

The Teen Israel Experience grant is for rising juniors and seniors in high school. Your child is eligible for a grant of up to \$3000. Please answer questions below to start the application process.

Parents, you may fill out the application yourself, or ask your child to do so. In either case, your child will need to complete the teen impact questions on the last page.

Please save your answers and email to LemskyGrants@jcpmemphis.org and for any assistance.

Student Information

Name:

Address:

Phone number:

E-mail address:

Gender:

Date of birth: (MM/DD/YYYY)

Parent/Guardian 1 Information

Name:

Address (if different from student):

Cell phone number:

E-mail address:

Parent/Guardian 2 Information

Name:

Address (if different from student):

Cell phone number:

E-mail address:

What is your child's current grade level?

10th Grade

11th Grade

Where does your child go to high school?

What is the name of the Israel program your child will be participating in? Please enter full name of organization and program (ex. "BBYO March of the Living," not "March of the Living," or "NFTY L'Dor V'Dor," not "NFTY").

What are the dates of the program?

What is your family synagogue affiliation? Please select all that apply.

ASBEE

Beth Sholom

Or Chadash

Young Israel

Baron Hirsch

Chabad

Temple Israel

None

Has your child ever been to Israel? Please select all that apply.

Yes, on a private family trip

Yes, with family on an organized group such as a synagogue mission

Yes, on a school trip

Yes, with a youth or teen program

No, never

Has your child attended a Jewish summer camp?

Yes

No

List camp(s) and year(s) of affiliation:

Is your child a current or former participant in a Jewish youth group, such as BBYO, NCSY, NFTY or USY?

Yes

No

List youth group(s) and year(s) of participation:

Has anyone in your family received a Lemsky grant for a teen or young adult program in Israel?

Yes

No

List relative's name, name of Israel program, and the year they received the grant:

Teen Israel Experience grants are offered to all eligible Memphis Jewish families regardless of financial means. Limited additional needs-based funding is also available. Are you interested in applying for needs-based funding?

All information will be kept strictly confidential. If yes, then we will email you the application

Yes

No

Participant Responsibilities

Parents, please initial below each grant requirement to confirm that you understand and will comply.

Lemsky Teen Israel Experience grantees will contribute 15 hours of service to the Jewish community. These hours may be fulfilled in any of Memphis' Jewish service agencies, congregations, schools and youth groups. Hours performed in the broader Memphis community may count if they are completed under the auspices of a Jewish organization. Hours must be performed in the academic year immediately preceding the summer of the Israel program.

****Requirements During the Pandemic 2020-2021****

Lemsky Teen Israel Experience grantees will contribute **5 hours of service** to the Jewish community. These hours may be fulfilled in any of Memphis' Jewish service agencies, congregations, schools and youth groups. Hours performed in the broader Memphis community may count if they are completed under the auspices of a Jewish organization. Hours must be performed in the academic year immediately preceding the summer of the Israel program. **I understand that these service hours must be completed before funds will be disbursed, and that my child will need to collect signatures from community service organizers certifying their participation.**

Grantees and their parents/guardians must attend a pre-trip Israel Orientation Session in the spring. There will be a choice of two session dates for each group. **I understand that attendance at one session each is mandatory for funds to be disbursed.**

Upon return from Israel, grantees will write an essay/newspaper article (approx 500 words), reflecting on their summer experience. Essays should describe your child's Israel program, their personal experiences in Israel, and their feelings about Israel. **Essays are due by September 13, 2021.** Along with the article, your child should submit (as a jpg file), 3 photos of himself/herself in Israel with an explanatory caption. The caption should identify any other people in the photo and also note where in Israel the photo was taken. **I will ensure that my child submits an essay and photos when they return from Israel.**

You and your child will also be asked to answer questions about the impact of the program when they return from Israel. As above, the data will be confidential and any reporting that we do will not be linked to your name/your child's name. **I commit to answering these questions honestly and thoughtfully and will ensure that my child does the same.**

I agree to the following: My child will fulfill the participant's agreement. My child's article and photo from their Israel trip may be published in print and online publications and posted on MJF's web site. If my child is sent home from Israel for disciplinary reasons or decides to leave the program early, I will reimburse MJF for the full amount of the grant. I understand that Memphis Jewish Federation is only providing a grant. MJF has no control, responsibility, or liability for the content or quality of any program or for any injury or accident a participant may suffer during the Israel tour. I hereby release MJF from any and all responsibility or liability for any such injury or accident, and agree to defend and indemnify Memphis Jewish Federation with respect hereto.

Memphis Jewish Federation is providing you with a grant to help offset the costs of your child's program in Israel. Do you feel that the requirements of the grant are fair and reasonable?

Yes, they are fair

No, it feels like a burden

Not sure

I certify that my child's permanent address is in the Greater Memphis area and that all above information is correct.

Parent Signature:

Date:

Teen Impact Questions

FOR YOUR CHILD: The following data is collected in order to measure the impact of Israel programs. The answers given will not determine eligibility for grant funding. Please ask your child to answer honestly. All information is confidential and will not be linked to your name.

1) How important is Israel to you?

Extremely important; I care about Israel a great deal and consider it a major part of my Jewish identity

Important; Israel matters to me even if I don't actively think or talk about it frequently

Neutral; I'm glad Israel exists but I don't really feel a personal connection to it

Not important; it doesn't matter to me at all

Other (please specify)

2) Is strengthening your personal connection to Israel important to you? Was it a factor in your decision to spend a summer or semester visiting Israel?

Yes, I chose to take this trip at least partly because I wanted to strengthen my personal connection to Israel

No, I am going to Israel for some other reason and my personal connection to Israel is strong enough already

Yes, I would like to strengthen my personal connection to Israel, but it wasn't a factor in my decision to take this trip

3) Do you feel like you are part of a worldwide Jewish community?

Yes

No

4) Do you feel a connection to your Jewish peers in Memphis because you have Judaism in common?

Yes, knowing that someone is Jewish creates an instant bond between us, even if I don't actively seek out those relationships

No, I relate to Jewish and non-Jewish peers in the same way and it's not a priority to have Jewish peers in my life

Yes, and I actively seek out friendships with other Jewish people because I feel it's important to have Jewish peers

5) Which of these things are important to you? Select all that apply.

Keeping up with current events in Israel

Volunteering for or donating to Jewish organizations

Being involved with Jewish youth organizations

Celebrating Shabbat and holidays

Dating and marrying someone Jewish

Participating in Jewish rituals

Having close friends who are Jewish

Spending time in Israel

Attending synagogue

Other (please specify)

6) What goals do you hope to accomplish by spending time in Israel? What motivated you to take this trip? Be as specific as possible. (300 character minimum)