



## **INSIDE ISRAEL**

**An Unparalleled Travel Opportunity to See & Understand Israel's Key Social Challenges  
December 10-18, 2013**

### **Trip Information**

**About JDC Israel:** Since its inception in 1914 in pre-State Palestine, and up until the present, JDC has supported the well-being of Jews who call Israel their home, initially providing critical relief and then helping to build a social and economic infrastructure in preparation for statehood. With the founding of the State of Israel, and over the course of more than six decades, JDC has worked in partnership with the state to address the needs of the country's most vulnerable populations, Jews and non-Jews alike.

JDC's work has evolved over time from that of a direct service provider to a developer of new social and welfare programs serving those least able to participate fully in society. JDC's strategic partnerships with the Israeli government, on the national and local levels, as well as its partnerships with the nonprofit sector allow it to maintain the unique and highly effective strategy that characterizes its work today. JDC-Israel develops new social service models to effectively address unmet and under-met social needs. Once developed, tested, and proven, these models are disseminated throughout the country as needed and integrated by JDC's Israeli partners as routine elements of the social services they themselves provide.

Through strategic interventions, JDC-Israel touches the lives of 1 in 4 Israelis, assisting the most vulnerable target populations such as: children and youth at risk and their families, the elderly, immigrant groups, chronically unemployed, and the disabled. In 2007, JDC-Israel was awarded the Israel Prize for Lifetime Achievement and Special Contribution to Society and the State of Israel, the Jewish state's highest civilian honor.

### **Itinerary Highlights:**

- Explore issues of social integration, education, employment, and refugee/asylum status in Israel's society
- Learn about the challenges faced by Israel's many diverse communities including Ethiopian-Israeli, Israeli-Arab, and Ultra-Orthodox populations
- Meet with leading experts, government officials, community leaders and young Israeli professionals
- Get off the beaten path and travel to Bedouin towns, Israeli-Arab villages and Ethiopian-Israeli communities throughout the country
- Volunteer alongside local residents to plant a community garden and work hand-in-hand with children at risk
- Experience Israel's diverse cultures through food, music and dance

**Trip Dates:** December 10-18, 2013 (Ground Program is December 11-17)

**Cost:** \$2,800

The trip cost includes:

- Round-trip airfare from New York to Tel Aviv
- Local transportation within Israel
- Meals
- Hotel accommodations (note: the participation fee covers accommodations in double rooms; participants may elect to stay in a single room for an additional fee)
- Briefings and tours
- Medical and emergency evacuation insurance

Note that participants will be expected to submit a deposit of \$1,000 upon notification of selection. Final payment of \$1,800 will be due one month prior to the trip.

**JDC Global Leadership Grants:** JDC does not want the cost of the trip to prevent your participation. If you are unable to contribute the full participation fee, we encourage you to apply for a JDC Global Leadership Grant (see JDC Global Leadership Grant section of attached application). JDC will award JDC Global Leadership Grants to a select number of participants on an as-needed basis. Your decision to apply for a JDC Global Leadership Grant will not impact selection decisions. Note that no full subsidies are available.

Beyond applying for a JDC Global Leadership Grant, we also encourage you to fundraise to cover the cost of your participation. We are happy to provide guidance as you reach out to friends and family to seek donations for this worthwhile experience.

#### **Group Flight Information:**

To Israel:

- Depart New York JFK on Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup> on El Al Flight #8 at 11:50 PM
- Arrive in Tel Aviv-Yafo, Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:20 PM

Return to the United States:

- Depart Tel Aviv –Yafo Ben Gurion on Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup> on El Al Flight #1 at 1:00 AM
- Arrive in New York JFK on Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 AM

**Entwine** is a one-of-a-kind movement for young Jewish leaders, influencers, and advocates who seek to make a meaningful impact on global Jewish needs and international humanitarian issues. We do this by offering service experiences in Jewish communities around the world, educational events and programs, and leadership development opportunities. **Entwine** is an initiative of JDC, the largest Jewish humanitarian organization in the world. JDC works in 70 countries, specializing in humanitarian aid, Jewish community renewal and disaster relief.

Learn more: [www.jdcentwine.org](http://www.jdcentwine.org)

**About the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC):** For over 95 years, JDC has provided rescue, relief, and renewal for Jewish communities outside of North America, helped Israel meet the needs of its most vulnerable citizens, and offered a Jewish response to natural and man-made disasters and non-sectarian development needs around the world. JDC's work in over 70 countries is inspired by Jewish values of mutual responsibility, that *kol yisrael areivim zeh l'zeh* (all of Israel is responsible for one another), and tikkun olam, that Jews have an obligation to repair the world.

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## JDC Entwine Inside Israel Frequently Asked Questions

### **Who is the appropriate candidate for Inside Israel?**

JDC Entwine looks to put together a diverse group of young professionals from across the United States and around the world ranging in age, background, profession and interests. There is no one profile that is appropriate.

This is a trip to explore social issues in Israel. For Inside Israel, prior Israel experience is recommended.

### **What is the age range of the group?**

JDC Insider Trips for young professionals are open to post-college age individuals from across the US and around the world. Participants generally range in age from early twenties through late thirties.

### **What is involved in the application process & what information should I have handy?**

The application asks for information about your education and activities/volunteer experience, current employment, as well as a few short essay questions. You will also need to upload a copy of your resume and passport.

A select number of applicants will be invited for an interview within one month following the application deadline. Trip interviews are conducted via Skype with JDC Entwine staff and last between 15-25 minutes.

### **When will I find out if I am accepted & how long do I have to confirm my participation?**

All participants will be notified of acceptance by mid-October. If selected, you will have approximately one week to confirm your participation and pay the trip deposit of \$1,000.

### **I cannot afford the full cost of \$2,800. What kinds of subsidies are available?**

JDC Global Leadership Grants are provided on an as-need basis and you can apply for a grant on the trip application. Note that no full subsidies are available.

### **Can I fundraise from other sources to help cover the cost of my participation fee?**

Past participants have been extremely successful in raising additional funds to help cover the cost of participation. JDC Entwine Insider Trips are leadership experiences, and many local organizations, synagogues, alumni associations and employers agree on its value.

### **Can I book my own flights to Israel? What is the ground cost of the program?**

Participants may elect to book their own travel and will be responsible for the ground cost of \$1,500.

### **Can I extend my stay and still book with the group flight on the way to Israel?**

All participants who wish to travel on the group flight must travel TO Israel with the group but will be able to extend their stay. All requests to deviate from the return group flight must be submitted upon confirming participation for the trip. Note that a change fee may apply and return flight dates are subject to availability.

**When will I find out who else is in the group? Will there be an opportunity to connect prior to the trip itself?**

Shortly after confirming your participation for the trip, you will receive a formal “Welcome E-mail” with next steps, forms, logistics and dates to mark on your calendar. You will also be introduced to the rest of the group and receive everyone’s bios and contact information.

There will be two group briefing calls or webinars within the two months before take-off. Additionally, where there are a few participants in a given city, these participants often organize an informal get together, which JDC & trip co-chairs are happy to help facilitate.