

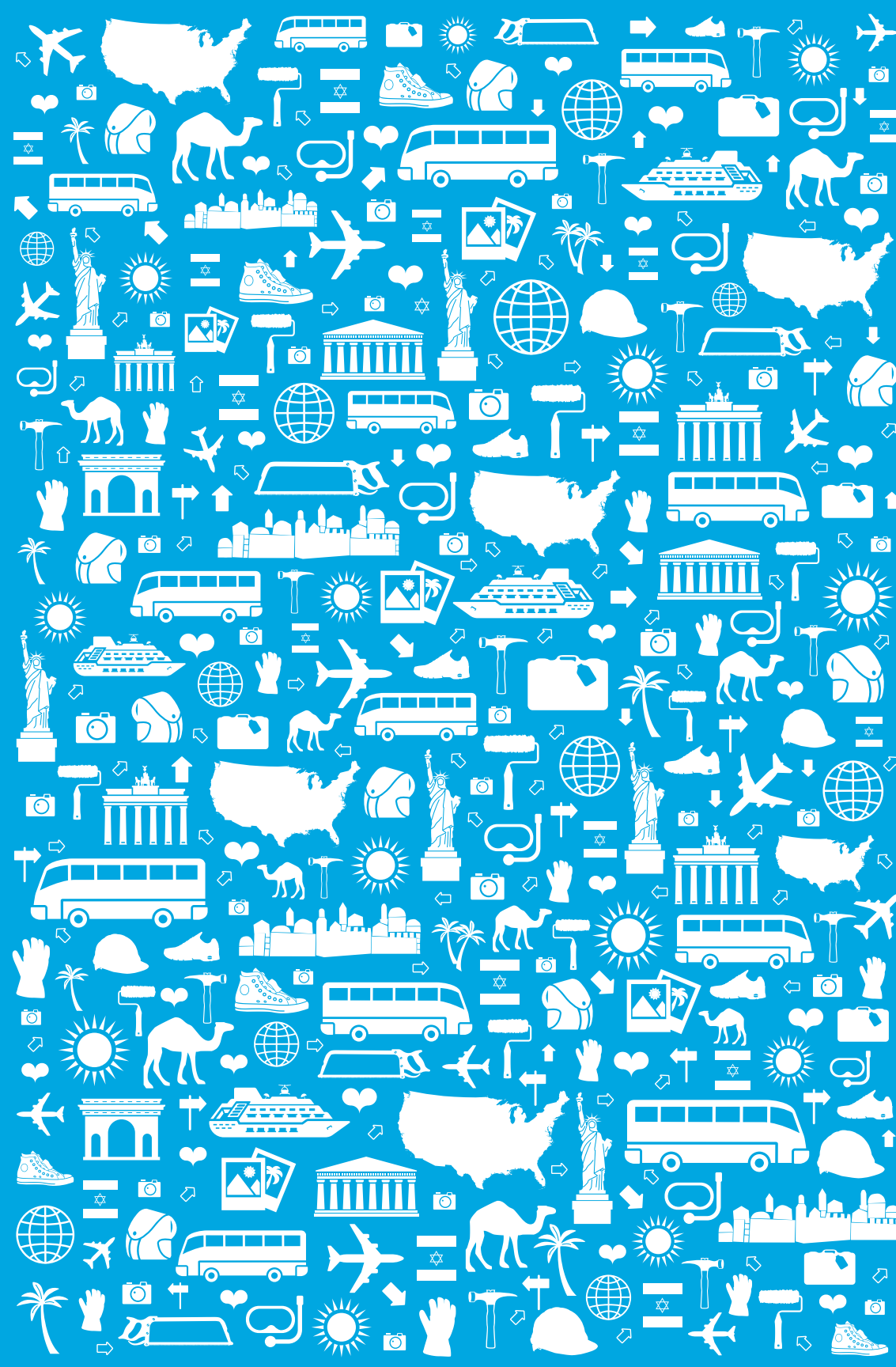
USY Summer Experience

BELONG. EXPERIENCE. LEAD. CREATE. IMPACT.



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USCJ's youth
movement



Welcome to USY Summer Experience — life-changing world travel for Jewish teens

For almost 60 years, USY has provided Jewish teens with transformative summer travel experiences, opening their eyes to new places, different ways of life and some of the world's most spectacular sights.

Now it's your teen's turn to have the travel adventure of a lifetime in the U.S., Canada, Israel, Europe or the Dominican Republic.

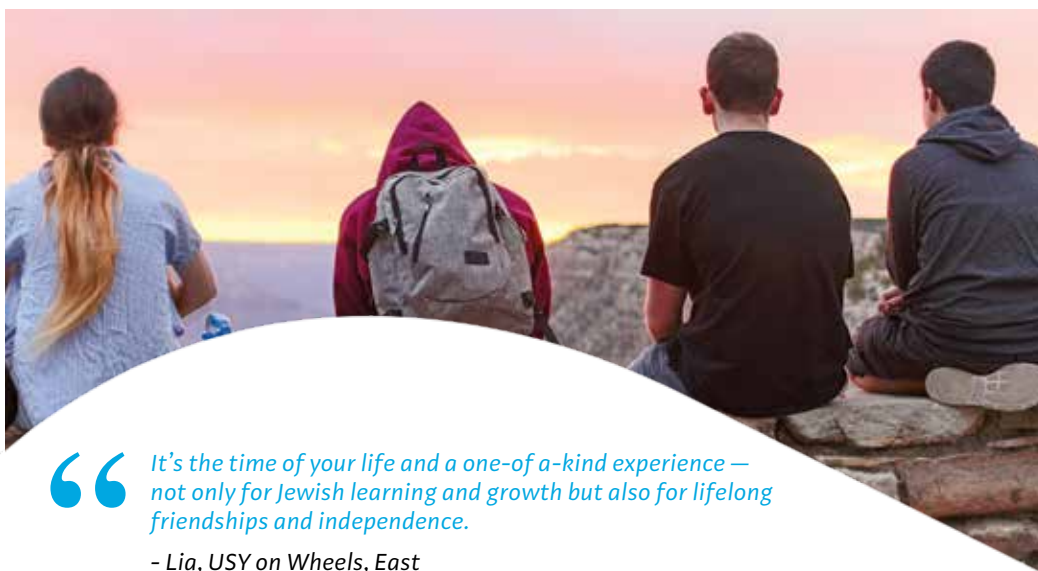
With USY summer travel, your teen will:

- Gain independence and a better sense of self, taking on new responsibilities from managing money to doing laundry
- Form lifelong bonds of friendship with teens from across North America
- Be immersed in other cultures and see the world from a different perspective
- Develop a deeper understanding of global issues and conflicts
- Repair the world in local communities through volunteer work and service
- Discover the joy of Jewish living through fun, meaningful experiences that create a lasting impact

Scholarships are available, so don't let money stop you.

See page 8 for more information.

“It was a transformative opportunity for me to explore and nurture my Jewish identity while making friends and memories to last a lifetime.
- Zachary, "Classic" USY on Wheels



TOUR NORTH AMERICA

“CLASSIC” USY ON WHEELS

June 25 - August 8, 2019
45 days | Grades 9-11*
\$8,599

Travel coast to coast on this six and a half week adventure. Along the way, meet the famous mouse at Disneyland, watch the sunrise over the Grand Canyon and discover a rainbow of natural phenomena from the California Redwoods to Yellowstone National Park to the vivid hues of the Painted Desert.

USY ON WHEELS, EAST

June 26-July 22, 2019
23 days | Grades 7-8*
\$6,299

On this best-of-the-East Coast tour, experience Niagara Falls' grandeur, view scenic Toronto from the top of the CN Tower, catch baseball fever in Boston's Fenway Park, travel back in time with Angel Oak and make your dreams come true at Disney World's Magic Kingdom.

USY ON WHEELS, WESTERN EXPLORATION

July 1-July 29, 2019
29 days | Grades 8-10*
\$6,299

Cruise down the sunny Pacific Coast Highway, stopping along the way to relax on the beaches of California, hike the natural beauty of the Southwest's national parks and journey from the dizzying heights of Colorado to the flat salt plains of Utah.

USY ON WHEELS, PACIFIC NORTHWEST

June 26-July 18, 2019
23 days | Grades 9-12*
\$6,799

Explore the majestic beauty of the Pacific Northwest from Mount Rainier in Washington and Crater Lake in Oregon to Capilano Suspension Bridge Park in Vancouver. Top it all off with a week-long Alaskan cruise.

DREAM USY, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

July 1- July 11, 2019
11 Days | Grades 9-12*
\$3,399

Explore the beauty, move to the rhythms, and taste the flavors of the Dominican Republic. On this tropical adventure, give back to the local community, take part in Dominican culture and traditions, discover the area's unique Jewish history and have fun in the sun! All participants earn up to 40 service hours.



“It's the time of your life and a one-of-a-kind experience — not only for Jewish learning and growth but also for lifelong friendships and independence.

- Lia, USY on Wheels, East

*Grades indicated are for 2018/19 school year.

SIGN UP TODAY

Go to [usy.org/summer](https://www.usy.org/summer) to learn more



“I’ve spent 3 summers with USY. Each time I think I’ve already had the best summer, and the one to come will not top it. Each summer I leave the program having proven myself wrong.”
- Rachel, L'Takayn Olam

TOUR ISRAEL & EUROPE

EASTERN EUROPE/ISRAEL PILGRIMAGE

Departure 1: June 19–July 28, 2019

\$10,399

Departure 2: June 24–July 31, 2019

\$9,950

40/38 days | Grades 10–12*

Discover Eastern Europe, from the sweeping architectural beauty of Prague to the bustling creativity of Berlin (1st departure only) to the rolling countryside of Poland. Gain a deeper understanding of each country’s long Jewish history before embarking on a four-week tour of Israel.

ISRAEL PILGRIMAGE/POLAND SEMINAR

June 25–July 29, 2019

35 days | Grades 10–12*

\$9,659

Spend a week learning about the history and culture of Polish Jewry in Warsaw, Krakow and Lublin, and engage in moving visits to concentration camps, including Auschwitz, Birkenau and Treblinka. Then, with a new appreciation of Jewish history, spend the next four weeks discovering modern day Israel.

USY ISRAEL ADVENTURE

June 25–July 23, 2019

29 Days | Grades 10–12*

\$7,299

Climb Masada, put a note in the *Kotel* in Jerusalem, lay on the beaches of Tel Aviv and drink tea inside a Bedouin tent in the Negev desert as you travel across the beautiful, diverse landscape of Israel.

L'TAKAYN OLAM

June 25–July 23, 2019

29 days | Grades 10–12*

\$6,799

Spend four weeks sightseeing, exploring and engaging in service projects on a daily basis in Haifa, Jerusalem and the Golan. Gain a true love for the Jewish homeland by planting new life into its soil, meeting its people and lending a hand to help build its future.

INNOVATION ISRAEL

June 25–July 17, 2019

22 days | Grades 10–12*

\$7,499

Learn to appreciate Israel, not only as the Jewish homeland but also as an innovation hub, by attending the Start-Up Nation Boot Camp with top Israel entrepreneurs and participating in career exploration workshops with career counselors and American college interns.



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95%

of teens/parents felt that USY staff made safety a priority



88%

of teens/parents felt that USY Summer Experience fostered a deeper appreciation of Judaism



95%

of teens/parents would recommend USY Summer Experience to a friend

LEARN MORE

Go to usy.org/summer

Facebook: @UnitedSynagogueYouth

Twitter: @USYtweets #myUSYsummer

Instagram: @USYeverywhere

Don't Let Money Stand in Your Way

We believe every teen deserves the opportunity to participate in USY summer travel regardless of financial restrictions. Here is a list of various sources for potential scholarship funding.



USY SCHOLARSHIPS

We offer need-based scholarships on both the regional level and through the International USY office. To apply: register for a trip (including a deposit), check the box on the application indicating your interest in learning more about scholarships and apply by the deadline. We will be in touch once the scholarship application process opens, typically in December.



COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIPS

Many communities offer teens in their area funds for travel through their local Jewish Federation or other foundations. USY Summer Experience trips meet the criteria to qualify for many of them. For a list of community scholarships, go to [usy.org/summer/scholarship-community](https://www.usy.org/summer/scholarship-community)



OTHER SCHOLARSHIPS

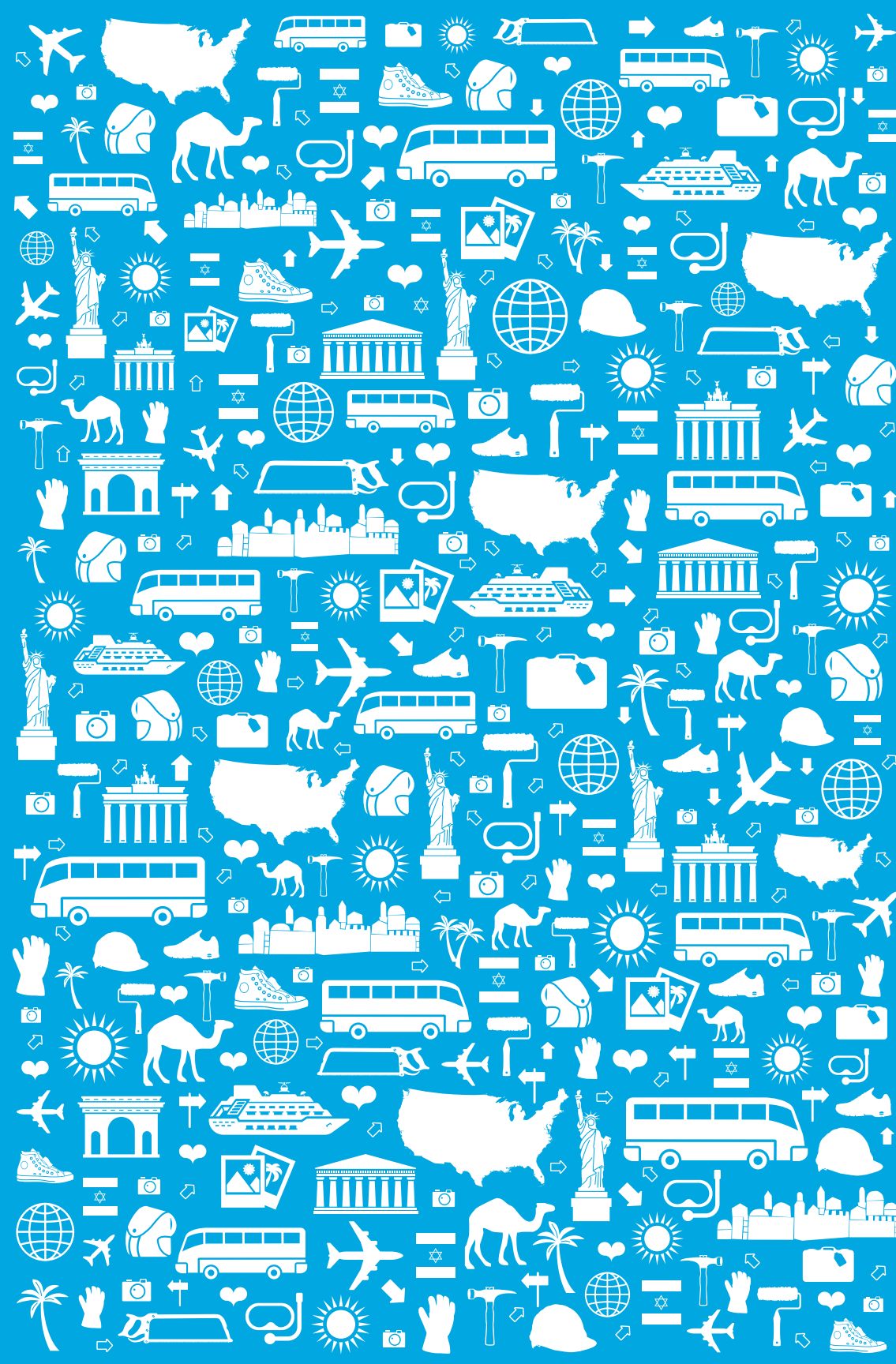
Your congregation — synagogues often set aside funds specifically to help local teens participate in programs. Reach out to your rabbi, youth department, sisterhood, men's club or main office to see what opportunities they have available.

Jewish organizations — here are some to explore:

- Jewish National Fund (Plant Your Way to Israel)
- Hebrew Free Loan Association
- Local Holocaust Museum
- Jewish Community Center
- Jewish Council for Youth Services
- Jewish Family Services
- Bureau of Jewish Education
- Jewish Child and Family Services

One Happy Camper — teens who will be participating in USY on Wheels as their first-ever immersive Jewish overnight summer experience may be eligible to receive a One Happy Camper grant for up to \$1,000. Contact jewishcamp.org/one-happy-camper to learn more.

For more scholarship and contact information visit: usy.org/summer/scholarship





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