



September 2014 Information Packet



The entire Career Israel staff is very excited to meet you all in Jerusalem on September 1st, 2014!

Please read the information packet very carefully and note it is your responsibility to read all emails with relevant information.

Please email me at avivase@isralexperience.org with any questions.

Thank you,
Aviva Sensor

Flights & Arrival to Israel



The program begins on **Monday, September 1st, 2014.**

Registration will take place **at Bayit VaGan Youth Hostel located at 8 Hapisgah St. in Jerusalem.** Here is the link to the Youth Hostel - <http://goo.gl/OSo20M>. If you want to make a reservation to stay there the night before the program you can call them at +972-(0)2-642-0990 . Please note that a night in the hostel before Sept. 1st will not be covered by Career Israel.

Registration will take place between **12:00 until 4:00 pm on September 1st.** You must be there any time between 12-4pm. If you will be arriving after 4:00 PM please email IRegistration@isralexperience.org.

Please try to arrange for a flight that will get you to Israel on Sept 1st before 11:00am to allow yourself enough time to get to Jerusalem. If you will be taking a shared cab they should know where the youth hostel is located, but you can advise the cab driver that the hostel is near the Yad Vashem/Mt Herzl.

If you will be arriving early, please let us know where you will be staying in the interim period and a phone number where you can be reached during that time so that we can contact you if necessary. Likewise it is a good idea to utilize this time to meet with your internship placement; therefore it is important that you notify us of your early arrival. Please make sure to refer to the visa section of this document for further information regarding visas and flights.

Please make sure to hold on to the entry and exit tickets given to you at customs

****Please note that you must check-out of the apartments by 8 AM, January 27th, 2015.****

Program Payment

Half payment for the program was due on July 1st, 2014 and **your final payment is due on August 1st, 2014.**

You can email avivase@israelexperience.org to find out your exact balance. **If you are receiving a scholarship from an outside source (not Masa) you still must be paid in full by August 1st and we will refund you if the funds arrive after August 1st, 2014.**

You can pay in one of the following methods:

- 1) Via your online application – log back in and pay via the “program tuition tab”
- 2) Via wire transfer - please first notify avivase@israelexperience.org and she will give you the account details.
- 3) Via check made out to "**The Israel Experience Ltd.**" Checks made out to “Career Israel”, “Masa” or any other name will **not** be accepted. PLEASE NOTE ALL CHECKS CAN ONLY BE MAILED TO ISRAEL VIA FEDEX WITH A TRACKING NUMBER. MAILING A CHECK INTERNATIONALLY CAN GET EASILY LOST OR STOLEN. Please email avivase@israelexperience.org **FIRST** for further details.

If you are receiving a scholarship from an outside source (not Masa) you still must be paid in full and we will refund you if the funds arrive after September 1st, 2014. Please note that the Israel mail system is not always reliable so we ask you to inform your scholarship organization to do a wire transfer rather than mail a check. The check **MUST** be made out to **The Israel Experience Ltd.**

If you can only mail a check it is best to have a tracking number and mailed to:

The Israel Experience
Career Israel – Aviva Senser
Kiryat Moriah
3 Ha'askan Street, POB 92
Jerusalem, Israel 91000

You will not be able to check in at the orientation if payment has not been made in full by September 1st, 2014. Please pay your outstanding balance on time to avoid unpleasantness at the orientation. No exceptions will be made in this policy.

Cancellation Fees

If you cancel your participation in the program before September 1st, 2014, you will only be refunded half of all payments, not including the application fee and deposit. There will be no refunds after September 1st, 2014.

Deadlines

Full Payment is due: August 1st, 2014

Please note you are only conditionally accepted until we receive your medical forms. Medical forms need to be emailed to Iregistration@israelexperience.org no later than August 1st, 2014.

The rest of the supplementary documentation such as the letter of recommendation, background check, diploma/ transcript (can be unofficial), passport scan, 4 passport sized photos, and final payment are also due on August 1st, 2014.

The supplementary documentation (including 4 passport photos) can be emailed to ieregistration@israelexperience.org

Visas

A newer policy that has affected some participants is that if you are coming with a round trip ticket, you will need a visa for the duration of your time on the program in advance, or else you will not be allowed on the plane. Therefore we suggest getting a multi-entry visa before coming to Israel.

As a participant in a Masa program, you are eligible to receive a multi-entry visa for one year from the Israeli consulate in your home country, prior to your arrival in Israel. If you live near an Israeli consulate we encourage you to take advantage of this option and contact the consulate to receive the visa, as it can save you the nuisance of extending your visa while in Israel. If you will be doing this please email avivase@israelexperience.org so we can send you an official Career Israel acceptance letter to bring with you. You will also need to bring the letter that you received from Masa notifying you that you have been awarded a Masa scholarship, along with your passport and flight information. **If you do not arrange a visa before arriving to Israel, in most cases you will be issued a three-month tourist visa automatically upon entry into Israel. Please make sure to ask for a tourist visa and NOT a work visa when entering the country.**

The Career Israel staff will then assist you in renewing your visa in the middle of the program. You are required to have a passport from your home country that is valid for at least six months, as well as a return ticket to your home country in order to receive the visa. We make every effort to help you in this process; however we have no control over the policies of the Israeli Ministry of Interior. Participants from certain countries (such as the former Soviet Union, South Africa, and certain countries in South America) need to arrange their A2 Masa visas ahead of time in the Israeli embassy in their home country. If you, or either of your parents, were born in Israel, or lived in Israel in the past, your situation may be different. If this is applicable to you, please contact your local Israeli consulate to confirm there will not be any customs issues for you at the airport. Please also confirm with your airline if it is permissible to enter the country without a visa or a one way ticket. Every airline has different rules and regulations.**

The visas are issued by the Israeli Ministry of Interior. Occasionally they give participants one-month visas rather than the standard 3-month visas. If you are issued a one-month visa, or if you enter Israel more than two weeks before the program starts and need to renew your visa earlier than the other participants, you are responsible for doing so on your own. The Career Israel staff is happy to help guide you through this process, but can not guarantee service as it is not under our jurisdiction.

Masa & Other Paperwork

Those of you who have not yet submitted your Masa application, please do so as soon as possible. It takes time for Masa to process your application, and if you wait until the last minute to submit your request, you may not receive an answer before the program begins. If you have submitted your Masa forms, you should have received notification as to the amount that you have been awarded. Please apply at www.masaisrael.org.

Please note if you have ever been in Israel for longer than a 4 month period you will not be eligible to receive Masa funding. You MUST tell Career Israel if you have been in Israel for more than 4 months if you did receive Masa funding. If you have been in Israel for longer than 4 months you are not Masa eligible and will need to pay for the program in full.

You can apply for the regular scholarship of \$3000, the extra needs based scholarship of \$4500 or \$5000 (receipt of this amount is dependent upon your country of origin). If you are applying for the \$4500 scholarship you can apply as a dependent or independent. If you apply as a dependent you need to email me your financial providers 1040 tax forms from 2013. If you are applying as an independent you need to email me 6 months of pay stubs, a notarized letter stating that you are financially independent and a copy of your rental/lease agreement.

If you are arriving from Eastern Europe or Russia you will need to email avivase@israelexperience.org a copy of your A2 Masa Visa in order to receive your MASA scholarship. In order to obtain this visa you need to visit a local Israeli consulate in your area. Please email me a scanned copy of you're A2 Masa visa by August 1st, 2014.

- a. Participation in the entire program (September 1st, 2014 – January 27th, 2015).
- b. Participation in all educational activities run by the program.

In order to ensure your fulfillment of these requirements, you will be required to sign a document which will give Career Israel the right to charge the same amount of the Masa grant to your credit card (\$3,000/\$4,500/\$5,000). This is a security deposit, and will only be used should there be any room damages, violations of program policy, or leaving the program by dismissal or choice before January 27th, 2015. Please make sure to bring a credit card or debit card on September 1st, 2014 to fill out the form. If you do not have this card we will not be able you to check in for the program.

Likewise, we would like to remind you that your acceptance to the program is conditional on the completion of your full application packet including: a medical form signed and stamped by a physician, a health declaration that you fill out online, background check, accepting the Terms and Conditions online, 4 passport photos, a recommendation letter and a copy of your diploma/your college transcript.

Internship Placements

Due to the large number of participants on the upcoming session, internship placements will be filling up quickly and we encourage you to begin the process as soon as possible.

You should all be working directly with your internship advisor, some of you have your placements finalized and many are in the process. Please make every effort to be in constant contact with your internship advisor about your internship placement and to respond to each email from your coordinator within 24 hours. The internship search process can take time, so it is important not to wait until the last minute. The more you partner and communicate with your internship advisor, the sooner we can finalize your placement. If you have any specific questions about the internship process, please ask your individual coordinator.

If you will be arriving in Israel before the program, please let your placement coordinator know so that she/he can arrange for you to meet with your employer before the program starts. You are scheduled to begin your internships on **September 16th, 2014**.



Orientation Program

The Career Israel program begins with orientation in Jerusalem. The orientation has several purposes: to get to know the other members of the group and the Career Israel staff, to deepen your knowledge of Israeli culture and society and to acquaint you with Israel's capitol city. The programming during these first few days is somewhat intense, since we try to utilize the time in which the entire group is together.



Ulpan

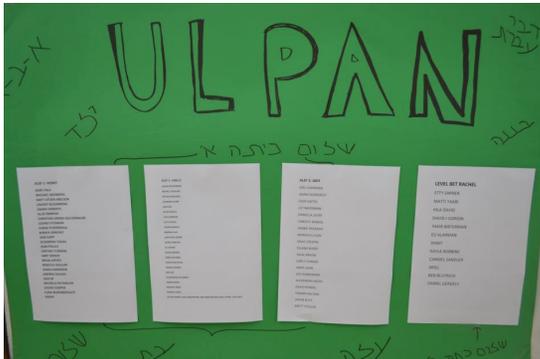
The Ulpan (Hebrew study program) for the September 2014 session of Career will be sent to you shortly.

Many levels will be offered in the Ulpan in order to meet the needs of all of the participants, from beginners to those with a strong background in the language. We will be conducting a short exam during the first week that will help us assign you to the appropriate level. It is very important that you attend all Hebrew classes and complete all assignments, as the better your Hebrew is, the more you will get out of your internship. Those who are completely fluent in Hebrew will discuss with the Ulpan director other options for Hebrew study. Please email avivase@israelexperience.org if you are fluent in Hebrew. We encourage those of you who can to invest time in studying Hebrew even before you begin the program.

Two helpful sites for Hebrew study are;

1. http://www.moia.gov.il/Moia_en/StudyingHebrew/LearningHebrew.htm?SearchText

2. <http://overseas.huji.ac.il/academics.asp?cat=178&in=24>.



Educational Programming After Orientation and Ulpan

Throughout the program, there will be several tours and seminars, including full weekend programs. Every participant needs to attend all of the overnight trips and day trips (these are a highlight of the program and you will NOT want to miss these amazing trips!)

You are required to notify your madrich at least two weeks in advance if you cannot attend a specific trip – we will only allow this for specific reasons such as family members visiting Israel or health issues. The orientation, Ulpan and ending seminar are compulsory for all participants. Missing more than one activity is cause for a monetary fine (this includes a day trip, seminar or overnight trip). If you miss an additional activity due to a severe illness, you will be required to provide documentation regarding that illness.



Housing

The apartments in all locales are furnished with the basics such as beds, closets, essential electrical appliances (though no oven is provided), basic kitchen tools etc. Dishes and very basic cooking utensils (one pot, one pan, a few pieces of silverware etc.) are provided. Bedding, pillows, blankets and towels are **not** provided, and therefore we suggest that you either bring them with you from home, or prepare to purchase them in Israel. Most twin-size sheets fit the beds.

If there are enough participants who keep Kosher, they will be placed in their own apartment. If not, then the participants who keep Kosher will be given Kosher dishes, and their roommates are expected to respect their needs. Laundry and cleaning services are not provided. There are several laundromats within close proximity to the accommodations in both locations. We would like to remind you that in Jerusalem, each participant has his or her own room, and in Tel Aviv you will have either **1, 2, 3 or 4 roommates** (see below for further information.) The accommodations are satisfactory, basic, dormitory-style units.

Please realize that standards in Israel are different and do not expect them to be similar to your accommodations at home or to a hotel. You can view pictures of the housing at www.careerisrael.com.



Tel Aviv Housing

The Tel Aviv housing is located at 37 King George St., in the heart of Tel Aviv, walking distance from the beach, Dizengoff Center and many other Tel Aviv attractions. The housing consists of apartments in a dorm-like setting. Apartments are divided into 2, 3, 4 or 5 person units. Two person units are essentially two people to a studio apartment consisting of one room with its own bathroom and kitchenette. Three person units are larger versions of the two person unit, with three people sharing one large room. Quads/Quins (four-five person units) are two adjoining bedrooms and a common kitchenette and bathroom in between, with two-three people sleeping in each bedroom.

You will be able to meet the group during orientation through trips and group bonding activities. We will have a room lottery session to determine rooming. There is also a possibility that you will be living with people from other Masa programs.

If you do want a single studio apartment in our Tel Aviv housing please email avivase@israeleexperience.org. The studio apartment is in the same building as the other apartments and is an additional \$1500 for the 5 months. Single studios are limited*

In all cases you will be sharing a room unless you have reserved and paid for a single studio. The units in Tel Aviv are not uniform and vary in size and structure.

The accommodations are basic dormitory style units in a incredible location!



Life in TLV

Where can I do laundry?

Dizi, 13 Ben Ami St.

"I swear by Dizi, laundromat/coffeehouse."
- Alex, Career Israel 14

Where can I get authentic Israeli food?

40 Geula St.

"Best Shakshuka in town!" -Marina, Career Israel 14

Where can I find a second hand book store?

87 Allenby St.

"Everything in ENGLISH!" -Lindsey, Career Israel 14

Where can I listen to music?

Barnash, 87 Bograshov St.

"Really good happy hour. Bar inside deli on Allenby is really cool. More of a lounge vibe, they play really good jazz old school hip hop and acid jazz. Good for a date or for a chill night out. - Brooke, Career Israel 13

Where should I go out?

Drink Point, 91 Dizengoff Street,

"Cheap drinks and shots, beer pong, shesh besh, good people, outdoors." - Ariel, Career Israel 14



Tips From
Past
Participants!

Jerusalem Housing

This housing option is located at the Student Village of the Hebrew University Mt. Scopus Campus. Each participant has his or her own room in a shared apartment that includes a kitchenette and a small common area. It is usually 4-5 people to an apartment. The housing is approximately a 40 minute bus ride from the center of town, with transportation frequently available.

Please note that the Jerusalem participants on the program are usually only 10-15% of the group and you may be living in an apartment with participants from different programs. If you will be living in Jerusalem for the internship segment of the program, you will be placed in temporary housing in the Tel Aviv area for the first few weeks of the program. During this time you will be living in shared rooms, either in the regular Career Israel Tel Aviv housing or in a close-by housing location.



Life in Jerusalem

Where can I get authentic Israeli food?

Rachmo, 5 HaEshkol St.

"Amazing hummus" -Rachel, Career Israel Summer

Where should I go out?

Kangaroo, 7 Ma'alot Nahalat Shiva St.

"An awesome spot for dates or just to hang/drink/smoke hookah. It's a bar lounge only open at night and outdoors only." -Brooke, Career Israel 13

Where should I go food shopping?

Machane Yehuda

"Cheap prices, fun atmosphere. Hey, you can munch on a falafel while you shop. Doesn't get more Israeli than that." -Sarah, Career Israel Summer

Where should I go to the movies?

Lev Smadar, 4 Loyd George St.

"It's a coffee shop/restaurant/movie theater with amazing indie-films."
-Lindsay Career Israel Summer

Where should I go to Shabbat dinner?

Jeff Seidel, jeffseidel.com

"He finds you a host family with a bunch of other people looking to experience Shabbat in the Holy City." -Jasper, Career Israel Summer



Tips From Past Participants!

Independent Housing

If you do not feel that the Career Israel housing meets your needs, or if you have your own housing in Israel, you can choose not to live in the housing offered by Career Israel. Should you choose to live in your own housing for the entire five months of the program, the cost of the program will be [\\$5625](#) minus your Masa scholarship. Please note that if you choose this option you must arrive on your own, on time, to all Ulpan studies and educational programming and that you must cover the cost of your own transportation to and from your housing to the Ulpan or programming.

If you are interested in independent housing you must notify avivase@israelexperience.org by August 1st, 2014. If you notify us after that date we cannot guarantee that you will be able to receive the independent housing discount, and you will be required to pay the full amount of the Career Israel program.

In addition, if you sign up for independent housing and then change your mind after August 1st, 2014, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to provide you with Career Israel housing.

Free Weekends and Holidays Host Families

Please note that you will be in Israel during Rosh Hashana and Sukkot. At times, the entire country is on vacation and there are many fun activities to partake in throughout the country. Most of the weekends in the program are free, as are MOST of the Jewish holidays that fall during the program. During free weekends you can visit family, tour Israel or just relax in your apartment. As long as you are within Israel proper and have your cell phone on so that we can reach you, you are free to do as you please on the weekend.

If you are interested in a host family during any of the Chagim please email: Iregistration@israelexperience.org

Please note these dates and trips are being arranged now. The final schedule will be announced at orientation. Every program and holiday will be explained to you in detail while on the program.

Living Expenses

As you are aware, the cost of the program is \$7500 USD (\$4500 after the \$3000 Masa scholarship for most). During the Jerusalem orientation and on all trips, you will be living in hostels where you will receive three meals a day, and be provided with everything that you need. During the ulpan and internship segment of the program, you will be living on your own in an apartment. All apartment expenses such as electricity, water, taxes etc. will be covered by the program. **However, you will need to cover the cost of food and your own personal expenses. Again, meals and some additional services (such as cell phones) will not be provided.** The amount of money you need to bring with you to the program depends on the lifestyle you lead while in Israel. We suggest that you budget \$400-\$600 a month for food and personal expenses throughout the program. It is important to remember that Israel is not an inexpensive country, and therefore expenses in general are comparable to those in most Western countries.



Medical Insurance

We will arrange for medical insurance for you from **September 1st, 2014 until the end of the program on January 27th, 2015.**

A reminder that the insurance does not cover the following:- Pre-existing conditions (if you have such a condition, please bring all necessary medications with you from home, and arrange for additional insurance from your home country.- Psychological or psychiatric treatment.- Eye care- Non-emergency dental care.- Routine check-ups.- Alcohol or drug related injuries.- Travel insurance for your flight to/from Israel.- Personal property of valuables.

Please remember that if you are currently taking any medication, please make sure to bring with you five months worth of the medicine. You will not be able to ship the medicine to Israel and will not be able to fill a prescription from abroad here. Therefore it is imperative that you come prepared with all the medicine you need. **Any medicine sent from home will most likely get stuck at customs – we DO NOT recommend having any medication shipped from home.**

Health Insurance Policy

Harel Insurance Company welcomes you and is pleased that you have joined Harel's large family of insured's. During your stay in Israel and in the framework of the Israeli Experience educational programs, you will be insured in the framework of Medical Insurance in Israel provided by Harel Insurance Company. Upon the occurrence of a medical event, the insurance policy provides you an exceptionally wide safety net which includes inter alia, covers such as: Medical expenses during hospitalization in a hospital in Israel. Medical expenses not in the framework of hospitalization. Physician, expert physician, laboratory tests, imaging service, medications, emergency dental treatment, and more. However, it is important to note that there are events or occurrences which are not covered by the policy, such as:

A medical condition existing prior to the date of commencement of the insurance, AIDS, periodic examinations, pregnancy, childbirth, infant clinic, use of drugs and/or alcohol, use of firearms, work accidents and/or road accidents, sports activities which are performed outside the framework of the Israeli Experience programs - and sports activities performed without a certified guide and/or during a free Saturday and/or free day and/or in regard to which, all the necessary steps to prevent an unnecessary risk were not taken. In any event, only the full insurance terms detailed in the policy shall bind the insurer. Insured Card When wishing to obtain medical services, the Insured Card in your possession containing your personal details, should be presented. This card is personal and non-transferable. All the medical services will be provided by means of the services array included in the arrangement with the insurer. Extension of the Policy In the event of your choosing to extend your stay in Israel after the end of the Israeli Experience Program and the insurance period lapses, you are able to approach us or the Israeli Experience in order to extend the policy. Extension of the policy is subject to authorization by the insurance company. For information and assistance in locating medical service providers Harel Center - 24 hours per day 1-800- 414-422 We wish you a pleasurable stay in Israel. Harel Insurance Company Tourists in Israel Division ROMANIA© Dis kArt™ 1988



Telephone and Internet

Since there will be several participants living in each apartment, it would be very difficult to determine the phone bill of each participant and therefore we do not provide landline phone service in the apartments. You are required to have a cell phone while on the program for security reasons and must have a cell phone on the first day of the program during registration.

Cell phones can be rented inexpensively through many companies. Many of our participants have rented phones and sim cards through Talk and Save and have been happy with their service; however each participant is free to rent a phone from whatever company he or she chooses.

Talk N Save also has sim cards for your iPhones. You can order a phone here - <https://www.talknsave.net/bundle1.aspx?linkid=10055> is very limited wireless internet access in the Career Israel apartments; however, it is limited access and difficulties do arise often, so please do not count on having access in your apartment. Many of you will have internet access in your internship placements. In addition, Israel is a wireless friendly country with hot spots in many coffee house and central locations.

Talk N Save is happy to offer all CAR 17 participants a discounted rate, therefore, we recommend ordering online to take advantage of this deal BEFORE coming to Israel!

Anyone planning on bringing their phone from home and using an Israeli sim should UNLOCK their phones if they want to use a sim card in Israel.



Program Participants

The September session of the Career Israel program includes participants from all over the world including South Africa, Latin America, Australia and the former Soviet Union, North America, and Europe. Most participants are university graduates ages 21-30. We are expecting between 120 - 130 participants in the September session. The participants will be divided into sub-groups with a madrich/ madrich for each group. The madrich/ madricha will be your main point-person throughout your experience in Israel.



Packing List & Clothing

A packing list is below. We strongly suggest leaving valuables at home or insuring them as our insurance does not cover personal property. Israeli workplaces tend to be very casual. Shorts and sleeveless tops are not usually acceptable, but casual slacks and a shirt are sufficient in almost any workplace. For specific questions regarding the dress code at your internship placement, please contact your placement coordinator.

You should also bring comfortable walking shoes, water shoes and a backpack appropriate for hiking and touring. You will be here during a change of seasons so you should bring some clothes for very hot summer weather and for mild cold/rainy weather. It can be somewhat chilly at night in Tel Aviv from November - January and very cold in Jerusalem during this time so pack accordingly.

Suggested Packing List

1. Shirts
2. shorts
3. pants
4. work clothes (nice slacks/skirt and shirt)
5. shower thongs
6. bathing suit
7. tons of underwear
8. socks
9. walking/hiking shoes
10. P.J.s
11. warm clothes (especially for Jerusalem)
12. good winter jacket
13. raincoat
14. umbrella
15. Shabbat/Holiday clothes (nice casual slacks/skirt and shirt)
16. clothes to go out on the town with friends

"The Basics"

- Passport and copy
- Ticket
- Sunscreen (much more expensive in Israel)
- Hat
- Small flashlight
- Bedding- sheets, blanket, pillow (can be purchased in Israel)
- Towels (can be purchased in Israel)
- Camera
- Backpack for weekend trips
- Sunglasses
- Converter/Adapter
- Batteries/Re-charger
- Travel alarm clock
- Ziplock Bags
- Toiletries- Pepto-Bismol, Imodium, pain reliever, cold medicine for convenience. Contacts and deodorant are much more expensive. Otherwise toiletries are easy to find and of good quality. No need to lug unnecessary items even tampons and pads exist there.
- Prescription medicine for the full 5 months (including birth control if needed) as our insurance does not cover pre-existing conditions.

Optional

1. Kippa/Tallit
2. Favorite Recipes
3. Prayer book especially for the high holidays (there are often not enough)
4. Laptop (at your own risk; in both Tel Aviv and Jerusalem there are places throughout the city with hot spots.)
5. I-Pod, music player
6. A book or two- participants will end up sharing between one another
7. Hebrew-English Dictionary though they are cheaper in Israel
8. Present for host family

Reminders:

1. You can bring 1 piece of luggage up to 23 kgs or 50 lbs as well as 2 carry-ons - So pack accordingly.
2. We will be moving a bit in the beginning- so pack what you are able to carry and transport. Collapsible luggage such as internal frame backpacks and duffle bags work well to store under your bed to save room in your apartments.
3. Though this may seem obvious- you will thank yourself for packing lightly. You can always shop at the local market for clothes and remember to dress accordingly for cold and very hot weather.

Vacations & Time-Off Work

Participants are only allowed to leave the program for no more than 10 days in total. These dates cannot interfere with any Career Israel programming including Ulpan, your internship, trips and seminars. If you need to leave the country for a family related issue you will notify your counselor, internship employer, internship coordinator and the program logistics coordinator **2 weeks prior to leaving the country**. If you do leave the program for more than 10 days you are at risk of losing a portion of your Masa scholarship and will need to pay Career Israel the remainder of funds due to the program from your Masa scholarship.

You will miss some work days in order to attend the educational programming. Therefore, it is extremely important that you do not take additional time off from your internship.

If you miss work due to an illness, please inform both your supervisor and the Career Israel participant coordinator and internship placement coordinator.

You are required to intern 25-30 hours a week.



Leaving the Country

Some participants have expressed a desire to leave Israel for a short period during the program.

This will be allowed under the following conditions: You must first confirm with your participant coordinator and internship supervisor if the dates are permissible and receive confirmation from the registrar by signing a release form. We will need an email from your supervisor confirming to your vacation dates. You cannot be absent from the program for more than one week. You must make up the work days before you leave or upon your return. You may not miss more than 1 trip (day or overnight).

Please note if you leave the country you MUST keep ALL your entry and exit tickets

You may not travel to any countries for which the Israeli Foreign Ministry has a current security warning. Failure to comply with these conditions is cause for dismissal from the program and loss of your Masa scholarship.

General Attitude

It is essential that all participants come on the program with a positive attitude, motivation to work at your internship placements and a willingness to be open and flexible. Israel is often run quite differently than your home countries and dealing with an unfamiliar culture can sometimes be frustrating. However, if you come with a willingness to be positive and to take initiative, your experience will be that much better. Your attitude not only reflects upon yourself but the program as a whole, so we ask that you are cognizant of this while at work and on all Career Israel programming.

We will also do all that we can to make your experience the best it can be. It is also important that you prepare to be proactive while on the program. The staff is here to give you tools to help you do things on your own, but not everything will be taken care of for you, unlike on Birthright or other short-term programs. While this is sometimes challenging, being proactive and doing things on your own will enhance your experience.



STAY IN TOUCH!!

Please make sure to join the Career Israel September session facebook group:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/655751644520868/>

There will be updates from your program staff and other important details posted in this group so it is crucial you join!