



**NESIYA COMMUNITY FELLOWS AWARD
TERMS FOR ACCEPTANCE**

Please sign and return to The Nesiya Institute by June 15, 2008

Congratulations on receiving a Community Fellows Award (CFA) for the 2008 Nesiya Summer Israel Experience.

We are happy to provide you with this award in support of the completion of your proposed project. This letter will explain the terms of the CFA and inform you how to proceed in order to complete your agreement. By accepting the Nesiya CFA (valued at \$1250 toward the cost of the 2008 Nesiya Kehillah Experience and 50% of tuition for the 2008 Winter Retreat), you will be required, with the support of your parents and CFA advisor, to complete the project you submitted for your CFA application.

❖ **Completion of Community Fellows Project**

Your merit-based award is contingent upon the completion of your proposed project. You will be permitted, with approval from Nesiya, to modify your proposal following your Nesiya summer in Israel. As a Nesiya Community Fellow you will be expected to fulfill the project you designed and submitted completely, or to propose and complete an alternative project should you face irresolvable difficulties with your original project.

In order for your project to be considered complete you must follow the enclosed project timeline, including submission of the requested reports.

❖ **Work with a Community Fellows Award Advisor**

Each Nesiya Institute Fellow is expected to find an advisor in your local community who will work with you to plan how you will complete your project, and who will support you in the process of project completion. Your fellowship advisor can be someone who wrote a letter of recommendation for you, a professional or educator in your area, or someone involved in the Jewish Community. Please make sure your fellowship advisor reads a copy of these terms.

❖ **Attendance at the 2008 Nesiya Winter Retreat**

Nesiya Community Fellows are expected to attend the 2008 Nesiya Winter Retreat, and will be provided with a 50% tuition merit award to support their participation, plus additional need-based support, if necessary. More information about the retreat will be available this fall.

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To receive the CFA, you must complete and return the attached Contract of Acceptance to Nesiya by June 15, 2008. You are responsible for fulfilling all of the steps mentioned above and submitting the reports by the specified due dates. Should you fail to fulfill your part of the contract you will be required to repay Nesiya the amount of the Community Fellows Award (\$1250, plus 50% of the tuition of the Nesiya Winter Retreat, if relevant). The Nesiya staff is happy to help and support you in the process of completing your Community Fellows Project, but it is your responsibility to fulfill the project and report to Nesiya as indicated.

Good luck! We look forward to being part of the process of completing your project and hearing about your exciting endeavor. Please do not hesitate to contact Nesiya staff if there is any way we can help you.

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Community Fellows Project Timeline 2008-2009

The following steps are necessary in order for the project to be considered complete:

- **Submit your signed Community Fellows Contract for Acceptance** by June 15, 2008.
- **Check-in phone call with Nesiya (212-951-7128)** by June 15, 2008.

Goals of call:

- Confirm acceptance of the Community Fellow Award
- Review the content of your project proposal
- Establish concrete personal and communal goals for the project
- Brainstorm any necessary tasks to accomplish during summer with Nesiya

Submit preliminary status report by email by September 25, 2008.

Goals of preliminary report: (See preliminary status report questions below.)

- Finalize project timeline
- Confirm CFA project advisor
- Review changes based on initial efforts
- Seek help to overcome initial challenges
- Establish plan of next steps

- **Make an appointment for a phone call with Andy Schultz (email Andy for available times). The phone call to Andy will accompany preliminary report. Please contact Andy by September 25, 2008.**

Goals of call:

- Check-in with Nesiya to discuss how your project is taking shape.

- **Submit mid-year status report by email** by January 15, 2009.

Goals of mid-year status report: (See mid-year status report questions below. The mid-year status report should include 5-10 photos of your project in action.)

- Review project goals and assess if/how they are being accomplished
- Reflect on your process of project completion
- Confirm that your project is proceeding according to your timeline
- Make any necessary changes for the second phase of your project
- Share with Nesiya your exciting accomplishments

- **Make an appointment for a phone call with Andy Schultz (email Andy for available times). The phone call to Andy will accompany preliminary report. Please contact Andy by January 15, 2009.**

Goals of call:

- Check-in with Nesiya to discuss project progress

- **Make an appointment for a phone call with Andy Schultz (email Andy for available times). There is no report due with this phone call. Please contact Andy by April 1, 2009.**

Goals of call:

- Check-in with Nesiya to discuss how your project is progressing,
- Prepare for the final stages of your project.

- **Submit final report and reflections** by June 1, 2009.

Goals of the final report: (See final report questions below. The final report should include at least 20 photos and/or a video of your project in action.)

- Reflect on the process of project completion
- Evaluate the success of the project
- Share with Nesiya the impact of your project on yourself and your community
- Help Nesiya redefine and improve the Community Fellows Award program

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Projected Format for Nesiya Community Fellows Award Status Reports

The status reports that you are required to submit throughout the year should not be a cause of stress to you, or take too long to complete. The Nesiya staff wants to know how your project is progressing and to be available to help and support you. You can format the reports in a way that is most fitting to your individual project, but we request that you answer the questions specified below. Please submit the reports via email to info@nesiya.org by the specified deadlines.

Nesiya Community Fellows Preliminary Status Report (due September 25, 2008):

1. How has your project plan changed since you submitted your proposal? (If there have been significant changes, you need to submit a revised project proposal.)
2. What is the projected timeline of your project?
3. Who is your project advisor? How did your initial meeting(s) with your advisor go?
4. Based on your initial steps, what challenges do you anticipate? How will you overcome these challenges?
5. What are the immediate next steps you need to take to bring your project ideas to life?

Nesiya Community Fellows Mid-year Status Report (due January 15, 2009):

1. What has been successful thus far in the completion of your project? Please include 5-10 photos or a video clip of your project in action. What has been one of your proudest moments or accomplishments related to your project?
2. What concrete steps have you accomplished since September to the present (e.g. contact with partnering agencies, events, newspaper or television press, etc.)? What was your role in planning and/or participating in these events?
3. Has your project changed since you initially designed it? If so, how? OR Has the scope or breadth of your project changed? If so, how?
4. What challenges have you come up against? Who/what helped/motivated you to overcome these obstacles?
5. You have now been engaged in your project for four months. What impact do you see yourself and/or your project having on your community?
6. What aspects of the project do you need assistance with? How do you plan on getting this assistance?
7. What are your next steps in order to complete your Community Fellows Project?

Nesiya Community Fellows Final Report and Reflections (due June 1, 2009):

1. Please describe the completed Community Fellows Project, from inception to completion (please add photographs, film clips, video, writing samples, etc.).
2. Please list the successes of your project and concrete outcomes.
3. Have you addressed the need you sought to fill in the community and if so, how?
4. Were you unable to accomplish certain goals laid out in the beginning of the year? If so, which goals? What made it difficult to accomplish these goals?

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5. How do you suggest that Nesiya improve the Fellowship program? What were the most beneficial aspects of the process? What would you eliminate from the process? How could Nesiya have been more helpful to you in completing your project?
6. Please write a one-page response to **one** of the following topics:
 - a. Lessons you are taking away from this project
 - b. A short-story or poem about your project
 - c. How your fellowship experience related to your Nesiya experience and/or helped you incorporate Nesiya values into your everyday life
 - d. The impact, large or small, you made on an individual and/or community
 - e. A challenge you overcame and why you are proud of yourself



**NESIYA COMMUNITY FELLOWS AWARD
CONTRACT FOR ACCEPTANCE**

(Please sign and return to The Nesiya Institute by June 15, 2008)

My parents and I have read The Nesiya Institute Terms for Acceptance of a Nesiya Community Fellows Award and we agree to comply fully with them. I understand that I am responsible for fulfilling all of the terms specified in that document upon my return home from Israel.

I realize that though my proposal may change over the summer or early in the fall, the project proposal I submitted represents my best attempt to outline the project I anticipate completing over the course of the 2008-2009 academic year, exclusively for the purpose of fulfilling the Nesiya Community Fellows Award.

My parents and I understand that both the Nesiya staff and my local advisor will assist me in completing my Community Fellows project, and monitor my progress. I agree to meet regularly with my fellowship advisor, according to a schedule determined by my advisor and myself. I understand that I am required to submit a series of reports and to stay in contact with Nesiya regularly, according to the schedule outlined in the Terms for Acceptance. I agree to complete these reports throughout the year, and to submit them to the Nesiya office on a timely basis.

My parents and I understand that I have one year to complete this project, and that the final project report is due by June 1, 2009.

My parents and I understand that if I do not fulfill my obligation according to the terms specified, my parents and I will be required to repay The Nesiya Institute for the full amount of the Community Fellows Award (\$1250 plus 50% of the tuition of the Nesiya Winter Retreat, if relevant).

In addition, we understand that should I be sent home from Israel for a failure to abide by the rules and regulations of The Nesiya Institute as specified in the Terms and Conditions signed before the summer, my award will be forfeited and I will be obligated to repay The Nesiya Institute for the full cost of my award.

Name of Student _____

Address _____ Phone _____

Student's Signature _____ Date _____

Parent's Signature _____ Date _____

THIS AGREEMENT IS BINDING

Please send the original to Nesiya and keep a copy for your records.

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