

**PARTNERSHIP 2000
RODEPH SHOLOM-KOL HANESHAMA
YOUTH EXCHANGE MISSION**



**ISRAEL/JERUSALEM
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RODEPH SHOLOM/KOL HANESHAMA YOUTH EXCHANGE MISSION TO ISRAEL

For the sixth year in a row we are looking to send ten committed and involved Rodeph Sholom High School students in 10th – 12th grades to participate in the (almost) fully-funded **Partnership 2000 Youth Exchange Mission** program between **Rodeph Sholom** and Israeli teens from our sister congregation **Kol HaNeshama** in Jerusalem.

This is truly a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to spend ten days during the 2010 winter break in Jerusalem in an amazing Tikkun Olam/ Leadership program (see description below). The Rodeph Sholom teens that participated in past years have made amazing friendships during the time spent in Israel and loved learning about teenage life in a different culture.

We will select Rodeph Sholom teens that are committed to the synagogue, social action and Israel. Just as our teens are carefully selected for compatibility with the program, so are the Israeli teens and their families. To be eligible for this program, teens will need to be enrolled in Religious School. We'd like to start the process of selecting participants so that we can plan well in advance. If you may be interested in this amazing program, please return the attached questionnaire to Hannah Ellenson at hellenson@crsnyc.org, fax to 212-595-6965, or mail to CRS Religious School, 7 West 83rd Street, New York, NY 10024.

B'shalom,

Tirza Arad
Director of Education

Jay Rapoport
Youth Educator

Hannah Ellenson
Youth Director

Program Information

LODGING AND TRAVEL

The teens will stay with families that are carefully chosen by the Congregation Kol HaNeshama team and will follow all the rules agreed upon by the combined professional team of Rodeph Sholom & Kol HaNeshama. Every family will have a teen participating in the program.

All travel will be done by private bus. The stringent security procedures of the Israeli School System will be followed at all times. All programs are chaperoned by Rodeph Sholom and Kol HaNeshama staff.

ISRAELI GROUP

Israeli teens will be in New York in late March/early April 2012 for their visit

SAMPLE PROGRAM

The group will stay mostly in the Jerusalem area and will include a tour of the Old City, visit to the Kotel (Western Wall), and a tour of the city walls. They will also spend time in West Jerusalem and the Ben Yehudah Pedestrian Mall. They will visit the schools of the Israeli teens and spend time in the Center of Pluralism to learn about the social needs of the City of Jerusalem, and engage in acts of Tikkun Olam (social action) focused on the needs of children. It will be a visit filled with experiencing the city and its surroundings, and learning about the complex issues of social justice for all its residents, especially the young ones.

DESCRIPTION OF PARTNERSHIP 2000 PROGRAM

The 10th -12th grade participants in this program, now officially called the Task Force for International Connections, will join in study and action with the High School Youth of Kol HaNeshama, our reform sister congregation in Jerusalem. The two groups will learn from each other the different needs of each community and engage in a Tikkun Olam – “repairing the world” project. Working together, the teens themselves will discuss via e-mails, web forums, phone calls and video conferences the issues concerning each community, and the project will culminate in a face-to-face meeting in Jerusalem and New York. This will allow them to create a special bond and enable our youth on both sides of the ocean to enrich their lives and the life of their community. This program is funded by the UJA-Federation-Partnership 2000 program and **includes almost full funding for our youth to visit Jerusalem (for approx. 10 days)**. Families are asked to contribute \$500.00 toward the program.

2010-11 PARTICIPANTS:

Israelis

Amir Glaser
Assaf Frank
Dana Oz
Dani Levenfeld
Doron Hoffman
Gabriel Goodman
Hadas Sadeh
Michal Ner David
Naomi Lootstein
Neta Rozner Wax
Tom Kraizel
Yaniv Lev Ran

Americans

Alexander Wikstrom
Alexis Ziebelman
David Elitzer
Fallon Rosen
Josh Bass
Matthew Slonim
Miriam Bial
Sarah Gleberman
Seth Singer
Steven Siegel
Zachary Schlesinger
Zoe Dubno

PARTNERSHIP 2000 QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Why are you interested in going to Israel?

2. Have you ever been to Israel before? If so, on what trip?

3. Are you available during the dates of the trip?
 - a. December 21-31, 2011
 - b. Late March/early April 2012 before Pesach (dates TBA)

4. What activities are you involved in that might prevent you from participating when the Israeli teens are here in NY (i.e. sports, exams, theater, etc)?

5. Is your family able to house a teen during their stay in NYC?

6. Some of the activities take place during the weekday. Would you be able to take a day off school to join the P2000 group?

7. Will someone in your family be able to take your guest to CRS to join the group on days you can't be with us?

8. Will you be able to devote most afternoons and evenings to the program with our Israeli guests?