# Non-Camp Summer Programs for Teens

## NATIONAL RELIGIOUS MOVEMENT PROGRAMS

### NCSY (formerly NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF SYNAGOGUE YOUTH) SUMMER PROGRAMS

11 Broadway, 14th Floor  
New York NY 10004  
888-tour-4-you (888-868-7496)  
summer@ncsy.org  
www.ncsysummer.com

NCSY offers one US-based program, in Baltimore MD. All other programs include travel to Israel; some programs also include travel to parts of Europe. (Orthodox)

### NFTY (NORTH AMERICAN FEDERATION OF TEMPLE YOUTH) in ISRAEL

Union for Reform Judaism  
633 Third Avenue, 7th Floor  
New York, NY 10017  
Phone: 212-452-6517  
Fax: 212-650-4016  
ljacobs@urj.org  
www.nftyinisrael.org

NFTY offers three different Israel experiences; four week adventure travel, a six and one-half week program that earns high school credit and a five week program that includes Eastern Europe and Israel. (Reform)

### USY (UNITED SYNAGOGUE YOUTH) SUMMER PROGRAMS

820 Second Avenue, 10th Floor  
New York, NY 10017  
Phone: 212-533-7800  
Fax: 212-353-9439  
youth@uscj.org  
http://www.usy.org/escape/

USY offers summer programs in the US (under the umbrella USY on Wheels), Israel and Europe. (Conservative)

## NATIONAL YOUTH GROUP PROGRAMS

### ACHVA

111 John Street, Suite 450  
New York, NY 10038  
212 929-1525 ext. 181  
achva@youngisrael.org  
http://achva.youngisrael.org

Achva, a Young Israel program, runs co-ed tours for Jewish high school students with an Orthodox day school background. Achva’s tours are grade specific; with separate tours for those who have COMPLETED 8th, 9th and 10th grades. Rising 9th graders will tour the eastern US, rising 10th graders the western US, and rising juniors have a choice between Israel “only” or Israel and Europe.

### BBYO PANIM INSTITUTE SUMMER OF IMPACT

The PANIM Institute of BBYO  
2020 K Street, NW 7th Floor  
Washington, DC 20001  
202-857-6594  
www.panim.bbyo.org

Summer of Impact is a travel program that focuses on service, leadership and advocacy. In 2012 the two week programs are in Boston, Chicago, Washington, DC, and Israel.

### BBYO PASSPORT

2020 K Street NW, 7th Floor  
Washington DC 20006  
800-698-1002  
info@bbyopassport.org  
www.bbyopassport.org

Open to all Jewish teens, BBYO Passport offers program trips to 17 different countries in Europe, Africa, Central America, the US and Israel. Most trips offer more than one session and are staggered throughout the summer so that participants can combine programs for a full summer of travel.
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HABONIM DROR NORTH AMERICA-MBI (MACHANEH BONIM ISRAEL)
114 West 26th Street, Suite 1004
New York NY 10001’
Phone: 212-255-1796
Fax: 212-929-3459
mazkir@habonimdror.org
www.habonimdror.org

MBI is a five week summer adventure for those who have COMPLETED grade 10. Israeli, North American and international youth spend the summer together, providing diverse insight in topics such as community building, Judaism, and Arab–Israel relations. MBI participants travel throughout all of Israel, learning first-hand about the Israeli people, their history, culture and society.

RAMAH IN ISRAEL
ramahisrael@campramah.org
Tel: (972) 2 -6790243
Fax: (972) 2 – 6792069

For campers of the seven Ramah camps in North America who have completed their junior year of high school. Due to the intensive program of study and travel at Ramah Seminar, all applicants must meet certain requirements.

YOUNG JUDAEA SUMMER PROGRAMS
50 West 58th Street
New York, NY 10019
Phone: 800-725-0612
Fax: 212-303-4572
summerprograms@youngjudaea.org
www.yjsummer.org

Various options for students who have COMPLETED grades 9 – 12, including I Speak Israel, an Israel advocacy program in cooperation with – The David Project. Participants in any program entering their junior or senior years in Fall 2012 may be eligible to receive up to three college credits.

FELLOWSHIPS AND STUDY PROGRAMS

ALEXANDER MUSS HIGH SCHOOL IN ISRAEL (AMHSI)
78 Randall Avenue
Rockville Centre, NY 11570
Phone: 212-472-9300
info@amhsi.org
www.amhsi.org

AMHSI, a non-denominational, English language academic experience offers 6 week summer sessions for students entering 10th – 12th grade with GPA of at least 2.5. The curriculum is conducted in chronological historical order, with on-site learning at the places studied.

ENCOUNTERS AT BRANDEIS
415 South Street MS 065
Waltham MA 02454
781-736-8416
www.brandeis.edu/highschool/index.html

Encounters at Brandeis is for students entering grades 10 - 12. BIMA participants hone their artistic skills in the fields of dance, music, theater, visual arts and writing. Genesis is an experiential learning program that connects students with professionals from their fields of interest.

THE BRONFMAN YOUTH FELLOWSHIPS IN ISRAEL
163 Delaware Avenue, Suite 102
Delmar NY 12054
518-475-7212
apply@byfi.org
www.bronfman.org

The Bronfman Youth Fellowships in Israel is a 5-week all expense paid summer program to educate and inspire participants to become active in Jewish culture, and contribute talent and vision to the Jewish community beyond. The Fellows spend the summer before their high school senior year traveling through Israel, exploring their Jewish Identity, and engaging with thinkers, authors, artists, and educators.
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DERECH HATEVA
c/o PresenTense
64 Emek Refaim, #2
Jerusalem, Israel 93142
Phone: 212-537-6280
info@derechhateva.org
www.derechhateva.org
Israel Phone: 02-624-8743

A month of backpacking across Israel for 9th - 12th graders. Participants hike, bike and climb in the North and South of Israel, learn to spend Shabbat in the wilderness and trek through the desert with camels. Participants experience the outdoors while exploring and engaging with the people and Land of Israel.

DR. BETH SAMUELS HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM
AT DRISHA INSTITUTE FOR JEWISH EDUCATION
37 West 65th Street, 5th floor
New York, NY 10023
Phone: 212-595-0307
Fax: 212-595-0679
inquiry@drisha.org
www.drisha.org

Drisha offers a five week summer program for teenage girls to immerse in the study of classical Jewish texts, including Tanakh, Talmud, Halakha and Philosophy.

COMMUNITY SERVICE AND VOLUNTEER PROGRAMS

AMERICAN JEWISH SOCIETY FOR SERVICE – SUMMER OF SERVICE
10319 Westlake Drive, Suite 193
Bethesda MD 20817
301-767-3930
info@ajss.org
http://ajss.org

A six-week community service program for rising 10th, 11th and 12th graders (must be 15 to participate) that benefits a number of social service organizations in communities across the United States. Participants generally earn at least 150 community service hours.

AMERICAN JEWISH WORLD SERVICE
45 West 36th Street
New York, NY 10018
800-889-7146
ajws@ajws.org
www.ajws.org

Participants in AJWS Volunteer Summer begins with a seven-week volunteer experience abroad in a rural area of Africa, Asia or the Americas in collaboration with local grassroots NGOs, participants: The program continues throughout the year with trainings and opportunities for public speaking, writing, advocacy and volunteer service to keep activism alive at home and on campus.

SPECIAL NEEDS SUMMER PROGRAMS

YACHAD, THE NATIONAL JEWISH COUNCIL FOR DISABILITIES
11 Broadway, 13th Floor
New York, NY 10004
Phone 212-613-8229
Fax 212-613-0796
njcd@ou.org
www.njcd.org

The Yad B’Yad Israel Experience brings high school students together with Yachad members (adults and teens with special needs). With safety always first priority, the group spends time in Jerusalem, on an Israeli army base, at the Kineret and Dead Sea, other locations. Participants also give back to the residents of Israel by helping out in a soup kitchen, visiting underprivileged children, and more.