

Pardes Institute of Jewish Studies

Financial Aid Resources

Gap Year Students

As Pardes' financial resources are limited, Pardes students in need of financial assistance are encouraged to explore other sources of financial aid. To the best of our knowledge, this list is current. Pardes is not responsible for any information herein that is incorrect or no longer relevant.

General

Masa is a project of the government of Israel and the Jewish Agency of Israel and provides financial assistance to participants on qualifying programs, such as Pardes, in the form of grants and scholarships. Most post-high school age students will receive a tuition grant of \$500 and may be able to qualify for more. For more information, click [here](#). Additional sources of scholarships are listed on the Masa website [here](#).

Local Jewish Federations (North America)

Many local Jewish Federations have scholarship programs for trips to Israel; scroll down to the [end of this document](#) for details. If the contact information for your local federation does not appear below, click [here](#).

Keith Berman AACI Israel Scholarship

Keith Berman z"l was a key figure in the world of Jewish Zionist Education dedicating his career to bringing young adults to Israel for meaningful long-term experiences and encouraging aliya. The Keith Berman AACI Israel Scholarship Fund was established to enable young adults, ages 17-21, to study and volunteer in Israel in order to deepen their connection to Judaism and Zionism while also fostering personal growth through a long-term, educational program. Please click [here](#) for more information.

Helyn B. Reich Memorial Scholarship Fund

The Helyn B. Reich Memorial Scholarship Fund was established in 1995 in memory of Helyn B. Reich, wife of founding AZM President Seymour D. Reich. Reich scholarships are awarded each fall and spring to a limited number of American students who choose to study at one of several designated Israeli universities or attend post-college long-term programs. The scholarship seeks to recognize candidates who have demonstrated academic excellence, pro-Israel activity in their personal lives and show a commitment to future involvement with the Jewish and Zionist community. Preference is given to candidates who decide to spend the full year in Israel. Click [here](#).



Alisa Flatow Memorial Scholarship

The Alisa Flatow scholarship for the study of Jewish religion in Israel is in memory of 20 year old Alisa Flatow who was murdered in a terrorist attack in 1995. Awards are given on a combined scholarship and need basis. For further information and application see www.alisafund.org

American Jewish League for Israel

AJLI offers scholarships for a full year of study in Israel. Acceptance to Pardes is a prerequisite. There is no age restriction, but US citizenship or permanent residency is required. Application can be found on their website at www.americanjewishleague.org

Personal Fundraising

Encourage friends, family, supporters of Israel, and anyone who will listen to help you raise funds towards your trip! There are several ways which you can generate contributions towards your trip (some of which are even tax-deductible for the donors). There are many online sites designed to assist you in raising money such as youcaring.com, volunteerforever.com, gofundme.com, or fundmytravel.com

Plant Your Way To Israel

Sponsored by the Jewish National Fund, you simply sell trees to be planted in Israel by JNF. 50% of the funds raised will be awarded to you towards your Israel program tuition. Contributions are tax-deductible. For more information, www.inf.org/pyw or email pyw@inf.org

Synagogue

Many synagogues have scholarship funds to assist young members in participating in Israel programs. Call your family's synagogue and inquire what assistance may be available to you. Ask your Rabbi if s/he knows of other sources of possible funding.

International Association of Jewish Free Loans

Many communities have branches of the Jewish Free Loan Association (also known in some communities as Hebrew Free Loan). This organization offers interest free loans to qualified individuals. To find a branch near you, click [here](#).

Community Organizations

Various Jewish community organizations may have scholarships available or be able to assist you in identifying other sources of funding in your area. Contact the local Bureau of Jewish Education (www.bjeny.org), the youth movement with which you affiliate, and the JCC (go to www.jcca.org and click on "Find a JCC").



College Scholarships

Talk to your high school guidance counselor and ask for his/her help in identifying scholarship sources that you may qualify for. Also, check out the following online college scholarship databases:

- www.fastweb.com
- www.college-scholarships.com
- www.scholarships.com
- www.financialaidfinder.com
- http://apps.collegeboard.com/cbsearch_ss/welcome.jsp
- www.studyinisrael.org
- www.studentawards.com
- www.goabroad.com

Scholarships exclusively for Canadian students:

Associated Hebrew Schools Scholarship Program – for graduates of Associated Hebrew Schools Middle School and have attended Associated for at least two years. For more information, click [here](#).

Beth Tzedec Men's Club – Open to all potential students regardless of their chosen program, synagogue or school affiliation. For more information, click [here](#).

Canadian Zionist Federation Scholarships – Various scholarships for study in Israel. Please inquire by calling 514-739-7300 x3100

Max and Lena Sharp Foundation of Shaarei Shomayim Congregation – available to members and friends of Shaarei Shomayim. For more information, click [here](#).

Dennis Waldman Foundation for Jewish Education – open to Canadian students in their graduating year from either a Jewish or a public secondary school who intend to pursue university-level study. In either case, the applicant must provide a demonstrated history of involvement in Jewish communal life. For more information, click [here](#).

Additional resources in Canada may also be found by clicking [here](#).



JEWISH FEDERATIONS & OTHER REGIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

All applicants are encouraged to turn to their local federations (both those near your current home and the community in which you grew up) Find contact information for North American federations below or [here](#). Federations fund scholarships for Israel program participants. Listed below, by region, is a compilation of some of the regional scholarships available – be sure to check into deadlines for the 2016-17 academic year.

NORTHEAST

Albany (Northeast New York) <http://www.jewishfedny.org>

Offers Jewish Enrichment Scholarships for short and long term Israel experience programs for current college students only. All scholarships awarded are based on financial need. Details and application at

<http://www.jewishfedny.org/services/scholarships/> Address questions to Deborah Chapman Goldstein at the Federation, 783-7800 ext. 230, or email dgoldstein@jewishfedny.org.

Combined Jewish Philanthropies (New England) <http://www.cjp.org/>

Scholarships for Israel programs of 5 months or longer are available to students and alumni who reside or attend school in New England. Scholarships up to \$500. No deadline, applications reviewed on a rolling basis. Details and application at www.israelcampusroundtable.org (click on "Stipends").

Grinspoon Foundation (Western MA and Southern VT)

Residents of Western MA and Southern VT counties Windham and Bennington can apply for grants of up to \$1,000 from the Grinspoon Foundation. Details and application at <http://www.hgf.org/What-We-Do/Grants-in-Western-MA/For-Individuals/Israel-Travel-and-Study.aspx> Application must be completed at least four weeks prior to departure.

The grant recipients receive the scholarship after completing the Israel program, on a reimbursement basis.

Jewish Endowment Foundation of the Jewish Federation of Western Massachusetts www.jefwesternmass.org

Israel travel scholarships for students from Western Massachusetts. Information and application at <https://jfwma.giftlegacy.com/?pageID=1007> Contact: Michelle Lancto phone 413-732-9994 or email mlancto@jewishwesternmass.org

The Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia <http://www.jewishphilly.org>

Offers 2 scholarships for study in Israel. Applicants must be accepted to Israel program before applying for scholarship. Information and application at

<http://www.jewishphilly.org/page.aspx?id=181246> For information contact Shannon Greenstein (215) 832-0530 sgreenstein@fgp.org

Agency for Jewish Learning, Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh

<http://www.ajppittsburgh.org>

Scholarships (both needs-based and non-needs based) for Jewish students who are permanent residents of Greater Pittsburgh. Applicants must have already been accepted to the Israel program. Information and online application at

<http://www.ajppittsburgh.org/israel/scholarships.shtml> For more information, contact Debbie Swartz, dswartz@jfedpgh.org 412-992-5208

SOUTH

Greensboro (NC) Jewish Federation <http://www.shalomgreensboro.org/>

Jackie W. and Lottie K. Samet Israel Experience Scholarship Fund to enable college age Jewish youth living in Guilford County to participate in Israel programs. Financial need and merit are the primary considerations in awarding grants. Applications are



accepted on a rolling basis. Information at <http://www.shalomgreensboro.org/jewish-family-services/israel-grants-and-scholarships> For more information contact Betsy Gamburg at 336-852-4829, ext. 225, or bgamburg@shalomgreensboro.org .

Jewish Federation of Greater Nashville (<http://www.jewishnashville.org>)

Mary & Harry Zimmerman family Youth Exchange Endowment Fund Incentive Grants up to \$2000 for college students. Guidelines and application at <http://www.jewishnashville.org/israel-incentive-grants> For more information contact Michelle Faulkner at the Federation office, 615-354-1624 or by email, michelle@jewishnashville.org Application deadline 6 weeks before final tuition is due for Israel program.

Jewish Federation of Greater Chattanooga <http://www.jewishchattanooga.com>

Grants are in amounts up to \$2,500 for year programs (up to one-half of the program cost). Grants awarded primarily on merit based upon the applicant's motivations and achievements as measured by the response to the applicant's questions and to personal interview(s) with the selection committee. On-line application at http://www.jewishchattanooga.com/?page_id=378

Augusta (Georgia) Jewish Community Center <http://www.augustajcc.org>

Augusta Jewish Federation Scholarship program offers needs based scholarships for Israel programs. Download application at <http://www.augustajcc.org/id41.html>

Greater Miami Jewish Federation (<http://www.jewishmiami.org>)

The Greater Miami Jewish Federation offers need-based assistance for Miami-Dade County residents to age 26. Funding is one time only, and awards are based on need and length of an approved Israel program. Prior to the start of the program applicants must submit an application, along with their family's financial information (IRS form 1040), and a letter of acceptance or invoice from the program. On-line application at http://jewishmiami.org/about/departments/israel_overseas/looking_for_scholarships/ For more information, contact IsraelOverseas@JewishMiami.org or 786-866-8498.

Jewish Federation of Sarasota-Manatee <http://www.jfedsrq.org>

The Federation offers scholarships to applicants who have been accepted to a MASA program – up to \$2,000 to cover travel to and from Israel only. Scholarships are first come, first serve. Financial need is not a determining factor. Applicants will be reimbursed for flight expenses upon purchase of tickets. Information at <http://jfedsrq.org/what-we-do/masa> Application at <http://sarasotamanatee.fedweb.jewishfederations.org/page/s/masa> Address questions to Jeremy Dictor at 914-343-2106.

Jewish Federation of Greater Dallas www.jewishdallas.org

The Dallas federation does not have specific Israel scholarships, but people can contact Sarah Golman sgolman@jfgd.org or 214-615-5275 to receive information about synagogue scholarships or other available resources.

Jewish Federation of Greater Houston www.houstonjewish.org

Funding for Jewish educational, experiential trips available for Houston college and graduate students, and those who have graduated within the past 3 years. To download the application for Jewish Educational Trips go to <http://www.houstonjewish.org/houston-education/scholarships> Applications are accepted starting January 1 and are reviewed monthly. Direct questions to pwalden@houstonjewish.org or 713-729-7000 x 309



CENTRAL

Jewish Federation of Cincinnati <http://www.jewishcincinnati.org>

Post-high school young adults from Cincinnati to age 26 are eligible for a one-time grant of up to \$5,000 for travel to Israel on an approved peer educational program. Scholarship is not needs-based. Eligibility requirements and application at <http://jewishcincinnati.org/helloisrael-posths>. Application must be completed at least 2 months before tuition for the program is due. For more information, contact Karyn Zimerman at 513-985-1534 or kzimmerman@jfedcin.org

Jewish Federation of Columbus <http://isralexperiencecolumbus.org/>

Israel Experience Grants are given to participants to age 27 who became a bar/bat mitzvah in Columbus, Ohio. Israel Experience participants or parents of participant must be residents within the boundaries of the Jewish Federation of Columbus's community campaign. Eligibility information and application at <http://www.jewishcolumbus.org/israelform>. For more information contact Elana Polster at epolster@tcjf.org or 614-559-3227

The Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Detroit <http://www.thisisfederation.org/>

Needs-based scholarship for Jewish residents of Metro Detroit up to 28 years old participating in a program for 12 months or less. Application deadline 8 weeks prior to departure. Information and application <http://jewishdetroit.org/programs/israel-overseas/get-there/>. Address any questions to Danielle Longo at longo@JFMD.org or call 248-203-1467

Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago (www.juf.org)

The Jewish United Fund/Jewish Federation's Chicago Community Israel Program (CCIP) and Joseph A. Hochberg Scholarship Fund provide need-based scholarships for college students and young adults (up to 28 years old) who participate in an approved Israel Experience program. Applicants must reside or attend school in metropolitan Chicago. Application and further information at http://www.juf.org/israel_experience/college_scholarship.aspx. Direct questions to isralexperience@juf.org 312-444-2895

Minneapolis Jewish Federation <http://jewishminneapolis.org>

Isadore & Molly Boroff Israel Scholarship (not needs based) available for Jewish men and women, aged 18-30, whose permanent residence is in the Minneapolis metropolitan area. Award amounts are based on program fees, up to \$3000. Information and application at <http://jewishminneapolis.org/experience-israel/travel-scholarships/boroff-scholarship/>. Address questions to Ariel abiel@mplsfed.org or tel. 952-417-2319. Also, *Israel Center Scholarship Fund* needs based scholarship. To be eligible, family income must be below \$120,000. Scholarship applications will be accepted throughout the year, however, applicants are encouraged to apply **at least 3 months prior to their departure** in order to provide adequate time to process the request. Information and application at <http://jewishminneapolis.org/experience-israel/travel-scholarships/israel-center-scholarship/>. Questions about this scholarship should be directed to Eilat Harel, Israel Center, eharel@mplsfed.org or 952-417-2321.

Jewish Federation of Greater St Paul <http://jewishstpaul.org/>

Israel Experience and needs based scholarships for St. Paul residents. (Family of scholarship applicant must make a pledge to the current year's Annual Campaign.) Information and on-line application at <http://jewishstpaul.org/community/scholarships>. For more information, contact Sharyn Effress Pesses at 651-695-3186 or email spesses@stpaulfed.org



Jewish Federation of Omaha www.jewishomaha.org

Israel Experience Grant of \$1000 for participation in an approved Israel program. To age 25. Direct questions to Mary Sue Grossman mgrossman@jewishomaha.org 402-334-6445

WEST

Jewish Federation of the East Bay <http://www.jfed.org/>

Offers 2 scholarships for Israel/Yeshiva study. Residency requirement: reside in Alameda, Contra Costa, Napa or Solano Counties; OR college students who currently reside in one of these counties for their undergraduate education; OR applicants whose parents' permanent residence is in one of the above counties (for Israel scholarship); Permanent resident of East Bay (Yeshiva scholarship). Must be under age 35. The Israel scholarship is awarded based on financial need. Application and information at http://www.jfed.org/who_aid_israel.html For information, contact Jessi Norris at jessi@jfed.org or call 510-318-6411.

Jewish Community Federation of San Francisco, the Peninsula, Marin and Sonoma Counties

Administered by the Jewish Community Endowment Fund the *Haas/Koshland Memorial Award* provides up to \$20,000 to support a year of study and personal development in Israel. The award is open to college students from sophomore year through graduate school, who are from, or attend school in, the San Francisco Bay Area. Application at <http://jewishfed.org/haaskoshland-memorial-award-application> For information contact haaskoshland@sfjcf.org or 415-512-6439

Interest free loans for Jewish residents of **Northern California** are available at the **Hebrew Free Loan** <https://www.hflasf.org/>

The Jewish Federation of Greater Los Angeles (<http://www.jewishla.org>)

The Federation offers several scholarships for participation in Israel programs. Eligibility requirements vary. Information and applications at <http://www.jewishla.org/pages/israel-experience-grants> For additional information contact isralexperience@jewishla.org or 323-761-8320

CANADA

Jewish Foundation of Greater Toronto <http://www.jewishtoronto.com>

Needs-based Meyer Gasner/Joe Berman Education Scholarship for residents of the Greater Toronto area for a year of study in Israel. Also Morris Pulver Scholarship Fund of Israel and the Hushy Lipton Memorial Scholarship Fund, open to residents of Canada for study at an Israeli institution of higher learning. Applicants for these scholarships cannot be eligible to receive MASA funding. Information and on-line application at <http://www.jewishfoundationtoronto.com/Our-Activities/Scholarships>. For more information contact Miriam Daniels at 416-635-2883 x 5116 OR mdaniels@ujafed.org Other scholarships listed at <http://www.jewishtoronto.com/scholarships>