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Israel Tour 2015

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See Israel in
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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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We are committed to providing a well rounded Jewish and Zionist education for the Jewish youth of today. As a socialist movement, we emphasise the principles of equality and inclusivity by creating the ultimate group experience.

Habonim Dror is also passionately Zionist and 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 these values whilst having an incredible, fun-packed 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 . Don't think we've forgotten the visit to Tel Aviv Beach, the markets or the water hikes either!

You will delve deep into your Jewish heritage with Shabbat at the Kotel, Masada at sunrise and a visit to Yad Vashem.

Additionally, Tour with Habonim Dror has several unique elements. You will participate in Yom Habonim Dror with Habo groups from as far afield as South Africa and Australia, have the opportunity to volunteer in Israeli society and also take part in a leadership weekend. All 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 the beginning of an exciting journey with Habonim Dror. The journey towards becoming a motivating and inspiring leader to others in the movement...



Israel Tour

15 - 16years old

School Year 11

Scottish year S4

Dates

16 July - 11 August 2015

(to be confirmed)

Early Bird Price £2,899

31 January 2015 onwards £2,949

"Habo Tour is the most unbelievable experience you will ever have in your life. I learnt so many important lessons in a fun unique way! I wish I could do it all again!"

Bobby W



If you have any further queries or questions please contact Jamie on 0161 795 9447 or jamie@habodror.org.uk

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



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Participant's Reviews

“Habo Tour offers a unique experience to see Israel in a really fun and creative way. What's unique is that it also gives you a chance to get close to your kvustah (group), especially during Kibbutz Weekend which was 100% my favourite part! Make sure YOU choose Habo Tour.”

Sofie W

“Habo tour is about more than just an amazing month in Israel making loads of friends; whether it's learning about Habo's history and values, spending time bonding as a kvutsah (group) or dealing with kuppah (group kitty), Habo tour is a completely unique experience that connected me with the movement and Israel and changed me as a person.”

Harrison E

“Words can't describe how amazing Habo Tour was! It taught me values I will use for the rest of my life and it made me feel like I was truly part of an incredible, worldwide, Jewish Youth Movement. Taking part in the Hadracha (leadership) weekend and receiving my movement shirt is something I will never forget. I can't wait to carry on and be a Madricha (youth leader).”

Georgie G

“One of the best parts of Habo Tour 2014 was seeing the sunrise at the top of Masada after a tough early wake up and the even more difficult hike up! The sense of accomplishment is huge and to share that with all your friends is even better.”

Millie C

“Being on Habo Tour gave me the opportunity to make close friendships with people that will last a lifetime. I loved the chance to meet Habo people from Australia, South Africa and New Zealand on World Habonim Day on the beach!”

Max S

“The best part of Habo Tour 2014 was the invaluable experience and opportunities provided by all of the incredible Madrichim (leaders) to discover and explore different perspectives of Jewish identity in an ever changing world.”

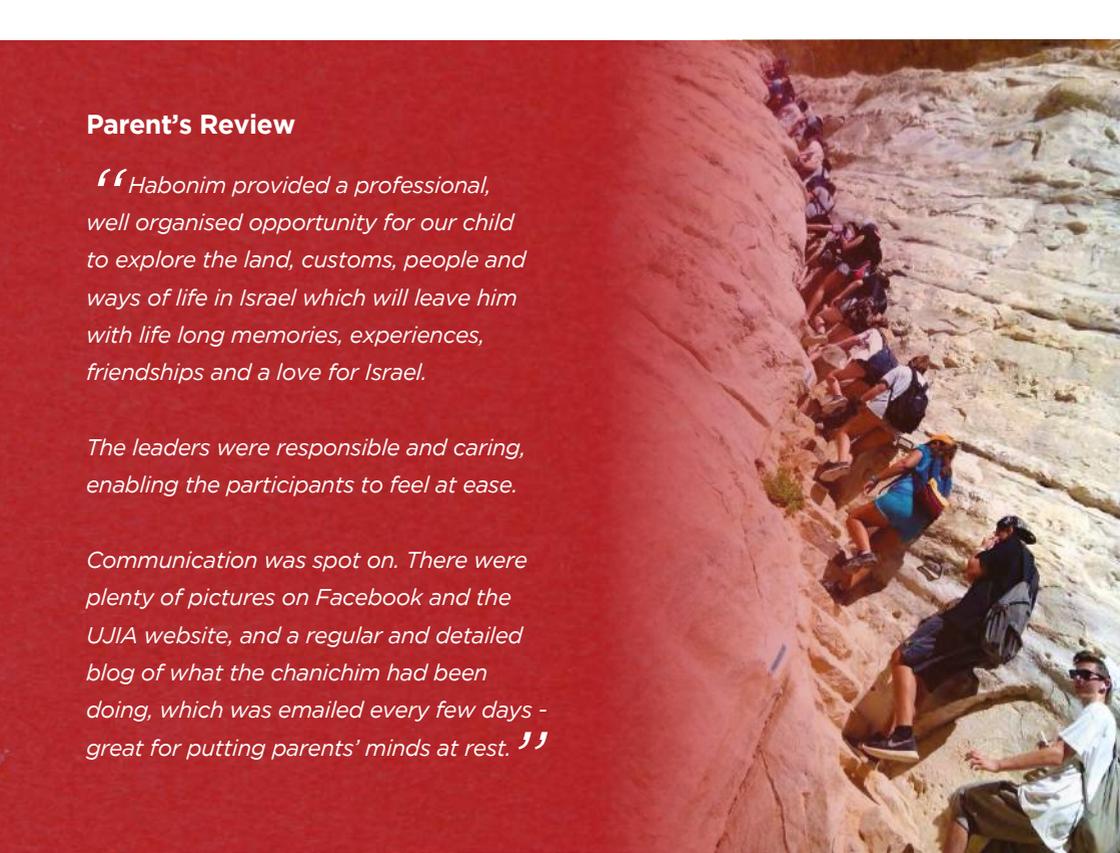
Adam F

Parent's Review

“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.”



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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 others needs and the value of money.”

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.”

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 *madrachim* (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.

“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.

The Fine Print

Mas Chaver (membership):

All applicants must hold Mas Chaver to attend tour. Mas Chaver is £45 and runs for 12 months from 1st September 2014 to 31st August 2015.

Cancellation:

- o If you wish to cancel a place on a Programme you must contact us in writing.
- o If you cancel a place prior to the deposit payment deadline (2nd March) you will be entitled to a refund less the Administration Fee (£50).
- o If you cancel after the deposit deadline you will be entitled to a refund according to the following schedule:
 - 61 days or longer prior to departure date: 100% of monies paid less deposit and the Administration Fee;
 - From 31-60 days prior to departure date: 50% of monies paid less deposit and the Administration Fee;
 - From 15-30 days prior to departure date: 20% of monies paid less deposit and the Administration Fee;
 - From 1-14 days prior to departure date- no monies refunded.

Payment and Deposit

A £350 deposit plus £45 Mas Chaver is required with the application form. The full balance to be paid by 4th May 2015.

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 form filling for IsraelTour will be online. On receipt of the initial application form and deposit of £350 plus £45 Mas Chaver, 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 IsraelTour

All you have to do is print off the information, read it carefully and then, using your unique user name 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 and signed and returned to us by Friday 13th March 2015.

It is VERY IMPORTANT on your Initial Application Form that you identify (by ticking the box) which is the PRIMARY EMAIL ADDRESS to which the user name and password will be sent and will be the main channel of communication.

Kuppah (Group Kitty)

Please do not send your child with spending money. 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 group, for the group with guidance from 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 isn't covered by the programme. This includes, for example, all 'merchandise' that the participants design themselves, money to spend in markets etc., extra snacks and drinks, their movement shirts (chultzot), 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 in the same way that Mas Chaver currently is and will be 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 £135 per participant.



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