



Other Possible Sources of Funding for Israel Travel

Alisa Flatow Memorial Scholarship

To qualify, you need to: 1). be a high school graduate, 2). not currently be in Israel, and 3). intend to study Torah at a yeshiva or seminary in Israel, and 4). show academic promise in religious studies. Deadline February 15 each year.

www.alisafund.org

Amy Adina Schulman Memorial Fund

Fund offers progressive Zionist youth funding for social justice. Financial need is relevant but not decisive.

<http://www.amyadinaschulmanfund.org/>

Central Scholarship Bureau

CSB offers roughly 20 grant opportunities. Eligibility requirements vary from program to program, and can be found on their website. There is a single online-only application for all programs, which will be available from January 2, 2009. CSB also offers financial need-based interest-free loans up to \$10,000 a year for those students who are attending an Israel program through an accredited US college or university such as Yeshiva University or Touro College. The deadline is May 31 each year.

<http://centralsb.org>

Extended Family and Family Friends

Some students have been able to raise funds from their extended families. Usually, it takes a heart-felt note, email or call to ask grandparents, aunts and uncles and other relatives or family friends for help raising the funds to travel to Israel.

JNF Plant Your Way to Israel

Just sell JNF trees to family, friends, neighbors, and earn dollars toward your trip to Israel. The cost of a certificate is \$36. Half of the money will go to JNF to plant a tree in Israel, and the other half will be placed in a special account on your behalf.

http://support.jnf.org/site/TR?fr_id=1010&pg=entry

Local Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Most rabbis, synagogues, or kollelim have money set aside somewhere to help students get to Israel. You won't find this scholarship listed on their website or in their brochures. However, make sure to ask your rabbi if he or someone he knows can help you pay for your trip. They usually have a fund or know someone who can help you pay for part of your studies in Israel. Typical contributions from local rabbis range from \$100-\$500.

MASA

A joint program of the Israeli government and the Jewish agency to support long-term (at least 5 months) study in Israel. Grants are available for all participants attending MASA-approved programs. MASA also offers a limited number of scholarships for students who need additional financial support.

www.masaisrael.org

www.masaisrael.org/Masa/English/MASA+Grants/Additional+scholarship+resources/

Rabbi A. Simcha Teitelbaum Memorial Scholarship

136-26 72nd Ave., Flushing, NY 11367

Scholarships to Study in Israel

This site lists funding options primarily, though not exclusively, for recent Ba'alei Tshuva. They offer scholarships to offset airfare costs.

<http://studyinisrael.org/>

Work Study or “Moral Obligations”

Contact your prospective seminary or yeshiva to see if they offer a tuition break which you either work off while you are a student there or agree to pay back once you begin working.

Worth Trying

Contact other Jewish and Israel-oriented organizations that you (or your parents) are associated and ask if they offer any funding for Israel travel for teens.

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