

**Guaranteed Return
on Investment**

THESE ARE A FEW OF THE
APPROVED PROGRAMS

8th GRADE TRIPS

- Agnon School
- Gross Schechter Day School
- Cleveland Hebrew School

SUMMER PROGRAMS

- BBYO
- Bnei Akiva Mach Hach Ba'Aretz
- NCSY
- NESIYA
- NFTY
- Ramah Programs
- USY
- Young Judaea
- Yavne Seminary Summer Tour

HIGH SCHOOL IN ISRAEL

- Alexander Muss High School in Israel
- NFTY High School in Israel - EIE
- Ramah Seminar - TRY
- USY High

POST HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAMS

- Seminary and Yeshiva Study
- Universities in Israel
- Gap year programs
- USCJ - Nativ
- Young Judaea Year Course

FAMILY TRIPS

- Approved Family Trips
- Congregational Trips
- JCF Family Missions



A Family, School, Federation and
JECC Partnership

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Enrollment now available online at:
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A Gift of Israel

*Guaranteed Return
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Unforgettable
Jewish Memories*



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There are countless benefits to raising your child Jewishly in Cleveland. One benefit every parent should take advantage of is **A Gift of Israel** savings program. Offered through the Jewish Education Center of Cleveland, this incredible investment opportunity offers matching funds from community partners to be used for an approved Israel experience before the age of 26.

Help secure your child's Jewish identity today.



Expect an immediate return on your investment by May 31. Make your annual contribution to A Gift of Israel savings program and receive funds from the Jewish Community Federation and your congregation (if applicable).

For more information about

A Gift of Israel

contact Helen Wolf

216.371.0446 or hwolf@jecc.org.

Who qualifies?

Students from pre-kindergarten through tenth grade, who attend a participating religious school (day school or supplementary school), may enroll. Students must remain in religious school a minimum of three years to be eligible for the annual financial contributions which are part of the program.

How much do we contribute?

The family, school or congregation create a combined contribution totaling \$175 per year for a maximum of 7 years. Matching fund amounts vary by institution. For each year that the family, congregation and/or the religious school contribute a total of \$175, the Jewish Community Federation of Cleveland will contribute an additional \$100 (annually). The year of *Bar/Bat Mitzvah* an additional \$300 is contributed by the Jewish Community Federation of Cleveland.

When may the funds be used?

The funds may be used for an approved Israel experience before the age of 26. There must be a minimum of three years participation before funds can be accessed.

Do the funds earn interest?

The amount contributed by family and school does earn annual interest.

May others give the gift?

The *Bar/Bat Mitzvah* Registry offers an opportunity for individuals to give a meaningful gift to the celebrant. Families are encouraged to include a notice with their invitation recommending that a gift through the registry would be an appropriate way to honor the child. Contact the JECC for specific details.

What happens if no deposit is made or withdrawals occur?

The child will be ineligible to receive school and community funds for any years affected. The account will continue to earn interest on funds.

May the plan be accelerated if started earlier/later?

YES. Children who are enrolled in the program less than seven years before their planned Israel experience may earn the maximum 7-year community match, provided they participate in the program for at least 4 years and are enrolled in religious school during the time of the trip. At least \$175 per year must be contributed by the family and school, combined to make up the missing years' contributions. Participants who choose this option, and whose child(ren) are enrolled in religious school, will then be eligible for the full 7-year community match.

What is the enrollment process?

A minimum of \$10 will begin the "A Gift of Israel" account. Contact your school office, or Helen Wolf at the JECC, 216-371-0446x233 or by email hwolf@jecc.org.

You will receive a bank application which must be filled out and returned to the JECC with a check made payable to AmTrust Bank, to officially open the account. By May 31, the full annual amount must be deposited at the bank. **Or, you can now enroll online at www.jecc.org/israel**

How do families make an annual contribution?

After opening the account through the JECC, further deposits are made directly to AmTrust Bank by May 31 of each year.