



YESHIVA UNIVERSITY / CENTER FOR THE JEWISH FUTURE / SUMMER BREAK 2017
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Counterpoint Israel

Program Dates: June 25th- July 26th, 2017

1. Do the costs of the trips include airfare?

Yes - thanks to our sponsors, CJF is able to keep the costs of the trips very low. Costs cover flights, transportation, food and accommodations.

2. How much does the program cost?

The program costs \$300.

3. Is financial aid available?

Yes. There is an opportunity to complete a scholarship request form when you are applying for the summer programs. If you are accepted to a summer program you will find out how large of a scholarship you have been awarded when you are accepted. You will be asked to sign a contract that provides you with a scholarship offered in exchange for Give Back hours in the CJF office. Please note that for each \$100 of scholarship awarded, you will be required to work at the CJF for five hours.

4. What kind of applicants are you looking for?

We look at people as individuals as well as how they will perform on the team. The programs attract a wide range of applicants and we are looking to accept people who show that they are passionate about learning from this experience. People, who are looking both to give and to receive from the group and their surroundings. People who will contribute to group conversations and who will share what they've learned with those around them upon their return. There is no specific personality type that we are looking for. Everyone is a qualified applicant.

5. If I've already been on a CJF program can I apply for another one?

We work very hard to ensure that 75% of all participants are first-time participants, however we do still accept returning participants- so it's definitely worth applying.

6. Are the programs open to students who do not attend Yeshiva University?

No, the programs are only opened to students enrolled in Yeshiva University.

7. What are the responsibilities of program participants?

Students are responsible for the following:

- Attending all pre-trip programming, as listed in the program application page.
- Participating in all post-trip programming which will be discussed over the course of the program.
- Being culturally sensitive of your surroundings.
- Actively participating in all activities during the trip (service, education, speakers, etc.)
- Please note that YU student rights and responsibilities apply to all programs. Student guides can be found [here](#).

8. What does the training program look like?

This year, training will take place in Israel during the first few days of the program, from June 26 through June 29.

9. Can I come a day late or leave a day early to the program?

No, and no exceptions will be made. All participants must be on site for the entirety of the program.

10. Will I be able to extend my trip, or fly in at a different time?

Beginning in early February we will send out our travel agents contact information. There are a limited amount of participants that will be allowed to deviate from the group flight; deviations will be considered upon a first-come, first-serve basis. Please note that you will be responsible for all applicable change fees.

11. What happens if I can't make it to one (or more) of the mandatory pre + post trip programs?

You are required to attend all pre + post trip programs. If you have a scheduling conflict you should not apply.

12. Will we have free time on our trips?

There is occasional free time on Counterpoint Israel. Students will be brought to a central location in Jerusalem in the event of a free Shabbat. Students are responsible for their own accommodations and meals during free time.

13. When will I find out if I've been accepted?

By mid-February, acceptance, wait list and rejection letters will be sent out.

14. When will I find out if I received a scholarship?

Acceptances and scholarship information will be sent out in mid-February.

15. By when and to whom do I need to send my payments for the trip?

Upon acceptance to the program, you will receive a payment schedule.

All checks or money orders should be made out to Yeshiva University. Please bring your checks in to the Office of Student Life, located on the 5th floor of 215 Lex on the Beren Campus (submit to Naomi Kohl, LMSW) or in Rubin Hall on the Wilf Campus (Submit to Rabbi Josh Weisberg, LMSW). Please note that we also accept credit card payments.

16. Will I receive a refund if I can't go on the program?

The email with the payment schedule will include information about refunds and cancellation fees.

17. What is the Kashrut level on the programs?

All food provided on the program are strictly kosher.

18. What happens if I need medical attention during the trip?

You will receive it. You will also receive Israeli medical insurance for the duration of the trip. You are required to provide your medical insurance plan to your trip organizer. Forms will be distributed upon acceptance.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call or email us:

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