



Dear Congregation Bet Haverim,

We are two 10th graders in Confirmation class this year. We are really looking forward to traveling to Israel with the National Federation of Temple Youth (NFTY) this summer. Every summer, NFTY brings hundreds of Jewish teenagers to Israel for approximately four weeks. This trip is a very exciting milestone in a Jewish teenager's life. We have chosen the L'dor V'dor trip that, along with going to Israel, takes us to Prague and Poland where we will explore the history of the Jewish culture and visit significant Holocaust landmarks.

Every year in Sunday School, third grade in particular, we would learn about Israel. We studied its history, learned about the people there and, of course, the gorgeous landmarks Israel is famous for: the Western Wall (Kotel), kibbutzim, Tel Aviv, Jerusalem, and the Dead Sea, just to name a few. Ever since third grade, I've dreamed of visiting these places, the Dead Sea especially; I mean, come on, you can float in it! As a Jew who loves to travel, Israel, to me, is the only place I'd like to spend this summer.

-Melanie

I am especially looking forward to the trip because we will get a chance to connect with our Jewish home and meet many new people. There will be opportunities to learn so many things about Israel, as well as Jewish history in Europe, that we could not experience by staying at home. Also, as teenagers, we have become busier, and it is sometimes hard to remember our Jewish identity. Being Jewish is very important to me, and I want to be able to strengthen my connection to Israel and Judaism.

-Ariella

Ever since we decided to go on this trip about a year ago, we have been extremely excited! We hope that you will consider making a donation to our "Chai Campaign," donating a multiple of "chai" or \$18 to help make this trip a reality for us. The number 18 in Hebrew equals life, and, therefore, is a number with special Jewish meaning. Thank you so much for your help. Your support will ensure that we are able to be a part of this valuable experience.

Sincerely,

Ariella Wolfe and Melanie Greenfield

To learn more about the trip and the organization, you can visit: <http://www.nftyisrael.org/programs/ldorvdor/>

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