



PAS Travel Registration Process Pilot

In light of the enthusiasm and high demand for Travel Education experiences at Park Avenue Synagogue, we are piloting a new registration process. This approach will allow members more time to express their interest in participating and will also be more fair and more transparent, especially if the demand for a trip exceeds the number of available spots.

In the new system, we will announce and promote a two-day “Preregistration” window. At the end of the preregistration period, if the number of people who have preregistered exceeds the number of spots available, all the registrants will be entered in a lottery. Families will be selected randomly until spots are filled. Once spots are filled, families will be selected randomly to be placed in order on a waitlist.

Participation on PAS trips is open only to PAS members. PAS members may include family who nonmembers (specifically parents and children) in the number of people for whom they are pre-registering. Should other family members want to participate, they would have to join PAS.

Here is how to participate in this registration process:

1. Contact Da’at online or on the phone during the announced preregistration window to receive an account number. At this time, they will ask for your credit card information. Please note that it does not matter when you sign up or in what order you are assigned your account number, as long as you sign up during the preregistration window.
2. Once the preregistration period has closed, if more people have preregistered than there are spaces for on the trip, a random number generator will select numbers from the group of registrants until the spaces in the trip are filled.
3. Once the spots on the trip are filled, the random number generator will select numbers randomly to be placed in order on a waitlist.
4. If your family’s number is selected, Da’at will contact you and ask you to complete the registration, including paying a *non-refundable \$500 deposit per person*.
5. If your family’s number is not selected, you will be notified that you have been placed on a waitlist.

Our experience has been that spaces open even after registration is complete, so we will keep a running waitlist. People who decide to sign up after the pre-registration period will be placed on the waitlist. Members on the waitlist will be notified should spaces open up.

Please contact Rabbi Charlie Savenor, Director of Congregational Education, at csavenor@pasyn.org or 212-369-2600, x136, with any questions.