

Summer Programs for Jewish Teens 2010

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INTRODUCTION

For the fourth year The Bergen County High School of Jewish Studies has compiled this listing of Summer Programs for Jewish Teens. You will find here an inclusive listing of summer opportunities for teens including national travel programs, trips to Israel and other unique and specialized offerings.

We have compiled this information because we believe that these intensive summer programs offer teens an opportunity to take safe risks, grow emotionally and socially, and experience Jewish life in a way that can be life-changing. We know that informal education strengthens and expands the academic classes we offer students in more formal settings.

Please note that all grades listed herein refer to a student's grade as of September 2010.

All information has been culled from various websites and phone conversations. We have tried to be accurate and inclusive, yet mistakes do occur. We apologize for any inadvertent errors or omissions.

The programs listed below are offered by non-profit organizations that span the religious and ideological spectrum of the Jewish community. We hope that you will spend time looking through this resource to find an exciting program for your child.

If this information is instrumental in helping you choose a summer program for your child we'd like to know! Please email me at lforman@bchsjs.org and tell me how you heard about this site and which program you chose.



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Title	Session 1	Session 2	Location
<u>Alexander Muss High School for Israel Education - Summer Program</u>	6/27 - 8/13		Israel
<p>The Alexander Muss High School in Israel (AMHSI) provides a 7-week pluralistic, academic adventure in Israel during the summer. Follow in the footsteps of more than 19,000 alumni and discover Israel through an inspiring, life-changing experience. The whole country will become your classroom. You will be challenged to live outside of books and in the presence of history by studying at the actual sites where history took place!</p>			

Grades: 11th - 12th
 Cost: \$8,400 plus airfare
 Phone: 212-472-9300
 Website: www.amiie.org

<u>American Jewish Society for Service</u>	6/27 -8/6		Locations to be announced
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Since 1950, AJSS, an independent charitable organization, has been conducting voluntary summer work camps throughout the U.S. Our projects usually involve the construction or repair of one or more buildings. We have built a school, a gymnasium, single family homes, barns, recreational facilities, and a community center; installed water systems; repaired homes, etc. In 121 projects, we have worked in 45 states in such widely scattered places as New Mexico, California, South Dakota, New Hampshire, South Carolina and Kentucky; 17 projects have been on Indian Reservations. Recreation, education and religion are included in the program.

Each summer, AJSS selects three local community organizations to be our partners. We bring groups of 16-18 able young workers to work on their critical construction projects, often low-income housing. The local organization provides materials and supervision for our team.

Grades: 11th - 12th
 Cost: \$3,200
 Phone: 301-767-3930
 Website: www.ajss.org

<u>American Jewish World Service - Volunteer Summer</u>	6/20 - 8/11		Africa, Asia or the Americas
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AJWS Volunteer Summer is a program of service, study and personal growth for Jewish young adults between the ages of 16 and 24. Participants pursue justice in solidarity with AJWS partner non-governmental organizations (NGOs) in the developing world to promote social change in their home communities and explore the relationship between social justice, service and Judaism.

The program begins with a seven-week summer experience in a rural area of Africa, Asia or the Americas. In collaboration with local grassroots NGOs, participants work side-by-side with community members on projects that help build infrastructure and sustainability, like laying irrigation systems, building schools and community centers and planting trees or crops. As part of this service-learning experience, the group gathers each day to study social justice and international development-related topics through a Jewish lens. At the end of each week, the group plans and celebrates a pluralistic Shabbat together, creating additional time for growth and reflection.

After the summer overseas, participants return to their communities inspired by what they have seen and accomplished, and prepared to advocate for social change at home. The program continues throughout the year with retreats and opportunities for public speaking, writing, advocacy and volunteer service to keep activism

alive at home and on campus.

Grades: 11th - 12th
Cost: \$5,500
Phone: 212-792-2914
Website: www.ajws.org

BBYO - Ambassador to Bulgaria 6/27- 7/6 Bulgaria
Join us for a week of exploration, education and service. Be a part of a close-knit group of American and Bulgarian teens committed to instilling hope within a Jewish community with a remarkable past. This trip combines travel with community service and allows you to travel with your peers from multiple countries to focus on diversity and commonality among different nations and the Jewish people.
This trip can be combined with other BBYO Passport trips.

Grades: 10th - 12th
Cost: \$2,950
Phone: 800-698-1002
Website: www.passport.bbyo.org

BBYO - Eco-Quest: Central America 6/28 - 7/11 7/26 - 8/8 Costa Rica
This summer join teens from around the world on the ultimate outdoors adventure. Eco-Quest is a two week journey into the cloud forests, active volcanoes, tropical beaches, and whitewater rivers of Costa Rica.

Eco-Quest combines hands on touring, thrilling outdoors experiences and a memorable Shabbat weekend with the Jewish community of San Jose - Costa Rica's capital city. Participants also participate in *tikkun olam* projects. This trip can be combined with other BBYO Passport trips.

Grades: 10th - 12th
Cost: \$2,950 (does not include flight to Costa Rica)
Phone: 800-698-1002
Website: www.passport.bbyo.org

BBYO - Euro Israel Journey: Spain 6/28-7/25 7/5-8/1 Spain and Gibraltar
Spend the first week exploring Spain's southern Andalusia region. Walk in the footsteps of Sephardic Jewish history, climb the Rock of Gibraltar, tour the stunning Al-Hambra Palace, and soak up the sun of Spain's Mediterranean beaches. Step back in time, and learn about a unique period in history when Jews, Christians, and Muslims coexisted harmoniously during the Golden Age of Spain; and then trace the tragedy that followed during the Spanish Inquisition. Participants will spend Shabbat hosted by members of the Jewish community of Gibraltar.

In Israel, participants will visit all of Israel's most important sites from ancient Jerusalem to Tel Aviv, the Negev and Galilee. The Israel Journey experience is far more than a tour. It is also about debating the meaning of contemporary Zionism, exploring one's Jewish identity from an Israeli point of view, delving into the intricacies of Middle Eastern politics and connecting to one's Jewish soul through a series of meaningful community service and spiritual experiences. This trip can be combined with other BBYO Passport trips.

Grades: 10th - 12th
Cost: \$5,600
Phone: 800-698-1002
Website: www.passport.bbyo.org

BBYO - Euro-Israel Journey

6/28-7/25

Central Europe and
Israel

Euro-Israel Journey is a four-week odyssey through Europe and Israel. Spend the first week exploring the magical European capitals – Vienna, Prague, and Budapest. Then, continue on to Israel for a truly memorable 3-week adventure in the “Land of Milk & Honey”. From the cobblestone streets of old Europe to the canyons of Israel’s Judean Desert, be prepared for a true journey experience. The adventure begins in Prague, the capital of the Czech Republic where we will explore over 1,000 years of Jewish tradition, art, and culture in this "City of a Hundred Spires". From there, we continue on to Budapest, Hungary where we will cruise down the Danube River, tour the city’s famous Castle District, and experience the high culture of Europe. Finally, we end up in Vienna, Austria, home of such intellectual and cultural superstars as Amadeus Mozart and Sigmund Freud. Along the way, we will sample local delicacies, hike to the glaciers of the Alps, and experience the heart of European style.

After the weeklong journey through Europe, we re-board a plane bound for Ben Gurion Airport in Tel Aviv where the journey continues in Israel. During the course of the 3-week Israel experience, we’ll travel from Israel's highest peaks in the north down to the tropical waters of the Red Sea in the south.

Along the way, we will experience the magic of Israel's most famous sites...and best kept secrets. The program in Israel combines hands on touring, thrilling outdoor adventures, meaningful community service, and opportunities to interact with local Israeli teens. You'll also be able to explore your Jewish identity in the most appropriate place on earth. History will come alive before your eyes. This is your chance. The journey is yours!

Grades: 10th - 12th

Cost: \$5,700

Phone: 800-698-1002

Website: www.passport.bbyo.org

BBYO - Euro-Quest: Mediterranean

6/28 - 7/11

Italy

Join us as we travel along Europe's breathtakingly beautiful Mediterranean coast - from Italy to Slovenia and Croatia. Euro-Quest Mediterranean is a two-week journey into the world of ancient Rome. Connect with the foundations of our modern civilization while experiencing the ultra-cool side of modern Italy, the sun-soaked beaches of the Croatian islands, and the timeless beauty of the Italian Alps and Tuscan countryside.

Euro-Quest: Mediterranean is also a trip for learning about the colorful history of Jewish life in the ancient Mediterranean world while connecting with today's modern Jewish communities in Rome and Venice.

Grades: 10th - 12th

Cost: \$4,250

Phone: 800-698-1002

Website: www.passport.bbyo.org

BBYO - Israel Journey

many dates – check website

Israel

This summer, join Jewish teens from across North America on the ultimate introduction to Israel. Designed for first-timers, Israel Journey is a 3-week whirlwind tour, spanning from Israel's highest peak in the north to the warm tropical waters of the Red Sea in the south.

BBYO Euro-Israel Journey: Poland 6/28 - 7/25 Poland and Israel

A week long mission of remembrance and understanding in Poland followed by the core three -week Israel Journey experience. Confront the tragic destruction of the Holocaust and then travel to Israel to celebrate the renewal of the Jewish People in the Land of Israel.

Arrive in Israel and set off on a three-week cross-country experience – from the Golan Heights in the north to the tropical Red Sea in the far south...and everything in between. Along the way, we will walk in the footsteps of Jewish history, experience the vibrancy of modern Israeli culture, and connect with Israel’s colorful society.

The program includes visits to all of Israel’s most important sites – ancient Jerusalem, contemporary Tel Aviv, the Galilee, the Negev Desert and the heights of Masada. We also make time to experience Israel’s off-the-beaten-path charm -- enjoying a bonfire on the beach, taking part in an active archeological dig, sampling unique Middle Eastern cuisine, and participating in the re-birth of Israel by planting a tree in a new forest.

Grades: 10th - 12th
Cost: \$5,700
Phone: 800-698-1002
Website: www.passport.bbyo.org

BBYO- Euro-Quest: Western Europe 6/28 - 7/11 7/12 - 7/25 Amsterdam, Brussels,
Paris and London

Join us and travel to Europe's grand capitals of Amsterdam, Brussels, Paris, and London. Euro-Quest: Western Europe is a two-week odyssey to Europe's most magical sites - Big Ben, the Eiffel Tower, the Mona Lisa at the Louvre Museum, Buckingham Palace, Champs-Elysses, and the canals of Amsterdam.

Euro-Quest is also about the long history of Jewish life in Western Europe - visiting old synagogues, spending a Shabbat with Jewish teens in London, and learning about the devastating effects of the Holocaust at places like the Anne Frank House.

Grades: 10th - 12th
Cost: \$3,950
Phone: 800-698-1002
Website: www.passport.bbyo.com

BBYO Impact: Boston 6/23 -7/4 Boston

At Impact: Boston at Brandeis University you will go beyond volunteering, to explore the issues that underlie some of society’s biggest challenges and go behind the scenes with people at the forefront of social action and real, sustainable change.

BBYO and Brandeis University have teamed up to create this dynamic two-week summer experience focused on social action, community service and advocacy. You’ll learn skills that will empower you to start a lifetime of work as an agent of change. It’s a Jewish community experience unlike any other.

Impact: Boston participants are also eligible to extend their summer at Brandeis by attending either of Brandeis University’s other two summer programs that take place immediately following Impact: Boston, BIMA and Genesis at Brandeis University. If accepted to BIMA or Genesis, Impact: Boston participants will be eligible for a

discount of \$500. Impact: Boston participants can also join one of BBYO's Passport to the World's programs afterwards and receive \$250 off.

Grades: 10th - 12th
Cost: \$1,950
Phone: 202-857-6509
Website: www.bbyo.org/teens/experiences/impact_boston

BBYO Impact: DC JAM 6/28-7/11 7/13 - 7/26 Washington, D.C.

Each summer, Jewish students from across the country gather on the campus of The George Washington University to explore the connection between Judaism, community service, and activism. For an intense two weeks, students will participate in meaningful community service projects, immerse themselves in the study of Jewish texts and values, and gain advocacy training from leading experts on domestic and international policy issues.

Judaism – Study Jewish texts and their impact on current social and political issues. Learn about the needs of the community and why we, as Jews, need to be social-change activists.

Activism – Get training by experts in Washington, D.C. Learn the ABC's of political action and issue advocacy. Sessions include: media relations, congressional campaigns, direct action and civil disobedience, cyber-activism, leadership skills, and coalition-building.

Mitzvah Work – Work at service sites four days a week. By volunteering with agencies in Washington that are dealing with complex issues like poverty, literacy, and the environment, you'll see first hand that you, personally, can make an enormous difference in people's lives.

Impact: DC Jam is run by The PANIM Institute for Jewish Leadership and Values, a division of BBYO.

Grades: 11th - 12th
Cost: \$2,600
Phone: 202-857-6509
Website: www.dccjam.org

BBYO Impact: Israel 7/5 -7/25 Israel

Do something truly different this summer. Experience Israel through making a difference. Get to know the issues facing Israeli society today. The Impact: Israel program includes visits to all of Israel's most important sites – ancient Jerusalem, trendy Tel Aviv, the peaceful Galilee, the stunning Negev Desert and the heights of Masada.

Additionally, you will meet citizen activists, public officials and leaders in Israeli society who will give you an insider's understanding of the major issues facing Israeli society—absorption, poverty, democracy and Jewish-Arab co-existence. You will also have a chance to make a personal contribution to addressing these challenges through hands-on community service projects.

Grades: 10th - 12th
Cost: \$4,650
Phone: 800-698-1002
Website: www.passport.bbyo.org

BBYO Impact: SouthWest

7/18 - 7/29

8/1 -8/12

Colorado, New
Mexico, Arizona

Impact: SouthWest participants have the opportunity to live and work on a Native American Reservation in the high desert region of the Southwestern U.S. Participants are met by staff upon arrival at the airport and proceed to a campsite for 2 days of orientation, preparation and team-building. Participants are divided into groups of 10-12 teens and three staff who accompany the team on their journey and provide guidance and leadership in outdoor safety, personal growth, local culture and Jewish identity.

One week is spent (includes one Shabbat) in the Navajo, Hopi or, Zuni Nation. Service projects that participants work on may include building corrals for horses and sheep, collecting firewood for the elderly, working with local Head Start and Meals on Wheels programs, cleaning and painting homes, beautifying the village plaza in preparation for family events and community activities, or working in agricultural fields and gardens. Daily activities may also include time for play, visits to local areas of interest (museums, traditional markets, trading posts, etc.), and observations of traditional Native American dances or ceremonies. Each service site is unique. The activities and events in which you participate may be different from those of the other groups.

The second session of Impact: SouthWest culminates with a two-day outdoor leadership adventure that includes time for reflection of the service experience and furthers our appreciation for the beautiful landscape of the Southwest. The overall experience will provide you a first-hand view of daily life in a Native American community and will spur thoughtful discussions about Jewish life and values.

Impact: SouthWest is run by The PANIM Institute for Jewish Leadership and Values, a division of BBYO.

Grades: 10th - 12th
Cost: \$2,500 (Session 1); \$2,750 (Session II)
Contact: 202-857-6509
Website: www.panimworks.org

BIMA

7/6-8/5

Brandeis University

BIMA is a summer arts program for high school students located at Brandeis University. This program is dedicated to developing the participants' artistic abilities while providing an enriching Jewish environment.

BIMA offers six core areas of artistic study: music (jazz, chamber or choral), visual arts, film, creative writing, and theater. Participants have the opportunity to develop techniques, hone skills, enhance their ability to express themselves in their chosen medium, and collaborate artistically with other participants. In addition, participants choose from a range of dynamic elective offerings. The entire BIMA community comes together regularly to build community and learn experientially.

Participants collaborate to create options for daily prayer and for the entire community to celebrate Shabbat. BIMA is supportive of all of the ways in which Shabbat is observed.

Grades: 10th – 12th
Cost: \$4,600
Phone: 781-736-8416
Website: www.brandeis.edu/bima

Bronfman Youth Fellowship

7/5 -8/11

Israel

Bronfman Youth Fellowship participants engage in daily study and explore Jerusalem and its surroundings. Hike Northern Israel, master the Negev, and meet with leading political and literary figures of Israeli society. The five-week merit program is all-expenses paid for select teens entering 12th grade. Create your connection with Israel! Applications are due by January 20, 2010. Apply on-line!

Grades: 12th

Cost: Merit program

Phone: 518-475-7212

Website: www.bronfman.org

Center for Jewish History - The
Samberg Family History Program

6/28-7/23

New York

The Samberg Family History Program will engage you in a multi-faceted exploration of Jewish history and your family's past. We draw upon all of the resources at the Center for Jewish History: our world-renowned collections of books, archival documents, photographs, artifacts, paintings, films, sound recordings, and textiles; our expert curators, archivists, and librarians; our technology offerings, knowledgeable historians, and caring educators. Based in the heart of New York City, we also take great advantage of our city's myriad important research institutions and historic sites.

Through the generosity of the Samberg Family Foundation, all students accepted into the Program receive full tuition fellowships and are recognized as Samberg High School Fellows. Working with expert teachers, scholars, archivists, curators, and genealogists, you will learn the skills you need to mine evidence of the past to answer your own questions: reading official records, letters, personal mementos, photographs, and material objects, and conducting and using oral interviews. We also recognize, though, that teachers are not the only ones with knowledge; all of us in the Samberg Program are both learners and teachers. We encourage discussion, debate, and collaboration.

We believe that history is not something that is confined to the archives. It impinges on our everyday lives and can be found and explored all around us. Off-site travel to some of New York City's key research institutions and important historic sites is an integral component of the Samberg curriculum. Last year's session included trips to Ellis Island, the New York branch of the National Archives, the Lower East Side Tenement Museum, Mt. Zion Cemetery, and the Bukharian Jewish Museum.

Grades: 9th - 12th

Cost: Fellowship (only \$100 registration fee upon acceptance)

Phone: 212-294-8301

Website: www.cjh.org/education

Drisha Institute for Jewish Education 7/4-8/6
- Summer High School Program for Girls

New York

Every summer, high school students from around the world spend five memorable weeks together, building their knowledge and their friendships at Drisha Institute. Known as the Drisha Summer High School Program, this initiative began in 1988 to provide young women with an opportunity to immerse in the study of classical Jewish texts, including Tanakh, Talmud, Halakha and Philosophy.

Grades: 9th -12th
Cost: \$4,200 (includes tuition, room, board and extra-curricular activities)
Phone 212- 595-0307
Website: <http://highschool.drisha.org/index.htm>

Etgar 36 6/28 - 8/4 6/28 - 7/19 United States
36 day trip 22 day trip

Etgar 36 is a summer cross country trip for Jewish teens in which you explore America and become empowered to get involved politically and socially to change the world. In addition to seeing the sights that make each city unique, we see concerts, plays and shows.

We also meet with organizations, activists, educators, witnesses and participants in history in order to examine and understand the various political issues that impact us. Some of the issues we confront are:

Abortion	Environmental labor Issues
Gun control	Homelessness
Immigration	Gay marriage
The war on drugs	Foreign policy
Illiteracy	

Grades: 11th - 12th
Cost: \$5,900 (36 day trip); \$4,000 (22 day trip)
Phone: 404-456-6605
Website: www.etgar.org

Genesis at Brandeis University 7/6-8/6 Brandeis University

Genesis at Brandeis University is entering its tenth summer of learning and building Jewish community with high school students from across the country and around the world at Brandeis University. Genesis is an academic program but it is much more than summer school. Teenagers with different beliefs and practices engage with an exceptional group of scholars, artists, activists, and experiential educators to participate in a dynamic Jewish living experience. Major courses offer in-depth, active exploration into different fields of study. This summer's courses are: Innovation & Revolution, Journalism, Judaism & Justice, and World Religions. The integration of Jewish studies into each course challenges students to find the connections between their field of interest and Judaism.

Grades: 11th - 12th
Cost: \$4,600
Phone 781-736-8416
Website: www.brandeis.edu/genesis

Hebrew Home for the Aged - G2G 6/28-7/23
(The L'dor V'dor Summer Institute)

7/26-8/20

Riverdale, NY

The Hebrew Home for the Aged in Riverdale, NY will hold two four-week summer internship programs for specially selected Jewish teenagers. The program allows Jewish teens to work directly with nursing home residents. Participants assist various departments with their programs, and they are assigned an individual caseload of residents to visit. In addition, students participate in daily classes and discussion groups with the program educator and other Jewish teens.

Grades: 10th -12th
Cost: no cost, stipend received at the end of program
Phone: 718-581-1404
Website: www.hebrewhome.org

International 92nd Street: Havaya 7/9 - 8/15
International

Israel and U.S.

92nd Street Y Havaya International is a 5 week long life-changing opportunity to travel like a local in both Israel and around the United States, while making a positive difference in our global community. Made up of eighteen American teens and eighteen Israeli teens, going into 10th-12th grade, Havayaniks will spend two and a half weeks traveling throughout Israel with local Israelis from the 92nd Street Y's sister city in Ramat Hasharon and two and a half weeks getting the opportunity to share their lives with their Israeli counterparts.

Grades: 10th - 12th
Cost: \$4,800
Phone: 212-415-5514
Website: www.92Y.org/havaya

Israeli Scouts - Tzofim V'Keshet 6/29 -7/28

Israel

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.

Through Gadna, participants experience the army training process including: learning navigation skills, visiting battlefields and exploring military history up-close. Other Tzofim Chetz V'Keshet activities include a two-night camping excursion and sports activities such as rafting and bicycling. Participants also have a chance to experience life on kibbutzim and moshavim, exposing them to a broad range of Israeli society and culture. The Tzofim Chetz V'Keshet program provides teens with a unique opportunity to strengthen their Jewish identity and to connect to the unique Israeli environment. Although each group combines Israeli youth and those from abroad, participants have the opportunity to choose either an English or Hebrew speaking track. This "melting pot" of cultures creates a warm connection that allows participants to meet new friends, learn and improve their Hebrew and get to know Israeli culture and society first hand.

Grades: 10th -12th
Cost: \$5,840 or \$4,500 without arifare
Phone: 212-451-6275
Website: www.israelscouts.org

Israel Trail Teen Adventure Summer Program (Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel) 7/4 - 8/3

8/9 - 8/24

Israel

The Israel Trail Teen Adventure (ITTA) is a month-long outdoor program for Jewish teens between the ages of 14-18 from North America, Israel and around the world. Participants backpack in small groups of 9-12 and explore continuous sections of the famous "Israel Trail" in the North & South while learning how to hike responsibly, work as a team & develop outdoor living and leadership skills. The program also includes biking, rock-climbing and volunteering and a special desert trek with camels all along the Israel Trail. Each group has 2-3 highly-trained staff members who act as Israeli nature guides and outdoor skills/Jewish educators. All Derech Hateva programs are kosher and Shomer Shabbat. ITTA includes separate Orthodox and pluralistic groups.

Grades: 9th - 12th

Cost: \$5,725 (Session 1); \$3,100 (Session 2)

Phone: 212-537-5280

Website: www.derechhateva.org

JCC Maccabi ArtsFest

8/8- 8/13

Baltimore, MD

JCC Maccabi ArtsFest is designed to inspire Jewish teens through a dynamic combination of workshop, performance, and exhibition, recognition of excellence, community service, social activities, and fun. Teens develop their individuality through the medium of artistic expression while strengthening their bonds to their Jewish heritage, community and Israel.

Excitement reigns during the week of JCC Maccabi ArtsFest. Young artists generally arrive at the host communities on Sunday. Host families greet teens when they arrive, and the teens have a chance to meet with their artists-in-residence prior to the opening event. They spend the majority of each day in master classes, preparing for the closing event. In the evening, teens relax at a host family night, and look forward to special activities. They spend most of Thursday preparing exhibits and performances for the gala finale. Formal appreciation of excellence is part of each art specialty.

Grades: 8th - 12th

Cost: \$1,350 (for JCC members); \$1,650 (for non-members)

Phone: (201) 569-7900 ext. 203

Website: www.jccmaccabiartsfest.org

JDC International Camp -Szarvas Fellowship in Hungary 7/15 – 7/30

7/29 -8/13

Hungary

Every summer, over 2,000 Jewish campers from over 20 countries attend the Ronald S. Lauder Foundation/ JDC International Jewish Summer Camp in Szarvas, Hungary. This year, a select number of Szarvas Fellows will be selected from North American high schools to represent North America at the camp. As American Ambassadors, they will have the unique opportunity to meet, celebrate, explore and share experiences with their Jewish student peers from around the world. They will have the unique opportunity to meet and share transformative experiences with their Jewish student peers from around the world including India, Israel, Turkey, Eastern Europe, France and the former Soviet Union.

In the warm camp environment, the Szarvas Fellows will enjoy numerous activities with their Jewish peers, including swimming, canoeing, horseback riding, drama, singing, debates, arts and crafts, interactive discussions and other special projects.

The Fellowship program includes guided tours of Budapest and other sites in Hungary, and focuses on the

exploration of current Jewish history, giving students a greater appreciation of their own roots and of the friends from around the world.

Grades: 11th - 12th
Cost: \$1,400 plus airfare to Budapest, Hungary
Phone: 212-362-3361
Website: www.szarvas.org

Kaplen JCC on the Palisades - Neil Klatskin Day Camp: Junior 6/29 - 8/21 Tenafly, New Jersey

Spend the summer working with the children at the Neil Klatskin Day Camp of the Kaplen JCC on the Palisades. Be part of a wonderful staff in a fun exciting camp environment. Campers can be from 3 years old to entering sixth graders. Gain experience and leadership skills.

Grades: 11th - 12th
Cost: Counselors receive an honorarium
Phone: 201-569-79000 ext. 317
Website: www.jccotp.org/nkdc

Kaplen JCC on the Palisades - Teen Tour 6/28 - 7/30 New York, New Jersey and Orlando

This exciting, not-to-be missed five-week program for teens features daily trips to amusement parks, beaches, New York City, baseball games, Broadway shows, and water parks as well as overnight trips to exciting destinations and an incredible five-day trip to Orlando, Florida.

Grades: 7th - 10th
Cost: \$3,400 (members); \$3,850 (non-members)
Phone: 201-569-7900 ext. 1469
Website: www.jccotp.org

Martin Buber Youth Kibbutz 7/18 - 7/25 7/26 - 8/1 Beallsville, MD

The Buber Institute offers a unique way for youth to deepen their Jewish identity and sense of community, and their understanding of Jewish teachings on community and ecology, as well as their practice of and commitment to Tikkun Olam. The overnight camp will take place at Am Kolel's Sanctuary and Renewal Center in Beallsville, MD. Participants will experience kibbutz-style cooperative living while learning about Jewish Social Philosophy, Jewish Environmental Ethics, Conflict-Resolution, and working on an organic farm.

Grades: 10th - 12th
Cost: \$650 (first session); \$600 (second session)
Phone: 301-349-2799
Website: www.bubersummer.org

NCSY ICE 7/6 - 8/8 Israel and Central Europe

What does ICE (Israel and Central Europe) have to offer? 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.

Travel from the mountains of the Galilee to the canyons of the Negev Desert. You can experience the power of Jerusalem, ride camels in the desert, climb Masada at sunrise, relax in natural hot springs in Tiberius, zipline down the Manara cliffs, float in the Dead Sea, feel the true power of Shabbat in Tzfat, and rappel off a cliff in the Golan. On ICE, you can experience all this and more while learning from the top NCSY educators and taking part in meaningful community service projects.

ICE is a lifetime of memories in a single summer. Don't let your once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to experience the magic of Europe and the spirit of Israel pass you by. Create your own incredible and memorable experience this summer with ICE.

Grades: 11th - 12th
Cost: \$6,999
Phone: 800-TOUR-4-YOU
Website: www.ncsysummer.com

NCSY -Jerusalem Journey

7/6 - 8/4

Israel

TJJ (The Jerusalem Journey) is a fantastic experience for public school teens who are interested in getting in touch with their Jewish roots through hands-on experiences in the land of Israel. Participants on TJJ will travel the country from the north to the south. You will hike in the Golan, relax in Eilat, swim in the Kinneret, see the Kotel, experience an amazing Shabbat in Jerusalem and Tzfat, and visit many of the famous and important archaeological sites all over the country. Through the amazing staff and the incredible trips, you'll be able to see your Jewish heritage come to life as you see how Jewish society evolved from the time of David, Solomon and the Temple, to the time of Ben-Gurion, Rabin and the Knesset.

Grades: 10th - 12th
Cost: \$2,499
Phone: 800-TOUR-4-YOU
Website: www.ncsysummer.org

NCSY Shakespeare in Jerusalem

6/30 - 7/28

Israel

Shakespeare in Jerusalem is a 4 week fully accredited course in English Literature. It is a once in a lifetime opportunity to earn your grade 11 or 12 English credit while touring Israel. Classes are held in the traditional classroom setting as well as on the road touring and visiting the sites of Israel.

Some of the activities include zip-lining, rafting, sleeping in a Bedouin tent, floating in the Dead Sea, climbing Masada, and camel riding. In addition to the sightseeing tours, students will spend a few days a week in class studying towards their English credit. The course will include Jewish themes, such as the study of the Merchant of Venice, an exploration of Jewish poets, as well as a Holocaust novel.

Our courses are inspected by the Ontario Ministry of Education and our "U" level credit can be used on any Ontario University or College application. This is a coed program offering ENG3U/ENG4U credits.

- Please note: you may need written permission from your school allowing you to take the course.

Grades: 11th - 12th
Cost: \$5,999
Phone: 800-TOUR-4-YOU
Website: www.ncsysummer.org

NCSY TTJ Ambassadors

6/30 -8/3

Israel

Experience Israel like never before!

Ambassadors is the ultimate leadership training program for public school teens. This extraordinary journey will combine the very best of touring and fun with social action, political advocacy, and high level study.

TTJ has long been synonymous with first rate summers in Israel. TTJ Ambassadors will benefit from the incomparable TTJ touring experience- from north to south and east to west; the country will come alive in all its beauty and wonder. Participants will also be exposed to leading personalities in the Israeli political scene, and charged with the responsibility of sharing the miracle of modern day Israel with the global community. TTJ Ambassadors will spend one full week in an intense volunteer project, "giving back" to the people of Israel. And finally, the Ambassadors will receive a crash course on classical texts and ideas of Judaism, in a traditional "Beit Medrash" environment.

NCSY's commitment to develop future leaders of the Jewish people allows us to offer this elite and unique program at a heavily subsidized cost. Space is extremely limited, and not every applicant will qualify. Acceptance will be based on personal character, academic record, leadership experience, letters of recommendation, a written essay, and an interview process.

Grades: 10th - 12th

Cost: \$1,999

Phone: 800-TOUR-4-YOU

Website: www.ncsysummer.org

Nesiya Institute: The Kehillah
Experience

7/4-8/16

Israel

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 three regions of Israel – the Negev, Galil, and Jerusalem – and focus on the origins, development, and role of the land of Israel in the future of the Jewish people. Nesiya is committed to conducting summer Israel programs of the highest educational quality by:

- Recruiting diverse North American and Israeli peers to participate in every program
- Arranging private workshops, concerts, and community service projects with leading Israeli artists, activists and educators
- Choosing distinctive, high-quality facilities in three regions of Israel
- Hiring experienced and mature adults as counselors and senior staff
- Maintaining a small group size of 30-35 participants and a high staff to student ratio of 1:8
- Creating meaningful follow-up opportunities for Nesiya alumni

All Nesiya programs observe the common denominators that are necessary for Jews of different backgrounds to live, learn and celebrate together. Programs are kosher and no full group activities are conducted that violate traditional Shabbat observance.

Grades: 11th -12th

Cost: \$7,135 + airfare (generous need-based and merit scholarships available)

Phone: 212-951-7128

Website: www.nesiya.org

NFTY Adventure

mid June-mid July

Israel

Spend four weeks together with teens from across the continent exploring incredible Israel, ancient and modern, from border to border and from sea to sea. With your bus group of 40 teens, create an intense friendship filled traveling community exploring together the amazing land of Israel and your Jewish Identity. With NFTY's renowned tour guide educators leading the way, walk on the walls of the old city of Jerusalem, make your pilgrimage to the Kotel, the western wall, travel back 2000 years in time as you explore the ancient tunnels around the foundation of the Temple Mount. See the ancient Dead Sea Scrolls at the Shrine of the Book.

Ascend to the summit of Masada at dawn, as the sun rises over the mountains of Jordan. Float in the Dead Sea, cover yourself with the famous black mud, and cool off in the refreshing waters of the Nahal Arugot waterfall near Ein Gedi.

Dig into your roots on an archeological expedition. Unearth ancient pottery with your own hands. Crawl through the caves of the Jacobean revolt by candlelight. Together with Israeli teens, explore the Galilee and Golan. Swim the headwaters of the Jordan River, wander through the alleyways of the mystical city of Safed, and "conquer" crusader castles.

Grades: 10th - 12th

Cost: \$7,375

Phone: 212-452-6517

Website: www.nftyisrael.org

NFTY EIE (Eisendrath International
Exchange) Summer Semester

Last week of June
for 6 1/2 weeks

Israel

The EIE summer curriculum bases its program on the continuity of the Jewish people by following a path through Jewish history in the Land of Israel. Throughout the summer, our goal is to thoroughly acquaint participants with the history of the Jewish people, its culture, and its land. Israel, as the birthplace and the center of that history throughout the ages, is the ideal place to teach and demonstrate the development of the people, culture, and land. Utilizing informal education techniques, students witness the flow of Jewish history in a "hands on" manner.

Participants experience the epic story of the journey of the Jewish people. Together with NFTY friends from all over North America, they will participate in an intensive learning environment designed to maximize exposure to all aspects of our land and our people. The six-week program includes Hebrew Ulpan, an intensive Jewish History course that includes touring to enhance the lessons, as well as fun touring and meeting with Israeli teens.

Grades: 10th - 12th

Cost: \$8,375

Phone: 212-452-6517

Website: www.nftyisrael.org

NFTY L'Dor V'Dor

last week of June
for 5 weeks

Eastern Europe and
Israel

Experience for yourself the epic story of the journey of the Jewish people. Together with NFTY friends from all over North America, begin your adventure in Europe, exploring more than one thousand years of our rich European Jewish heritage. Travel to Israel by a NFTY exclusive cruise ship as you sail across the Mediterranean. With an intimate understanding of the importance of Israel in our time, enjoy four wonderful weeks discovering your personal connection to our people and our history.

For 1000 years Prague was home to a thriving Jewish culture. Visit the Alt-neu Shul, the oldest continually used synagogue in Europe. Wander through the Jewish Quarter and see how Jewish lives have been filled with creativity and vitality for a millennium. The adventure in Prague concludes with a journey to Terezin. Turn the calendar back more than 60 years when Terezin was Theresienstadt, a “model” Nazi concentration camp. With a deeper understanding of European Jewish life, travel to a Mediterranean port and embark on our voyage of hope to Israel. Spend three incredible days sailing across the Mediterranean Sea. Recreate the voyage of the Exodus and begin to see that each of us, no matter who we are or where we live, are part of the tapestry of Jewish life, from generation to generation.

Spend the next four weeks together with teens from across the continent exploring incredible Israel, ancient and modern, from border to border and from sea to sea.

Grades: 10th - 12th
Cost: \$8,275
Phone: 212-452-6517
Website: www.nftyisrael.org

NFTY Mitzvah Corp

7/11-7/20

Costa Rica

Spend nine days volunteering, traveling, learning and building lasting friendships in Costa Rica. Volunteer with a variety of projects throughout the country and discover the challenges of rural development and efforts to conserve the rainforest. Spend Shabbat with the Jewish community of Costa Rica and have the chance to share and meet its members. Mitzvah Corps Costa Rica provides the opportunity to explore the country of Costa Rica with new friends and engage in unique volunteer opportunities and learning experiences.

Grades: 10th - 12th
Cost: \$2,800 (members of URJ); \$3,000 (non-members of URJ)
Phone: 212-650-4071
Website: www.nftymitzvahcorp.org

NFTY Mitzvah Corp

TBD

Israel

Together with your friends from across North America, and Israeli teens, spend 4 weeks traveling the land of Israel and participating in meaningful direct service projects. Volunteer with a variety of projects throughout Israel and discover the challenges of integrating *tikkun olam* into the secular community of Israel. Mitzvah Corp Israel provides the opportunity to explore the land of Israel, the people of Israel, and Jewish traditions with new and old friends. Mitzvah Corp Israel is in partnership with NFTY in Israel.

Grades: 10th -12th
Cost: \$7,375
Contact: 212-452-6517
Website: www.nftyinisrael.org

NFTY Mitzvah Corp

6/24 - 7/18

San Francisco

You will spend four exciting weeks on the San Francisco State University campus. During the day you will volunteer throughout the city and the Bay Area. Evenings and weekends are devoted to guest speakers, educational programs, and a range of social activities. You will also get to spend a Shabbat at URJ Camp Newman and a weekend in Sacramento, where you will learn to lobby representatives at the state capital. The program will consist of various volunteer opportunities during the program. You will have the opportunity to request which sites, from a previously selected list, at which you will volunteer. There are also group projects for all participants throughout the summer. Volunteer sites in previous summers have included:

- San Francisco Food Bank
- Salvation Army of San Francisco
- Jewish Home for the Aged, San Francisco
- Harbor House, Oakland, CA

Grades: 10th - 12th

Cost: \$3,925 (URJ members); \$4,125 (non-URJ members)

Phone: 212-650-4071

Website: www.nftymitzvahcorps.org

NFTY Mitzvah Corp

6/27 - 7/11

New Orleans

You will spend two weeks in New Orleans, Louisiana. During the day you will volunteer and see the affects of Hurricane Katrina. Evenings will be devoted to guest speakers, educational programs, and social activities. You will get to spend Shabbat with local URJ congregations and at URJ Camp Jacobs in Utica, Mississippi.

You will leave Mitzvah Corps an expert in teenage social justice. Not only will you have formed life long friendships, but you will have learned how to change your own communities, help those in need, and tackle social justice issues. You can return to your congregation, school, and community with new ideas for social action projects, social justice programming ideas, and methods to affect change. Your life will be changed from what you learned from your service projects, from the curriculum, from the speakers, and from your peers.

Grades: 10th - 12th

Cost: \$2,400 (URJ member); \$2,600 (non-URJ member)

Phone: 212-650-4071

Website: www.nftymitzvahcorps.org

NFTY Mitzvah Crop

6/25 - 8/8

New Brunswick, NJ

This summer experience offers teenagers an intense six-week residential program in social justice in and around New Brunswick, NJ. Over twenty Jewish high school students who will be entering their junior or senior year and three adult advisors live together on the Rutgers University campus in New Brunswick. Participants spend their day volunteering with the mentally and physically challenged, underprivileged, and elderly. Evenings are devoted to guest speakers, educational programs, and a range of social activities. For many participants, Urban Mitzvah Corps does not end in August when they return home. Participants leave the program more knowledgeable about and comfortable with a range of different social issues, eager to seek out opportunities where they continue to share their time and energy with the community.

Grades: 11th - 12th

Cost: \$3,995 (UJR members); \$4,195 (non-URJ members)

Phone: 201-722-9090

Website: www.mitzvahcorps.org

NFTY Ole

5 weeks

Spain and Israel

The Golden Age of Jewish life in Europe is often left to the side when learning about our story. It is one of the greatest chapters of Jewish history. To spend five days in Spain prior to arriving in Israel will provide an opportunity for our teenagers to learn about the Golden Age of Spain, and to experience the mark left by the great Jewish masters from that age: Rambam, Yehuda HaLevy, Ramban, and more.

Participants will experience first hand the great cultural and historical contributions of our people in places like the Alhambra and the Masquite Churches and Mosques, and will learn of the tragic expulsion of the Jewish community of Spain following the Inquisition. We will visit Toledo, Cordoba, Seville and other ancient cities as well as the modern beat of Madrid and Malaga on the southern coast of Spain.

Traveling to Spain on the way to Israel will help provide an important introduction to Israel and continue on the NFTY Adventure four week Israel itinerary.

Grades: 10th - 12th

Cost: \$8,375

Phone: 212-452-6517

Website: www.nftyisrael.orgNJY Camps: Teen Camp Israel Program

7/6 -8/6

Israel

Teen Camp Israel is a joint program of the NJY Camps and the Koby Mandell Foundation. Teen Camp Israel Program offers a unique opportunity to experience Israel, learn about the land and impact others. Touring, adventure, and community service combine together to make an unforgettable summer. For ten days participants will create and run programs for Kids in Crisis. Working with trained professionals, you'll help these children to increase their self worth and develop skills that can enable them to lead a better life.

Grades: 9th - 12th

Cost: \$6,400

Phone: 973-575-3333 ext. 130

Website: www.njycamps.orgNo'ar Hadash Israel Experience

7/12 - 8/9

Israel

Students travel to Israel where they will begin a month-long interactive experience of the land and the people. Based on a civilization approach, participants will move through history as they find ways in which Jews have lived their lives in the land throughout the generations. They will spend time in all parts of the country as they climb, swim, sing, hike, learn and explore. Students will also connect with Reconstructionist youth and rabbis living in Israel.

Grade: 11th

Cost: \$6,600 (not including cost of orientation at Camp JRF)

Phone: 215-885-5601

Website: www.noarhadash.org

Oranim Educational Initiatives - European Capitals

6/24 - 7/6

England, Holland, Belgium and France

Discover years of Jewish heritage in England, Holland, Belgium and France. Celebrate the uniquely European dimension of Jewish culture. Participants will earn 12 hours of community service credits.

Grades: 10th - 12th

Cost: \$4,095

Phone: 888-281-1265

Website: www.travel4teens.com

Oranim Educational Initiatives - Israel & Greek Extravaganza

6/21 - 7/18

Israel and Greece

Experience the depth and unfathomable beauty of our ancient land; become acquainted with the diversity of its people, and take pride in the achievements of our vibrant modern state. Join Jewish youth from across North America for a summer adventure packed with fun, spirit and excitement. Participants will earn 12 hours of community service. This trip includes a week in Greece and then returns to Israel.

Grades: 10th - 12th

Cost: \$4,298

Phone: 888-281-1265

Website: www.travel4teens.com

Oranim Educational Initiatives - Israel Discovery

multiple departures in June, July & August

Israel

Experience the depth and unfathomable beauty of our ancient land, become acquainted with the diversity of its people, and take pride in the achievements of our vibrant modern state. Join Jewish youth from across North America for a summer adventure packed with fun, spirit and excitement. Participants will earn 12 hours of community service.

Grades: 10th - 12th

Cost: \$3,298

Phone: 888-281-1265

Website: www.travel4teens.com

Oranim Educational initiatives - eCamp

7/12 - 7/24

7/26 - 8/7

Israel

eCamp exposes youth and teens from Israel and around the world to the unique technological capabilities which Israel possesses. In our teen program in Israel, young people from around the globe spend the summer in Israel together with Israelis, making life-long friendships that will have a deep and positive impact on their future. Combining the best of technology with the meaningful Israeli experience, eCamp program is designed to give campers more ways to express their creativity and an opportunity to discover their own special affinity with the Jewish world and with Israel.

Grades: 8th - 12th

Cost: \$2,085 does not include airfare

Phone: 877-322-6748

Website: www.eCamp4u.com

Oranim Educational Initiatives:
European Capitals and Israel

6/24 - 7/26

Europe and Israel

Discover years of Jewish Heritage in England, Belgium, Holland and France. Celebrate the uniquely European dimension of Jewish culture. Experience the depth and unfathomable beauty of our ancient land, become acquainted with the diversity of its people, and take pride in the achievements of our vibrant modern state. Join Jewish youth from across North America for a summer adventure packed with fun, spirit and excitement.

Grades: 10th - 12th

Cost: \$6,429

Phone: 888-281-1265

Website: www.travel4teens.com

Technion- Israel Institute of
Technology: SciTech

7/25 - 8/20

Israel

SciTech is an international four-week science and technology live-in research camp organized by the Center for Pre-University Education and hosted each summer at the Technion - Israel Institute of Technology, one of the world's outstanding technological universities. This program is intended for high-school students from around the world who have demonstrated an exceptional interest and ability in science and technology. This five week program brings together outstanding students from North and South America, Europe, Asia, Israel and elsewhere and is intended to challenge even the best students. Projects are conducted in the Technion's Faculties of Science, Engineering, Mathematics, Medicine and Architecture, and make use of world class research facilities. Students work individually or in small teams on a project of their choice, supervised by members of the Technion's research staff. Afternoons and evenings are devoted to social and cultural activities. Several tours are included in the program.

Grades: 11th - 12th

Cost: \$4,300

Phone: (516) 466-9500

Website: <http://www.scitech.technion.ac.il>

Tel Aviv University - InnovationIsrael 6/29 - 7/28

Tel Aviv

InnovationIsrael is a 4 week summer study program in Israel for American high school students and open to students from all over the world – during July following your sophomore, junior, or senior year. For 30 unforgettable days, you will experience creative academics of your choice at Tel Aviv University, exciting interactive visits at many of the most advanced places of innovation in the world, amazing trips off the beaten path, immersion in Israeli culture, and a life-lasting experience of friendship, fun, and discovery.

The afternoons for the first two weeks are dedicated to visits to sites of scientific, artistic or technological innovation, outings to the city for social and entertainment functions and sightseeing, providing choices for students to tailor the program to their interests. Visits to sites of innovation will also take place as we travel throughout the country. The interactive visits are planned in coordination with our staff to achieve a quality learning experience for our students.

Grade: 10th - 12th

Cost: \$2,800 not including flight to Israel

Phone: No phone - email: info@innovationisrael.org

Website: www.innovationisrael.org

USY "Classic" Wheels

6/28 - 8/12

United States

Spend six and a half weeks traveling coast to coast and experience North America, from sunrise on the rim of the Grand Canyon to pizza and blues in Chicago. Along the way, you'll meet the famous mouse at Disneyland, feel a mile high in Denver, eat some fiery Texas chili, and discover a rainbow of Redwoods, Yellowstone, and Blue Ridge Mountains, as you connect with the people and places of this great continent.

Grades: 9th - 11th

Cost: \$6,625

Phone: 212-533-7800

Website: www.usy.org/programs/escape

USY Eastern European/Israel Pilgrimage

6/29 - 8/9

Eastern Europe and Israel

In this six week program, you'll spend two weeks exploring the history and culture of Poland, the Czech Republic, and Hungary. Emphasis is placed on the past, present, and future of these extraordinary Jewish communities. After you experience Eastern Europe, spend four weeks of renewal exploring the length and breadth of Israel as you have a full Israel Pilgrimage experience.

Grades: 10th - 12th

Cost: \$8,484

Phone: 212-533-7800

Website: www.usy.org/programs/escape

USY Israel Adventure

6/29 - 7/29

Israel

Have an incredibly exciting and stimulating summer in Israel. For four weeks, you'll be exposed to the history and contemporary realities of Judaism and Israel. Climb the fortress of Masada, explore the stalactite caves of Netifim, swim in the waters of the Kinneret, pray at the Kotel, and drink tea in a Bedouin tent on the sands of the Negev desert. You'll experience these sights and sounds with new friends who will share your love of the Jewish homeland.

Grades: 10th - 12th

Cost: \$5,695

Phone: 212-533-7800

Website: www.usy.org/programs/escape

USY Israel Pilgrimage/Poland Seminar

6/20 - 7/25

7/28 - 8/3

Poland and Israel

Begin the summer with one week in Poland, visiting Warsaw, Cracow and Lublin, including the concentration camp sites of Auschwitz, Birkenau, Treblinka, Sobibor and Majdanek. You'll spend your time in Poland exploring and studying the Holocaust and history of Polish Jewry. After you experience Poland, spend five weeks of renewal exploring the length and breadth of Israel as you have a full Israel Pilgrimage experience.

Grades: 10th -12th

Cost: \$7,845

Phone: 212-533-7800

Website: www.usy.org/programs/escape

USY Italy/Israel Pilgrimage

6/29 - 8/2

Italy and Israel

Begin your experience with a week of travel in Italy learning about the history of Italian Jewry from the inside, exploring the amazing cities of Milan, Venice, Florence and Rome. You'll spend the final four weeks experiencing all that Israel has to offer.

Grades: 10th - 12th

Cost: \$8,365

Phone: 212-533-7800

Website: www.usy.org/programs/escape

USY on Wheels, East 6/29 - 7/27

East Coast of the
United States and
Canada

USY on Wheels, East — the newest USY on Wheels bus — will cover the East coast of the United States and Canada on an incredible four week adventure in Summer 2010. Open to current 8th graders, highlights of the program include: Toronto • New England • Cape Cod • Disney World • Washington, D.C. • Savannah, Ga. • Philadelphia • Kennedy Space Center • Touro Synagogue • Hockey Hall of Fame • Quincy Market • Howe Caverns • Virginia Beach • Norfolk Naval Base • Nashville Zoo • Great Lakes Science Center • and more!

Grade: 9th

Cost: \$4,795

Phone: 212-533-7800

Website: www.usy.org/programs/escape

USY on Wheels, Pacific Northwest 7/5 - 7/29

Pacific Northwest

A unique program of USY on Wheels, Pacific Northwest has a unique and exciting itinerary. Explore some of North America's most spectacular wonders of nature from Mount Rainier in Washington State to Banff and Lake Louise in the Province of Alberta, to the glaciers of Alaska. Capture the excitement of Seattle and the uniqueness of Vancouver, British Columbia, in a four week adventure that will leave you transformed

Grades: 10th - 12th

Cost: \$4,895

Phone: 212-533-7800

Website: www.usy.org/programs/escape

USY Summer in the City

6/27 - 7/25

New York City

This summer, USY in partnership with List College of the Jewish Theological Seminary, is proud to offer Summer in the City. For one month, participants can experience the best of all that New York City has to offer, both academically and culturally. You will learn from top instructors at the Jewish Theological Seminary and Barnard College, explore the rich culture and history of New York City during evenings and weekends, and experience Jewish New York, all with other teens your age in a program supervised by USY. Your USY staff will provide you with many opportunities to experience New York nightlife. Go see the Broadway show you've always wanted to see, go root for (or against) the Yankees and/or Mets, or go see an outdoor performance of Shakespeare.

Grades: 11th - 12th

Cost: \$6,240

Phone: 212-533-7800

Website: www.usy.org/programs/escape

USY Wheels, Mission: Mitzvah

6/19 -8/9

United States

USY on Wheels, Mission: Mitzvah has a full and exciting itinerary. Since this is still USY on Wheels, Mission Mitzvah Wheelniks will have an incredible time as they enjoy many of the same touring and sightseeing components as the "Classic" Wheels program. Mission: Mitzvah has a strong emphasis on service-learning that gives the Wheelniks a strong educational component directly related to the projects that they are doing. Each week has a different mitzvah theme, and that week all of the projects are directly related to that theme. Mission: Mitzvah Wheelniks participate in intensive social action projects in the communities they visit. Approximately one-third of the 45 day trip consists of various hands-on projects that directly impact the community and people they meet and of projects that help improve the community and living situations.

Grades: 9th - 11th

Cost: \$6,625

Phone: 212-533-7800

Website: www.usy.org/programs/escape

Volunteers for Israel - International
Youth Program

6/13 - 7/1

7/4 - 7/22

Israel

This program offers volunteers the opportunity to work on military bases performing non-combat civilian support duties such as packing medical supplies, repairing machinery and equipment, preparing meals, painting and otherwise maintaining the base. Volunteers work side-by-side with the young men and women of IDF (Israel Defense Forces) to help Israel shoulder its defense burden.

The standard program is a 3-week commitment, beginning on scheduled start dates year-round. Volunteers are housed in barracks on a base, and receive 3 kosher meals per day. Work uniforms and boots are provided.

Grades: 12th Grade and up (must be 17 years old)

Cost: \$90 plus air fair to Israel

Phone: 610-617-4048

Website: www.vfi-usa.org

Young Judaea – Etgar

6/27 - 7/1

7/14 - 8/6

Israel

This program is designed for those who have a shorter period of time to spend in Israel this summer. Experience Young Judaea's Etgar program and spend three weeks immersed in Israeli society and culture. Meet Israeli teenagers, gain a better understanding of the dynamic Middle East, hike, sightsee, kayak, explore, and more!

Grades: 10th - 12th

Cost: \$3,990

Phone: 800-725-0612

Website: www.youngjudaea.org

Young Judaea - Mediterranean
Discovery Israel

6/27-8/4

Spain, Morocco, Italy
and Israel

Participants explore their Jewish roots and world famous destinations in Morocco, Spain, and Italy for 2 weeks before arriving in Israel for a comprehensive 3 1/2 week program.

Grades: 10th - 12th

Cost: \$9,700

Phone: 800-725-0612

Website: www.youngjudaea.org

Young Judaea - Nitzanim

6/30 - 8/4

Israel

Discover Israel from North to South and West to East. You'll visit the major and some off-the-beaten path sites of historic, spiritual and archaeological significance. Nitzanim participants will have the unique experience of being immersed in the rich culture of Israel. During this extensive 5 week program participants will have plenty of time to explore the ins and outs of the land of Israel, Israeli society and culture, and gain a deeper understanding of the life of an Israeli. This program is differentiated from the others by its length of time in Israel and the depth of the experiences with her land and people.

Grades: 10th - 12th

Cost: \$6,700

Phone: 800-725-0612

Website: www.youngjudaea.org

Young Judaea -Ma'apilim

6/27 - 8/4

Italy and Israel

Ma'apilim participants will fly from New York to Rome, where the program will begin. Through tours and meetings with members of the Italian Jewish community, participants will learn about the rich history of Italian Jewry. The program explores the Second Temple period through the mid-20th century when Roman Jews collaborated with American volunteers to smuggle European Jewish refugees into Palestine. In Florence, participants will enjoy charming outdoor cafes and visit the renowned Jewish museum and the Florence synagogue, thought to be one of the most beautiful in Europe. Following Florence, participants will travel to the Fossoli Concentration Camp. Fossoli operated for seven months in 1944, until its Jewish and political prisoners were deported to other camps.

The journey continues in Venice, which was once one of the most important Jewish communities in Northern Italy. In Venice, participants will visit sites within and outside of the Jewish ghetto, including the Piazza San Marco and Venice's five synagogues. Sites in Rome, Florence, and Venice include: The Vatican, St. Peter's Cathedral, The Sistine Chapel, The Spanish Steps, Pantheon, Rome's Central Synagogue, the Florence and Venice synagogues, Roman Forum, the Jewish ghettos of Venice and Rome, the Jewish Museums in Venice and Florence, and the Fossoli Concentration Camp.

Participants then fly to Israel for a 4 1/2 week comprehensive program.

Grades: 10th - 12th

Cost: \$7,600

Phone: 800-725-0612

Website: www.youngjudaea.org