Jewish Community Foundation of Greater Hartford Encourages Jewish High School Students to Apply for Israel Travel Scholarship

Scholarships fund immersive travel experiences designed to forge a strong sense of Jewish identity for youth travelers; creating strong, lifelong connections with the State of Israel

West Hartford, CT – The Jewish Community Foundation of Greater Hartford (JCF) is now accepting applications for its Israel Experience Scholarship Program, aimed at aiding high school aged students to participate in an immersive Israel travel experience. This program is offering a limited number of scholarships valued up to $6,000 per student. First priority will be given to students with a demonstrated financial need and who are first-time travelers to Israel. The application deadline is December 1, 2019.

In 2017, JCF’s Innovative Grants Subcommittee recommended launching an Israel Experience Scholarship Program to encourage immersive Israel travel for Jewish high school students. The subcommittee’s research revealed that traveling to Israel is one of the most impactful Jewish educational experiences teens can have in developing and solidifying their Jewish identity.

To further encourage a strong connection to the Greater Hartford Jewish community, the program includes both a pre- and post-educational component as well as requisite volunteer service hours at local Jewish organizations. These requirements set the foundation for a strong connection to Judaism and Israel.

Participation in this program will not exclude students from eligibility in traveling with Birthright Israel in the future. JCF’s Israel Experience Scholarship Program will provide a solid foundation on which future visits to Israel can build upon.

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For questions or additional information about the Israel Experience Scholarship Program, please visit the GRANT section at www.jcfhartford.org.