**Programs in Israel for High School Teens**

[**Alexander Muss High Institute for Israel Education**](http://amhsi.org)   
The Alexander Muss High School in Israel (AMHSI) is the ONLY 8-week, pluralistic, academic adventure in Israel for English speaking students with five sessions offered throughout the year! Students are eligible to attend sessions beginning in the second semester of their sophomore/10th grade year and any session thereafter through the summer of their 12th grade yeaar.

[**BINA: Social Action and Study in Tel Aviv**](http://bina.org.il/gapyear)  
A five month Gap-Year program for Jewish high school graduates ages18-19. We offer you a unique opportunity to experience real life with Israeli young adults in Tel Aviv, Israel's most exciting city. You will engage with meaningful social action in the community where you live, and explore the Jewish bookshelf from a pluralistic and progressive perspective. You will be part of Bina’s young adults from Israel and around the world who wish to experience significant learning and devote themselves to social change. Upcoming program dates are: September 2011- January 2012

[**BBYO Summer Programs**](http://passport.bbyo.org/destinations/israel/) **Israel Journey:**BBYO Passport’s flagship Israel experience with a focus on active touring, cross-cultural interactions, and an informal education approach. Journey from the Galilee in the north to the tropical Red Sea in the south, and experience a Shabbat in Jerusalem, sunrise on Masada, and trendy Tel Aviv along the way.

**Trek-Israel:**The core elements of the Israel Journey program combined with a special focus on connecting to the beauty of the Land of Israel through a series of active outdoors experiences such as the "Sea-to-Sea Hike" and a desert orienteering challenge in the Ramon Crater.

**International Leadership Seminar (ILSI):** A campus-based leadership program in Israel designed for BBYO members and select non-members. This program combines thoughtful learning with experiential touring for a unique enrichment opportunity in Israel.

**Euro-Israel Journey:** A week-long tour of Prague, Vienna, and Budapest in Europe followed by the core three-week Israel Journey experience. Cruise the Danube River, visit Prague Castle, and explore the Budapest Labyrinth. Then travel on to Israel for a once-in-a-lifetime journey in the Land of Milk & Honey.

[**B’nei Akiva Mach Hach Ba'aretz**](http://www.bneiakiva.org)5½ week summer program for 10th grade graduates which offers a unique way of exploring and visiting Israel. Through seminars, visiting historical sites, kibbutzim, and meeting with B’nei Akiva members in Israel, *Mach Hach Ba’Aretz* participants experience Israel first hand and develop a deeper understanding and connection to Eretz Yisrael. *Mach Hach Ba’Aretz* is not just another summer tour, but rather, is a unique religious Zionist educational program designed to deepen the appreciation and connection to our religious and national heritage, culture and history.

[**Camp Kimama Israel**](http://www.campkimama.org/en/) International Summer Camp in Israel  
Camp Kimama Israel, the place for Jewish youth from all over the world, offers two campuses to choose from.  Campers between the ages of 7 and 17 can spend a two-week session at Kimama's waterfront location, complete with a private beach on the Mediterranean with windsurfing, sailing and more. Groups and Seminar Participants can enjoy our mountain location on the banks of the Jordan River with horseback riding, river rafting and mountain biking.

[**EIE High School in Israel**](http://www.nftyeie.org)The Eisendrath International Exchange High School in Israel is the experience of a lifetime. For over 40 years, the Reform Movement has been sending youth to Israel, with this four-month or six and-a-half week accredited high school nestled in the Judean Mountains serving as the premiere program. Our students live together, learn together and grow together as communities as they explore four thousand years of Jewish memory, learn Hebrew, and come to know Israel as their second home. Go on EIE and connect with your history, your land and your people!

[**Hevruta Gap**](http://hevrutagapyear.org/en/)  
A collaborative project of the Shalom Hartman Institute and Hebrew College of Boston, is the first fully integrated and balanced gap-year program for American and Israeli student leaders from a diverse range of Jewish backgrounds and perspectives. Over the course of their 10-month experience, Hevruta participants will engage in rigorous intellectual pursuit and text study, while taking advantage of Jerusalem’s rich intellectual and spiritual resources.

[**Israel Scouts**](http://www.israelscouts.org/) **Tzofim Chetz V'Keshet** is a joint summer teen program of the Tzofim (Israel Scouts) and Gadna, the Educational Division of the Israel Defense Forces in cooperation with the Ministry of Absorption and the Jewish Agency for Israel. On Tzofim Chetz V’Keshet, participants explore their Jewish heritage and strengthen their connection to Israel by seeing the state through the eyes of Israeli youth. They get to know Israel on foot, exploring unique neighborhoods and magical landscapes and seeing the state from north to south, east to west.

[**JCC Maccabi**](http://www.jccmaccabiisrael.org) **Israel**JCC Maccabi Israel's national teen tour program is open to Jewish high school teens from across the country that will be entering 10th -12th grades.  This could be the adventure that you have been dreaming of. 21 days packed with fun and adrenalin as you tour Israel with thrill lovers like you. Participants will camp, hike, bike, kayak, play and do much more, all against the most beautiful backdrop of Israel.

[**JITLI**](http://jitli.org/)  
The Gary and Jerri-Ann Jacobs International Teen Leadership Institute (JITLI) was created in 2000 with the assistance of the United Jewish Federation of San Diego County. This is a three-week program taking 10 teens from San Diego and traveling with 10 teens from Sha'ar HaNegev and 10 Bedouin Arab teens from Segev Shalom.  One week is spent in San Diego, one week in Spain, and one week in Israel.  The experience is dedicated to the education and leadership development of young people in the context of interaction with other cultures.

[**Machaneh Bonim b’Israel**](http://www.habonimdror.org/)(MBI)    
Experience Israel by participating in the most unique program of its kind from North America. This five-week program is open to 11th and 12th grade students who would like to experience Israel through the Habonim Dror context.  On MBI you will travel the country from Jerusalem to Tel Aviv; from the Golan Heights to the Negev. Learn first hand about the Israeli people, their history, culture and society.

[**March of the Living**](http://www.motl.org)   
An international, educational program that brings Jewish teens from all over the world to Poland on Yom Hashoah, Holocaust Memorial Day, to march from Auschwitz to Birkenau, the largest concentration camp complex built during World War II, and then to Israel to observe Yom HaZikaron, Israel Memorial Day, and Yom Ha'Atzmaut, Israel Independence Day.  The goal of the March of the Living is for these young people to learn the lessons of the Holocaust and to lead the Jewish people into the future vowing **Never Again**.

[**Masa Israel**](http://www.masaisrael.org)  
A list of wonderful Israel prorams for the Gap Year between high school and college.

[**Nesiya**](http://nesiya.org)This summer, take a journey that makes a difference! Join Nesiya for six weeks in Israel with Israeli and North American peers from diverse backgrounds.  
The Kehillah Experience combines outdoor adventure, workshops in the visual, performing and literary arts, community service projects, cultural activities and creative Jewish study in Israel. Meet artists, educators, nature guides, activists, and community leaders who will work side by side with you creating, exploring, learning and building. Participants travel through four regions of Israel – the Negev, Galil, Jerusalem and Tel Aviv, and the Judean Desert – and focus on the origins, development, and role of the land of Israel in the future of the Jewish people.  
The program is open to North American and Israeli students completing grades 10-12.

[**Netzer Year**](http://www.netzeryear.org/)The Netzer Year is a unique 8-month leadership training program in Israel for recent Reform Jewish high school graduates, under the direction of the Union for Reform Judaism and Netzer Olami, The International Reform Zionist Youth Movement. The Netzer Year develops the skills and knowledge necessary to become leaders in the Reform Movement, your community or on a college campus. The program facilitates personal development, study of Jewish and Zionist ideals, as well as the Reform Movement’s principles and ideology, both in and out of the classroom.

[**NCSY**](http://www.ncsysummer.com/summer/) is an international not-for-profit Jewish youth organization. Now in their 52nd year, NCSY continues to create innovative social and educational programs, events, and sessions that provide teens with a chance to be a part of the Jewish experience. With chapters in 154 communities across the U.S., Canada, and South America, NCSY affords teens with a venue to connect to their roots.

**Israel & Central Europe (ICE)** - Dive into an exciting adventure as you tour such exotic locations as Prague, Budapest and Vienna.  After an energizing trip through Europe, travel to Israel to see how European society has evolved into the current Israeli culture

**The Jerusalem Journey (TJJ)** - An incredible opportunity for public school teens to explore all of the exciting sites that Israel has to offer.  During the four weeks of the program, you will travel from the Golan Heights to the shores of Eilat and everywhere in between. Swim in the Kineret, visit archeological digs, participate on incredible hikes, experience a magical Shabbat in Tzfat, visit the Kotel (the Western Wall) and float in the Dead Sea. You’ll see history come alive while learning about your Jewish heritage.

**Jewish Overseas Leadership Training (JOLT)** - Leadership program for those who hold leadership positions in synagogues, schools or NCSY chapters/regions. One week in Poland before working three weeks as a counselor/mentor for underprivileged children at the OU/NCSY Summer Camp for Jewish Children in Kharkov, Ukraine. Finish your experience with a one week tour of Israel.

[**NFTY in Israel**](http://www.nftyisrael.org/)Since 1958, thousands of families have chosen NFTY for more than a promise of a thrilling summer. NFTY programs have transformed nearly 30,000 young people by turning a spark of interest into a summer of exciting challenges, wonderful new friends, and a lifelong involvement with Judaism. More than 350 synagogues, 19 youth regions, numerous Jewish camps, Jewish Federations and communities annually turn to NFTY to provide the ultimate teen travel experience.

**NFTY Adventure program** is a unique and challenging four week summer experience created especially for teens who seek a meaningful and exciting journey to Israel filled with amazing memories and friendships which will last a lifetime.

**NFTY L'Dor V'Dor Exodus program** includes one week in Prague and Poland and four weeks in Israel. With the Czech Republic and Poland as an introduction, teens arrive in Israel with an intimate understanding if the importance of Eretz Yisrael - the Land of Israel in our time, ready to enjoy four wonderful weeks discovering your personal connection to our people and our history.

[**Ramah Seminar**](http://www.ramah.org)    
Ramah Seminar is a 6-week trip, based in Jerusalem, which includes exploring Israel's history, archeological digs, tiyulim (trips), and more, including the opportunity to spend the summer with Ramah campers from all over North America. This program is open to entering 11th or 12th grade students.

[**URJ Community Teen Trip to Israel**](https://www.jewishinsandiego.org/)Join fellow teens from across San Diego this summer and travel eastwards along the Mediterranean to Israel. This program is open to 10th-12th grade students. Intended for Jewish teens of all backgrounds and embraces a pluralistic approach. This trip is perfect for anyone seeking an active travel experience and who have a spirit for adventure.

[**Young Judaea Summer Programs**](https://www.youngjudaea.org/)For over 50 years, Young Judaea has been offering summer programs in Israel for teens in grades 9-12, giving teens five different opportunities to experience Israel with their peers and explore their Jewish identity.  Start your journey in Spain, Italy or Morocco, or fly straight to Israel.  Sign up for Israel MD, our new medical track.  Volunteer for various causes including conserving the environment, marking trails for nature education, assisting children with disabilities, volunteering among recent immigrants, and more.  Earn college credits and community service hours on all of our programs.

**[Young Judaea Year Course](https://www.youngjudaea.org/)**  
Welcome to Young Judaea Year Course in Israel, the largest gap year program for recent high school graduates. Over the course of nine months, Year Course participants immerse themselves in all aspects of Israeli life and culture – learning Hebrew, interacting with their Israeli peers, developing an appreciation for their Jewish heritage and exploring Israel through a variety of volunteer placements. Accredited college-level courses, extensive travel, independent/group living are all available with so much more! All Year Course participants spend one-third of their program year – about three months – in each of three locations: the majesty of Jerusalem, the beaches of Bat Yam and their choice within Israel Experience.  Each of these semesters exposes participants to different parts of Israeli history, different environments and different cultural communities.  Combined, the three locations present a well-rounded picture of the Israeli landscape.  The sequence of the locations in which a participant lives may vary and, in each, participants live, take part in formal and/or informal study, learn Hebrew, participate in volunteer work and enjoy a variety of engaging enrichment activities.