

## **FINANCIAL AID**

Students should determine their eligibility for financial aid through their home institutions.

## **SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDYING IN ISRAEL**

Partial scholarships may be available from the Haifa Summer Law Institute, on a competitive basis. Applicants will be notified of their eligibility.

*This guidebook is divided into three sections: national (pages 1 to 3), state (4-10), and local (11-18). Consult all three to determine those scholarships for which you may be eligible.*

### ***National Scholarships***

World Zionist Organization

Funding for Israel Programs

The Israel Scholarship Guide for USA Undergraduate and Graduate Age Students

The Alisa Flatow Memorial Scholarship Fund

To qualify for a scholarship award, studies must be of a post-high school nature. Study can be in programs which earn college credits. (For instance, a student may attend a yeshiva and receive credits which may be applied to his degree program at a University.) Programs at Israeli universities combining secular and Judaic studies will be reviewed by the Fund's Committee to determine eligibility on a case by case basis.

Awards will be based on a combined scholarship and need basis. The intention of the Fund is for it to be especially valuable to those students showing academic promise in religious studies and the need for financial assistance to pursue study in Israel. The scholarship is open to men and women who are not currently in Israel.

Contact: Dr. Wallace Green

e-mail: [WallyG@ujabergen.org](mailto:WallyG@ujabergen.org)

In addition, students interested in studying at seminary or yeshiva in Israel, can visit <http://studyinisrael.blogspot.com> for a full list of scholarships.

The Samuel J. Moritz Scholarship Fund was established in 1960 through a bequest from the Estate of Samuel J. Moritz to provide scholarship assistance each year to students from Israel. Stipends and direct grants may be made through this fund.

### ***Other National Scholarships***

Plant your way to Israel!

JNF has developed an innovative program that will help young people sell the JNF tree certificate and raise money for the Israel experience of their choice at the same time. Youth through age 25 sell tree certificates at \$36 each. Half of the proceeds are used for planting trees in Israel (a special tree certificate is sent to a designee on behalf of the donor); the other half is placed in a special bank account on behalf of the program participant. When a minimum of 10 sales have been made, and

\$180 is accrued, the money can be used toward a trip to Israel. To sign up for the program, simply e-mail your name, address and phone number to [education@jnf.org](mailto:education@jnf.org) (subject line: Plant Your Way to Israel request), or call 800-542-TREE (8733), x260 and ask for the Plant Your Way to Israel sign up brochure.

#### The American Jewish League for Israel - University Scholarship Fund

Stipends of varying amounts are available for U.S. undergraduate and graduate students planning to spend one year of academic study at Bar Ilan University, Ben Gurion University, Haifa University, Hebrew University, the Technion, Tel Aviv University, or the Weitzman Institute of Science, or planning to participate in the Sherut La'am one year program. Awards are based on merit (i.e. student activism, past Israel experience, and scholarship) rather than solely on need.

Contact: Judith Struhal, Executive Director, The American Jewish League for Israel, at (212) 371-1583 or

#### Hillel Leadership Scholarship Program

This scholarship is available to sophomores and juniors who are active in Jewish programming on campus. Scholarships of up to \$1,000 are available for 11 American and 4 Canadian students attending Hebrew University on the One Year Program. Five scholarships of \$500 for a semester and \$1,000 for the year are available for students attending Ben Gurion University. In Israel, recipients participate in a creative leadership program of workshops, field trips, and individual projects and discussions. Recipients must commit to be involved with their home campus Hillel Foundation in developing Israel programming upon their return. Deadline: May 1 (for Hebrew U), June 1 (for Ben Gurion).

Contact: Laura Siegel, Hillel Foundation, at (202) 857-6559 or

#### The Institute of International Education - National Security Education Program

The NSEP is a new initiative which provides scholarship assistance to US undergraduate and graduate students to study abroad in non-traditional areas (i.e., students who plan to study in Western Europe, Canada, the UK, Ireland, New Zealand, Australia are not eligible). Scholarships are available for either one semester (max of \$8,000 is available) or a full academic year (\$16,000 is available). To find your campus rep and to receive an application, contact: NSEP - Institute of International Education, 1400 K Street, NW, Suite 650, Washington, DC 20005-24.

Undergraduate Student Contact: Margaret Oshima, Program Officer: (800) 618-6737,

Graduate Student Contact: (800) 498-9360 Elizabeth Veatch, Director,

#### Fulbright Grants for Graduate Study and Research Abroad

These competitive grants are available for graduate students who wish to study and/or do research at any of the seven Israeli Universities. These grants generally provide round-trip transportation, language courses, tuition, book and research allowances, health insurance and living expenses. Students who are currently enrolled in an American university can receive an application from the representative on his/her campus.

Contact: The US Student Programs Division at the Institute of International Education, 809 United Nations Plaza, New York, NY 10017, Phone: (212) 984-5330

#### The American Jewish League for Israel-University Scholarship Fund

##### Stipend

There is a stipend of various amounts available for undergraduate and graduate students. The

scholarship is for those who wish to study at Bar Ilan, Ben Gurion, Haifa University, Hebrew University, The Technion, Tel Aviv University, and the Weitzmann Institute.

Contact-Dr. Martin L. Kalmanson

Phone: (212) 371-1583

Fax: (561) 659-0402

Website: [www.americanjewishleague.org](http://www.americanjewishleague.org)

E-mail: [AJLIMLK@aol.com](mailto:AJLIMLK@aol.com)

Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture

Grants

This fund is for independent scholarly, literary, or art projects done in Israel. Please inquire regarding the deadline. The amount granted ranges from \$1,000-\$4,000.

Contact-

15 East 26th Street

NY, NY 10010

212.425.6606

[http://www.mfjc.org/scholarship/js\\_fellowships.pdf](http://www.mfjc.org/scholarship/js_fellowships.pdf)

***Israel Scholarship Information  
(by state)***

**Arizona**

**Federation of Southern Arizona**

**\$500 for any accredited Israel Teen Program**

(Students are required to attend a year-long "Israel Experience" class offered through the Hebrew High at Tucson High School for Jewish Studies. They must also commit to graduating Hebrew High and to completing 18 hours of community service.)

Contact: Sharon Glassberg at 520-577-4000 or [sglassberg@jfsa.org](mailto:sglassberg@jfsa.org)

**California**

**Oakland**

The Israel Center of the Jewish Federation of the Greater East Bay located in Oakland, California, offers scholarships for high school and university students who study in the East Bay, or whose parents live in the East Bay, for organized programs in Israel. The amount awarded can be used toward paying for the program or toward the flight ticket if booked through Israel Travel Express. The amount awarded depends on the cost of the program or flight and the involvement of the student in Jewish or Israel activities. Financial need is also taken into consideration, but is not a requirement. Awardees are expected to contribute to the Jewish community through service projects upon return from Israel.

Contact: Marilyn Kinch at for more information.

The North American Alliance for Jewish Youth was founded in April of 1996 to serve the cause of informal Jewish and Zionist education in North America with the following primary goals:

1. To provide a forum for discussion, debate, and mutual education for the field of informal Jewish and Zionist education.
2. To create opportunities for advancing the common agenda of its members.
3. To represent the goals, needs and concerns of its constituent members to the broader North American Jewish community, the international Zionist community, and the State of Israel.
4. To enhance the status and stature of the field of informal education, and to raise the profile of the informal Jewish and Zionist education professional.

**San Diego**

The Israel Center of the United Jewish Federation of San Diego County offers Israel youth travel scholarships for high school and college students between the ages of 15-26 who are participating in programs 3 weeks or longer. There are 2 scholarships available.

1. UJF Israel Center Scholarship-for teens and young adults, between \$100-\$1500 is awarded. Applications are due in early April
2. Federation-Synagogue Partnership Fund- the federation matches up to \$1,500 in funds with participating synagogues.

Contact-Stacie Bresler

Israel Center Coordinator

Phone: (858) 571-3444

E-mail: ISCTR@ujfsd.org

Bureau of Jewish Education, San Francisco, The Peninsula, Marin and Sonoma Counties

Koret Sholarship for Undergraduate and Graduate Study in Israel

This purpose of this scholarship is to assist college students from the San Francisco Jewish Federation area who wish to participate in long or short- term academic study in Israel. The maximum amount awarded per year is \$2,500 per applicant. Eligibility is for students between the ages of 18-26. The application procedure includes submitting w-2 forms, tax returns, 2 letters of reference, a letter of acceptance into the Israel program, a program brochure, and a billing statement. Funding is given as needed.

Contact- Julia Levin, Financial Aid Coordinator

Bureau of Jewish Education

639 14th Ave

San Francisco, CA 94118

E-mail: ylevin@bjesf.org

Delaware

The Jewish Federation if Delaware makes grants to high school students between 15-17 years of age.

Contact Gina Kozicki at (302) 427-2100 ext. 20 for more information.

Florida

Broward County

Need based financial assistance is offered to students age 16-26 from the Israel Experience Center at the Central Agency for Jewish Education.

Contact-Israel Experience Center

8358 W. Oakland Park Blvd

Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33351

Miami

The Greater Miami Federation provides scholarships for Israel programs

Contact- Howard Horowitz

Phone: (305) 576-4000 ext 343

Foundation of Jewish Philanthropies also provides scholarships toward Israel programs.

Contact- Bob Seltzer

Phone: (305) 576-4000 ext 284

Palm Beach County

Scholarships are administered by the Federation and available to teens and college students. Contact Marc Kantrowitz at 561-242-6609 for more information.

Georgia

Atlanta

The Jewish Federation of Greater Atlanta gives to any Jewish youth attending a summer or year-long program. \$650 is awarded for a summer program and \$850 is awarded for a long -term program. There is also funding for need-based scholarships.

Contact-The Israel Experience Clearinghouse

Phone: (404)870-7685

E-mail: GO2ISRAEL@jfga.org

Jewish Young Adult Agency (YAD) -Atlanta

Scholarships

Inquire at the Hillel International Center and ask Atlanta YAD synagogues for assistance.

National Hebrew Essay Contest

Undergraduates taking Hebrew courses can win \$1,000 for a first place essay

Contact-Dr. Benjamin Hary (Emory Professor)

UJA Fellows Program

\$1,000 is awarded to students who plan to study at Hebrew University.

Contact- UJA Southeast Field Representative

Phone: (404) 881-4025

The Werthan/ Blum Scholarship

This is a fellowship for graduating seniors and graduate students who wish to study at the Pardes Institute of Jewish Studies. Applicable to students at Emory and Vanderbilt.

Contact- American Pardes Foundation Inc

Phone: (212) 230-1316

E-mail: PARDESUSA@aol.com

Illinois, Kentucky, Missouri

SiMoKyFED, Jewish Federation of Southern Illinois, Southeast Missouri, and Western Kentucky Subsidies and Loans

A \$500 subsidy is available to each Federation young person for approved Israel programs. Low interest loans are also available for up to half the cost of an approved Israel Program

Contact- Steve Low, Director, SiMoKYFED

Telephone 618-398-6100 or toll free 877 714-6103. Fax 618 398-0539

6464 W. Main, #7A, Belleville, IL 62223

[www.simokyfed.com](http://www.simokyfed.com)

Massachusetts

The Jewish Federation of the North Shore

This federation offers varies amounts ranging up to full subsidies for Jewish youth attending Israel programs.

Contact- Lisa Janiak

Phone: (781) 598-1810

E-mail: [LJANIAK@jfns.org](mailto:LJANIAK@jfns.org)

Robert I Lappin Foundation

The Jewish Federation of the North Shore offers money to college students and those under the age of 30 who want to participate in an approved Israel program. The applicant must have at least 1 parent residing in the federation area. For a program that lasts between 10 days and 1 month, \$1,000 is given. For one that last longer than a month, \$2,000 is given.

\*Contact information unknown

Missouri

Grants, loans, and need-based scholarships

The St. Louis Israel Experience Center awards \$613 to any teen going on an approved Israel experience trip. Interest free loans and need- based scholarships are also offered. There are two \$2,000 grants offered to students selected as "CAJE Israel Ambassadors". They will then serve as recruitment interns for the year following the trip.

Contact- Marcia Mermelstein

Phone: (314) 432-0020

E-mail: [MMERMELSTEIN@cajestl.org](mailto:MMERMELSTEIN@cajestl.org)

New Jersey

New Jersey

Israel Connection-Bergen County and North Hudson NJ

Israel Programs Center Merit and Need Based Scholarships

This scholarship is awarded to young adults who want to participate on a summer Israel Experience or a one-year program. The money awarded varies according to the need of the family. The scholarship is available to high school graduates and college students. There is limited funding for winter break programs.

Contact -

111 Kinderkamack Rd

River Edge, NJ 07661

Phone: (201) 488-6800

Fax: (201) 488-1507

UJC of MetroWest

Need-based scholarships available for post-high school students 18 -30.

Student must be a resident of MetroWest, provide proof of financial need, and attend an approved study program in Israel.

Contact:

ALAN GERBERG

Director of Special Projects

United Jewish Communities of MetroWest NJ

901 Route 10 Whippny, NJ 07981

973-929-3038

973-884-9316 FAX

[agerberg@ujcnj.org](mailto:agerberg@ujcnj.org)

[www.ujcnj.org](http://www.ujcnj.org)

New Jersey - Central

The Jewish Federation of Central New Jersey offers scholarships to local teens participating in approved Israel programs. Students will be expected to volunteer for a Federation program in exchange for scholarship money. First time applicants receive \$750, second time applicants \$500, others \$100. Applicants must request that acceptance letters must be sent from Passport to Israel to the Federation. Contact Natan Brener at 908-889-5335 ext.313 for more information.

New Jersey - Northern

The UJA Federation of Northern New Jersey's Israel Program Center provides need-based scholarships, merit scholarships, and the Gift of Israel matching gift program. Contact David Hyman, Shaliach & Israel Programs Center Director, at (201) 488-6800, x227 for more information.

### New Jersey - Southern

The Jewish Federation of Southern New Jersey's Department of Jewish Education offers the Gift of Israel Program and need-based scholarships to local Jewish teens traveling to Israel. Contact Penina Hoffnung at (856) 751-9500 ext 208 for more information.

### Middlesex County

The Jewish Federation of Greater Middlesex County offers up to \$600 in matching funds scholarships to local teens traveling to Israel. Contact Susan Antman at (732) 432-7711 for more information.

### North Carolina

#### Durham-Chapel Hill

This scholarship is granted to young Jewish students who choose to go to Israel for either a summer or on year- long programs. Students whose parents are contributing members to the JF are eligible. First timers are given preference.

Contact- (919) 489-5335

### Ohio

#### Cincinnati

The Jewish Federation of Cincinnati offers \$4,000 in scholarships to high school students and \$3,000 for college age students to travel to Israel on approved programs. College students must spend a minimum of 2 weeks in Israel. One parent must be Jewish and be raised Jewish.

Contact-Barbra Miller

Phone: (513) 985-1528

E-mail: [BMILLER@jfedcin.org](mailto:BMILLER@jfedcin.org)

#### Cleveland

The Jewish Education Center of Cleveland offers scholarships of up to \$2,000 to first timers to Israel and \$1,500 for second timers on approved programs. The applicant must demonstrate financial need. This award is given to day school, high school, and undergraduate college students. Students participating in Project Otzma will receive \$3000 toward the cost of the program. Participants on NESIYA, Eisendrath International Exchange (EIE) and Tichon Ramah Yerushalayim (TRY) are eligible for substantial scholarships above the normal financial aid amounts.

Contact- Helen Wolf

Phone: (216) 371-0446

E-mail: [hwolf@jecc.org](mailto:hwolf@jecc.org)

The Career Center of Jewish Family Service Association gives grants and awards to college age students for college programs in Israel leading to a career.

Contact- Toby Bresky

Phone: (216) 514-9600

#### Israel Department -Central Ohio

The Columbus Jewish Federation offers \$2,000 in grants to high school students and up to \$2500 for college age students to travel to Israel on approved programs. Need based scholarships are also available.

Nancy Rosen

Israel Experience Coordinator

The Columbus Jewish Federation 614-559-3250

[nrosen@tcjf.org](mailto:nrosen@tcjf.org)

Oregon

Jewish Federation of Greater Seattle

Garmo Scholarships

There are Garmo Scholarship is available to residents of Washington state only for either an undergraduate or graduate academic year course of study with a non religious college or university in Israel. Individual internships, yeshivas and extended travel or work are not eligible. For further details about this scholarship, applicants may contact the numbers/email provided below.

Contact: Israel Program Center

Phone: (206) 774-2236

E-mail: [SARAL@jewishinseattle.org](mailto:SARAL@jewishinseattle.org)

Pennsylvania

Need-based scholarships

The Israel Programs Center in Philadelphia offers need- based scholarships for any organized Israel program. This scholarship is given to high school, college and graduate students from the Philadelphia area.

Contact-Donna Levinson

Phone: (215) 545-1451

E-mail: [IPCJCC@aol.com](mailto:IPCJCC@aol.com)

Rhode Island

Grants are available to all high school and college students who are Rhode Island residents and who are planning to study in Israel. Additional need-based scholarships are available to students who merit financial aid. Rhode Island residents of high school age who are attending a recognized study/travel program are eligible for grants and financial aid. Applications, an Israel test, a personal interview and references are required for all students. In addition, all students must participate in an orientation session, (two evenings, for a total of seven hours) and a re-entry session; also, they must complete ten hours of community service during the year following their return from Israel. Contact Shira Garger at (401) 331-0956 for more information.

Texas

Dallas: The Frank Gilford Scholarship

Preference for this scholarship is given to candidates who are pursuing a career in Jewish education in the Dallas area or in Israel. Undergraduate candidates must have a GPA of 3.0 or higher and score at least 1,000 on the Scholastic Achievement Test or 24 on the ACT. Graduate students must also have at least a 3.0, score a 540 on verbal, 640 on quantitative, 600 on analytical for the GRE, or a 32 on the verbal and a 35 on the quantitative for the GMAT or an equivalent. Candidates must be Jewish and are expected to demonstrate involvement in

A) Jewish Activities-Jewish camps/trips/retreats, organizations.

B) Community or civic activities

C) School related activities

Students must be enrolled in or applying for a full year with a minimum of 12 undergraduate credits

or 9 graduate credit hours per semester. One scholarship is awarded and applications are due Feb 1. Applications can be downloaded from the website [www.jewishindallas.org](http://www.jewishindallas.org).

Contact- Marna Edenson

Phone: (214) 615-5278

E-mail: [MEDENSON@jfgd.org](mailto:MEDENSON@jfgd.org)

#### Washington D.C.

Sahm/Goldman Scholarship administered by the United Jewish Endowment Fund of the Jewish Federation of Greater Washington

Awards range from \$250-\$2,500 and are given to individuals studying or conducting significant research or career development in Israel. This award is based primarily on financial need and academic merit. Priority is given to first timers. Any awardees that do not complete a full year of school must pay back the grant. Students must be a Jewish resident of the Washington metro area, have completed 2 years of undergraduate study, and be a US citizen or working toward citizenship.

Contact- [www.jssa.org](http://www.jssa.org)

***Other Israel Scholarship Information  
(alphabetically by city)***

Note: In addition to the listings below, it's generally a good idea to B

\* Contact your local Synagogue. Often, synagogues have set aside funds specifically designated for sending local teens to Israel. Call your synagogue's office to learn if they offer this type of scholarship.

\* Contact your local Jewish Federation office. Most local "Federations" offer scholarships to local high school students who plan to travel to Israel. The P2I program meets the basic criteria to qualify for most of these scholarships. We have included a list of specific Federations below that offer such scholarships. If you do not find your local Federation in the list below, check out the National Federation Directory.

\* Hit up the internet! A quick internet search will reveal numerous Jewish organizations that offer money to Jewish teens traveling to Israel. Send them an e-mail and see if you qualify.

The following is not necessarily a complete list. It is advisable to check out the National Federation Directory to see what else might be available in your region.

**Akron, Ohio**

The Israel Incentive Savings Program (IISP) is a three-way partnership between a family, its congregation and the Jewish Community Board of Akron. The program is designed to assist families in sending their children on an organized Israel experience program. Teen trips are strongly encouraged, but IISP members can travel any time from 10th grade until the age of 26. Contact Esther Hexter for more information.

**Albany, New York**

All Israel scholarships available from Northeastern New York are need based. In addition, the applicant must reside in Northeastern New York (Albany, Schenectady, Troy, Saratoga Springs, Glens Falls or the areas immediately surrounding these locations). Contact Deborah Chapman Goldstein at (518) 783-7800 ext. 230 for more information.

**Ann Arbor, Michigan**

The Jewish Federation of Washtenaw County provides stipends to any high school student participating in his/her first Israel Experience program. Previous travel to Israel with family does not disqualify applicants. Contact Jeff Levin at (734) 677-0100 for more information.

**Atlanta, Georgia**

The Israel Experience program of the Center for Jewish Education and Experiences offers two types of financial assistance to local young adults between the ages of 15 and 26 who will be participating on an approved program. Contact Jan Jaben-Eilon at (404) 961-9968 or visit their website for more information.

**Baltimore, Maryland**

The Baltimore Zionist District sponsors students seeking to visit Israel. (410) 356-1140. The Center for Jewish Education's Community Fund for Israel Experiences provides stipends of

various amounts to local Jewish teenagers. Contact the CFI office at (410) 735-5016 for more information.

#### Berkshires (Pittsfield), Massachusetts

The Jewish Federation of the Berkshires administers the Michael Nathaniel Shute Endowment Fund which provides scholarships for youth trips to Israel. Recipients are selected based on demonstrations of community involvement, educational interest and financial need. Contact Arlene Schiff at (413) 442-4360 ext. 12 for more information.

#### Birmingham, Alabama

The Birmingham Jewish Foundation has a scholarship fund available for teen and young adult Israel trips. It is a need-based scholarship program and a limited amount of money is available. Applicants are referred to the Jewish Family Services for a needs assessment. Contact Sally Friedman at (205) 803-1519 for more information.

#### Boca Raton (South Palm Beach County), Florida

Administered by the Jewish Education Commission of the Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach County and available to college and high school students who study in Israel. Scholarships given are either \$500 or \$1000. Contact Leigh Garczynski at (561) 852-3318 for more information.

#### Boston, Massachusetts

The Combined Jewish Philanthropies provides scholarships and financial assistance for teenagers traveling to Israel. Contact the Israel Programs Desk with your questions at (617) 457-8655.

#### Broward County, Florida

Information on need-based financial assistance is administered through the Orloff Central Agency for Jewish Education (CAJE) Israel Experience Center. Contact the Israel Experience Center at (954) 660-2070 for more information.

#### Buffalo, New York

In partnership with the Robert Lappin Foundation, the Bureau of Jewish Education offers full scholarships to teenagers traveling to Israel during the summer. Contact Merredith Levin at (716) 689-8844 for more information.

The Israel Scholarship Committee of the Foundation for Jewish Philanthropies administers a limited amount of financial assistance for high school and college students to travel and study in Israel. Students participating in approved programs will be eligible for assistance for the upcoming summer based upon financial need. Grants are restricted to Jewish individuals who reside in the Western New York area. Contact Rita Goldman at (877) 933-6369 for more information.

#### Chicago, Illinois

The Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago and the Jewish United Fund offer need-based and merit scholarships for high school students traveling to Israel. Applicants must live or attend school in the Chicago area. Visit their website, call (312) 444-2895 or (312) 444-2904 or e-mail them for more information.

### Cincinnati, Ohio

The Jewish Foundation of Cincinnati offers Jewish high school students up to \$6000 for travel to Israel on a minimum three-week organized educational peer trip. Students must be from Cincinnati and between the ages of 16 and 23. Contact Barbara Miller at (513) 985-1528 for more information.

### Cleveland, Ohio

The Jewish Education Center of Cleveland offers financial aid to local teenagers who travel to Israel on a JECC approved program. Contact Helen Wolf at (216) 371-0446 for further information.

### Columbus, Ohio

The Columbus Jewish Federation provides every Jewish teenager in Central Ohio up to \$1,500 from the Columbus Jewish Federation towards an educational trip to Israel. The Federation also provides additional need-based scholarships. Contact Lori Fireman at (614) 559-3242 for more information.

### Dallas, Texas

The Jewish Federation of Greater Dallas scholarship offers need-based scholarships to students between the ages of 16-26, from Dallas and participating in a trip of at least 10 days that includes some education and some touring of Israel. There is no deadline for application. Contact Sheila Gardner at (214) 615-5221 for more information.

### Danbury, Connecticut

The Teen Israel Experience program is open to all Jewish youth entering grades 9-12. This program is appropriate for applicants who must be identified as Jewish and who reside in the jurisdiction of the Jewish Federation. Only those programs approved by the UJC (United Jewish Communities) are suitable for scholarship applications. There is a \$1000 cap on merit scholarships and a \$2000 cap on financial scholarships, therefore the maximum award for any applicant is \$3000. There is no minimum grant. Recipients of the Israel Teen Experience Scholarship are required to "give back" by promoting the program through such means as speaking before synagogue youth groups and/or addressing the Board of Directors of the Jewish Federation. Contact the Federation at (203) 792-6353 for more information.

### Detroit, Michigan

The Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Detroit's Israel and Overseas Department offers scholarships for local Jewish teenagers traveling on approved programs to Israel. The Department offers both scholarships and trip subsidies. Contact Amy Neistein, Associate Director, at (248) 205-2543 for more information.

### East Bay, California

The Israel Center awards scholarships to East Bay high school students who are planning to attend specific organized programs in Israel. These scholarships are based on financial need. Download the application on their website, or contact the Israel Center Administrator at (510) 839-2900 ext. 256 for more information.

### Greensboro, North Carolina

Greensboro's Israel Experience Grant Program offers scholarships to community members ages 16-

23 for a first time, peer community trip in high school or college. They also have a limited number of need based scholarships through the Jackie W. and Lottie K. Samet Israel Experience Scholarship fund of the Greensboro Jewish Federation. Contact Alina Gerlovin Spaulding at (336) 852-5433 ext. 229

#### Hartford, Connecticut

The Jewish Federation of Greater Hartford offers various scholarships to local teens. Contact Trish Mason at 860-233-2288 ext. 373 for more details.

#### Houston, Texas

The Jewish Federation of Greater Houston's Bureau of Jewish Education offers scholarships and grants to families who need assistance in order to enable their children to participate in Jewish educational experiences, such as peer-group trips to Israel and approved Jewish overnight summer camps. For more information, contact Elaine Kellerman, BJE Executive Director, at (713) 729-7000, ext. 310.

#### Kansas City, Kansas

The Central Agency for Jewish Education administers scholarships for local Jewish teens traveling to Israel. Contact Adam Edelman at (913) 327-8140 for more information.

#### Lexington, Kentucky

Scholarships for Israel Experience programs are available through the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation. Applicants must participate in programs with a Jewish and/or Israel educational component and a minimum of 10 days in Israel. Applications are reviewed by a special committee and are strictly confidential. The deadline for applications is March 10th and scholarships are awarded on a first come first served basis. Contact the Israel Scholarship Committee at (859) 269-8244.

#### Los Angeles, California

The Jewish Federation of Los Angeles provides assistance in locating scholarships and financial assistance to area teens traveling to Israel. The Federation directly provides a number of scholarships and fund matching programs to qualified teens. Contact the Israel Experience Program at 323-761-8342 for more information.

#### Memphis, Tennessee

The Memphis Jewish Federation offers subsidies of \$2,500 to any local sophomore or junior traveling on an approved trip to Israel during the summer. In cases of proven financial need, the subsidy can be increased to \$3,500. Contact Gerri Patterson, Director of Education and Israel Programming at (901) 767-7100 for more information.

#### Metrowest, New Jersey

United Jewish Communities of Metro West offers a variety of scholarships to local teens traveling to Israel on approved summer programs. Participants must participate in pre-trip educational sessions and be a resident of MetroWest. Qualified participants receive \$750 and may receive an additional \$250 if their synagogue contributes. Contact Alan Gerberg at (973) 929-3038 for more information.

### Miami, Florida

The Greater Miami Jewish Federation offers grants and financial aid to Jewish teens traveling to Israel. Contact the Federation at (305) 576-4000 ext. 494 for more information.

### Milwaukee, Wisconsin

The Milwaukee Jewish Federation's Israel Center assists those who wish to make their connection to Israel more permanent with aliyah, volunteer and study programs. The Milwaukee Jewish Federation has established an incentive program for young people to visit Israel. The distribution of the fund is managed by the Shaliach in accordance with the program principles. Contact Alon Galron at (414) 390-5722 for more information.

### Minneapolis/St. Paul, Minnesota

The Israel Experience Center offers Israel Experience Scholarships to Jewish children and young adults, ages 13-22. Applicants who are planning their first trip to Israel will receive priority. Contact Eilat Harel at (952) 381-3552 for more information.

### Monmouth County, New Jersey

The Jewish Federation of Monmouth County provides offers a travel stipend of \$500 per high school student through the Continuity Commission. Contact Ann Goldman at (732) 531-6200 for more information.

### Nashville, Tennessee

The Jewish Federation of Nashville offers need-based Scholarships for trips to Israel for students in the 10th through 12th grades. In addition, the Mary & Harry Zimmerman Youth Exchange Endowment Fund supports an Israel Incentive Grant for 8-12th graders For more information on how to apply for these opportunities, please contact Steve Edelstein, Executive Director.

### New Haven, Connecticut

The Bureau of Jewish Education provides scholarships to local Jewish teens who travel on authorized summer programs to Israel. Contact Stacey Battat at (203) 387-2424 for more information

### New York, New York

The Jewish Federation of New York offers a variety of merit and need-based scholarships to high school residents of Manhattan, Brooklyn, Staten Island, Bronx, Queens, Nassau, Suffolk or Westchester. Programs must be a minimum for four weeks in length (participants must sign up for a P2I extension) to qualify. For more information contact the Israel Experience Center at (212) 836-1843.

### North Shore, Massachusetts

The Jewish Federation of North Shore offers up to \$4,040 in financial assistance to Jewish teenagers traveling to Israel. Programs must be a minimum for four weeks in length (participants must sign up for a P2I extension) to qualify. Contact Susan Feinstein, the Israel Programs Assistant Director for more information.

### Omaha, Nebraska

The Center for Jewish Education administers a wide variety of scholarships for youth travel to Israel. Many, but not all, of these scholarships have financial need as criteria in determining awards. Contact Mary Sue Grossman, Assistant Executive Director, at 402-334-6445, for more information.

### Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Anyone in the Philadelphia Federation area is eligible to apply for need-based scholarships including teens, college students, post graduate students, adults doing study programs, volunteer programs and more. The maximum scholarship is \$2,500, but no more than half of the program expense. Amounts are awarded based on financial need of the individual according to a set formula. Contact Donna Levinson at (215) 832-0550 for more information.

### Phoenix, Arizona

The Harold and Jean Grossman Israel Experience Scholarship Fund provides grants for up to \$1,000 to area teens wishing to travel to Israel this summer on a qualified program. The London Gold Scholarship Fund provides an additional \$170 to all scholarship applicants. Visit their website, or call Ernie Muntner at 480-634-4900, ext. 1119 for more information.

### Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

AJL Pittsburgh offers scholarships for up to \$750 to Jewish teenagers traveling on qualified Israel programs during the summer. Priority is given to first time visitors to Israel. Applications are reviewed on a first come, first served basis. The final deadline for applications is April 30th, 2006. For information or a scholarship application, contact Amy Carp at 412-521-1101, ext. 3204.

### Portland, Oregon

The Oregon Board of Rabbis and the Jewish Federation of Portland offers the Teen Israel Experience program. Jewish teens that are in congregational religious schools may participate in the program, which takes place between their 11th and 12th grades in religious school. The teens must meet the requirements set forth by the Board of Rabbis, and the trip itself must be approved by the Board of Rabbis. Typical Teens may receive a community scholarship of up to 80% of the cost of the trip, not to exceed \$4,000. this amount is not guaranteed and may change depending on financial circumstances in the community. Contact Charles R. Schiffman at (503) 245.6482 or (503) 245.6219 for more information.

### Rochester, New York

The Federation of Greater Rochester provides scholarship money to local teens and college students traveling to Israel. Contact Sahar Oz at (585) 461-0490 x249 for more information.

### Rockville, Maryland

Israel Quest is merit based funding available to Jewish teens in grades 9th - 12th residing in the Washington Metropolitan area for an approved 3 week trip to Israel. Israel Quest funds are administered through the Partnership for Jewish Life and Learning. Contact Susan Friedman at 240-283-6239 for more Information.

Financial need scholarships for teens and young adults to study in Israel are available to the Greater Washington Jewish community. These Israel Experience Scholarships are administered through the Partnership for Jewish Life and Learning and The Jewish Federation of Greater Washington. Deadline for these Israel Experience Scholarships are April and November. Contact Allison Buchman at 240-283-6200 for more information.

### San Diego, California

The United Jewish Federation of San Diego County set up the Israel Youth Travel Scholarship Fund provided two types of need-based scholarships: general Scholarship Fund and Synagogue Partnerships (synagogues provide matching funds to promote youth Israel travel among their congregants). Contact Heather Frank at (858) 571-3444, or visit their website for more information or to download the application.

### San Francisco, California

The Bureau of Jewish Education offers financial assistance to teens wishing to travel to Israel. Contact Janet Rothman, the Financial Aid Coordinator at 415.751.6983, ext. 107 for more information.

### San Gabriel and Pomona Valleys, California

The local Federation office offers scholarships for up to \$500 to local teenagers travelling on approved summer programs to Israel. Applicants must write an essay and be interviewed as part of the application process. Contact the Federation at 626-927-3656 for more information.

### Scranton, Pennsylvania

The Federation of Northeast Pennsylvania offers scholarships to local teens traveling to Israel. Visit their website for more information.

### Seattle, Washington

The Jewish Education Council High School Israel Scholarship Program offers need-based scholarships to Jewish teenagers traveling to Israel. Scholarship applications must be postmarked by March 31st, 2005. For more information, Sara Lahyani at (206) 774-2236 for more information.

### Southern, Illinois

The Federation of Southern Illinois offers \$500 subsidies and low interest loans to local teens traveling to Israel. Contact the Federation at 877 714-6103 for more information.

### Springfield, Massachusetts

The Jewish Federation of Greater Springfield offers a variety of scholarships and grants to Jewish teenagers traveling to Israel. For more information, contact Elaine M. Shepard, Director of Grants Administration at (413) 732-9994.

### St. Louis, Missouri

The Central Agency for Jewish Education offers a variety of need and merit based scholarships and loans to Jewish teens traveling to Israel. Contact Karen Rader at (314) 442-3756 for more information.

**Syracuse, New York**  
The Syracuse Jewish Federation offers \$250 to each high school student who has completed the 10th grade or will complete the 10th grade at the time of his or her Israel trip at the Federation subsidized Rabbi Epstein Hebrew High School, The Temple Society of Concord Hebrew High School, the Temple Adath Yeshurun Confirmation Class, or if the student has just relocated here, the equivalent at a Hebrew High School in another city. Scholarships are only available to high school students who have not been on an organized peer trip to Israel. All programs must be approved by the Federation.

Students are required to attend 1 session prior to their trip and required to recruit others to participate in Israel trips when they return and to share their experiences with the community. The Federation offers an additional scholarship to the same group. The Wolfson scholarship requires students to complete an application, write an essay as well as participate in an interview. Financial need is considered. Contact Rich Friedman at (315) 445-2040 ext. 105 for more information.

#### Toledo, Ohio

The Toledo Jewish Community Foundation awards a limited number of scholarships on a needs basis to local teens traveling to Israel. Contact Arleen Levine at (419) 724-0355 for more information.

#### Vancouver, British Columbia

Grants based on financial need are available from the Israel Affairs Department at the Jewish Federation of Greater Vancouver. Eligibility is limited to Jewish applicants ages 14-26 and are residents of British Columbia. Priority is given to applicants that are making their first trip to Israel. The maximum scholarship available is \$2,500 per applicant. Applicants are expected to contribute to the cost of the Israel program as much as they are able. Deadlines for application are November 1, March 6, May 15 and July 4. Each student must sign a pledge of community involvement upon their return from Israel which can include speaking about Israel to a group of students or adults, volunteering for service at a Jewish agency, volunteering for service at a community event or participating in Jewish studies. Contact Yair Tabenkin at (604) 257-5100 for more information.

#### Wichita, Kansas

The Mid-Kansas Jewish Federation offers scholarships to all local teens traveling to Israel on an approved program for up to \$1500. Requests for additional need-based financial assistance will also be considered. Contact the Federation office at 316-686-4741 for more information.