



Jewish Agency for Israel
Proposals
for Elective Programming
for
Global Jewish Zionist Education

Bridges to Zionism: Zionist Seminars



Connecting the next generation is central to securing a strong Israel-based Jewish future. The Jewish Agency remain committed to putting Israel into the lives of the Jewish world's young people and to bringing Israel into worldwide Jewish communities.

Cultivating dynamic leadership, promoting innovative training and identity programs, tailoring educational needs to individual communities—we are facilitating transformative Israel experiences that are engaging the future leaders of the Jewish people.

The power of the global Jewish communities has always been a comforting and supporting anchor to Israel. While Jews around the world have been generously contributing to Israeli communities for many years, through the Jewish Agency's innovative Partnership 2000 program, Israeli Jews are also giving back to their peers. And what they are giving is spectacular: a sense of pride in belonging to the Jewish people and understanding the importance of having, maintaining and strengthening a relationship with Israel—the Jewish homeland.

The Bridges to Zionism program offers the college-aged students of the partnership communities in Israel and abroad the opportunity to connect and interact. Israeli college-aged students will be sent to conduct educational and cultural events and seminars on higher educational campuses in the partnership regions. Through these seminars, students from both sides of the ocean will gain an appreciation for the lives and realities of their peers and strengthen their sense of “connectedness.”

Each community, through its partnership representative, will work to recruit 4 students from the Israeli partnership regions. The issues discussed and programs conducted will also be coordinated with the community representative. In turn, the Israeli students will work with their peers to create a continuity project that will allow them to maintain contact and effective interaction even after the Israeli emissary returns to Israel.

All emissaries will attend training workshops that will heighten their sensitivities and understanding of their host-community.

The cost for one group of 4 student emissaries is approximately \$12,000. This cost includes recruitment, flight arrangements, living expenses, and equipment for each group of 4 students.

Funding Request

Your support of \$48,000 will bring four groups of emissaries to four different communities, enabling 16 Israeli young people to impact the lives of their peers around the world. Through these connections, your support will deepen the feeling of one people, based on the centrality of Israel and strengthening the identity of the young generation.

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