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WHAT IS THE ISRAEL EXPERIENCE PROGRAM?

The Israel Experience Program offered by Hebrew Theological College enables a student to spend a year of intensive study in an Israeli yeshiva or seminary while earning college credit. Most students find the year in Israel a challenging and enriching experience that serves as a guide in developing a lifestyle consonant with Torah values.

Through agreements with selected Israeli institutions representing a wide range of yeshivos and seminaries, Hebrew Theological College can assist in some of the details involved in planning a year-long stay. By providing academic advising and counseling to students before, during and after their year in Israel, HTC can help students ensure they receive maximum benefit in Torah achievement while attaining additional educational goals both in Israel and upon their return.

BENEFITS OF THE ISRAEL EXPERIENCE PROGRAM

Why choose to study in Israel through the Israel Experience Program (IEP) of Hebrew Theological College? Here are some of the ways the IEP benefits our students:

- Students benefit from the academic advising process of Hebrew Theological College before, during and after their stay in Israel. Students can receive advice on selecting a yeshiva or seminary and set the stage for future academic plans. The College sends representatives yearly to visit and evaluate the program and environment of participating Israeli institutions.
- Students can earn college credit for their study in Israel. Many students are unsure of their future plans, and participating in the Israel Experience Program ensures maximal flexibility. Students may return to complete a degree or certificate at Hebrew Theological College. In addition, credits earned through the Israel Experience Program have been accepted by U.S. institutions to the same degree as on-campus HTC credits.
- Students can utilize the support services offered by the Israel Experience Program, including liaison officers. Assistance includes academic advice, home hospitality and personal counseling on adjusting to life in Israel.
- Students are eligible to apply for state and federal student financial assistance while enrolled in the Hebrew Theological College Israel Experience Program.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

All applicants to the Israel Experience Program must:

1. Apply to an Israeli institution (see list of schools).
2. Send all application materials in one envelope to Hebrew Theological College so they reach the HTC office by **no later than March 31st**. Late deadline: May 28th (late fees will be assessed.)

This includes:

- HTC application with \$75 non-refundable fee
- Official high school transcript including first semester of 12th grade
(*signature of a high school representative and high school seal required.*)
- SAT or ACT scores
- Two completed official HTC Recommendation Forms

NOTE: Students applying for financial aid should also submit the Financial Aid Application (FAFSA). The priority deadline for HTC is **June 1st**. If you miss the deadline you may still apply, but your eligibility may be affected.

3. Upon acceptance to both HTC and the Israeli institution:
Complete and return the HTC IEP participation agreement and enclose a check for \$900 made payable to HTC by July 31.

HTC admission requirements specify a SAT minimum combined score of 1350, no score below 450 and/or ACT minimum composite score of 19 for acceptance.

Students whose SAT/ACT scores do not meet the minimum admission requirements will be accepted on a provisional basis provided they attend HTC for the Summer semester prior to enrollment in the Israel Experience Program. During that semester, they will be required to take remedial course(s) (which may earn academic credit toward the degree).

Admission to IEP will be limited to **students who express an interest in attending HTC or enrolling in our on-line courses (JSOL) after a year abroad.**

TUITION AND FEES

Each institution affiliated with Hebrew Theological College's Israel Experience Program has established its own tuition and fee schedules. Payment to the affiliated Israeli institution is the responsibility of the student and parents. A list of participating institutions appears on the back of this brochure.

Hebrew Theological College charges an IEP fee of **\$900, due in the HTC office no later than July 31**, which includes a non-refundable \$400 registration and processing fee. The remaining \$500 is credited toward a student's future tuition at Hebrew Theological College to be used within two years after returning from study in Israel.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Students enrolled in the Israel Experience Program are eligible to apply for all available state and federal financial assistance. Students should review the HTC catalog regarding student aid and take the following steps to ensure that they receive all funds for which they are eligible:

Complete the federal student aid application (FAFSA), and submit it to the government on the Internet (www.fafsa.ed.gov) or by mail. The priority deadline for HTC is **June 1st**. If you miss the deadline you may still apply, but your eligibility may be affected. Additionally, mail (to HTC's Financial Aid Office) a copy of the parent's and student's previous year's tax returns, W-2 forms, and other income verification by August 1st.

Before financial aid funds can be disbursed, semester schedule forms and official transcripts (as detailed below) must be received by the office of the HTC Registrar.

TRANSCRIPTS AND ACADEMIC RECORDS

After the first week of classes, students must provide HTC with a completed IEP Semester Schedule Form listing all courses (including name and number of credits for each course) at the Israeli school, signed by both the student and an Israeli school representative.

To facilitate timely recording of academic records, students must request the Israeli institutions to mail, **not fax**, an official copy of the student's grades at the end of *each* semester to:

Office of the Registrar
Hebrew Theological College
7135 N. Carpenter Road
Skokie, IL 60077

Students may receive up to 30 semester hours of credit for their study through IEP. Courses taken through IEP appear (and are indicated as such) on the regular transcript of Hebrew Theological College with corresponding department/course numbers, credits earned and grades received. Hebrew Theological College cannot guarantee the transfer credit that a student will receive at another institution.

ACADEMIC PROGRESS

Although students who have shown adequate academic progress and spiritual growth during their study in Israel may continue their studies on the campuses of Hebrew Theological College, enrollment in certain programs is limited, and the College cannot guarantee prior acceptance into any specific program. As with on-campus students, inadequate academic progress or spiritual growth during the year in Israel may be grounds for probationary status or dismissal from Hebrew Theological College.

PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

Many students find that a year of study in Israel helps them clarify their goals for the future. Hebrew Theological College is committed to helping students plan for and attain greater heights in Torah Studies and spiritual development as well as providing a curriculum of liberal arts and sciences that can lead toward a bachelor's degree and/or professional certification in a number of areas.

Before leaving for Israel, all students are encouraged to schedule an interview with an advisor from the division in which they will be enrolling (Beis Midrash for men; Blitstein Institute for women) to discuss their plans for Israeli study as well as longer-term goals. Students are encouraged to communicate with the HTC Israeli liaisons and to schedule appointments to meet with HTC representatives when they visit Israel during the academic year.

Hebrew Theological College offers a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Judaic Studies with options, through its William and Lillian Kanter School of Liberal Arts and Sciences, for additional majors in Accounting, Business, Computer and Information Sciences, Elementary or Special Education, English and Psychology, along with Pre-Professional Coursework in Law and Health Sciences. The College has programs leading to a Hebrew Teacher Certificate and to certification by the State of Illinois in Elementary Education or Special Education. (At present, additional majors in Education and English are only offered to students in the Blitstein Institute for Women.) Students are encouraged to meet with their deans as soon as possible after returning from Israel to discuss their educational goals.

ISRAELI INSTITUTIONS PARTICIPATING IN THE ISRAEL EXPERIENCE PROGRAM

MEN'S YESHIVOS

Ateret Yerushalayim
 Bais Yisroel
 Chofetz Chaim
 Derech Etz Chaim
 Derech HaTalmud
 Derech Institute for Torah Studies
 Eretz HaTzvi
 Hakotel
 Har Etzyon
 Kerem B'Yavneh
 Keshet
 Lev HaTorah
 Machon Meir
 Mercas HaTorah
 Mesoras Mordechai
 Midrash Shmuel
 Ner Yaakov
 Netiv Aryeh
 Ohr Hatorah
 Ohr Yerushalayim
 Or Dovid
 Reishit Yerushalayim
 Sha'alvim
 Sha'are Mevaseret Zion
 Sha'are Yerushalayim
 Shaarei Tevunah
 Tiferet Yerushalayim
 Toras Moshe
 Toras Shraga
 Toras Simcha
 Yeshiva Gedola Mattisyahu

WOMEN'S SEMINARIES

Afikei Torah
 Ateres Bnos Yerushalayim
 Ba'er Miriam/Mayanot/
 Meor HaTorah
 Bais Yaakov Shoshanim
 Bais Yaakov Yerushalayim (BJJ)
 Beth Chana Seminary-Tsfat
 Bnos Chava
 Bnos Sarah
 Bnot Torah Institute
 Chochmas Lev Bais Yaakov
 Darchei Binah
 Hadar BYY
 Machon Bnos Yehuda (BYA)
 Machon Raaya
 Machon Shoshanat Yerushalayim
 Me'ohr Bais Yaakov
 Mesilos Bais Yaakov
 Mesores Rochel
 Michlalah
 Michlelet Esther
 Michlelet Mevaseret Yerushalayim
 Midreshet Moriah
 Midreshet Tehillah
 Nachlas Bais Yaakov
 Neve Yerushalayim
 Pninin
 Pniniyut
 Seminar Yerushalayim Hachadash
 Seminary Chaya Mushka
 Sha'alvim for Women
 Tiferes Bnos Yaakov
 Tomer Devorah

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