USY makes a meaningful difference in your teen’s life

USY is a second home — a safe, fun space where teens can be themselves and discover their potential.

USYers:
• Belong to a warm, inclusive community
• Enjoy a much needed break from the social and academic pressures of high school
• Socialize with other teens from across North America and form lifelong friendships
• Explore the world and discover diverse cultures through immersive travel
• Develop and express their personal and spiritual identities
• Gain confidence and develop leadership skills
• Experience the joy of an authentic and dynamic Judaism
• Repair the world through volunteering, advocacy and giving to communities locally and globally

Make a difference. Create an impact.

324 chapters in USCI affiliated synagogues
8,000 teens across North America

777 teens explored North America during the past 4 years
589 teens traveled to Israel, Poland and the Dominican Republic during the past 4 years
870 teens engaged in USY leadership development last year
210 teens participated in online social networking last year

$110,500 raised by teens in 1 year for charitable giving
8,111 hours for 102 organizations last year


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Everyone belongs at USY!

USY is for teens who want to be Jewish and have fun. USY helps you understand that Judaism isn’t just about praying—it’s also about the culture and the community.

Experiences that inspire leadership, connection and growth.

Life-changing world travel: USY summer trips enable teens to expand their horizons and open their eyes to new places and different cultures around the world. Destinations include North America, Israel, Poland and the Dominican Republic.

Leadership training: USY is a teen led organization, with leadership opportunities across chapter, regional and international levels. As leaders of their movement, USYers learn community organizing skills, organizational development, event planning and public speaking.

Religious and spiritual development: USYers explore contemporary topics through the lens of Jewish values and texts. Programming includes conventions during Shabbat and Torah Bytes, an online Torah discussion platform with teen-run webinars. USY also offers the Heschel Honor Society for teens who want to participate in Torah study, prayer and performing mitzvot (good deeds).

Life-long ties with Israel: USYers explore their personal connection to the land and people of Israel. Our Chalutzim Israel Club is perfect for teens who are passionate about Israel and want to share their views in open discussions and debates. Takehiva, a web series created by and for teens, is a great way to connect with Israeli culture, current events, history and cuisine. The Facebook group, Habesheret, keeps teens up to date with daily Israeli life, from the latest news to the hottest songs.

Social action and social activism: USY teens have a powerful voice and learn the skills to make a positive difference in our world. Through impactful experiences, we empower teens to volunteer, advocate and support causes and organizations. They perform acts of social justice through our Tikun Olam charity program and 613 Mitzvah Corps.

Kadima: Kadima is a program for middle-schoolers with programming closely tied to USY, including recreational activities, holiday celebrations, leadership development, weekend retreats, community service projects and end-of-summer sleepaway camp.

Regional/chapter events: There are many ways to get involved with USY, both through local chapter events at synagogues and larger regional events. All year long, chapters and regions offer dances, sports leagues, service days and overnight programs. This includes weekend conventions that bring teens together from Friday afternoon to Sunday morning to celebrate Shabbat with meaningful prayer and ruach (spirit).

Sleepaway camp: Offered in select regions, USY’s week-long sleepaway camp is the perfect way for teens to end their summer. USYers participate in traditional camp activities such as swimming, sports, dance, color wars and rock climbing.

International Convention: Hundreds of USYers come together for five days of fun, friendship, celebration, Jewish learning and giving back to the local community. International Convention takes place annually at unique locations in North America.

Learn more about what USY offers your teen
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“People aren’t afraid to show who they really are and be themselves. It’s truly my second home.”
Elizabeth Prine, Stoughton, MA

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ArbShine, Tampa, FL

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Noa Kligfield, Los Angeles, CA

“Having the ability to participate in USY leadership has been an amazing learning experience. The skills I’m learning now I will take with me for the rest of my life.”
Nisa Eldidi, Los Angeles, CA