

# Israel Engagement Center Distributions

## FISCAL YEAR 2014

### The Associated: Jewish Community

**Federation of Baltimore's** Israel Engagement Center works to develop and fund strategies and initiatives that help connect individuals and families in Jewish Baltimore to Israel and its people.

The center sparks, nurtures and sustains meaningful personal connections by advancing a deep understanding of, and a lasting commitment to, Israel and Israelis. We advance deep understanding and lasting commitment by:

- Inviting others to take an interest in Israel and Israelis;
- Opening ourselves up to diverse viewpoints and including everyone in the discussion;
- Educating ourselves about differing cultural assumptions;
- Visiting Israel;
- Engaging with Israelis and making Israeli friends;
- Deepening understanding through an open dialogue; and
- Taking Action by giving back, donating and/or volunteering

### Israel Campus Fellows

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The Israel Campus Fellows program places young Israelis on North American college campuses for a one-to-two year period of educational service to create an ongoing Israel presence for Jewish students and the broader community. The campus fellows are a selectively recruited and intensively trained cadre of Israeli college graduates and Israel Defense Force veterans, who work alongside Hillel professionals to strengthen the standing and understanding of Israel on campus. Four Israel fellows will be hosted locally by The University of Maryland, College Park; Johns Hopkins University, Goucher College and Towson University.

**\$266,000**

### *Shinshinim*

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The *shinshinim* (young emissaries) project places high school graduates from Israel, who are willing to defer their military service, in Jewish communities in the United States for a one-year program of volunteer activity and service. The *shinshinim* encourage interaction between young Jews through dialogue. In partnership with the Macks Center for Jewish Education, the Baltimore community will host Hadas Dekel and Benny Shamailov for the 2014-2015 school year.

**\$75,000**

### Summer Camp *Shlichim*

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The largest single *shlichut* (representative) program of the Jewish Agency for Israel brings 1,500 post-army young Israelis to work as counselors in summer camps throughout North America. These *shlichim* bring contemporary Israel into the camp experience and enhance the role of Israel within the camp's educational program, culture and atmosphere. Four *shlichim* will be hosted at Camp Milldale and Camp Noah's Ark, and 34 additional *shlichim* will be deployed at Capital Camps, Habonim Dror-Moshava and Camps Airy and Louise.

**\$35,000**

## Onward Israel Experience

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Onward Israel is a personalized eight-week summer internship program that provides real-life work experience for juniors, seniors and recent college grads ready to live and learn like a local in the heart of Tel Aviv. Thirty young adults from Baltimore will participate in this global resume-building program during the summer of 2015.

**\$140,000**

## Masa

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Masa Israel Journey connects young Jews, ages 18-30, to gap year, study abroad, post-college and volunteer programs. Jewish young adults from Baltimore will participate in Masa's high-quality, meaningful opportunities to spend five to 12 months in Israel.

**\$226,000**

## Young Pros Countering Boycott, Divestment, Sanctions (BDS) Movement

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This new multiple-session training program is for young adults who have recently returned from an Israel experience program like Taglit-Birthright Israel, Onward Israel or Masa to learn how to better advocate for Israel with a focus on combating the BDS movement. In partnership with the Baltimore Jewish Council, participants will form an active network of advocates for Israel on college campuses, through social media and in their communities.

**\$7,000**



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