



ISRAEL CENTER

A PROJECT OF THE JEWISH FEDERATION OF GREATER PHOENIX
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Why Israel?

Supporting and visiting Israel is your gateway to community involvement. Strengthen your personal Jewish identity and connection to the Jewish people, continued learning and leadership opportunities through volunteering. Would you like to support, enjoy the beautiful Jewish state, volunteer and contribute?

Come and Visit Israel Through One of Our Various Programs

- **MASA Israel Journey** connects Jewish young adults ages 18 to 30 through 160 different programs: gap year, study abroad, post-college, and volunteer programs. Masa Israel makes it easier for you to have exciting, life-changing experiences in Israel. All applicants are eligible for grants.
- **Taglit-Birthright Israel** provides a gift to first time peer groups and educational trips to Israel for Jewish young adults ages 18 to 26. Taglit-Birthright Israel's founders created this program to strengthen the sense of solidarity among world Jewry, and to strengthen participants' personal Jewish identity and connection to the Jewish people. A trip of 10 days to Israel is provided by several partners: private philanthropists through The Birthright Israel Foundation; the people of Israel through the Government of Israel; and Jewish communities around the world (North American Jewish Federations, Keren Hayesod and the Jewish Agency for Israel).

- **Kibbutz Volunteer** - experience working in a Kibbutz, study Hebrew in a Kibbutz Ulpan and enjoy your time. Programs focus on Hebrew language education and on experiencing the unique society that is kibbutz. They also have opportunities for volunteers, students, and interested participants to take part in environmental/green, peace and co-existence projects and in social activism within Israel.
- **Sar-El** encourages volunteers from around the world to come to Israel for a number of weeks where they will experience one or more of the following: Working in nursing homes, and I.D.F. warehouses, guided tours of interesting locations in Israel, lectures on Jewish and Israeli topics, and Shabbat hospitality.

Sing at Yom Hazikaron

Would you like to sing in the Yom Ha'zikaron community event and even be recorded for a CD? If you have a good voice and would like to join in on the fun, contact the Israel Center.

JNF Tu B'Shevat Community WALK for Israel!
Sunday, January 23 | Tempe Beach Park

Israeli Movie Nights

February 9 & March 9 | 7 pm

Movies to be announced.

M: \$5 NM: \$8

February 9, Code: ISM1 | March 9, Code: ISM2

Save the Dates

Yom Ha'zikaron | Monday, May 9 | 7 pm

Yom Ha'shoah -Days of Remembrance
May 1 - 6

Yom Ha'atzmaut | Sunday, May 15

Volunteers Needed

We are looking for volunteers for this year's Yom Ha'atzmaut celebration. For information and for other volunteer opportunities in Israel for all ages, contact Sharron Topper-Amitai, Israeli Community Shlichah (Emissary) and Israel Center Director at 480.634.4900 ext. 1109 or email sharron@jewishphoenix.org

The Israel Center is a project of the Jewish Federation of Greater Phoenix in partnership with the East Valley JCC, the Bureau of Jewish Education and the Valley of the Sun JCC. Sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Greater Phoenix and the Jewish Agency for Israel (JAFI), the Israel Center serves as the central community resource for Israel-related activities.

Erev Shira Israelit for TuB'Shevat Sounds of Israel

Thursday Jan. 20 | 7 - 9 pm

Join us for a TuB'Shevat sing-a-long at the JCC with Avi Amitai & Yonatan Miller.

M: \$5 NM: \$8 Code: AI2

