

Jewish Federation of Palm Beach County

ISRAEL EXPERIENCE PROGRAMS VOUCHERS, INCENTIVE GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES

The Jewish Federation offers vouchers, incentive grants and need-based scholarships to encourage teens and young adults living in the Jewish Federation of Palm Beach County's service area to participate in approved Israel Experience Programs.

An approved Israel Experience Program is an organized, educational trip to Israel which focuses on strengthening one's Jewish identity and connection to Israel. Attached is a list of approved Israel Experience Programs for 2009-2010.

ELIGIBILITY

- In order to receive a voucher, incentive grant or need-based scholarship, applicants must be registering for an Israel experience program that has been approved by the Israel Scholarship Committee.
- Applicants must reside in the service area of the Jewish Federation of Palm Beach County (Boynton Beach to Tequesta) upon submitting the application.
- Applicants must meet all of the criteria outlined below.

B'NAI MITZVAH VOUCHER (\$600)

- The B'nai Mitzvah Voucher is available to teens entering or completing 10th, 11th, or 12th grade.
- The voucher must be used towards the tuition of an approved Israel experience program.
- It is a one-time award that can be used up until (and including) the summer after high school graduation.

ISRAEL INCENTIVE GRANT (\$600)

- The Israel Incentive Grant is available to teens entering or completing 11th or 12th grade or young adults ages 18-23.
- It is a one time award that can not be used at the same time as the B'nai Mitzvah Voucher.
- The incentive grant may be used towards the tuition of a second Israel Experience Program that has been approved by the Israel Scholarship Committee.
- The second Israel Experience program must be different than the first and can not occur within the same 12-month period (some exceptions can be made for programs that occur in the spring).

JUDAICA INSTITUTE GRANT (\$250)

- The Judaica Institute Grant is available to students who have completed or are in their 3^d year of the Commission for Jewish Education's (CJE) adolescent programs (Keshet / Judaica Institute).
- The grant is a one-time award that can be used up until (and including) the summer after high school graduation.
- The grant can be used in conjunction with the B'nai Mitzvah Voucher or Israel Incentive Grant.

NEED-BASED SCHOLARSHIP

- Teens entering 10th grade through the age of 18 can apply for a need-based scholarship.
- The maximum amount that an applicant can receive based on need is \$1600.
- Applications for need-based scholarships will be evaluated on an individual basis.
- Need based scholarships are only provided for one trip per applicant.

FORMS AND APPLICATIONS

To redeem any incentive grants or vouchers or to apply for a need-based scholarship, contact the Israel Program Coordinator of the Jewish Federation of Palm Beach County at 561-478-0700 x109 prior to registering for an approved Israel Experience Program. **Please note that separate forms and applications are required for each incentive and scholarship.**

Completed forms and applications must be submitted to the Israel Program Coordinator of the Jewish Federation of Palm Beach County, 4601 Community Drive, West Palm Beach, Florida, 33417, by March 1, 2010. **The Jewish Federation can not award funds to individuals who have not submitted completed forms and applications.**

APPROVED ISRAEL EXPERIENCE PROGRAMS

Afikei Torah Women Studies
Alexander Muss High School in Israel
American Hebrew Academy
American-Israeli High School
BBYO Passport to Israel
Beis Chana Seminary
Bnai Akiva, Mach Hach Ba'aretz
Congregation B'nai Israel – Confirmation (NFTY)
Gesher Hai
Gadna
Hasbara Fellowship
Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Israel Tour Connection (ITC)
JCC's Jmaxx Program
JCC Staff Trips
Judaea Hadassah
Kibbutz Maagan Michael
Kibbutz Ulpan
Livnot U'Lehibanot
Magen Ba'aretz
March of the Living
Marva - Israel Outdoor Experience
Moris Leiberman Overseas Seminar
Netivot, Harvard Hillel Israel Program
New England Institute of Jewish Studies
NFTY Adventure
NFTY EIE High School in Israel
NFTY L'dor V'dor: Exodus
Nishmat Program
Ohr Somayach
Otzma
Palm Beach Orthodox Trips
Ramah's Seminar in Israel
Tel Aviv University Overseas
Tichon Ramah Yerushalayim
USY Pilgrimage
Young Judaea Israel Discovery Ma'apilim/Sepharidim/Shorashim
Young Judaea's Machon
Young Judaea's Year Course
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