



Join the Global Jewish Pen Pal Program

The outbreak of the Coronavirus served as a catalyst for starting this program. The need was seen for this type of program for a while and with everyone stuck at home in social isolation, this was the perfect time to begin it. Everyone could use some human connection right now and it is a great chance to learn about Jewish life in other countries. Yet, the Coronavirus will not be the end of this program. Long after the Coronavirus is gone the hope is that pen pals will continue to be in touch and that this program will continue to create matches – and do more than that. Further developments are on the way to prompt and motivate pen pals to stay connected to one another.

The Global Jewish Pen Pal Program uses four main criteria I match people from all over the world together:

- 1) Pen Pals must be from two different countries
- 2) Pen Pals must be around similar ages
- 3) Pen Pals must have signed up for the same form of communication (i.e. to have a virtual Pen Pal, or to have a Pen-Pal to write handwritten letters with)
- 4) Similar interests/places in life (i.e. students, lawyers, etc.) are taken into consideration

All ages are welcome to participate in the Global Jewish Pen Pal Program. So far, there are over 165 people ranging from 9 years old to 77 years old, signed up from 18 countries. Some people get matched instantly, and others, it takes weeks to match. It's a process that looks different for every person but upon receiving a match, that waiting process will be so worth it.

For those interested in being matched with a Jewish Pen Pal in another country, please fill out the following [form](#).