small groups and large groups. We will weave stories, prayers and blessings into each activity we experience. We will find the colors of the rainbow in nature and say the blessing associated with rainbows. We will say the *Shema* prayer, as we “listen” to the sound of nature and of silence. We will take a guided Rav Kook “Mystery Hunt” to discover the divine secrets of nature. Students will take turns being a *teva* (nature) Rabbi, teaching one another about trees, ferns, flowers, insects and the *halacha* (law) of following a trail. We will have FUN! If you would like to be a chaperone for this trip, please email me: patti@templesinainj.org.

Of necessity, our field trip will begin earlier than school time (8:00) so that we can return to the temple by the session’s end (10:30). We will appreciate you bringing your child to school 30 minutes earlier on October 18th, by 8:00am, so our bus can leave promptly at that time. We plan to be part of the regular dismissal system, so please pick up your child, as usual, at 10:30.

There is a \$12.00 trip fee. Kindly complete the permission form below and return it, with a \$12.00 check payable to Temple Sinai, on the first day of school, September 13th.

Thank you for your support of our grade 4 program. Later in the year, on January 10th, grade 4 parents and students will enjoy a Jewish Ecology Family Program. “Spirit in Nature” is a wonderful theme for Grade 4 this year!

Patti Kahn

908-273-3617

GRADE 4 TRIP PERMISSION FORM: Please return 1st day school, Sept. 13.

My child, _____, has permission to travel by bus with Temple Sinai Religious School to the Watchung Reservation, on October 18, 2009, 8:00-10:30am. I will bring my child to the temple by 7:55am. I have included a check for \$12.00, payable to Temple Sinai. Should a medical emergency arise and I am not reachable by telephone, I give my permission for Grade 4 teachers to procure emergency treatment for my child.

Parent Signature

Cell Phone #

Date