

**Aaron and Blanche Schreiber Torah Tours FAQ's**  
**Applications are available at <https://www.yu.edu/cjf/student-programming/ug/torah-tours>**

**Shavuot: June 7-10, 2019**

**Application Deadline: Friday, April 12**

**1. How much does it cost to bring Torah Tours to my synagogue?**

Every synagogue must pay a \$150 registration fee. Applications will not be processed until our office receives one's registration fee.

Synagogues are responsible for the transportation costs for the students traveling to and from the New York area. This includes plane/bus/train tickets, or the cost of gas and tolls on a student's personal vehicle or the cost of a rental car plus the cost of gas and tolls.

Registration Fee:

**To pay by check:**

Checks should be made out to Yeshiva University and sent to:

Talia Molotsky

Yeshiva University

215 Lexington Ave.

5<sup>th</sup> floor

New York, NY 10016

**To pay by credit card:**

Please click on the following link:

[https://secure.touchnet.com/C21817\\_ustores/web/classic/product\\_detail.jsp?PRODUCTID=255](https://secure.touchnet.com/C21817_ustores/web/classic/product_detail.jsp?PRODUCTID=255)

**2. How many students will be coming to my synagogue?**

Teams consist of two to three men and two to three women.

**3. When will I find out who is coming to my synagogue?**

All synagogues will be contacted by May 15<sup>th</sup> with the names and contact information of their Torah Tours team.

**4. What are my community's responsibilities to the Torah Tours Team?**

Communities are responsible for the following:

- Organizing with the students how they will be getting to your community ie. plane, train, bus, personal car, need for rental car.
  1. Any communities planning for students to travel via public transportation should ensure that the travel spans a reasonable amount of time each way

(equal to or fewer than 4.5 hours). In addition, please note that almost all of our students are under the age of 25, and renting a car will be a substantially higher cost.

- The cost of transporting the students to their community.
- Providing the students with appropriate housing, as well as providing the students with all of the Yom Tov meals.
- All homes that students sleep and eat in must be Shomer Shabbos and Shomer Kashrut according to the community Rabbi.

#### **5. What can I ask the students to prepare for their visit to my community?**

When filling out the application you will notice two questions that ask you what you would like the students to prepare. Please be thorough when answering the questions regarding the types of classes and programs you would like the students to run.

When you connect with your team captain you can ask them if there is anyone in the group who can help out with Kriyat HaTorah, or leading Tefillah if your community needs help or volunteers in those areas.

#### **6. Do the students prefer to stay together and eat their meals together?**

Yes. Typically students sign up for Torah Tours with their friends, as this is an opportunity for them to travel together, we ask that you try to keep the men in one house together and the women in another house together\* and place them all together for as many meals as possible.

This will keep both hosts and guests comfortable throughout the chag. However if it is difficult to find homes that can host all four students together for meals, arranging them in pairs will be sufficient.

**\*Male and female students are not permitted to sleep in the same home.**

#### **7. My synagogue does not get a minyan over Shavuot- how do I proceed?**

If your synagogue is unable to get a minyan over the holiday, please make note of that in your application so we can plan accordingly together. Because of the plethora of communities that apply to this program, we are not able to send enough men to any one community to make a minyan. Students are expected to be at a shul where there is a minyan available.