



Israel-Related Chicagoland Teen Programs Guide

Program Name	Description	Length of Program	Grades	Website	Point of Contact
Diller Teen Fellows	<p>Diller Teen Fellows is a prestigious yearlong fellowship for high school students interested in exploring topics in leadership, Jewish identity, social justice, and Israel.</p> <p>The Diller program operates in 32 communities in North America, South Africa, Australia, South America, Europe, and Israel with the goal of developing future generations of active, effective leaders with strong Jewish identities, commitment to the Jewish people, respect for pluralism, and love of Israel. Chicago launched its first cohort in 2013 in partnership with JUF's Partnership Together region in Israel: Kiryat Gat, Lachish, and Shafir.</p>	1 calendar year	10 th or 11 th grade	juf.org/teens/Diller_About.aspx	samrodin@juf.org
Masa Gap Year	<p>A gap year in Israel with Masa Israel Journey offers college-bound high school graduates the opportunity to acquire a global perspective and to gain a taste of independent living all while having an incredible Israel experience.</p> <p>Israel offers thousands of years of Jewish history, cities that fuse the ancient with the modern, a variety of ethnic communities living side by side and global leadership in many of today's most relevant fields—it's the ideal place to take a year "on" before college.</p>	5 months-1 year	Gap year post High School	masaisrael.org/gap-year	amandamonoto@juf.org



Ta'am Yisrael	<p>Ta'am Yisrael: A Taste of Israel is an 8th grade educational experience in Israel designed to give the participants a meaningful, intense, emotional and focused taste of the land and their heritage through a week long, "hands-on" experience in Israel.</p> <p>Ta'am Yisrael strives to strengthen the participant's Jewish identity while helping them build a deeper connection with Israel. The program encourages students to continue their Jewish education and involvement in their post-Bar/Bat Mitzvah lives through continued engagement in Jewish learning experiences and youth/community programming.</p>	1 week	8 th grade	www.juf.org/cfje/taam_yisrael_about.aspx	richmoline@cfje.org
IAC's Eitanim	<p>IAC Eitanim is a unique leadership and entrepreneurship project-based program for middle and high school students. The program allows students to connect, explore, and experience Israel while preparing for college and developing professional skills. The program includes 12 mandatory sessions and an optional summer summit (at additional cost). All sessions of the program are held in English.</p>	1 school year	7 th -11 th grade	www.israeliamerican.org/chicago/programs/eitanim	apeleg@israeliamerican.org



<p>Youth Movement Affiliated Israel Trips</p>	<p>BBYO: Passport</p> <p>BBYO Passport is the leading provider of travel experiences for Jewish high school and middle school teens. Join us for a summer of new experiences, new friendships and a new way of looking at the world. Passport programs span destinations on five continents and combine elements of active touring, community service, and meaningful Jewish experiences.</p> <p>NCSY: TJJ (The Jerusalem Journey)</p> <p>On TJJ, you'll join an awesome group of Jewish public school teens as you travel across Israel, from the Golan Heights to the shores of Eilat and everywhere in between. You'll also explore your Jewish heritage, visiting the Western Wall, Masada, and other holy sites.</p> <p>NFTY: NFTY in Israel</p> <p>Touch ancient ruins visited by your ancestors for thousands of years. Eat delicious pita fresh off the fire. Climb sand dunes. Hike mountains. Swim in the Mediterranean. Float in the Dead Sea. Wander with your friends and meet amazing new people. Explore your progressive Jewish values from new angles. Discover yourself on the adventure of a lifetime.</p> <p>Choose from 5 specialty trips, including a visit to Eastern Europe, a high school semester, a trip through the lens of social justice, and a sci-tech Israel trip.</p>	<p>Summer</p>	<p>9th-12th grades</p>	<p>BBYO: bbyopassport.org/</p> <p>NCSY: tjj.ncsy.org/</p> <p>NFTY: nftyisrael.org/</p> <p>USY: husy.org/escape/</p>	<p>BBYO: dwinkelstein@bbyo.org</p> <p>NCSY: lzeffren@ncsy.org</p> <p>NFTY: lgerber@urj.org</p> <p>USY: asklar@uscj.org</p>
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AJC's Leaders for Tomorrow	Today's high school students are tomorrow's Jewish leaders. Leaders for Tomorrow (LFT), AJC's education and advocacy program for teens, empowers young Jews to speak up for Israel and the Jewish people. LFT helps high school students develop a strong Jewish identity and trains them as advocates for Israel, and to be voices against anti-Semitism. LFT gives students the tools to talk about the issues impacting world Jewry today, and the confidence to stand up for these issues in college and throughout their lives, no matter how difficult the situation.	1 school year	High School	www.ajc.org/lftinfo	millera@ajc.org
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