



Gift of Israel Fact Sheet

Cooperative Savings Plan to Send Your Child to Israel

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- Gift of Israel is a cooperative program in which families, synagogues, and the Jewish Federation of Southern New Jersey join together to provide funds toward educational programs in Israel for participating students.
 - Gift of Israel enables students to have an Israel experience as a highlight of their Jewish education.
 - In our community, a child is eligible for enrollment in the Gift of Israel Program in grades 3-6.
 - Gift of Israel participants may use their funds toward any authorized supervised trip of ten days or more, such as a Confirmation or teen summer trip. Alternatively, a Gift of Israel participant may use the money for a semester of college study in Israel or young adult Israel experience.
 - Children must be enrolled in Jewish education through tenth grade and they and the family *must* also remain members of a synagogue in good standing.
 - The family deposits \$150 in the first year, and between \$100 and \$150 in the account each year thereafter (up until 10th grade). This varies depending on synagogue. Families may add more, but only the \$150 is eligible for the match.
 - The synagogue contributes a minimum of \$50 each year (local synagogues do vary in their match).
 - The Jewish Federation of Southern New Jersey provides a match of \$100 per year per child for a maximum of seven years on behalf of the families who also contribute funds.
 - The family's contribution, Jewish Federation and synagogue funds are deposited in accounts administered by the Jewish Community Foundation, Inc., a supporting organization of the Jewish Federation of Southern NJ.
 - A \$50 one-time local registration fee is required of families for each child.
 - If a family withdraws from the program, the family is refunded the monies they have deposited to date. The matching funds are forfeited.
 - Families must remain in good standing with their synagogues' in order to receive the matching contributions for the duration of the enrollment.

Any questions, please email goi@jfedsnj.org or call 856-751-9500