

# Get Ready! Get Excited! Get Connected!

In recognition of the 65th Anniversary of the birth of the State of Israel, the Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte and the Charlotte Jewish community are offering special programs throughout 2013.

Engagement with Israel plays a significant and critical role in both forming and sustaining Jewish identity. On a personal level, Israel engagement generates a sense of belonging to the Jewish people and with that, a sense of collective responsibility. By connecting our

local Jewish community to our global family, heritage and Homeland, we ensure a thriving Jewish future and a strong Israel for generations to come.

Throughout 2013, we will be enhancing our current programs and holidays with more creative and innovative opportunities for connection to Israel; assembling a variety of speakers to educate and inform us on current events relevant to the Jewish people and Israel; holding workshops and seminars for our professionals to

explore cutting edge ways to engage with Israel, celebrating Yom Ha'Atzmaut; and traveling to Israel at the end of the year.

Whether you have a strong relationship with Israel or are looking to get more connected, we hope you will join us for these meaningful programs and plug into our global Jewish family. (See calendar below.) If you would like more information about plans for this year and ways you can be involved, please contact Rachael Levine, Director of Community Relations and Israel Affairs, at [Rachael.levine@jewishcharlotte.org](mailto:Rachael.levine@jewishcharlotte.org) or 704-944-6751. ✪

**INCREDIBLE OPPORTUNITY!!!**  
**Reserve your spot today!**

Jewish Federation's  
**Mission to Poland and Israel**  
*A Jewish journey to commemorate the past and celebrate the present*

**JUNE 16 - 27, 2013**

**MISSION INCLUDES**

- ✪ Round-trip airfare from Charlotte
- ✪ Program includes overnight stays in Warsaw, Krakow, Jerusalem and Tel Aviv
- ✪ First Class Hotels
- ✪ Professional tour guides
- ✪ Meals
- ✪ Air-conditioned private buses
- ✪ \$5700\* per person (taxes & gratuities included)

*Approximate cost. Price will be based on number of participants.*

**INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS FOR MISSION TO POLAND AND ISRAEL**  
Monday, January 7, 10:00 AM  
Wednesday, January 23, 7:00 PM  
Location given upon RSVP  
RSVP to Rachael Levine at [rachael.levine@jewishcharlotte.org](mailto:rachael.levine@jewishcharlotte.org) or 704.944.6751.

\*Includes \$500 Federation subsidy

## Israel @ 65 Upcoming Calendar of Events

### January 6

Escape with an evening of smooth jazz, wine and hors d'oeuvres with the Big Band Jazz Ensemble from Israel's prestigious Thelma Yellin High School of the Arts.  
Sunday, January 6, 7:30 PM, Gorelick Hall at Shalom Park  
Tickets are \$10 online at [www.jewishcharlotte.org](http://www.jewishcharlotte.org)

### January 7

Informational Meetings for Mission to Poland and Israel  
Monday, January 7 at 10 AM or Wednesday, January 23 at 7 PM  
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### January 11

Israel Fair for Teens to discover opportunities to volunteer, study, or travel in Israel. Friday, January 11, 5 PM. Sam Lerner Center for Cultural Arts



## SUMMER 2013... WHERE WILL YOU BE?

Israel Fair for TEENS to discover opportunities to volunteer, study or travel in Israel!

Have you ever considered spending time in Israel? Get information from local and national organizations providing varying experiences for 13-19 year olds to live, study, volunteer or just travel in Israel.

### INFORMATION SESSION

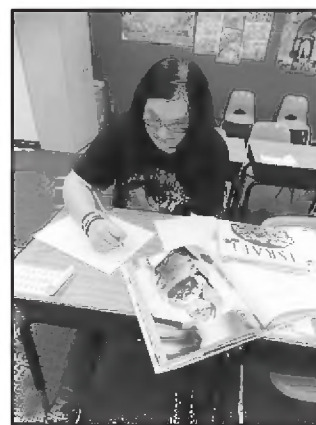
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## Youth Visions Studying Israel at Hebrew High

This session all of our electives focus on Israel. Some students will create Israeli style art pieces after learning about famous Israeli artists. Some students will take a close look at how American media portrays Israel. Some of our teens will learn to cook delicious Israeli food, and still others will learn about all of the technological innovations that the Jewish state has created. Our dedicated staff has designed classes that are sure to help forge a strong bond between our Jewish teens in Charlotte, NC and their counterparts in Eretz Yisrael. At this time of turmoil in the Middle East, our teachers and students are affirming their connection to the Jewish homeland. We firmly believe that a fully developed Jewish identity should include pride in and attachment to the land and people of Israel.

Students in Mrs. Montoni's



Cassidy Luckey works on her menu for "Cluckey's Cafe."

"Modern Israeli Culture" class are learning about poetry, songwriting, graphic novels, food, fashion and more. This Yeshiva/University style class allows students to create their own personal relationship with Israel. They are free to ask questions, compare Israeli and American views on modern life, and forge a bond with our Jewish homeland.

During the first class, the students watched two youtube videos about food in Israel. One, "Beyond Falafel," was about the new food movements in Israel that include recipes from new immigrants (Russian, Yemeni, Ethiopian, Moroccan) as well as gourmet food and fine dining. It was produced by Write on for Israel, a high school program for students who want to become journalists, both print and broadcast, to learn the whole story about Israel. The second video was "Israeli Street Food," a video

by go4israel.com that contrasts the street food vendors in Israel to American fast food.

After that, the class looked at several menus from restaurants in Israel, from Jerusalem to Tel Aviv to Netanya, from vegan to seafood to kosher. Then they looked at the many recipes in two Israeli cookbooks, but were wowed mostly by the pictures of the food. Finally, they studied the different kinds of foods that are grown in Israel and diversity of agriculture there.

Their assignment was to create a menu for an Israeli restaurant. Cassidy Luckey began her menu for "Cluckey's Cafe":

**Ugorhashalot:** onions, cucumber, salt, and paprika

**Falafel with pita and hummus:** hummus options – garlic, tomato basil, classic

**Muesli:** granola, fresh fruits, yogurt, and honey

**Israeli breakfast:** eggs, chopped salad, a selection of season salads and a selection of breads and a drink – coffee, soft drink, or morning cocktail

### Healthy Drinks

Fresh orange juice, fresh carrot juice, protein shakes (vanilla, banana, dates, and milk), energy shakes (raw tahini, cocoa beans, banana, and milk). ✪

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