

# TEMPLE SINAI RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

## GRADE 6 FIELD TRIP TO ELLIS ISLAND

October 2, 2011

Dear Grade 6 Parents,

*Why did Jews leave Eastern Europe to travel to America? What was the experience of Jewish immigrants on their journey and upon arrival in New York? Where are my ancestors from? Did any of my ancestors pass through Ellis Island?*

These are the questions we will ask and answer on October 2<sup>nd</sup> when our grade 6 students, teachers and parent chaperones will enjoy a guided tour of Ellis Island. Jeff Altman of Timeline Touring will be our excellent tour guide. We will travel to and return from Ellis Island by ferry. We will leave Temple Sinai at 8:15am and return to the temple by 2:15pm. Students will bring a bagged lunch (no glass; no nuts of any kind) to enjoy a picnic overlooking the Hudson. We will visit the gift shop (optional money for memorabilia). All students must arrive to Temple Sinai at by 8:15am, with lunch and optional spending money. If you would like to be a chaperone for this trip, please email me: [patti@templesinainj.org](mailto:patti@templesinainj.org).

For the tour guide, ferry ticket and your partial share of the bus transportation, this trip will cost \$29 per student. Please make your check payable to Temple Sinai. Thank you.

This trip is an important part of our grade 6 curriculum and program year. We do expect each grade 6 student to participate. If your child has previously visited Ellis Island with their public school class, *THIS TRIP WILL BE SIGNIFICANTLY DIFFERENT, as our tour guide will be teaching the children about immigration entirely from a JEWISH PERSPECTIVE.* We always appreciate your support of our Jewish experiential programming.

Please bring your completed permission form and your \$29 check, ON THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL, SEPTEMBER 11. We really appreciate your help, as we need to purchase the ferry tickets in advance.

Thank you very much.

L'Shalom,

*Patti*

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**PERMISSION FORM: GRADE 6 TRIP TO ELLIS ISLAND:**  
*Please bring form & check on the first day of school, September 11.*

My child, \_\_\_\_\_, has my permission to travel to and tour Ellis Island with Temple Sinai Religious School on October 2, 2011, 8:15am to 2:15pm. I am including a check, payable to Temple Sinai, for \$29.00. I will bring my child to Temple Sinai by 8:15am and will pick up my child at 2:15pm.

Should a medical emergency arise and I am not reachable by telephone, I give my permission for Grade 6 teachers to procure emergency treatment for my child.

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Parent Signature

Date

Cellular Phone

**Kindly return this form and your check on Sunday, September 11. Thank you.**