



THE NORTH AMERICAN CONFERENCE ON ETHIOPIAN JEWRY (NACOEJ)

YOUNG LEADERSHIP MISSION TO ETHIOPIA AND ISRAEL APPLICATION

August 15th – 21st, 2009

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION (PLEASE PRINT):

*(Please include the non-refundable, subsidized Young Leadership payment of \$1,500 with this application by **July 22, 2009.**)*

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail: _____ Cell phone number in Israel: _____

Passport Information:

Name as it appears on passport: _____

Nationality: _____ Place of Birth: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Male: _____ Female: _____

Passport #: _____ Place of Issue: _____

Date of Issue: _____ Expiration Date: _____

In Case of Emergency Contact Information:

Name: _____ Relationship to self: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

ROOMING ASSIGNMENTS:

Yes, assign me a roommate: I smoke. I do not smoke.

I wish to room with _____

I prefer a single room (additional charge of \$360)

FLIGHTS BETWEEN THE U.S. AND ISRAEL:

Participants are responsible for arranging and paying for all flights between the U.S. and Israel before and after the mission.

Please inform Gary Metzger at the NACOEJ office of your travel plans to Israel:

Tel: 212-233-5200 ext. 228 Email: gmetzger@nacoelj.org

TRAVEL REQUIREMENTS FOR INTERNATIONAL PORTION ON ETHIOPIAN AIRLINES TO/FROM ETHIOPIA AND ISRAEL:

Coach First Class (additional charge)

SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS in Israel:

(We will be providing kosher pre-packaged, self-heating meals in Ethiopia.)

Leadership and /or Community Work

This mission has been substantially subsidized for Young Leaders and is limited. Please tell us about your previous leadership and/or your community service experience with other groups or organizations.

PLEASE ATTACH A PHOTOCOPY OF A VALID PASSPORT.

Please send a copy of your tourist visa to Ethiopia to Gary Metzger at NACOEJ by **July 28th**.

If you would like NACOEJ to arrange for your visa, please send your passport, along with two passport photos, and a money order for \$70 (for U.S. nationals) made out to “Ethiopian Consulate”, to the NACOEJ office “Attention: Gary Metzger” by **July 28th**. Please feel free to contact Gary for more information at:

Tel: 212-233-5200 ext. 228 Email: gmetzger@nacoelj.org

Please check off and sign:

I understand that, by **July 28th**, I must submit proof of medical travel insurance that includes a medical evacuation policy.

I have read and understand the travel medical guidelines to Ethiopia provided by NACOEJ and that they are not comprehensive, and that I am responsible to consult with my own physician and address all of my own medical needs.

I have read, understand, and signed the Liability Agreement, the Terms and Conditions as included in this document.

Signature

Date



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Mission to Ethiopia and Israel 2009**

Liability Agreement and Release

1. I _____ am a participant in the NACOEJ Mission to Ethiopia and Israel, through the dates of August 15th – 21st, 2009.
2. I have voluntarily enrolled in the NACOEJ Mission program. I understand that travel to any new place, especially in an undeveloped region, may involve changes in plans, unexpected delays, and limited access to healthcare and other services to which I am accustomed. I understand that I am subject to the laws of the country we are visiting, which are very different from those of the United States, and that NACOEJ cannot be held accountable for the actions of governments or their representatives. I am aware that the use of transportation, housing, food and other goods, services or activities in connection with participation in the program carries a risk of personal injury and property damage or loss.
3. I agree and undertake as a precondition to participation in the Mission, and in addition to and not in derogation of the terms and conditions attached hereto as an exhibit, to be solely and exclusively responsible, and do hereby release and agree to indemnify and hold harmless NACOEJ, their officers, employees, directors, agents and legal representatives, with respect to any injury, illness or loss of whatever nature sustained in connection with, or in any way related to the Mission, regardless of the cause, seriousness or extent of such injury, illness or loss.
4. I understand that payment of the trip is **non-refundable** as of July 22nd, 2009, unless NACOEJ itself cancels the trip. I agree to NACOEJ's right to cancel the trip or to cancel my participation in the trip at any time, with refundable, unused services paid to NACOEJ returned to me. **NACOEJ strongly recommends purchasing trip cancellation insurance that covers cancellations for any reason.**

Signature _____ Date _____



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TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Price:
\$1,500

Reservation and payments:
Full payment is due by **July 22th, 2009**. Make checks payable to NACOEJ.

Mission Price Includes:
Hotel accommodations as listed in the itinerary or comparable, based on two persons sharing a twin room, meals as specified in the itinerary, listed mission air transportation, all land travel including airport transfers to and from hotel if arriving with the group, entrance fees to sights, local guides and special activities as quoted in the itinerary. Every attempt will be made to adhere to the itinerary. However, NACOEJ will not be responsible if circumstances necessitate changes. Gratuities to local restaurant and hotel waiters for those meals paid for by NACOEJ, are included.

Mission Price Does Not Include:
Charges for immunizations, passport fees, visa fees, departure taxes, excess luggage charges, insurance of any kind, beverages with meals (other than water), laundry charges, telephone and room service bills, gratuities to local guides, bus drivers and chambermaids, individual hotel transfers for individual arrivals and departures at transfer points, and items of a purely personal nature. If not arriving/departing on group international flights, participants' airport transfers upon arrival/departure are not included.

Cancellations:

Trip Cancellation Insurance Is Strongly Recommended.

NACOEJ reserves the right to cancel any tour prior to departure for any reason, including insufficient numbers of participants, and to decline to accept or retain any person as a participant at any time. Should this happen, refunds of remaining monies not spent will be made without obligation and we cannot be held responsible for any additional costs incurred by participants.

Responsibility:

NACOEJ acts only in the capacity of your facilitator in arranging for the hotels, airlines, bus companies, railroads, shiplines or owners or contractors providing accommodations, transportation or other services. As a result, all coupons, receipts or tickets are issued subject to the terms and conditions specified by the supplier. By acceptance of mission membership, the participants agrees that NACOEJ shall not become liable or responsible for personal injury, damage to persons or property, loss, delay or irregularity caused by persons not controlled by them, such as (without limitations) airlines, bus and shipping companies, suppliers or accommodations or other services, or resulting from any acts of God, defects in vehicles, strikes, wars, whether declared or otherwise, civil disturbances, medical or customs regulations, acts of terrorism, epidemics, or government restrictions. NACOEJ is not responsible for any additional expenses or liability sustained or incurred by the participant as a result of the above mentioned causes.



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Ethiopia Information

Please see the end of this document for a checklist provided for your convenience. Please note that this checklist is intended as a guide, and is not comprehensive.

CLIMATE AND ALTITUDE:

August is usually the rainy season, prone to heavy downpours interspersed with clear skies. This year, there is a drought which might (or might not) affect the rains in August. You should be prepared with full rain gear. **And, as most roadways (especially in Gondar) are dirt, bring footwear equipped for mud.**

According to Ethiopian Airlines and other online sources, the temperature ranges from 50°F – 70°F in August, although it might be colder at night. For some, light jackets will suffice while others will need heavier coats.

Addis Ababa is 8,000 feet high. You may find yourself a bit breathless or light-headed at times. In Gondar, we will be in lowlands by day, in a small mountain-top hotel at night. If you are vulnerable to altitude sickness, consult your physician.

HEALTH:

For definitive medical advice, please consult one or more of the following:

- Your own physician
- Your local Board of Health
- A local travel health service
- Centers for Disease Control (CDC) in Atlanta:
See the CDC Webpage on travel to Ethiopia:
www.cdc.gov/travel/destinationEthiopia.aspx

Some health authorities have suggested the following immunizations, even if they are not required for your Visa. You may have received some of these immunizations already. The process should begin **at least three weeks before your trip**, so you should begin immediately.

- Yellow Fever
- Hepatitis A
- Tetanus
- Typhoid
- Diphtheria
- Meningitis
- Polio Booster
- **Malaria prophylaxis is very important**

Some immunizations may not be available through your own physician. We have been told that the Travel Health facility at 50 E. 69th Street in Manhattan, or the Mount Sinai Travel Medicine Department can be very helpful in providing immunizations and advice, although these might be more pricey.

Get a full, written record of your immunizations and bring a copy with you.

MEDICATIONS AND OTHER HEALTH-RELATED INFORMATION:

Bring a full supply of all prescription and non-prescription medicines you take regularly, or may need, as they may not be available in Ethiopia. Include your preferred remedy for turista (stomach ailment), just in case. Many physicians have suggested that Cipro works for many people.

Bring wet wipes for quick clean-ups. Washing (inconspicuously) after touching people, objects and money is a good health precaution. If you can't wipe, try not to touch your face till you can.

If you need prescription glasses, bring an extra pair.

A good insect repellent (with DEET) is essential.

The sun can be hotter than it feels, especially at high altitudes. Sunglasses, sunscreen, sunburn lotion and sun hat are advisable.

For personal first-aid, bring an antibiotic ointment, bandaids and, if you are susceptible to airsickness, Dramamine. Also, consult with your physician about bringing antihistamine and Cipro and/or other antidiarrheal.

Medical Facilities and Doctors:

Hospitals do not always meet Western standards, and many medications are not available. The State Department suggests that tourists get travelers' medical insurance to cover such emergencies as medical evacuation transfers, etc.

FOOD AND DRINK:

Do not drink or even brush your teeth with tap water anywhere in Ethiopia. You may use tap water to wash, bathe or shower.

Bottled water is safe and readily available. So are soft drinks (no diet soft drinks are available), liquor, beer and wine.

Do not eat raw fruits, salad or vegetables. The only exceptions are oranges, grapefruit and bananas (cut off both ends of bananas).

Do not eat or drink dairy products such as butter, cheese or milk.

A light meal will be provided on the flight from Israel to Ethiopia, but bring snacks.

NACOEJ will provide strictly kosher prepackaged meals. It is highly advised to bring your own snacks. Snacks will not be available for purchase in Ethiopia. However, safe soft drinks, such as Coca Cola, will be available for purchase.

RELIGIOUS NEEDS:

You can bring anything you require: tallis, tefillin, prayer book, kippah (a cap is preferable in public), etc.

VISA

When you complete your visa application (enclosed):

- Estimated length of stay in Ethiopia: 4 days
- Expected date of arrival: August 16th
- Purpose of visit: Tourism

- Include your passport and a passport size photograph when you send in your visa application.
- Your \$70 payment for an entry visa **must be in a money order, payable to 'Ethiopian Consulate'. No check, cash or credit card will be accepted.**
- The New York Ethiopian Consulate accepts only \$70 tourist visa applications.
- Follow all directions exactly. If you have questions, contact Gary Metzger.
- Mail the packet by certified mail, registered mail or express mail, to the NACOEJ office:

NACOEJ
ATTN: Gary Metzger
132 Nassau St. Ste #412
New York, NY 10038

If you have immediate access to an Ethiopian Consulate or the Ethiopian Embassy, you may submit your application directly to one of the following. For return of passport / documents by certified mail, registered mail or express mail, the consulates require a self-addressed, stamped envelope. It can take several days to get a visa, so it is necessary to do this as soon as possible.

The Ethiopian Consulate of New York
866 2nd Ave., 3rd Floor, New York, NY 10017 (212) 421-1830

Consulate General of Ethiopia
3460 Wilshire Blvd. Suite 308 Los Angeles, CA 90010
Tel: 213 365 6651 Fax: 213 365 6670 [Email: info@ethioconsulate-la.org](mailto:info@ethioconsulate-la.org)

Embassy of Ethiopia
3506 International Dr. NW Washington, DC 20008(202)364-1200 Email: info@ethiopianembassy.org
The Washington Embassy accepts \$40 single transit visa applications.

Note:

As of March 2006, it is possible to obtain a Visa in the Addis airport. **However, our schedule does not allow time to obtain a visa at the Addis airport.**

Baggage and Packing:

You will be limited to only 20 kilos (44 lbs.) on the flight from Addis Ababa to Gondar and back. Please pack a bag for Israel and a separate bag for Ethiopia.

Food will be provided for you to bring to Ethiopia. You will be advised in advance as to how much it will weigh and how much space you will need. You will need to allow for this when considering packing.

NACOEJ staff will take your Israel luggage from you at the airport on Saturday night, and it will be there for you at the hotel in Israel on your return.

Please also consider bringing collapsible bag in your luggage for purchases you might make in Addis Ababa on your last day in Ethiopia. You will have a greater baggage allowance for that leg of the trip.

We recommend bringing toilet paper from Israel to Ethiopia, as this item is not as prevalent in Ethiopia.

Please also bring an alarm clock.

Phone and email contact while within Ethiopia will be severely limited.

Timeline and Checklist: Please note that this is only a guide, and is not comprehensive:

Consult your physician	Immediately	
Begin immunizations	By July 22	
Begin oral anti-malarial medication	Consult Physician	
Apply for a Visa	By July 22	
Obtain travel medical insurance including medical evacuation	Allow 1 week	
Obtain trip cancellation insurance	Allow 1 week	

Recommended Packing Checklist:

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Please do not bring any valuables.

Clothing for cold weather and rain	Medical prescriptions in case medicines are lost
Rain hat	Medicines
Boots for rain and mud	Cipro
Insect repellent with Deet	Toilet paper
Collapsible bag	Wet wipes
Sunscreen	An extra pair of prescription glasses (if glasses are needed)
Sun hat	Money belt, neck wallet, waist wallet, or hidden travel wallet
Snacks	Photocopies of your passport and visa
Sunglasses	Sunburn lotion
Alarm clock	