

Guide to Judaic Programs and Programs in Israel

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****Note:** This is a condensed list of many programs. For a comprehensive list of programs in Israel, see <http://www.masaisrael.org/masa/english/>, which lists over 160 programs! MASA also offers scholarships for all Israel programs 5-12 months long.

I. Most Popular Programs

1. Amirim

- a. Organization: Young Judea
- b. Length of experience: 4 weeks, 6 weeks or 8 weeks
- c. Cost: \$900 - \$1950
- d. Description: Amirim is a summer volunteering program for college students and young professionals ages 18-35. It gives participants a structured framework in which they volunteer at a non-profit organization four times a week (they commute with a city bus pass), explore the Israeli landscape through weekly day trips, and discover Israeli culture and society through different educational and cultural events. The program also includes a three-day tiyul at the beginning of the program in order for participants to "break the ice" and get to know each other while having fun. Participants live in apartments in the Tel Aviv area (either Holon or Bat Yam) or in Jerusalem. Within the format of the program, participants are given plenty of free time for personal growth and exploration and are expected to be independent. Participants enjoy cultural events, weekly group trips, camping, and free time for personal exploration.
- e. Web Site: <http://www.yjimpact.org>
- f. Contact: Mireille Roc, mroc@youngjudaea.org or 212-303-4585

2. Encounter

- a. Organization: Encounter

- b. Length: 4 days
- c. Cost: \$200 - \$400
- d. Description: Encounter is an educational organization dedicated to providing Americans from across the religious and political spectrum with exposure to Palestinian life. Motivated by the relentless Jewish pursuit of *hokhma* (wisdom) and *binah* (understanding), Encounter programs bring participants on journeys to engage with Palestinians face-to-face and witness realities first hand. Join us for a four day trip to visit Palestinians in the West Bank.
- e. Web Site: <http://www.encounterprograms.org/home.html>
- f. Contact Info: Contact Benj Kamm, Program Coordinator, at 646-374-8238 or benj@encounterprograms.org

3. Euro Israel Odyssey

- a. Organization: Authentic Israel
- b. Length of trip: 2 weeks
- c. Cost: \$3250
- d. Description: Join fellow young adults from across North America this summer and travel eastwards along the Mediterranean to southern Spain and Israel. The first leg of the journey is spent touring the sun soaked Andalusia region of Spain. Visit the world-famous Al-Hambra Palace, relax on the beaches of the Spanish Riviera, and learn about the Jewish people's rich history in this land. From Spain, we journey on to Israel for ten days of new experiences, new friendships, and a deeper connection to the Jewish Homeland.
- e. Web Site: <http://www.authenticisrael.com/odyssey>
- f. Contact: trips@authenticisrael.com, 800-600-5194

4. Hasbara Fellowships

- a. Organization: Aish HaTorah
- b. Length of trip: 3 weeks
- c. Cost: ~\$700
- d. Description: Hasbara Fellowships, a program spearheaded by Aish International, educates and trains university students to be effective pro-Israel activists on their campuses. Started in 2001 in conjunction with Israel's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Hasbara Fellowships brings hundreds of students to Israel every summer and winter. Now within their sixth year, Hasbara Fellowships has trained over 1,000 students on over 220 campuses, providing its participants with the information, tools, resources, and confidence to return to their campuses as leaders in the fight for Israel's image. The most critical aspects of the Fellowships program is the opportunity for Fellows to network with one another, learning from each other and sharing experiences about Israel activism.
- e. Web Site: <http://www.israelactivism.com/index.php?mode=israelprograms>
- f. Contact: Lauren Krol lkrol@aish.com 646-365-0030

5. JNF's Alternative Spring Break Trip to Israel

- a. Organization: The Jewish National Fund
- b. Length: One week

c. Cost: Free! Fundraising required

d. Alternative Spring Break is an incredible seven day opportunity to volunteer and do something you would not do on an ordinary trip to Israel. Join JNF and 180 other young adults in working in communities in the Negev and one day in and around Jerusalem. Participants will be responsible to raise a minimum of \$950, using an easy online program to communicate by email to family and friends. Monies raised will go towards JNF's Blueprint Negev campaign supporting Israel's newest generation of pioneers in developing, inhabiting and preserving the Negev Desert — Israel's last frontier. Once the money is raised, the program is FREE, paid for by generous JNF donors.

e. Website: http://support.jnf.org/site/PageServer?pagename=asb_home

6. Staff a Taglit-Birthright Israel trip

a. Organization: Various trip organizers for Taglit-Birthright Israel.

b. Dates: Summer season, winter season. Always 10 days long.

c. Cost: N/A

d. Description: Trip Organizers are organizations, institutions and establishments who are approved by Taglit-Birthright Israel to operate trips. Trip Organizers are responsible for recruitment, determining eligibility, interviews, deposits, itinerary, staffing, security, insurance, lodging and meals on the trips. Once you sign up with a Trip Organizer, they will be your primary point of contact for the trip and the most accurate source of information regarding your exact situation. All Trip Organizers are regularly monitored for educational and logistical quality that meets the high standards set by Taglit-Birthright Israel.

e. Web Site: http://www.birthrightisrael.com/site/PageServer?pagename=trip_natolist

7. Yochai Porat Magen David Adom Volunteer Program

a. Organization: Israel Program Center, Jewish Agency for Israel

b. Length of trip: Approximately two weeks

c. Price: \$500 + flight + meals

d. Description: Spend two incredibly exciting and satisfying months, gaining hands-on first-aid and emergency-care experience in Israel. The Magen David Adom (Israeli Ambulance Corps) provides first-aid services throughout Israel and works with its volunteers to provide effective initial treatment. The MDA Volunteer Program, run in conjunction with the Jewish Agency, allows you to be part of this mission. It gives university students an exciting opportunity to gain valuable experience, giving first aid care, while experiencing "real life" in Israel. No previous medical experience is required.

e. Web Site:

<http://www.jewishagency.org/JewishAgency/English/Aliyah/Israel+Programs/MDA/>

8. ZOA Student Mission to Israel

a. Organization: The Zionist Organization of America.

b. Length of trip: Two weeks

c. Cost: \$3000, but scholarships available to reduce the cost to as low as \$700!

d. Description: The ZOA trip is an intense two week trip designed for students who want to really understand the situation in the Middle East. The ZOA trip will be based primarily in Jerusalem,

but travels throughout the country. Highlights of the trip include: meeting with Knesset members, touring strategic border regions such as Sderot and the Golan Heights, visiting Judea & Samaria to see Jewish communities there, and meeting with former Gush Katif residents.

e. Website: <http://www.zoa.org/student-trip.asp>

f. Contact: Josh at jnason@zoa.org

II. Internships and Fellowships

1. Career Israel Short Track

a. Organization: Career Israel

b. Length of experience: 1 or 2 months.

c. Cost: \$400*. Housing, Ulpan and overnight trips are not included in this price, but are available at an additional cost. It is also possible to extend your participation for up to two additional months at the cost of \$100 a month.

* This does not include a non-refundable \$50 application fee.

d. The **Career Israel Short Track** is a two to four-month professional internship program open to college/university students and graduates from all over the world. The program provides internship placements in leading companies and organizations in the private and public sectors in Israel in every field including law, medicine, media, economics, politics, public relations, education, social work, engineering, computer science, advertising and business and more. The program also offers options for accommodations, a Hebrew study program, tours and extracurricular enrichment activities at an additional cost.

e. Website: <http://www.israelexperience.org.il/career//shorttrack/about.asp>

f. Contact : Orly Shafir orlysh@israelexperience.com +972-2-6216209 or Elana Kaminka career@israelexperience.org.il +972-2-6216471

2. The Global Intern International Internship Opportunities

a. Organization: Global Internships

b. Length of Experience: Summer or Semester-Long

c. Cost: \$2300

d. Description: At The Global Intern we specialize in arranging international internships at world-class organizations in locales throughout Europe, the United Kingdom, North America, Israel, and China. Fall, spring, and summer internships are available in government, entertainment, finance, technology, or almost any other industry of your choosing. During the session you will work 4-5 days per week. If you will be on an academic semester during the internship we can arrange your work around your academic schedule at 2-3 days per week.

e. Web Site: <http://www.theglobalintern.com/index.html>

3. World Magshimey Herut

a. Organization: World Magshimey Herut

b. Dates: Flexible

- c. Cost: \$150 US registration fee.
- d. Description: The program is a tailor made personal program with flexibility in duration, time of arrival and internship placements. Live and work in Israel through Magshimey Herut's Professional Internship Program. We are a young Zionist movement that helps set up internships for young adults ages 18-30 in Israel. We tailor the internship to the field of your choice. This is a flexible and independent program. So if you want to know what it's like to live and work in Israel like an Israeli, and you want to explore Israel at your own pace, this is the program for you.
- e. Web Site: www.worldmh.org.il
- f. Contact Info: office@worldmh.org.il or (212) 444-9511

III. Touring and Experiential Programs

1. Excavating Through the Bible at Ramat Rahel

- a. Organization: Ramat Rahel Archaeological Project
- b. Length of experience: Various
- c. Cost: \$538 - \$923 per week
- d. Description: The Ramat Rahel Archaeological Project is a joint project to Tel Aviv University (Israel) and to Heidelberg University (Germany) joining scholars from Israel, Germany, and USA. This is an international scientific project combining people from all over the world. The Ramat Rahel Archaeological project involves more than just excavations. The team members joining us from all over the world undergo rich and transforming experiences, combining archaeological fieldwork, visits to the holy city of Jerusalem, tours in beautiful Israel, academic lectures, and many social activities. From Monday to Friday, work begins early, with digging as the sun rises over Jerusalem. At 9:00 a.m., Israeli breakfast is served on the beautiful hilltop of Ramat Rahel. Afterwards, digging continues until noon and then everyone gathers for a "pottery wash" where pottery is handled, looking for seal impressions and ancient inscriptions. During the afternoons, the volunteers enjoy the hotel facilities, resting at the pool or shopping in Jerusalem. During the afternoons and the evenings there are academic lectures, tours of Jerusalem and its museums, discussions of the finds of the day, and parties. Students interested in academic credits can join one or more of the three academic courses offered.
- e. Website: http://www.krr.co.il/ramat_rachel_archaeology_project_english.aspx
- f. Contact: Omer Sergey, omertelaviv@gmail.com

2. Marva: Israel Outdoor Course

- a. Organization: Israel Program Center, Jewish Agency for Israel
- b. Length of course: Approximately 3 months.
- c. Cost: \$900 + airfare
- d. Description: Marva offers young adults a unique opportunity to experience the physical and emotional challenges of Israel, its problems and people. For those who want to strengthen their ties to Israel, and particularly to the land, Marva is an experience like no other. Activities include camp craft, navigation, topography, hikes, seminars, and walking tours. Special

emphasis is placed on Israel's security situation and settlement of the land, through lectures on specific social and political problems.

e. Web Site:

<http://www.jewishagency.org/JewishAgency/English/Aliyah/Israel%2BPrograms/Marva/>

3. Pathways: Exploring Judaism in Israel

a. Organization: Pathways

b. Length of trip: 2.5 weeks

c. Cost: Airfare!

d. Description: PATHWAYS is a unique program of Jewish Learning with special Jewish Values. It allows you to encounter Jewish sources hands-on, guided by top educators from around the world. And it gives you an unforgettable Israel Experience, fully integrated with your Jewish studies.

e. Web Site: http://www.pathwaysisrael.org/students_home.html

4. Study Tour

a. Organization: Haifa University

b. Length of study: 3 weeks.

c. Cost: \$1900 + flight + housing

d. Description: The International School will again be offering the Study Tour in the fall of 2009. "The Land of Israel: The Jewish Connection" is an academic course which allows the student to study both through classroom seminars and visits to the most important historical sites in the State of Israel. This course combines classes with field trips and on-site lectures. Students will be required to keep a journal and write a term-paper in order to receive a final grade. The Study Tour is worth four academic credits.

e. Web Site: <http://www.uhaifa.org/page.asp?id=44&a=a3&b=b4>

IV. Volunteer Programs

1. Kibbutz Volunteer Program

a. Kibbutz Program Center

b. Dates: Open – it's up to the volunteer.

c. Cost: ~\$500 plus flight.

d. Description: The volunteer program is a unique program that offers the opportunity to live and work within the communal Kibbutz environment. The volunteers work 8 hours a day 6 days a week. In return they are offered free accommodations in the kibbutz, sharing a room with between 2 and 4 people (depending on kibbutz and season), 3 meals a day, free laundry service in the kibbutz's common laundry and pocket money each month. In addition to this, the kibbutz organizes tours for the volunteers. Generally, the kibbutz offers work in three different categories: agriculture, tourism, the services and other different kinds of work.

e. Web Site: <http://www.kibbutzprogramcenter.org/volunteering.htm>

f. Contact: 212.462.2764, mail@KibbutzProgramCenter.org

2. Livnot Galilee Fellowship

- a. Organization: Livnot U'Lehibanot
- b. Length of experience: 2 weeks.
- c. Cost: \$1000 including airfare
- d. Description: Work on community service projects throughout northern Israel, and go on challenging hikes. A typical day features working in the morning with Israelis and your peers, hiking in the afternoon, fun and thought provoking programs in the evening. The 14-day trip is for young Jewish adults ages 21-30 with minimal Jewish background.
Projects for Summer 2009 Included: Renovating kindergartens and youth centers, repairing the homes of less fortunate families and the elderly, painting and repair playgrounds in economically challenged neighborhoods, bombing shelter renovations and adapt them for use as mini activity centers, and performing excavations in Ancient Tzfat.
This Program is being sponsored by the UJA Federation of New York under the Breaking New Ground Initiative and is opened to those residing in NYC and the surrounding boroughs ONLY.
- e. Web Site: <http://www.livnot.com/pages/Galilee%5FFellowship/>
- f. Contact: 1-888-8-LIVNOT

3. Oranim Long-Term Israel Programs

- a. Organization: Oranim
- b. Length of program: 1 week to 1 year
- c. Cost: Free to \$1700
- d. Description: Oranim invites you to Israel for a fantastic and meaningful journey with our programs in Israel. Use your passions and talents to inspire and to serve. Become part of an Israeli community, living among friends who share your adventurous spirit and desire to give. Learn to speak Hebrew like a Sabra, explore Israel like never before and make life-long friendships. Our most important goal is being able to create a meaningful and special experience for everyone, in every age group.
- e. Web Site: <http://www.destinationisrael.com/>

4. Volunteers for Israel Sheli Volunteer Project

- a. Organization: Jewish Agency for Israel
- b. Length of program: 2 weeks to 1 year
- c. Cost: \$50 application fee + airfare + spending money
- d. Description: The Sheli Volunteer Project is designed to provide an opportunity for Jews from the Diaspora from age 18-65 to show their solidarity with the people and state of Israel by volunteering their time and skills in a placement of their interest. By contributing to Israel in this way, volunteers become part of the building of the Jewish State and have the opportunity to connect with Israelis.
- e. Web Site: <http://www.vfi-usa.org/sheli-project.html>

5. Volunteers for Israel

- a. Organization: Sar-El
- b. Dates: Various throughout the year

- c. Cost: \$80 registration + flight + spending money and some other expenses
- d. Description: This program offers volunteers the opportunity to work on military bases performing non-combat civilian support duties such as packing medical supplies, repairing machinery and equipment, preparing meals, painting and otherwise maintaining the base. Volunteers work side by-side with the young men and women of IDF (Israel Defense Forces) to help Israel shoulder its defense burden. The standard program is a 3-week commitment, beginning on scheduled start dates year-round, with the exception of certain black-out dates noted on the SCHEDULE page. Volunteers are housed in barracks on a base, and receive 3 kosher meals per day. Work uniforms and boots are provided.
- e. Web Site: <http://www.vfi-usa.org/>

V. Hebrew Programs

1. Ben Gurion University Summer Ulpan

- a. Organization: Ben Gurion University
- b. Length of study: 3 or 6 weeks.
- c. Cost: 6 weeks: \$2300+ flight, 3 weeks: \$1400 +flight
- d. Description: This intensive, immersive Hebrew language course meets for 4 academic hours, 5 days per week. The course combines writing, reading, and speaking of the language. You will join students from all over the world as you come to learn or improve your Hebrew. Students may opt to study for either the 3-week or full 6-week option of the course. A weekend on a kibbutz, lectures, and field trips throughout the country are all part of this fantastic summer experience of language immersion.
- e. Web Site: www.bgu-osp.org
- f. Contact: osp@aabgu.org, 800-962-2248

2. Jerusalem Ulpan

- a. Organization: Hebrew University
- b. Length of study: 1 month.
- c. Cost: \$1400 + flight
- d. Description: The Jerusalem Ulpan is an intensive Hebrew language course designed for visitors with an academic background who are interested in learning Hebrew through the Jerusalem experience. Classes are usually offered on five levels, ranging from elementary (Aleph) to advanced (Heh). Field trips in Jerusalem are an integral part of the curriculum. Classes are usually held during the morning, Sunday through Thursday, and on 1-2 Fridays, five academic hours per day.
- e. Web site: <http://overseas.huji.ac.il/academics.asp?cat=45&in=24>

3. Kibbutz Summer Ulpan

- a. Kibbutz Program Center
- b. Length of study: 6 weeks or 8 weeks.
- c. Cost: \$2050 + flight; \$2800 + flight

d. Description: Live on Kibbutz Mishmar Hasharon in central Israel for 6 weeks or spend 8 weeks at Kibbutz Mashabei Sadeh located in the desert just south of Be'er Sheva. Ulpan students experience the unique lifestyle of the kibbutz community, living in dorm-style kibbutz rooms of 2-3 students, eating in the kibbutz dining hall, and participating in the social and cultural activities of the kibbutz. Study conversational and practical Hebrew. Three days a week of classes are given which aim to provide students with a working knowledge of conversational Hebrew. Classes consist of 20-25 students, and are taught by experienced instructors of second-language Hebrew. Work in different jobs on the kibbutz. Three days a week of work are assigned in different branches of the kibbutz, such as the fields, orchards, gardens, dairy, kitchen, kindergarten, and laundry. Travel through Israel. The group has seminars dealing with current Israeli and Jewish events, and goes on guided tours and hikes to historic and scenic sites throughout the country.

e. Web Site: <http://www.kibbutzprogramcenter.org/newprogram.htm>

4. Summer Hebrew Ulpan

a. Organization: Haifa University

b. Dates: Length of study: 1 month.

c. Cost: \$1100 for tuition

d. Description: The Intensive Hebrew Summer Ulpan brings students from over 30 countries to the University of Haifa to study Hebrew in one of the most effective language learning programs in Israel. The Ulpan is designed for those who want to immerse themselves in an intensive language acquisition experience that is personally enriching as well as academically demanding. Instruction is offered on all levels from beginning to advanced. The Summer Ulpan is divided into two independent four-week sessions, each offering all levels of proficiency. Students may register for either or both sessions.

e. Web Site: <http://overseas.haifa.ac.il/page.asp?id=72&a=a3&b=b4>

f. Contact: info@mail.uhaifa.org, 972-4-824-0766

5. Summer Hebrew Ulpan

a. Organization: Pardes

b. Length of study: 3 weeks

c. Cost: \$150 per session + flight, housing and food

d. Description: Improve your Hebrew this summer at Pardes. Combine the Hebrew Ulpan with a Summer Session, or take it on its own. The Summer Hebrew Ulpan meets four and a half hours per week for intensive Hebrew language study, with an additional optional Judaica class. The course is designed for serious students able to handle a fast-paced class. The teaching will be dynamic, with student participation and discussions. Classes correspond to levels Alef, Bet and Gimel. This means that classes will cater to absolute beginners through to those ready to tackle everyday Hebrew. Students will create and improve reading and speaking skills, including conversation practice. Hebrew Ulpan courses will not conflict with the Pardes Summer Program schedule.

e. Web Site: <http://www.pardes.org.il/programs/summer/ulpan/>

6. Summer Ulpan

- a. Organization: Hebrew University
- b. Length of study: 1 month
- c. Cost: \$1890 + flight
- d. Description: The Summer Ulpan is an intensive Hebrew language course, consisting of 200 academic hours. It is designed primarily for students enrolled in academic programs at the Hebrew University, but is also open to external students with appropriate academic background.
- e. Web site: <http://overseas.huji.ac.il/academics.asp?cat=45&in=24>

VI. Academic Programs

1. Coexistence in the Holy Land

- a. Organization: The International Institute of Leadership, The Rothberg International School at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem
- b. Dates: Various
- c. Cost: \$950 - \$3140
- d. Description: "Coexistence in the Holy Land" is an initiative that promotes coexistence through the training of future leaders using both academic and experiential seminars in Israel that allow first hand contact with different cultures. Experience the challenge of human diversity where civilizations, nations and religions converge. You may also take summer courses in one of the top 100 universities in the world, and get a chance to see the pyramids of Egypt or the Lost City of Petra in Jordan.
- e. Web Site: <http://www.coexistencetrip.net/index.php?cp=homepage>
- f. info@coexistencetrip.net

2. Department of Summer Courses and Special Academic Programs

- a. Organization: Hebrew University
- b. Length of study: 1 month
- c. Cost: \$1000-\$1600 tuition
- d. Description: This summer's academic program focuses on the following areas: Jewish and Religious Studies, Israel Studies, Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies, and Jerusalem: Past and Present. In addition, a wide range of language studies will be offered, along with archaeological field schools and special programs in Trauma and Resilience in collaboration with the Israel Center for the Treatment of Psychotrauma, and Holocaust Studies in conjunction with Yad Vashem.
- e. Web Site: <http://overseas.huji.ac.il/academics.asp?cat=23&in=0>

3. Online Jewish Course Studies with Jewish Pathways

- a. Organization: Aish.com
- b. Length of study: Usually about 30 weeks, but you are free to work through the online courses at your own pace!
- c. Cost: Approximately \$100
- d. Description: Jewish Pathways is for people who want to take the next step in their Torah learning and observance. You may be new to Jewish observance and need to "catch up," or you

may be an old-timer who wants to learn in a more systematic, comprehensive way. Jewish Pathways courses are built around essential learning components like videos lectures, readings, slide shows and quizzes. Whether in areas of Jewish law or Jewish thought, Pathways will give you the confidence to handle all kinds of situations and issues that may come up.

e. Web Site: <http://www.jewishpathways.com/>

4. Summer and Year-long Programs with Pardes

a. Organization: Pardes Institute of Jewish Studies

b. Length of study: 3 weeks–1 year

c. Cost: \$650-\$6,000 (tuition can be heavily subsidized by MASA!)

d. Description: If you're interested in spending a summer in Israel or a year in Israel, you've come to the right place. For serious study in Israel, including text study, Torah, Talmud, Halacha and Jewish philosophy, our experienced faculty presents challenging courses with Havruta study for all levels. Much more than a co-ed yeshiva, Pardes in Jerusalem offers a variety of educational Israel programs for college and post-college young people interested in serious Jewish studies in an open Beit Midrash environment.

e. Web Site: <http://www.pardes.org.il/programs/>

5. Summer Programs at Galilee College, Israel

a. Galilee College

b. Length of study: 1 month

c. Cost: \$ 2,850

d. Description: There are two sessions to choose from: A Religious Mosaic in the Holy Land, and Political Science & Middle East Studies. The program focuses on the Israeli – Palestinian conflict, its roots, background and current situation.

The program begins with an overview of the Land of Israel-Palestine region, presenting the historical background of the region, as well as an overview of social and economic conditions, ethnic and religious background. The lectures are supplemented by Study Tours to enable students to experience these issues at first hand. A large part of the program is dedicated to the Israeli – Palestinian conflict. Different aspects of the conflict are examined by Palestinian and Israeli lecturers and the different points of view are discussed. Additional processes in neighboring countries, which affect Israel and the Palestinian Authority, are presented as well. The program seeks to deepen the participants' knowledge of conditions, developments and trends in Israel, the Palestinian territories and the surrounding lands and to highlight some of the diverse issues at the centre of the political, social and religious divides in the Middle East.

e. Website: <http://www.galilcol.ac.il/page.asp?id=89>

f. Contact: (972) 4-642-8888, International_Department@galilcol.ac.il

VII. Jewish Studies Programs

1. Conservative Yeshiva in Jerusalem

a. Organization: The Conservative Yeshiva

b. Length of study: 3 or 6 weeks

- c. Cost: \$650 for one session, \$975 for both and significant scholarships are available.
- d. Description: The Conservative Yeshiva Summer Program features:
The opportunity to study the classic texts of Judaism, including Rabbinic literature, Bible, and Philosophy. Intensive Ulpan to build Hebrew speaking and reading skills, learning appropriate for students of all levels, backgrounds, and interests. Courses built on the traditional model of chevruta, learning one-on-one with a partner, and shiur, a seminar-style class.
- e. Web Site: <http://www.uscj.org.il/yeshiva/summer.php>
- f. Contact: 972-2-622-3116, Yeshiva@uscj.org

2. Pardes Summer Program

- a. Organization: Pardes
- b. Dates: Length of study: 3, 6 or 9 weeks
- c. Cost: \$550, \$490 if tuition is paid in full before April 26, \$650 for July session
- d. Description: Join us for one or more summer sessions which include intensive text study, trips, volunteering, and evening activities. Dynamic classes with top Jewish educators; Intimate Havruta sessions with fellow students; Courses include Torah, Talmud, Jewish Philosophy, Ethics, Jewish Law, Parshat Hashavua, contemporary issues; Special programs including tours of Jerusalem, cultural events, volunteering, Shabbat program. Develop worthwhile text skills, meet a wide range of Jews of all denominations and belief systems and form a community. Enjoy the opportunity to grow as a person and as a Jew through an intense experience where you are constantly challenged by new ideas and opinions.
- e. Web site: http://www.pardes.org.il/programs/summer/summer_sessions/
- f. Contact: 212-447-4333, info@pardes.org.il

VIII. Other Programs in the USA

1. Brandeis Collegiate Institute

- a. Organization: American Jewish University
- b. Length of program: 1 month
- c. Cost: Tuition + Housing + Registration
- d. Description: This summer, give yourself 26 days in the hills of California to explore and define your own Jewish life. Experience Judaism through the arts, philosophy, culture, history, and the outdoors. Create a new community in an open, authentic, pluralistic environment with 18-26 year old Jews from around the world.
- e. Web Site: <http://www.brandeis.edu/summer/>
- f. Contact: Preston Neal pneal@ajula.edu 310.440.1246

2. Middlebury College Summer Ulpan

- a. Organization: Middlebury College/Brandeis University
- b. Length of program: 2 months
- c. Cost: \$7192
- d. Description: Opened in the summer of 2008, the Brandeis University-Middlebury School of Hebrew brings together the best of two worlds—the time-tested Hebrew-in-Hebrew curriculum

developed at Brandeis, and the total immersive environment of the Middlebury Language Schools. In the classroom, you will benefit from the intensive approach to instruction that has made Brandeis the national leader in Hebrew language learning. And with Middlebury's celebrated Language Pledge—a promise to read, write, listen, and speak in only the language of study—your acquisition of Hebrew will benefit from a 24/7 immersion environment. The Hebrew School's many in-language cocurricular activities will give you limitless opportunities to refine and practice what you have learned in the classroom. Throughout your summer at Middlebury, you'll find the focus is just where you need it to be—on acquiring the language proficiency you need to take you wherever you want to go. "It's not about just knowing the language, or sitting back and analyzing the language as scholars," says School of Hebrew Director Vardit Ringvald. "It's about being users of the language, and using it to function in the world."

d. Web Site: <http://www.middlebury.edu/academics/ls/hebrew/>