

TRY SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

TRY National Scholarship

In keeping with TRY's mission to share the experience of Israel with as many students as possible, TRY has established a need-based, national scholarship fund.

Deadline to apply: November 15. Scholarship application can be found on the TRY website.

Funding Sources

Below is a list of various sources for potential scholarship funding that TRY participants have received in previous years. The goal of this resource is to provide prospective TRY participants information about organizations within their geographic region that have offered scholarships in the past. We do our best to provide accurate material and information from each source.

Community Scholarships

Most communities offer teen Israel travel scholarships through their local Jewish Federation or through other Jewish educational agencies. In most cases, these community funds are available only for the teens in the areas that they serve. TRY meets the criteria to qualify for most of these scholarships. We have included a list of specific communities that offer such scholarships at the end of this letter. If you do not find your hometown in the list below, check out the [National Federation Directory](#).

Due to the nature of changes in funding and resources, we do not guarantee accuracy of the information provided nor guarantee eligibility as almost all sources are independently managed and have no connection to TRY.

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. Departments that often have scholarship available include but are not limited to: General Scholarship Fund, Rabbi Discretionary Fund, Sisterhood, Brotherhood, and Israel Committee & Youth Department.

Local Jewish Organizations

Some other local Jewish organizations may have scholarships available. Here are some potential sources in your community that are worth exploring:

*Local Federation and Community Foundations often provide scholarships and/or matching grants to participants for programs in Israel. Please remember to check your local agency to determine if you have put aside money in Passport-to Israel or Skip type programs.

*Occasionally, applicants can receive stipends in advance of their trip to Israel in exchange for a time commitment to work in their local synagogue, Hebrew school, and/or youth program upon the applicant's return from Israel. Please contact your rabbi or your youth director regarding possible employment.

*There are synagogues who offer scholarships to the grandchildren of congregants no matter where the grandchild lives.

*If a child goes to Israel with a Ramah Program (8th grade trip, Confirmation class...), s/he will receive a small stipend towards their participation on TRY. Please send a copy of the "coupon" to the NY office or contact the accountant at 212 280 6137.

*Several local businesses in your area may offer “study abroad” grants. Write a letter to the businesses of family friends explaining the TRY program and request a grant or scholarship.

You can also explore:

- Jewish National Fund (JNF)
- Local Holocaust Museum
- Jewish Community Center (JCC)
- Jewish Council for Youth Services (JCYS)
- Jewish Family Services (JFS)
- Bureau of Jewish Education (BJE)

Plant Your Way to Israel - Jnf.org/PYW

JNF has developed an innovative program that will help teens save money for a trip to Israel and at the same time raise money for the greening of Israel. To sign up for the program, go to JNF.org/pyw.

Search 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.

Do you know of a scholarship not listed or have updated information? Please let us know and we will post the information for others who are seeking funding.

TRY Scholarship Fund:

Please explore the above funding sources. **If scholarship is still required**, complete our scholarship application and submit the following information: (All information will be kept confidential)

- A. Copy of your Federal Tax Return and W-2 and/or K-1 forms.
- B. Parents are encouraged to write a short letter explaining any special circumstances and send it with the scholarship application.

Upon completion, submit your application **no later November 15**, to:

Jeff Goodman, Chairperson, Scholarship Committee
Ramah Programs in Israel
3080 Broadway
New York, NY 10027
Or fax it to 212 504 0858
(all applications are completely confidential)

UJA/Jewish Federation offices

Alabama

Birmingham

Award Name: Israel Scholarship

Qualifying Type: Need-based and must live in Birmingham

Contact: Sally Friedman

Phone: 205.879.0416

Email: sallyf@bjf.org

Arizona

Phoenix

Award Name: The Harold and Jean Grossman Israel Experience Scholarship Fund

Qualifying Type: First-come/first-serve

Award Name: Gift of Israel Savings Program

Qualifying Type: Matching

Award Name: La-Aretz Scholarship Fund

Qualifying Type: Need-based

Contact: Shahar Edry

Phone: 480.483.7121 x1109

Email: israelcenter@jewishphoenix.org

Southern Arizona

Award Name: Goldman Family Israel Scholarship

Qualifying Type: Multiple, through a sponsor

Contact: Allie London

Phone 520.57.0388

Email: grants@jctucson.org

California

East Bay

Award Name: Israel Trips Financial Aid

Qualifying Type: Need-based

Contact: Jessi Norris

Phone: 510.318.6411

Email: jessi@jfed.org

Los Angeles

Award Name: Israel Incentive Partnership Grants

Qualifying Type: Multiple

Contact: Nina Patchak

Phone: 323.761.8320

Email: npatchak@jewishla.org

Award Name: Jewish Interest Free Loan Association

Qualifying Type: Multiple - Interest free loan

Contact: Natalie Fainberg

Phone: 323.761.8830 x109

Email: Natalie@jfla.org

www.jewishla.org/lajewishteen

Orange County

Award Name: Passport to Jewish Life

Qualifying Type: Multiple

Contact: Kathleen Mellon

Email: kathleen@jffs.org

San Diego

Award Name: Israel Youth Travel Scholarship Fund

Qualifying Type: Need-based

Contact: Dana Mekler

Phone: 858.737.7132

Email: danam@jewishfederationsandiego.org

San Francisco – Peninsula, Marin and Sonoma Counties

Israel Experience scholarship

Email: [Lisa Pavlovsky](mailto:Lisa.Pavlovsky@jewishfederationsandiego.org), Scholarship Program Manager

San Gabriel and Pomona Valleys, California

Award Name: Israel Scholarship

Qualifying Type: Need-based

Contact: Jason Moss

Phone: 626.445.0810

Email: jmoss@jewishsgpv.org

Santa Barbara

Award Name: Israel Scholarship

Qualifying Type: Need-based

Contact: David Harris

Phone: 805.957.1115

Email: info@sbjf.org

San Diego

Award Name: Israel Travel Scholarship

Qualifying Type: Multiple

Contact: Nicole Patolai

Email: nicolep@jewishfederationsandiego.org

Colorado

Denver

Award Name: Teen/Young Adult Israel Travel Subsidy

Qualifying Type: Subsidy

Contact: Michal Uziyahu

Phone: 303.316.6472

Email: muziyahu@Jewishcolorado.org

Connecticut

Danbury

Award Name: Teen Israel Experience program

Qualifying Type: Need-based

Amount: Varies

Contact: Cathy Goldenberg

Phone: 203.792.6353

Email: cathy.jfdanbury@sbcglobal.net

New Haven

Award Name: Israel Scholarship

Qualifying Type: Need-based, must reside within Greater new Haven catchment

Contact: Sydney Perry

Phone: 203.387.2424 x302

Email: sperry@jewishnewhaven.org

Delaware

Award Name: [Gilbert J. Spiegel Memorial Scholarship](#)

Qualifying Type: Multiple (leadership)

Award Name: [Isadore and Ruth Reitzes Jewish Education Fund](#)

Qualifying Type: Multiple

Award Name: [Jewish Study Fund](#)

Qualifying Type: Multiple

Contact: Gina Kozicki

Phone: 302.427.2100 x20

Email: scholarships@shalomdel.org

District of Columbia

Washington, DC

Award Name: [Israel Quest Scholarship](#)

Qualifying Type: need-based

Contact: Marla Hurwitz

Phone: 301.348.7357

Email: Marla.Hurwitz@shalomdc.org

Florida

Central Florida

Award Name: The Ronald Colman Israel <https://files.ctctcdn.com/3092a758001/a55930e2-2945-49da-9312-4b5b360859ef.pdf> Travel Scholarship

Qualifying Type: Multiple

Contact: Lisa Sholk

Phone: 407.645.5933x233

Jacksonville

Award Name: Joan Levin Gift of Israel Program

Qualifying Type - Merit

Contact: Jill Abel
Phone: 904.448.5000 x200
Email: jilla@jewishjacksonville.org

Miami

Award Name: Israel Programs Scholarship
Qualifying Type: Need Based

Contact: Dahlia Bendavid
Phone: 305.576.4000 x445
Email: dbendavid@gmif.org

Palm Beach County

Award Name: B'nai Mitzvah Vouchers and Israel Incentive Grants
Qualifying Type: Merit

Award Name: Israel Scholarship
Qualifying Type: Need-based

Please Note: Boynton Beach North-Marin county residents only (Del Ray and Boca Raton are not eligible)

Contact: Wendy Stahl
Phone: 561.615.4939
Email: wendy.stahl@jewishpalmbeach.org

Georgia

Atlanta

Award Name: Passport To Israel
Qualifying Type: Bar/Bat Mitzvahed in Atlanta

Contact: Tyler Brown
Phone: 678.510.1160
Email: tbrown@jfga.org

Augusta

Award Name: The Annette Barton Fund
Qualifying Type: Non-Need Based

Contact: Leah Ronen
Phone: 706.228.3636
Email: augustafed1@knology.net

Illinois

Chicago

Award Name: Israel Experience
Qualifying Type: Multiple

Contact: Mandy Weiss
Phone: 312.444.2895
Email: Israelexperience@juf.org

Indiana

Indianapolis

Award Name: Joe & Sylvia Rothbard Family Israel Youth Experience Scholarship

Qualifying Type: Need-based

Award Name: Send a Kid to Israel Partnership – SKIP

Qualifying Type: Matching

Award Name: Israel Youth Experience

Qualifying Type: Multiple

Contact: Inna Kolesnikova

Phone: 317.726.5450

Email: Israelscholarsip@jfgi.org

Kansas

Kansas City

Award Name: Guardian Foundation scholarships

Qualifying Type: Need-based

Contact: Alan Edelman

Phone: 913.327.8104

Email: Alane@jewishkc.org

Wichita

Award Name: Israel Scholarship

Qualifying Type: Multiple, family must live in South/Central Kansas and participate in annual campaign

Contact: Sandy Diel

Phone: 316.686.4741

Email: sdiel@mkjf.org

Kentucky

Lexington

Award Name: Scholarships for Israel Experience

Qualifying Type: First-Come/First Serve basis

Contact: Judy Wortman

Phone: 859.268.0672

Email: jfb@jewishlexington.org

Louisville

Award Name: Louisville March of the Living Scholarship

Qualifying Type: Merit Based

Award Name: Israel Travel Scholarship

Contact: Mike Steklof

Phone: 502.238.2755

Email: msteklof@jewishlouisville.org

Louisiana

New Orleans

Award Name: Gift of Israel
Qualifying Type: matching Savings Programs

Contact: Mary Lillich
Phone: 504.780.5600
Email: giftofisrael@jewishnola.com

North Louisiana

Award Name: Jewish Youth Scholarship
Qualifying Type: Need Base

Contact: Susan Gross
Phone: 318-868-1200
Email: sgross@JewishNLA.org

Maryland

Baltimore

Award Name: Community Fund for Israel Experiences Scholarship
Qualifying Type: Need-based

Contact: Reena Roshgadol
Phone: 410.735.5024
Email: CFIE@cjebaltimore.org

Massachusetts

Attleboro

Award Name: Israel Study Travel Grands and Scholarships
Qualifying Type: Multiple

Contact: Elanah Chassen
Phone: 401.421.4111x140
Email: echassen@jewishallianceri.org

Berkshire County

Award Name: Israel Scholarship
Qualifying Type: First-come/first-serve

Contact: Dara Kaufman
Phone: 413.442.4360 x12
Email: Dara.Kaufman@verizon.net

Boston and North Shore

Award Name: Israel Teen Travel Scholarship
Qualifying Type: Need-based

Award Name: [Israel Teen Travel Financial Aid](#)
Qualifying Type: Need-based

Contact: Stacey Gainey
Phone: 617.457.8500x694
Email: staceyg@cjp.org

Merrimack Valley

Award Name: Israel Scholarship
Qualifying Type: Multiple

Contact: Laurie Mindlin
Phone: 978.688.0466
Email: laurie@mvjf.org

New Bedford

Award Name: Harvey Friedland Israel Youth Experience Memorial Fund & Evelyn Rosen Youth Israel Travel Fund
Qualifying Type: Multiple

Contact: Amir cohen
Phone: 508.997.7471
Email: Amir@jewishnewbedford.org

North Shore

Award Name: Israel Scholarship
Qualifying Type: Multiple

Contact: Laura Shulman Brochstein
Phone: 978.224.4095
Email: laurasb@jfns.org

Springfield

Award Name: Israel Scholarship
Qualifying Type: Multiple

Contact: Michelle Lancto
Phone: 413.732.9994
Email: mlancto@jewishwesternmass.org

Western MA

Award Name: Israel Travel and Study Grand
Qualifying Type: Must live in Western MA

Contact: Harold Grinspoon Foundation
Phone: 413.276.0700
Email: gti@hgf.org

Michigan

Ann Arbor

Award Name: The Susan L. Lichter Memorial Endowed Israel Scholarship Fund
Qualifying Type: Merit-based

Award Name: Israel Experience Subsidies
Qualifying Type: Multiple

Contact: Rabbi Ilana Baden
Phone: 734.677.0100
Email: ilana@jewishannarbor.org

Detroit

Award Name: Get There!
Qualifying Type: Multiple

Contact: Jacob Allen
Phone: 248.203.1467
Email: allen@jfmd.org

Minnesota

Minneapolis

Award Name: The Louis Herman Israel Experience Fund
Qualifying Type: Multiple

Award Name: Israel Center Scholarship Fund
Qualifying Type: Need-based

Contact: Andrea Nadel
Phone: 952.417.2334
Email: anadel@mplsfed.org

St. Paul

Award Name: Israel Experience Scholarships
Qualifying Type: Multiple

Contact: Sharyn Effress-Pesses
Phone: 651.695.3186
Email: spesses@stpaulfed.org

Missouri

St. Louis

Award Name: Stuart I. Pessin Award
Qualifying Type: Merit-based

Award Name: Israel Scholarship
Qualifying Type: Need-based
Amount: Varies

Award Name: Israel Travel Grants
Qualifying Type: None

Contact: Karen Rader
Phone: 314.442.3756
Email: krader@cajestl.org

Nebraska

Omaha

Award Name: Israel Experience Grant
Qualifying Type: One time, non-need based

Award Name: Israel Scholarship
Qualifying Type: Need-based

Contact: Mary Sue Grossman
Phone: 402.334.6445
Email: mgrossman@jewishomaha.org

Nevada

Las Vegas

Award Name: Jewish Federation of Las Vegas Scholarship
Qualifying Type: Merit-based

Contact: Tracy Aparicio
Phone: 702.732.0556
Email: Tracy@jewishlasvegas.com

New Hampshire

Award Name: Irving and Bernice Singer Israel Experience Fund
Qualifying Type: Non-Need Based

Phone: 603.627.7679
Email: office@jewishnh.org

New Jersey

Metrowest

Award Name: Passport to Israel
Qualifying Type: Multiple
Eligibility: Must reside in Sussex, Morris, Essex, Union, or part of Somerset County

Contact: Justine Reuben
Phone: 973.929.3054
Email: israelprograms@ifedgmw.org

Middlesex County

Award Name: Israel Teen Grants
Qualifying Type: Multiple

Award Name: Anne & Herbert Goldstein Fund for Youth Travel
Qualifying Type: Competitive

Contact: Meryl Harris
Phone: 732.588.1810
Email: mharris@if-gmc.org

Monmouth County

Award Name: Israel Scholarship
Qualifying Type: Need-based

Contact: Joann Abraham
Phone: 732.866.4300
Email: Abraham.joann@gmail.com

Southern New Jersey

Award Name: Freda & Sam Yacker Israel Experience Award

Qualifying Type: Multiple

Contact: Amy Milgrim

Phone: 856.673.2541

Email: Amilgrim@jfedsnj.org

Award Name: Saltzman Future Leadership Program

Qualifying Type: Need-based

Award Name: Teen Israel Experiences

Qualifying Type: Need-based

Award Name: BJB Youth Fund

Qualifying Type: Need-based

Contact: Rabbi Jon Kleinman

Phone: 856.751.9500x1091

Email: jkleinman@jfedsnj.org

New Mexico

Award Name: Israel Experience Grant

Qualifying Type: Need-based

Contact: Sam Sokolove

Phone: 505.821.3214

Email: sam@Jewishnewmexico.org

New York

Albany & Northeastern New York Community

Award Name: Jewish Enrichment Scholarship

Qualifying Type: Need-based

Locations: Albany, Schenectady, Troy, Glens Falls, Columbia and Greene counties

Contact: Deborah Chapman Goldstein

Phone: 518.783.7800 x 230

Email: dgoldstein@jewishfedny.org

Award Name: The Israel Experience Program

Qualifying Type: Matching

Contact: Marci Galinkin

Phone: 518.783.7800 x 239

Email: mgalinkin@jewishfedny.org

Buffalo

Award Name: Israel Scholarship

Qualifying Type: Need-based

Contact: Lisa Collins

Phone: 877.933.6369

Email: Lisa@jewishphilanthropies.org

New York (NYC, Westchester & Long Island)

TRY Scholarship Fund – works in conjunction with UJA/NY Federation.

Qualifying Type: Need-based

Contact: Judy Greene

Phone: 212 678 8883

Email: Ramahisrael@campramah.org

Orange County

Award Name: The Jack and Jessica Blinkoff Scholarship

Qualifying Type: Competitive

Amount: Full cost of an Israel trip

Award Name: Youth 2 Israel

Qualifying Type: Need Based

Contact: Sharon Ball

Phone: 845.562.7860

Email: Sharon@jewishorangeny.org

Rochester

Award Name: Gift of Israel Incentive Savings Fund

Qualifying Type: Matching

Award Name: Israel Teen Scholarship

Qualifying Type: Need-based

Contact: Richard Gordon

Phone: 585.461.0490 x8637

Email: rgordon@jewishrochester.org

Syracuse

Award Name: Israel Scholarship&Grant

Qualifying Type: Multiple

Contact: Judith Stander

Phone: 315.445.2040 x114

Email: jstander@jewishfederationcny.org

North Carolina

Charlotte

Award Name: Gorelick Teens to Israel Scholarship

Qualifying Type: First-come/first serve

Contact: Tal Stein

Phone: 704.944.6751

Email: Tal.stein@jewishcharlotte.org

Durham-Chapel Hill

Award Name: Sara & E.J. Evans Israel Experience Scholarship

Qualifying Type: Merit

Contact: Susan Levy
Phone: 919.354.4955
Email: slevy@shalomdch.org

Greensboro

Award Name: Greensboro's Israel Experience Grant Program

Qualifying Type: Non-need-based

Contact: Rachel Wolf
Phone: 336.852.5433 x229
Email: rwolf@shalomgreensboro.org

Award Name: Jacke W. and Lottie K. Samet Israel Experience Scholarship Fund

Qualifying Type: Need Based, First Peer Experience to Israel

Contact: Betsy Gamburg
Phone: 336.852.4829 x222
Email: bgamburg@shalomgreensboro.org

Ohio

Akron

Award Name: The Israel Incentive Savings Program (IISP)

Qualifying Type: Matching

Award Name: Ted Marks Scholarship Fund
Qualifying Type: Merit
Amount: Varies

Contact: Josh Mantel
Phone: 330.869.2424
Email: Josh_Mantel@shawjcc.org

Cincinnati

Award Name: Israel Travel Grants
Qualifying Type: None

Contact: Karyn Zimerman
Phone: 513.985.1534
Email: Kzimerman@jfedcin.org

Cleveland

Award Name: Jewish Identity and Israel Travel Program Scholarship
Qualifying Type: Need-based

Award Name: Gift of Israel
Qualifying Type: Matching

Contact: Helen Wolf
Phone: 216.371.0449
Email: hwolf@jecc.org

Columbus

Award Name: Israel Experience

Qualifying Type: Incentive-based/Need-Based

Contact: Elana Polster

Phone: 614.559.3227

Email: epolster@tcjf.org

Toledo

Award Name: Jewish Experience Fund

Qualifying Type: Multiple

Award Name: 1000 for 10 Teen Fund

Qualifying Type: Multiple

Contact: Barb Hager

Phone: 419.724.0357

Email: Barb@jewishtoledo.org

Contact: Arleen Levine

Phone: 419.724.0355

Email: Arleen@jewishtoledo.org

Oregon

Portland

Award Name: Teen Israel Experience program

Qualifying Type: Merit-based

Amount: Up to \$4,000 or 80% of the program

Contact: Your Congregational Rabbi

Pennsylvania

Lehigh Valley

Award Name: Teen Experience Scholarship

Qualifying Type: Incentive grant

Contact: Mark Goldstein

Phone: 610.821.5500

Email: markg@jflv.org

Award Name: Visit Israel Savings Partnership

Qualifying Type: Matching

Contact: Abby Trachtman

Phone: 610.821.5500

Email: abbyt@jflv.org

Philadelphia

Award Name: Passport to Israel Incentive Savings Fund

Qualifying Type: Matching

Award Name: Israel Scholarship

Qualifying Type: Need-based

Contact: Pam Pearlmutter

Phone: 215.832.0837

Email: ppearlmutter@ifgp.org

Pittsburgh

Award Name: Israel Scholarships Program

Qualifying Type: Incentive

Award Name: Passport to Israel

Qualifying Type: Matching

Contact: Debbie Swartz

Phone: 412.992.5208

Email: dswartz@jefedpgh.org

Rhode Island

Award Name: Israel Study Travel Grants and Scholarships

Qualifying Type: Multiple

Contact: Elanah Chassen

Phone: 401.421.4111x140

Email: echassen@jewshallianceri.org

Tennessee

Memphis

Award Name: Lemsky Endowment Fund Israel Experience Grant

Qualifying Type: Multiple

Contact: Bluma Zuckerbrot-Finkelstein

Phone: 901.767.7100

Email: bzuckerbrot-finkelstein@memifed.org

Nashville

Award Name: Mary & Harry Zimmerman Youth Exchange Endowment Fund

Qualifying Type: Multiple

Award Name: Israel Incentive Grant

Qualifying Type: Multiple

Contact: Michelle Faulkner

Phone: 615.354.1624

Email: Michelle@jewishnashville.org

Texas

Austin

Award Name: Israel Experience Scholarship

Qualifying Type: First-come/First-serve

Contact: Dana Epstein
Phone: 512.735.8008
Email: dana.epstein@shalomaustin.org

Dallas

Award Name: Israel Scholarship
Qualifying Type: Need-based

Contact: Sarah Golman
Phone: 214.615.5275
Email: sgolman@jfgd.org

Houston

Award Name: Israel Scholarship
Qualifying Type: Need-based

Contact: Paulette Walden
Phone: 713.729.7000 x 309
Email: pwalden@houstonjewish.org

San Antonio

Award Name: Israel Scholarship
Qualifying Type: Enrolled in Chai High Program

Contact: Tiffany Bockerstette
Phone: 210.302.6960
Email: lbockerstette@jfsatx.org

Vermont

Grants to Individuals: Israel Travel and Study
Qualifying Type: Must live in Southern Vermont (Windham and Bennington counties)

Contact Harold Grinspoon Foundation
Phone: 413.736.2552
Email: gti@ghf.org

Virginia

Richmond

Award Name: Richmond Jewish Foundation Greenberg Israel Scholarship fund
Qualifying Type: Need Based

Contact: Joice Burnette
Phone: 804.545.8628
Email: Joyce@rjfoundation.org

Award Name: Israel Scholarship
Qualifying Type: None

Contact: Sara Rosenbaum
Phone: 804.545.8629
Email: srosenbaum@jewishrichmond.org

Washington

Seattle

Award Name: Teen Israel Scholarship

Qualifying Type: Need-based

Contact: Benjamina Menashe

Phone: 206.774.2227

Email: BenjaminaM@jewishinseattle.org

Wisconsin

Milwaukee

Award Name: Passport to Israel

Qualifying Type: Need-based

Contact: Rabbi Hannah Greenstein

Phone: 414.390.5764

Email: hannahg@milwaukeejewish.org

Award Name: Milwaukee Jewish Community Foundation Camp Scholarships

Qualifying Type: Need-based

Contact: Jen Vettrus

Phone: 414.390.5722

Email: jenv@milwaukeejewish.org

Canada

Vancouver, British Columbia

Award Name: Israel Scholarship

Qualifying Type: Need-based

Contact: Shelley Goldberg

Phone: 604.257.5100

Email: sgoldberg@jewishvancouver.com

Mercaz-Canada Scholarship

Contact: Rabbi Jennifer Gorman

Phone: 416. 667.1717

Email: info@masorti-mercaz.ca