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Programs for New *Olim* Ages 18-35



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Note: Costs and other details are subject to change. Most programs require a refundable security deposit of 500 NIS; see pages 22-23.

TAKE THE FIRST STEPS TO A LIFETIME IN ISRAEL

For more than 80 years, The Jewish Agency for Israel has been synonymous with Aliyah. So far, more than three million people from around the world have come and built their homes in Israel with our help.

This booklet will introduce you to absorption programs designed for young immigrants. Participation in any of these programs will give you the opportunity to learn Hebrew, visit important heritage sites throughout the country, and learn to become part of Israeli society. Our absorption professionals will be there for you along the way, providing guidance while you take your first steps in Israel.

The programs described here are located in every region of Israel. Some have two sessions a year; others have start dates every few weeks. Some have been running for decades and have tens of thousands of successful alumni; others are new programs we established to address different groups' needs. There are diverse options: Hebrew language courses on kibbutzim and in cities; preparation for college or graduate studies; guidance for employment; and preparation for recruitment into the IDF.

What all of the programs have in common is that they were developed to help new young immigrants integrate into the country, taking your unique needs into account.

The decision to immigrate to Israel is a significant choice. We suggest that you contact our representatives (see below and the back cover), who will be happy to meet with you and assist you in your immigration process.

We wish you a "soft landing" and successful absorption. Welcome to Israel.

Yehuda Sharf
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Get Connected and Get Started

If you are already in Israel, call the Global Center at 1-800-228-055.

If you live North America: To apply for Aliyah, call our partner, Nefesh B'Nefesh, at 1-866-4-ALIYAH. For details on Jewish Agency programs, call 1-866-835-0430 (USA), 1-866-421-8912 (Canada), or 1-888-572-8269 (Russian-speakers in USA or Canada).

If you live in South America, Europe, the FSU, or anywhere else in the world, contact your local Jewish Agency *shaliach* or the Global Center (see the back page of this booklet for contact information from your location), or fill out the forms at jewishagency.org/PersonalAliyah.

THE BASICS

WHAT IS ULPAN? The key to success in Israel is Hebrew fluency, so most of the programs in this booklet include “ulpan”: intensive, immersive Hebrew-language instruction for five hours each day, five days a week, for five months. The instructors, certified by the Ministry of Education, weave together a variety of techniques, technology, and subject matter to help students improve their language skills. The Jewish Agency’s state-of-the-art courses are given at different levels and include units on Israeli culture and trips around Israel, to enhance your learning experience.

HEADED TO UNIVERSITY? The Israel Student Authority operates through the Ministry of Immigrant Absorption. It provides tuition grants for up to three years to eligible new immigrant students for undergraduate and graduate degrees, and for practical engineering and some certificate studies. It also provides social activities, career counseling, and tutoring.

You can contact the Student Authority at aceng@moia.gov.il (in English), acfr@moia.gov.il (French), aclat@moia.gov.il (Spanish), or acrus@moia.gov.il (Russian). If you’re nervous about jumping straight into Israeli college or graduate school, check out our TAKA preparatory programs on pages 9-11, or ask the Student Authority about “*mechinah*.”

A NOTE ABOUT THE IDF: Depending on your age, marital status, and other factors, you may be required to serve in the Israel Defense Forces at some point after your move to Israel. Your *shaliach* can explain how long you may be required to serve (if at all) and what to expect from the draft process. If you are making Aliyah by yourself, you are likely to be eligible for special assistance as a “lone soldier.”

A GIFT FROM THE ISRAELI PEOPLE: As a new immigrant, you will receive *sal klitah* (“absorption basket”) payments from the government of Israel each month for the first 6 months to assist you as you get started. The amounts probably won’t cover all your expenses, but are large enough to be a significant help. Talk to your *shaliach* or the Global Center to find out precise details.

ULPAN ETZION NETWORK

Tens of Thousands of Alumni Speaking Hebrew Every Day

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Ulpan Etzion was the very first ulpan in Israel, founded in 1949 in Jerusalem, and has served as the model for all The Jewish Agency’s highly successful Hebrew-language courses. Since 1949 it has welcomed tens of thousands of young new immigrants, and has expanded to locations around the country. At Ulpan Etzion, the halls are abuzz with a variety of languages and the comings and goings of young professionals and students from all over the world who are learning Hebrew at different levels. The studies include trips around the country, social and recreational activities, and workshops about Israeli society and career-building.

Each Etzion location has two starting dates per year; speak with your *shaliach* to find out which one might be best for you.

ADMISSION

Classes are open to college graduates aged 22-35.

On-campus accommodation is available to singles (in all Etzion locations) and married couples without children (in Jerusalem, Ra’anana, and Be’er Sheva).

Admission for all off-campus students, of any family status, is on a case-by-case basis.

► ULPAN ETZION - JERUSALEM

Ulpan Etzion Jerusalem is located at the Beit Canada Absorption Center in the quiet, residential neighborhood of Armon Hanatziv. From Beit Canada it is a 15-30 minute bus ride to the city center, universities, and entertainment venues. Within walking distance are a supermarket, pharmacy, post office, health clinic, community center, and banks. Beit Canada has 116 housing units, classrooms, a TV lounge, laundry room, synagogue, wireless internet, library, gym, and computer room.

The apartments each have one or two rooms (with two students sharing each room), a kitchenette, and a bathroom. The rooms come with basic furnishings, central heating, hot water, and utilities; residents bring their own linens, blankets, and dishes. The dining hall serves lunch and dinner each day, with a vegetarian option.

FYI:

Movilim Jerusalem is a separate track within Ulpan Etzion for *olim* aged 33 and up; it includes specialized career workshops for more seasoned professionals.

START DATES: February and September

For more details speak with your *shaliach* or call the Global Center.





► ULPAN ETZION CARMEL – HAIFA

Israel's third-largest city, Haifa has a breathtaking coastline on one side and the Carmel mountains on the other. It offers a high quality of life, with world-class educational institutions, a hi-tech zone, and six hospitals. The city is characterized by its pluralism.

Although the majority of Ulpan Carmel students live off-campus, those who reside in its Port Campus are housed in newly-renovated, four-bedroom apartments with one student per room. Each apartment includes a bathroom, kitchenette, basic furnishings, air-conditioning, and wireless internet. Lunch is provided. Residents must provide their own bedding and towels. The facilities include a laundry room.

► ULPAN ETZION – RA'ANANA

Ra'anana is a thriving, upscale city near Tel Aviv that was first established by Jewish pioneers from the United States. Its trademark is one of tolerance and mutual respect, community life, and volunteerism. The professional management of the municipality, excellent educational system, beautiful parks and gardens, and outstanding cultural programs all make the city of Ra'anana the "Pearl of the Sharon" and the Ulpan Etzion Ra'anana the "Jewel in the Crown."

Each apartment at Ulpan Etzion Ra'anana has a kitchenette, bathroom, enclosed storage balcony, and basic furnishings. Singles are placed together in one- and two-bedroom apartments, with two occupants per room; couples each have their own studio apartment. The facility includes a computer room, recreation room, and lounge.

► ULPAN ETZION PLUS

At Ulpan Etzion Ra'anana, you can extend your Etzion experience from five months to eight, for more time to improve your Hebrew. The enhanced program also includes special Hebrew vocabulary tailored to your career; on-site services by the Ministry of Absorption; assistance writing your Israeli CV; individual career counseling; videotaped practice interviews; counseling on your interview skills; and a workshop of several days about conducting a job search in Israel.

► ULPAN ETZION – RAMLA

Ramla is a sizable city in Israel's central region, between Tel Aviv and Jerusalem. It is a diverse city with a large number of immigrants. In the past it has struggled economically, but is currently in the process of dynamic improvements, and is making strides in business, quality of life, education, and infrastructure. This is an exciting time to live in Ramla.

Ulpan students live in Kiryat Menachem, one of Ramla's best neighborhoods, in apartments of four or five rooms, with one student in each room. The apartments each include a kitchenette, bathroom, basic furnishings, and internet connection.

Ulpan Etzion Ramla partners with a local municipal center to provide assistance in career counseling and give you the chance to meet Israelis your own age. The program places an emphasis on encouraging volunteer activities and will connect you with an "adoptive" Israeli family to make you feel at home. Registration at Ulpan Etzion Ramla entitles you to free entrance at Ramla's swimming pool and gym, free entrance to the city's sporting events, and a ten percent discount at some local businesses.

► ULPAN ETZION YE'ELIM – BE'ER SHEVA

As the largest city in the Negev Desert, Be'er Sheva is considered "the capital of the Negev," and is known for its large student population and high percentage of young-adult residents. Be'er Sheva is home to Ben-Gurion University and the renowned Soroka Medical Center. Many high-tech companies and plants, including those of Teva Pharmaceutical Industries and Israel Aerospace Industries, are located in and around Be'er Sheva, and a new high-tech park is being built near the city's North Railway Station. Be'er Sheva also has interesting museums, theater, music, and other cultural offerings.

The Ulpan Etzion program is housed at The Jewish Agency's Ye'elim Absorption Center in Be'er Sheva, near a shopping center with a bank, post office, pharmacy, grocery store, and bakery. The 156 housing units include 2- and 3-bedroom apartments, each with a kitchenette, bathroom, small dining area, and basic furnishings. Ulpan Etzion students are housed one student per bedroom. The apartments come with central heating and hot water (a small electric boiler in each apartment). The facilities include a laundry room. Students may order connections for television, cable television, and the internet at their own expense.

START DATES: Ulpan Etzion Jerusalem - January and July; Ulpan Etzion Haifa - April and October; Ulpan Etzion Ra'anana - March and September; Ulpan Etzion Ramla - December and June; Ulpan Etzion Be'er Sheva - September and February.



The Jewish Agency
has been helping
people make Aliyah
since 1929 – and we're
here for you, too.

TAKA

HEBREW LANGUAGE AND PRE-ACADEMIC PROGRAM FOR YOUNG OLIM

A Strong Start for Your College or Graduate Studies

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The pre-academic TAKA program prepares immigrant students for college undergraduate, graduate, or certificate studies (see next page for academic eligibility requirements). At either of the academic colleges offering TAKA, you will study Hebrew language and other subjects that will help you succeed in the Israeli academic environment. You'll also receive personal career counseling, workshops, cultural activities, and trips.

After your preparation in TAKA, you will continue on as a college or graduate student at any of the colleges or universities throughout Israel (pending your admission), with continued guidance and tuition assistance provided to all eligible new immigrants by the Student Authority (see page 4). Tuition for the academic portion of TAKA is free, and does not count against the three years of tuition subsidy to which you may be entitled by the Student Authority. There are fees for courses to prepare for the psychometric exam (which are offered if a sufficient number of students register for them) and for rent in the dormitories.

We suggest that you prepare for academic studies in Israel by joining several absorption programs consecutively. For example, the following plans will help you achieve academic exemption-level Hebrew:

- *Ulpan Etzion starting in July (5 months) ► TAKA Jerusalem starting February/March (5 months) ► summer ulpan at Hadassah College (6 weeks)*
- *TAKA 10 in Ashkelon (10 months, including initial ulpan) ► summer ulpan at Ashkelon College (6 weeks)*



ADMISSION

You may be eligible for TAKA if you are a new immigrant aged 18-30 and fall into any one of the following categories:

- You hold a *bagrut*-level high school diploma, such as the IB, Abitur, or GCSE + A-levels.
- You plan to attend an institution of higher learning that does not require *mechinah* as a prerequisite, or you already know you are exempt from *mechinah*.
- You have studied at a recognized institution abroad for at least two semesters and have earned at least 30 credits.
- You plan to enroll in a program that offers certificate studies or practical engineering.
- You plan to apply to graduate programs.

(Note: you do not have to have already been admitted to a university or certificate program to enter TAKA, just planning to apply.)

Additionally, you must have permission to enroll by the Student Authority, and pass a Hebrew exam showing fluency at level 2 or higher (on a scale of 1 to 6, with 1 being “beginner” and 6 being “fluent”; beginners should enroll first in an ulpan program to complete level 1.) Further eligibility criteria will be explained to you when you apply.

► TAKA JERUSALEM

ABOUT TAKA JERUSALEM

After completing an initial ulpan program from among the many in this brochure (such as Etzion, Beit Brodetsky, Kibbutz Ulpan, etc.) and passing a Hebrew exam, you will move on to the five-month, Jerusalem-based program at Hadassah Academic College. You will live at Beit Canada (see page 5), where you can focus on your studies, build a supportive social network, and enjoy cultural and recreational activities. Meanwhile you will take courses in advanced academic Hebrew, English (as necessary), research methods, computer skills, and one of the following: math, social sciences, or art (subject to sufficient enrollment).

START DATES: opens twice a year, in September/October and in February/March

ABOUT HADASSAH ACADEMIC COLLEGE

Hadassah College in Jerusalem (Hadassah.ac.il) is within walking distance of the Old City and the City Center.

► TAKA 10

ABOUT TAKA 10

TAKA 10 is a ten-month program that begins with a regular ulpan, and continues into TAKA. At Ashkelon College, students study Hebrew (offered at different levels); basic and academic English (at different levels; exemptions available with an exam); computer skills, with a stress on Hebrew terminology; and an academic course in social sciences or Jewish studies. With sufficient demand, classes are also offered in research methods, economics, math, and preparation for the Israeli psychometric exam, which is required for admission to most Israeli universities (the latter course is at extra cost).

While studying at Ashkelon College, students live in local apartments rented by the college, with more than one student per room.

Note: You can join TAKA 10 in Ashkelon for the entire 10 months, or opt to study at a different ulpan for five months and then move to Ashkelon for the final five months of the program (pending your passing a Hebrew exam and getting approval from the Student Authority).

START DATE: September

ABOUT ASHKELON ACADEMIC COLLEGE

Ashkelon is a mid-size city located on Israel’s southern coast. Ashkelon College (ash-college.ac.il), founded in 1965, offers bachelor degrees in various fields of study.





BEIT BRODETSKY YOUNG OLIM PROGRAM

Up-and-Coming College and Grad Students, Lighting Up Tel Aviv

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The Beit Brodetsky Young *Olim* Program is designed for young new immigrants who intend to enroll in further education in Israel. This program is a five-month-long immersion in Israeli culture and the Hebrew language.

You will live at Beit Brodetsky with other *olim* from all around the world. In the mornings, you will attend ulpan. Afternoons and evenings are yours, and you can engage in the rich variety of programs on offer both on- and off-campus. You will get a chance to develop relationships with Israeli students, and receive help developing your Hebrew CV. The program also includes tours around Tel Aviv and Israel.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Beit Brodetsky is located in the north of Tel Aviv in the neighborhood of Ramat Aviv. This modern and prestigious area is home to Tel Aviv University, other colleges, museums, and parks.

Each apartment has its own bathroom; a kitchenette with refrigerator; and two bedrooms that each sleep two people. Wireless internet is available for a low monthly fee. The building also houses Israeli students.

ADMISSION

To be eligible for the Beit Brodetsky Young *Olim* Program, you must be a new immigrant with a high school diploma who is single and between the ages of 21-31.

START DATES: October and April

ULPAN KINNERET

Hebrew Language and Employment Preparation on the Shore of Lake Kinneret

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Start your new life in Israel with a five-month ulpan, job and army preparation, cultural activities, and a chance to meet other new immigrants from around the globe. Located in Tiberias, Ulpán Kinneret includes trips to Jerusalem, the Negev, and other areas of the Galilee, and personal assistance finding employment in the Kinneret region. Accommodations are in furnished apartments, with two students per room.

ADMISSION

Ulpán Kinneret is open to new immigrants ages 18-30 who hold high school diplomas.

ABOUT TIBERIAS AND LAKE KINNERET

The city of Tiberias sits on the shore of Lake Kinneret (also known as the Sea of Galilee) in northeast Israel. Lake Kinneret is the main source of water for the country, and its beauty and historical importance draw millions of tourists.

Tiberias is the largest city near the Kinneret and serves as the cultural, business, and administrative center of the Kinneret and Jordan Valley regions. It is an ancient city, with many fascinating archeological sites and landmark buildings, and also a modern one, with a waterfront promenade, open parkland, shopping, restaurants, and modern hotels. The main industry of the city is tourism. At the lake, you can enjoy a variety of water sports and a beautiful view.

START DATES: November and May



KIBBUTZ ULPAN

The Classic Israeli Experience

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Kibbutz Ulpan has long been considered one of the most successful programs for young adults who want to learn Hebrew and experience a lifestyle unique to Israel, while meeting other young Jews from around the world. On the five-month Kibbutz Ulpan program, you will:

- study with your peers in intensive Hebrew-language courses for 24 hours each week.
- perform volunteer work on your host kibbutz, also for 24 hours weekly. The type of work depends on the needs of the kibbutz.
- have access to a rich variety of cultural activities organized by the kibbutz and by The Jewish Agency

Alumni of Kibbutz Ulpan typically enter university, join the IDF, or embark on careers in Israel. For your convenience each Kibbutz offers two start dates during the year.

ADMISSION

Kibbutz Ulpan is open to singles and couples, ages 18-30, without children. Admission is subject to an interview with a *shaliach* or program coordinator. You must receive written permission from a doctor for this labor-intensive program. Participants must be physically and mentally equipped for kibbutz life and come with a willingness to work hard.

The program is open to tourists as well as *olim*, at a different price; contact us for information.

ABOUT THE KIBBUTZIM

Kibbutz Ulpan is hosted by 10 kibbutzim around Israel, which vary in size, climate, industry, and character:

Tzuba | Ein Hashofet | Na'an | Ramat Yochanan | Mishmar Hasharon | Mishmar Ha'emek | Sde Eliyahu (Modern Orthodox) | Yagoor | Kvutzat Yavneh (Modern Orthodox) | Ma'agan Michael

Most kibbutzim offer dormitory-style living arrangements and recreational facilities such as a swimming pool, library, and lounge. It is recommended to consult with your *shaliach* about which kibbutz would be best for you. Placement is based on personal preference, availability, and the start dates of ulpan classes.

START DATES: varies by kibbutz and depends on demand

New! At Kibbutz Tzuba, an optional Driver's Theory course is available as part of your program, to help you earn your Israeli driver's license. This "Kibbutz Ulpan Plus" option also allows you to sign up for private one-on-one driving lessons, at lower-than-market prices.

KIBBUTZ ULPAN



Map is not to scale

FIRST HOME IN THE HOMELAND

Kibbutz-Based Absorption for Immigrant Families

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

First Home in the Homeland provides young families with a warm environment on a kibbutz for your first 6 or 12 months in Israel.

The Jewish Agency will carefully match you with one of the 30 participating kibbutzim in the Negev and the Galilee, where you will be assigned a coordinator to introduce you to your new community and help you get settled. For the first six months, you will study in ulpan either three or five mornings weekly, while your children attend schools on the kibbutz or nearby. After completing ulpan, you will have the option to extend your stay another half-year; most *olim* use that time to find employment in the area, continue in advanced ulpan, or join vocational courses.

Accommodations are simple apartments or caravans with basic furnishings and kitchenettes. You will have access to kibbutz resources such as the health clinic, grocery store, and laundry service. Some kibbutzim also offer a dining room with reasonably-priced breakfasts and lunches, a pool, or a library. You will also receive municipal services such as access to local medical care, sports fields, playgrounds, pools, etc., and participate in social and recreational activities with kibbutz members.

Each kibbutz also provides after-school care for school-age children six days a week and on holidays. Additionally, local recreation centers offer after-school sports, music, ballet, and the like.

Throughout your stay, your coordinator will be there to assist you. Following your absorption through First Home in the Homeland most kibbutzim will give you the option to stay on as residents, or to apply for kibbutz membership.

ADMISSION

First Home in the Homeland is open to adult couples up to age 45, including families with children aged 6 months to 15 years. The adults must:

- have visited Israel at least once in the past,
- have clean bills of health, both physically and mentally, and
- hold a *bagrut*-level high school diploma (e.g. the IB, Abitur, or GCSE + A-levels) OR hold an Education Ministry-recognized undergraduate degree.

Prices are subject to the number of children and the schools and activities in which they enroll.

START DATES: vary by region and are available throughout the year.



FYI: Singles are also eligible for First Home in the Homeland, though the details differ somewhat; speak to your shaliach for information.

GARIN TZABAR

Instant Family for IDF Recruits

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Starting before your Aliyah, *Garin Tzabar* builds close groups of Diaspora Jews, along with Israelis who have been living abroad from a young age, who have chosen to move to Israel and serve in the IDF. Part of what makes *Garin Tzabar* unique is the intensive preparation in which all group members must participate prior to your arrival in Israel, consisting of four seminars. Your framework of guidance and support starts well before you get onto the plane (there are also seminars for those who are already in Israel).

Upon arrival in Israel, each group is adopted by the Israel Scouts (israelscouts.org) and placed in a host kibbutz that quickly becomes the group's home away from home.

For three months, you will live on the kibbutz and your *Garin* group will receive special services to ease your absorption into Israeli life. You will participate in seminars with educators and soldiers to develop unity within your *Garin*, and to prepare for your army service. You will also learn Hebrew and Israeli history and culture.

Once inducted into the IDF, the *Garin* members go into separate army units according to their interests and abilities, but you will see each other often, heading home to your kibbutz for weekends and holidays throughout your army service, and keeping in touch with your *Garin Tzabar* family.

ADMISSION

To join *Garin Tzabar*, you must be at least 18 years old (or turning 18 by the end of November after your entrance date) and up to 22 (females) or 23 (males). You must have a high school diploma or be in the process of completing high school before joining the *Garin*; have reasonable Hebrew fluency; have a total accumulated time of visits to Israel of at least two months; and be committed to participating in the program as defined in the admissions packet. You will also have to present a Certificate of Good Conduct – proof that you have no criminal record.

START DATE: The kibbutz portion of the program begins in August; seminars take place in the months prior—schedules vary by region.

WINGS

Services and Continuing Support for Lone Soldiers

Every year, hundreds of brave young men and women move to Israel and join the Israel Defense Forces as "Lone Soldiers." We know it's not easy to serve in the IDF when you are a new immigrant, and your family lives far away. It's often tough, not having close family members to stay with on the weekends or support you through a crisis.

The Jewish Agency's Wings program provides a continuum of services for Lone Immigrant Soldiers, so that as you move through your army service you can receive the help you need.

Depending on your eligibility, you can receive:

- Help understanding and receiving your rights as a soldier.
- Support if a crisis arises.
- A personal mentor, in the form of another lone immigrant who recently finished his or her army service, provided through our partnership with the Israeli "Big Brother" Association.
- A five-day seminar, when you approach your discharge date, to help you prepare for civilian life. The seminar includes workshops on your rights as a lone soldier who becomes a civilian, budgeting and personal finance, job market trends and tools for entering the workforce, college opportunities and available courses of study in Israel, taxes, and insurance. As you make Aliyah and join the IDF, your discharge probably seems far into the future, but it will come quickly; remember to contact The Jewish Agency about this informative seminar.
- Ongoing personal, career, and financial guidance for up to two years following your army discharge, for graduates of the seminar.
- Mentoring by members of the Rotary Club: help with networking, managing bureaucracy, career planning, etc.

For assistance through Wings, call us at +972-2-620-4429.



WE'LL SEE YOU THROUGH

Your first several months as an Israeli will be a time of intense changes, and the staff at your program will be there to guide you. But what about the months and years to come after your program ends? Don't worry, we won't leave you; The Jewish Agency has a variety of programs and services to help you succeed

HECHVEN CENTER

Guidance, Advice, and Support Center for New Olim

Hechven offers a group of services available to you after your Aliyah, both before and after you finish an Absorption Program. It operates at various Kibbutz Ulpan and Ulpan Etzion locations, and at the offices of The Jewish Agency in Tel Aviv. Hechven is available to anyone ages 17-30 who has ever been part of one of our other Young Adult Absorption programs – even if, for any reason, you didn't finish it.

Hechven is there to help you integrate into your home in Israel, and realize your full potential as an Israeli citizen, through:

- Workshops on Israeli culture and integrating into Israeli society.
- Career counseling.
- Assistance in finding employment.
- Academic guidance.
- Psychological support.
- Connection to relevant social services.
- Workshops on managing personal finances.
- Personal mentors in the form of "Big Brother" volunteers – other young immigrants who made Aliyah without their families, and who have successfully integrated into Israeli society.
- Preparation for IDF service.
- Financial assistance in times of crisis.
- Service in your native language, when available.

For information email Ran at ranbu31@gmail.com.

CONNECT ISRAEL runs popular social events and provides career workshops and other services for young urban immigrants and tourists (ages 18-35) in Tel Aviv and Jerusalem. Through Connect Israel, hundreds of young people—newcomers, veteran Israelis, participants in various programs, tourists, and Jewish students who are living in or visiting the country—come together to form an Israel-based activity center. About 2,000 people participate in Connect Israel programs each year, forming friendships, getting help finding employment and housing, creating a community, and having fun. Go to connectlv.com to get connected.

AT HOME TOGETHER (BABAYIT B'YACHAD): VOLUNTEER AND OLEH COMMUNITY NETWORK offers a variety of practical services. We can provide you with an "Absorption Friend" to help you with tasks like opening a bank account and registering for a health fund; connect you with an Israeli family with whom you can spend holidays or go out socially; translate your CV into Hebrew and help you network for jobs; and assist you with other challenges such as finding tutors for your children or translating documents for you. For more information, email babait-beyahad@jafi.org, or call 1-800-221-314 (in Israel), or visit us at facebook.com/babayitbeyahad.



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Young Adult Absorption Programs

| Program | Location (See map on page 15) | Next Starting Dates | Price For Entire Duration of Program (unless noted "per month") | Meals | Hebrew levels offered | Eligibility | See Page |
|----------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|---|--------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|----------|
| TAKA | Jerusalem | Sept/Oct Feb/March | 1,100 NIS per month +deposit | Meals not included | N/A | Ages 18-30; see pages 9-11 | 9-11 |
| | Ashkelon | Sept | 580 NIS per month+deposit | Meals not included | 1-2 | Ages 18-30; see pages 9-11 | 9-11 |
| Beit Brodetsky | Tel Aviv | Oct, April | 5,250 NIS paid in 3 installments, +deposit (includes internet) | Meals not included | 1-3 | High School graduates aged 21-31 | 12 |
| Ulpan Kinneret | Tiberias | Nov, May | 450 NIS per month +deposit + utilities | Meals not included | 1-2 | High School graduates aged 18-30 | 13 |
| Kibbutz Ulpan | Yagoor | July, Jan | 2,000 NIS +deposit | Not Kosher | 1-3 | Ages 18-30 | 14-15 |
| | Ma'agan Michael | Jan, July | 2,000 NIS +deposit | Not Kosher | 1-4 (some-times 5) | Ages 18-30 | 14-15 |
| | Na'an | Feb, August | 2,000 NIS +deposit | Kosher | 1-2 | Ages 18-30 | 14-15 |
| | Mishmar Hasharon | Feb, July | 2,000 NIS +deposit | kosher | 1-2 | Ages 18-30 | 14-15 |
| | Ramat Yochanan | March, Sept | 2,000 NIS +deposit | Not kosher | 1-3 | Ages 18-30 | 14-15 |
| | Sde Eliyahu | Feb, Sept | 2,000 NIS +deposit | Kosher Religious kibbutz | 1-2 | Ages 18-30 | 14-15 |
| | Mishmar Ha'emek | March, Sept | 2,000 NIS +deposit | Not Kosher | 1-2 | Ages 18-30 | 14-15 |
| | Tzuba | Sept, April | 2,000 NIS +deposit | kosher | 1-2 | Ages 18-30 | 14-15 |
| | Ein Hashofet | Nov, June | 2,000 NIS +deposit | Not Kosher | 1-3 | Ages 18-30 | 14-15 |
| | Kvutzat Yavneh | May, Dec | 2,000 NIS +deposit | Kosher Religious kibbutz | TBA | Ages 18-30 | 14-15 |

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| Ulpan Etzion | Jerusalem | Jan, July | 6,900 NIS +deposit | Kosher Lunch and dinner | 1-6 | College graduates aged 22-35 | 5-8 |
| | Movilim Jerusalem | Feb, Sept | 6,900 NIS +deposit | Kosher Lunch and dinner | 1-6 | College graduates aged 33+ | 5-8 |
| | Ra'anana | March, Sept | 800 NIS per month +deposit | Meals not included | 1-4 | College graduates aged 22-35 | 5-8 |
| | Haifa | April, Oct | 5,500 NIS + deposit | Kosher Lunch | 1-6 | College graduates aged 22-35 | 5-8 |
| | Ramla | June, Dec | 650 NIS per month +deposit +utilities | Meals not included | 1-2 | College graduates aged 22-35 | 5-8 |
| | Be'er Sheva | Feb, Sept | 800 NIS per month +deposit | Meals not included | 1-4 | College graduates aged 22-35 | 5-8 |
| First Home in the Homeland | Various | Various | Usually 900-1,400 NIS per month per family; depends on schools and activities chosen | Meals not included | 1-3 | Couples and families; see pages 16-17 | 16-17 |
| Garin Tzabar | Various | Various | Refer to <i>Shaliach</i> | N/A | N/A | High School graduates aged 18-23 (see page 18) | 18 |
| Wings | All | Year-round | Free | N/A | N/A | Lone Immigrant Soldiers | 19 |
| Hechven | Various | Year-round | Free | N/A | N/A | Ages 17-30; see page 20 | 20 |
| Connect Israel | Tel Aviv, Jerusalem | Year-round | Varies by activity | N/A | N/A | Immigrants, native Israelis, tourists aged 18-35 | 21 |
| At Home Together | All | Year-round | Free | N/A | N/A | All ages | 21 |

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