



Partnership2Gether : Teen Exchange ***Yachad, The Israel Center of the Minneapolis Jewish Federation***

Who is organizing this program?

This program is a partnership between Yachad, the Israel Center of The Minneapolis Jewish Federation, the Jewish Agency and the Municipality of Rehovot. These organizations are working closely together to coordinate and create this experience for the teens of Minneapolis and Rehovot.

What is Yachad?

Yachad's Mission is to provide the next generation with the knowledge, connection and confidence to engage in Judaism over the course of their lifetimes. Yachad believes that our innovative approach will be important as teens transition from high school to college and eventually to independent adulthood.

What is the Partnership2Gether program?

Partnership2gether is a program of the Jewish Agency for Israel (JAFI) that provides opportunity for 500 Jewish communities worldwide to participate in cultural, educational and social exchanges with Israeli communities. These programs strengthen the bonds between Israel and the diaspora through Jewish 'sister city' pairings. Minneapolis is grateful to be paired with the city of Rehovot, one of the first modern communities founded in the State of Israel.

What are the goals of the program?

Young Jews today, whether in the Diaspora or Israel, are called upon to navigate the Western, the Jewish and Israeli horizons. In order to help them with this navigation, we will explore the big ideas and frames that shape the contemporary Jewish experience and understand the trajectories of these narratives and how they impact identity e.g. Peoplehood, Nationhood, Tikkun Olam, Faith, Community etc. Participants will encounter big questions and a variety of prisms through which to understand their own – and one another's – Jewish experience. They will understand the power of storytelling in shaping and strengthening one's identity, and the importance of communicating this to others. Teens will engage with their peers in Rehovot and in Minneapolis, learning about each other's lives and engaging in dialogue on current events. Minneapolis teens will have the opportunity to travel to Israel in December and, in the second half, will a teen delegation from Rehovot to Minneapolis..

Who is the faculty member leading this program?

Maayan Levy, a native Israeli will be leading the Teen Exchange program on the Minneapolis side. Maayan was a First Lieutenant in an Intelligence unit of the IDF where she created a diverse professional development training curriculum for soldiers, taught intelligence classes and trained instructors on how to help soldiers maximize their efficiency and potential. Following her service, she got a BA in Psychology from the IDC Herzilya.

What are the expectations of this program?

Teens selected for this program and the Israel trip, are committing to fully participate in all programmatic elements. Specifically, teens are committing to:

1. Attend weekly classes (unless pre-arranged and approved by the teacher)
2. Commit to additional program requirements throughout the year which includes the Rehovot teen visit to Minneapolis.
3. Travel to Israel in December.
4. Abide by behavioral guidelines while traveling.
5. Be able to host (unless there is a specific issue) teens from Rehovot in April.



Who can participate in this program?

This program is open to all teens in 10th – 12th grade but priority will be given to those who have completed the ILF program.

How many teens will be accepted to this program?

The program will be accepting 12 teens.

How can parents learn more about it?

Amy Weiss, Director of Programming and Development is always available to answer any questions – aweiss@yachadmn.org.

What are the dates of the program?

The Minneapolis Teen Delegation will **tentatively** travel to Israel at the end of December – DATES TBD.
The Rehovot Teen Delegation is **tentatively** scheduled to come to Minneapolis in March – DATES TBD.

What is the cost involved?

1. Course Cost: P2G Teen Exchange is an elective style class at Yachad and costs \$900. This fee includes an unlimited selection of elective-style classes, seminars and workshops at Yachad.
2. Travel Cost to Israel: Due to the generosity of the Minneapolis Jewish Federation and Yachad, the cost of the trip to Israel is heavily subsidized. The cost is \$1,800 per teen and includes airfare. This is subject to change and the final amount will be determined in August based on airfare and other factors.

What is the process of applying?

2. Fill out an additional application by [clicking here](#). Application due by March 27th.
3. Attend an interview with a Yachad Faculty member and a member of the Rehovot Steering Committee of the Minneapolis Jewish Federation starting March 28th.

When will I be informed of my acceptance status?

You will be informed of your status (acceptance or wait list) in early April. If accepted, you will be asked to put down a \$375.00 deposit for the trip. This deposit is non-refundable unless we are able to fill your spot.

What are the criteria for being selected for this experience?

We will be basing the selection of participants on several levels, including:

1. Strong leadership potential.
2. Drive to learn more about Israel, its people and your connection to the land.
3. Diversity of age, Jewish identity and backgrounds.
4. Demonstrated interest in your personal Jewish journey.
5. Commitment capabilities