



The Jewish Federation
OF SOMERSET, HUNTERDON & WARREN COUNTIES

GIFT OF ISRAEL PROGRAM FACT SHEET

A Cooperative Savings Plan to Send Your Child to Israel

Gift of Israel (the “Program”) is a cooperative savings program in which families, synagogues and The Jewish Federation of Somerset, Hunterdon & Warren Counties (the “Federation”) 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 3-9.

Gift of Israel participants may use their funds toward an authorized and supervised Hebrew Day School or Congregation School class trip to Israel of at least 10 days, or a summer program in Israel of at least 3 weeks, or a gap year program in Israel, or a study abroad program at an Israeli university or college, or a post college program in Israel for young adults (prior to age 24).

Children must be enrolled in a program of Jewish education through 10th grade and they and their families must also remain members in good standing of a participating synagogue for the duration of the enrollment in the Program, in order to receive the matching contributions.

The family deposits with the Federation \$50 in the first year, and at least \$50 in the account each year thereafter (up until 10th grade), for a maximum of 7 years (grades 3 through 9). Families may add more than \$50, but only \$50 annually is eligible for the Federation match.

The participating synagogue contributes a minimum of \$50 each year (although local synagogues may increase the amount of their match).

The Federation provides a match of \$50 per year per child for a maximum of 7 years (during grades 3 through 9) on behalf of families and synagogues who also contribute at least that amount annually.

The family’s contributions are deposited into a separate account administered by the Federation.

The synagogue’s matching contributions are maintained by the individual synagogue.

A \$72 one-time non-refundable registration fee to the Federation is required of families for each child in order to be enrolled in the program.

The family’s annual contribution and the Federation’s match are paid by the Federation to the organization sponsoring the Israel experience. The synagogue’s match is paid by the synagogue to the organization sponsoring the Israel experience.

If a family withdraws from the Program or does not use the funds in accordance with the Program, the family is refunded the annual contributions that it has deposited with the Federation to date. The matching funds from the Federation and from the synagogue are forfeited.