



# HABONIMDROR

# Israel Tour 2017

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*Not just a month of memories.  
A life changing experience that you'll take with you forever...*

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Habonim Dror is dedicated to providing a well rounded Jewish and Zionist education for the Jewish Youth of today. As a socialist movement we emphasise the values of equality and inclusivity by creating the ultimate group experience. Habonim Dror believes strongly in the establishment and continuity of Israel; particularly where the society embodies the Jewish vision of **leading by example and making a difference.**

**Tour with Habo is the best way to gain an understanding of our values of equality and inclusivity, whilst having a once in a lifetime summer in Israel.**

Whilst on Tour you will travel the entire country, participating in amazing activities such as camel riding in the Negev, swimming in the Kinneret, a Bedouin tent experience, and floating in the Dead sea! You will delve deep in to your Jewish heritage with a Shabbat at the Kotel, climb Masada to see sun rise and a visit to Yad Vashem. Don't think we've forgotten the visit to Tel Aviv Beach, the markets or the water hikes either!

Additionally, Tour with Habonim Dror has several unique elements. You will have the chance to meet up with Habonim Dror groups from across the world, have the opportunity to volunteer in Israeli society and also take part in a leadership weekend. All of our tours are run under the auspices of the Jewish Agency for Israel and are organised through them.

Each tour group will be led by two senior madrichim (leaders), who have undergone a specific training process and have a wealth of experience within the movement. They will be accompanied by two Israeli madrichim, one of whom will be a trained tour guide, and the other a qualified medic.

***Israel tour is just the beginning of an exciting journey with Habonim Dror. The journey to becoming a motivating and inspiring leader starts here...***



## Israel Tour

15 - 16 years olds  
School Year 11  
Scottish Year S4

## Dates

13 July - 6 August 2017  
(to be confirmed)

## Early Bird Price £3,199

31 January 2017 onwards £3,275

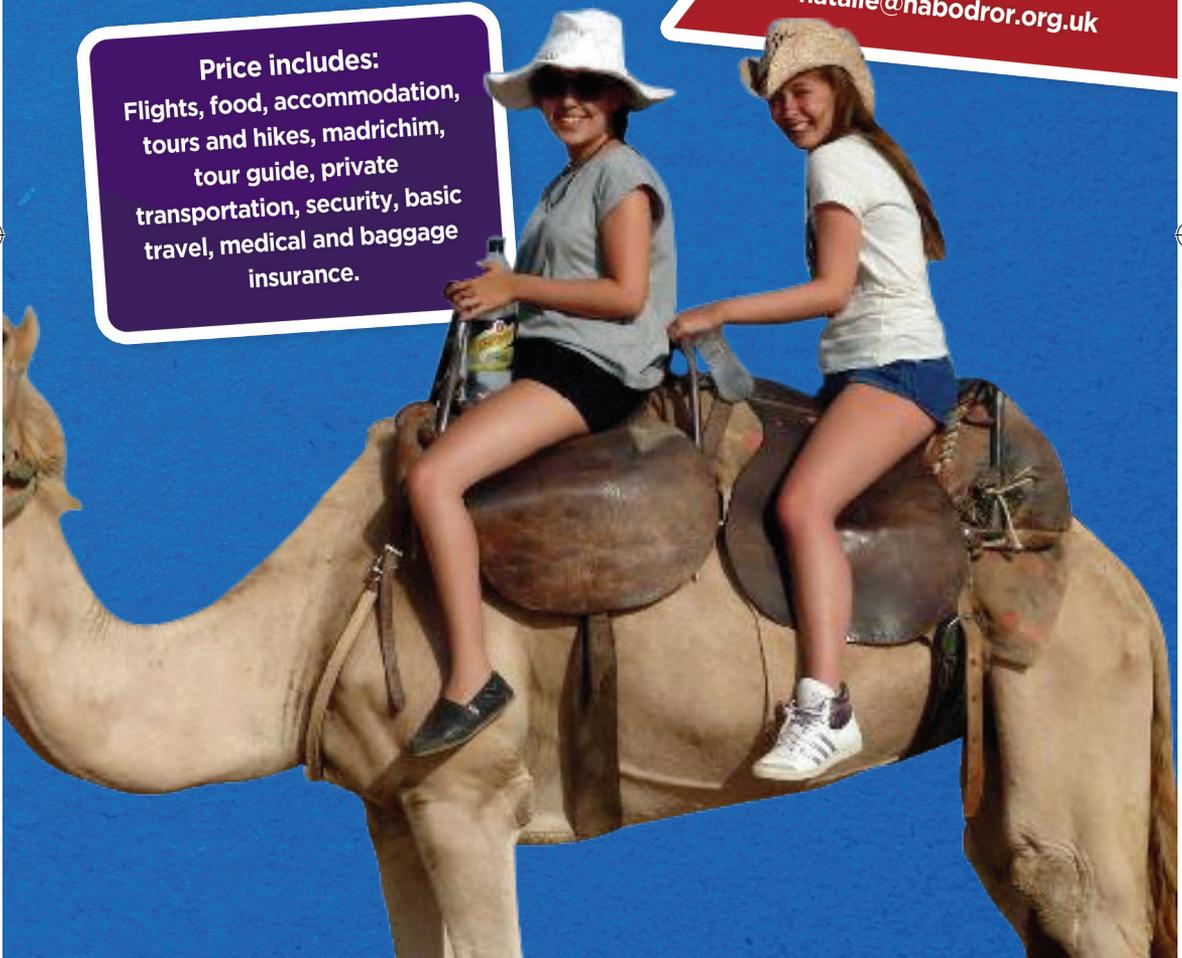
*"The most unbelievable month of my life! I made the best memories and would do anything to be at the very beginning of Habo Dror Tour now!"*

Gabi H



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**Price includes:**  
Flights, food, accommodation, tours and hikes, madrichim, tour guide, private transportation, security, basic travel, medical and baggage insurance.





## Participant's Reviews

*“Tour was the best summer of my life. From learning about Israel to having fun with friends it's something that everyone must do. The highlight of my trip was most definitely the water hike, I loved it, learning about history whilst having fun. What makes Habo tour better from the rest is the ideas it is based upon. There's no other like it. There is a real sense of community and equality throughout especially in kvutzot. Tour changed me as a person and makes you realise what the state of Israel means to you. #choosehabotour”*

Alex B

*“I had an absolutely smashing time with Habonim Dror Tour, learning about my Jewish identity and the current situation in Israel, which allowed me to formulate my own opinions. Moreover, I have made some incredibly close friends from all walks of life. I honestly couldn't recommend Habo tour highly enough.”*

Maverick F

*“My summer with Habonim Dror is definitely not one I will forget any time soon. For me, the enjoyment began straight when we landed. I personally found The Mega Event a highlight of my trip, from the amazing line up of artists performing for us all and most importantly reuniting with friends on other tours made my night even more*



*incredible! Another highlight of my trip was Yad Vashem; not because of the fun of it but because of how meaningful it was. Yad Vashem having been before was still as eye opening as ever and being there as a group of young Jewish teens together made our unity stronger, it made us all realise we are the future of the Jewish people; we must teach people about the holocaust - it must never be forgotten. I'm really excited to carry on my involvement with the movement!”*

Dalia B

*“Tour was a huge learning curve which shapes my views on a few really important issues we face outside of Israel. Learning about the Israeli-Arab conflict away from the news and school meant that we heard the real story from people who lived that life. One of the most interesting parts was the parents circle talk where Israeli and Palestinian parents talked about how they had been affected by the conflict. This was one of the most fun filled months I've ever had.”*

Ethan J





## Parent's Reviews

*“ Habonim provided a professional, well organised opportunity for our child to explore the land, customs, people and ways of life in Israel which will leave him with life long memories, experiences, friendships and a love for Israel. The leaders were responsible and caring, enabling the participants to feel at ease. Communication was spot on. There were plenty of pictures on Facebook and the UJIA website, and a regular and detailed blog of what the chanichim had been doing, which was emailed every few days - great for putting parents' minds at rest. ”*

## Social Action

Habonim Dror places a huge emphasis on helping bridge the economic gap in society. As such, our program includes working with underprivileged children or refugees alongside other projects which make an impact on society. Volunteering in Israel allows participants to really connect with the country and understand how, as Jews, we can do more to help society, especially in Israel.

***“Volunteering in Israel was amazing - spending time with the refugees was so much fun and I really felt like we were giving something back.”***

## The Ultimate Group Experience

Tour with Habonim Dror is a unique group experience. Each kvutseh (group) runs their own kuppah (kitty) system, encouraging and enabling them to communicate together to make shared decisions and enhance group bonding and mutual respect. The 'give what you can, take what you need' policy helps to create an inclusive atmosphere whilst teaching about equality and social consciousness.

***“Kuppah really helped us to understand each other's needs and the value of money.”***





## Leadership

Habonim Dror tour offers unique, comprehensive leadership training whilst in Israel. We bring in special educators to run a unique Hadracha (leadership) weekend which will start the preparation for being a leader and participants will receive their movement shirt (chultzah). This, along with continued training upon returning back to the UK, creates a group of newly qualified madrichim (leaders) who can lead and take part in a huge range of activities in their respective communities at home. These include weekly meetings for Years 3-10, Summer Machanot, Reunion Weekends and Day Schemes all over the UK. As the leadership process begins on Israel tour, it is essential that those intending to lead with Habo Dror attend our Israel Tour.

***“We learnt so much about becoming good leaders, I can’t wait to lead Summer Camp next year!”***

## Educational Rationale

The educational content of tour is unique to Habonim Dror. It is a combination of teaching about moral codes and values of equality and respect, mixed with an emphasis on playing out these ideas in practice, within the group and within wider Israeli society. It is a month that poses questions to every participant about their beliefs and provides them with a safe environment to find answers. It allows them to shape their identity on a moral and Jewish level through the educational

rationale along the whole tour experience. The education we provide is not merely facts and figures, it is about understanding why events happened and how they impact on us as individuals in the world, and on the Jewish race as a whole.

This ensures that, not only the participants will come back with a better knowledge of Israel and Judaism, but that they will come back with a better knowledge of who they are as people.

## Garin Kasher (£20):

Garin Kasher is an exciting and new membership initiative that was launched last year (2015/16). By becoming a member of Garin Kasher, you will have discounted events and access to exclusive ‘member’s only’ merchandise which can be swapped at Yom Habonim with other world members of Habo.

Why? - Previously the idea of Garin Kasher was known as Mas Chaver; however this was a compulsory thing that everyone did when signing up for Summer Camp. The idea of Garin Kasher is that it is completely voluntary for people to become a part of, and will inspire those that sign up to attend more Habonim Dror events and take more of an active role in the movement.



## The Fine Print

### **Cancellation**

- If you wish to cancel a place on a programme you must contact us in writing
- If you cancel a place prior to the deposit payment deadline (1 March 2017) you will be entitled to a refund less the administration fee (£175)
- If you cancel after the deposit payment deadline you will be entitled to a refund according to the following schedule:
  - 61 days or longer prior to the departure date: 100% of monies paid (or payable) less deposit and the administration fee
  - From 31-60 days prior to the departure date: 50% of monies paid (or payable) less deposit and the administration fee
  - From 15-30 days prior to the departure date: 20% of monies paid (or payable) less deposit and the administration fee
  - From 1-14 days prior to the departure date: No monies will be refunded

### **Payment and Deposit**

A £350 deposit is required with the application form. The Full balance to be paid by 2 May 2017.

### **Financial Assistance**

Financial assistance is available through UJIA to provide financial assistance for applicants who cannot meet the full cost of the programme. Through bursary funding, UJIA aims to offer young people the opportunity to take part in a Youth Movement Israel Tour. If you are in a financial situation where you are unable to afford the full cost of the programme, please tick the appropriate box on the Initial Application Form and you will be sent a Financial Assistance Form. The UJIA Bursary Fund will assist individuals to the best of its ability based on a means tested process. The earlier you apply for financial assistance, the more favourably your application will be received. The UJIA Bursary Fund Committee guarantees complete confidentiality throughout the process and that the identities of the recipients of bursaries remain anonymous.

### **Process of Application Online**

This year, all forms for Tour must be completed online. On receipt of the initial application form and deposit of £350, you will receive an email which will contain:

- (a) Your unique user name and password
- (b) The payment schedule for the programme
- (c) Important information and terms & conditions
- (d) Other information concerning Israel Tour

All you have to do is print off the information, read it carefully and then, using your unique username and password, get online and complete the application

and medical forms as soon as possible. All application and medical forms must be printed off, completed, signed and sent to us by 6 February 2017.

It is VERY IMPORTANT that on your initial application form that you identify (by ticking the box) which is the PRIMARY EMAIL ADDRESS to which the username and password will be sent and will be the main channel of communication.

### **Group Kitty (Kuppah)**

Please **do not** send your child with spending money as they will **not** be able to spend it. Habonim Dror has a unique group kitty system (kuppah) as a means of realising our belief in equality. The kuppah system is run by the participants, for the participants, with the guidance of the madrichim (leaders). This encourages shared decisions, group bonding, mutual respect, trust and ultimately a more profound friendship. The money is spent on everything that is not included in the programme. For example, this include; all "merchandise" that participants design themselves, money to spend in markets, extra snacks and drinks, movement shirts (chulzot), and replacing lost water bottles. Due to valuable feedback from previous years, we have decided to make a significant change to the way kuppah is administered. Participants have to pay the full amount of kuppah, in advance, as part of paying off their account for Tour. It will be an item on the balance that is mandatory. The principle of "give what you can" will remain intact. Financial circumstances will be taken into account by the bursary committee. In light of these changes, we have reduced the contribution to £150 per participant.

### **Obligations/responsibilities/requirements of your participants**

- Medical and application form
- To attend interviews
- To attend orientation
- To attend follow-up activity

### **Security**

The safety, security and wellbeing of the participants is, and always has been, our primary concern. Habonim Dror Israel Tour is planned according to the security directives of the relevant security authorities in Israel, who check all the itineraries regularly and advise on changes which need to be made.

**Please note** that at any time up until departure, you may incur the cost of an additional fuel surcharge and airport tax by the airline. UJIA Israel Experience will have to pass any increased charges on to the participants and their families, as per the terms and conditions.

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