

March of the Living

Guidelines for Chaperones (Madrachim)

Background

March of the Living (**MOL**) is an experiential educational program for students in Secondary V. This program aims to teach our students about Jewish life in Europe before the Second World War, the Holocaust and the creation of the modern state of Israel.

Purpose

To define the criteria, roles and responsibilities of Madrichim for the March of the Living, a program run by GenMTL, a department of Federation CJA.

Criteria for candidature

- Is a member in good standing with Federation CJA
- Has an understanding of the importance of Fundraising
- Passionate about the program and all that it stands for
- Has an understanding that the March of the Living is about the students; it is not a trip for the chaperones.

The best chaperones are selfless and mature; they are committed to the role on the March and to enhancing the students' experience. The needs of the students will ALWAYS come before those of the chaperone. MOL is a physically and emotionally demanding experience that affects everyone differently - and each participant has a different reaction to it. Over two weeks, your goal should be to inspire the participants and to bring out their potential and this can only happen if you invest in your relationship with them.

Payments

- Have the ability to pay for the trip, which can cost up to \$7000-\$8500 CDN
(Full tax receipts issued).

Term of madrichim

- One full MOL year

General Roles and Responsibilities

- To be the ambassador of Federation CJA, GenMTL and the March of the Living
- To be available for all pre-trip programming
 - Kingston (Full weekend: Friday morning- Sunday afternoon)
 - Prep Sessions (Weekday evenings from approx. 6-8:30pm)
 - Shabbatons (Will be assigned to one weekend: Friday morning to Sunday afternoon)
 - MOL U sessions (Weekday evenings from approx. 6-8:30pm)
 - CPR Training
 - Chaperone events (Weekday evenings from approx. 6-8:30pm)
- To be flexible as things are subject to change with regards to logistics, content, dates, timing, etc.
- To work cooperatively with the Chair(s) and all MOL professionals
- Assist in enforcing all expectations and responsibilities of the participants
- Report any MOL related issues/violations directly to the MOL program manager

Fundraising

- Raise a minimum of \$1800
- Follow up with their assigned participants on their fundraising expectations of \$360 per person

Pre-Trip

- Assist in facilitating during preparatory sessions and Shabbaton when needed
- Contact students and parents that are assigned to their group
- Host a minimum of one (1) bus get-together with Co-Madrachim
- Attend all mandatory preparatory sessions
- Act as a role model at all times
- Read the “Being a Madrich” booklet to get a better understanding of the role.
- Be familiar with the itinerary/sights to better engage the participants in conversation

Trip

- Work as members of a cohesive team
- Be responsible for students’ overall safety and well-being at all times throughout the program
- Act as a role model to students
- Be responsible for assigned duties (Wake-up / OD / Meal duty)
- To remain with the group 24 hours a day and provide constant supervision
- Report problems, including code of conduct violations, to the MOL program manager and Chair(s)
- Be prepared to miss activities if and when necessary
- Be prepared to escort a student home if they violate the code of conduct or for a family emergency
- Participate actively in all aspects of the program
- Be prepared to lead group discussions/activities both educationally and informally
- Provide support and comfort to students during the trip
- Facilitate students’ successful participation in all components of the program

Post Trip

- Maintain relationships with participants for further involvement with community and FCJA
- Be available for feedback sessions
- Host a bus reunion with Co-Madrachim
- Share programs/events relevant to students on behalf of GenMTL

Suggestions are always welcome concerning the itinerary, logistics, and educational sessions. Final decisions are made in conjunction with FCJA / CIE / IMOL, and other professional staff associated with the program in Montreal, Poland and Israel.