

CBI Israel Trips

Dear Congregants,

Gila and I were filled with excitement and anticipation to lead this summer's CBI Family Trip to Israel. It would have been a memorable, multi-generational trip for our entire congregation. It's amazing how quickly things do change. It is now evidently clear that the trip simply cannot happen as we had envisioned. We are, however, resolute in our desire to plan for a big CBI trip to Israel once the conditions are right. As soon as it is possible, we will plan for something *epic*.

In the meantime, I am inspired by how many of you have already traveled to Israel on various volunteer missions, have donated funds to Israel, have advocated in defense of Israel, and have increased your Jewish communal affiliation since October 7th. It is more important than ever to wear your Judaism proudly on your sleeve, to support our local Jewish community and our sisters and brothers in Israel.

Some of you have expressed interest in volunteer opportunities in Israel over the coming months. The list below is not exhaustive, but it does offer some options. For those of you who go and volunteer for a few days, reach out to me upon your return so we can invite you to speak on a Shabbat morning to share more about your experience with the congregation.

Some options:

[JNF-USA 4-day Volunteer Missions](#)

[Federation of GMW Volunteer Mission in March](#)

[FIDF Young Leadership Mission](#)

[Peerless Mission to Israel](#)

[Presidents Week Solidarity Mission with Keshet](#)

[Fuchsberg Center Summer Mission](#)

Sar-El Volunteering

<https://www.sar-el.org/programs/>

Alternatively, if there are specific dates you plan to be in Israel, I can put you in touch with private tour guides who can set you up with full days of volunteer opportunities.

Am Yisrael Chai,

Rabbi Isenberg