

Israeli Culture Experience

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SUMMARY: In this session we will learn how to bring the flavor of Israeli culture to our camp through food, art, and the people of Israel.

GOALS:

- Participants will be inspired to bring Israeli culture content to camp this summer
- Participants will experience new cool ways to gap controversial topics in a creative way.

AUDIENCE: 13 years old and up

TIMING: 75 minutes

MATERIALS:

- Israel Experience Handout ([link](#))
- Pen
- Smart phone

SET-UP: Prepare two Post-It's of each program that bring people to a trip in Israel. From the list below.

SESSION TIMELINE

- 00:00-00:05 – *Introductions, setting group norms*
- 00:05-00:15 – *The Grant*
- 00:15-00:40 – *Plan your visit*
- 00:40-01:00 – *Grant committee*
- 01:00-01:15 – *Group Discussion and process*

SESSION OUTLINE

00:00-00:05 – Introductions, setting group norms

All participants will have a chance to say their name and what camp you are from, together set group norms that everyone will agree upon

The facilitator will invite the participants to form a group of 2-3. I recommend creating two Post-It's of each program that bring people to a trip in Israel. Hand them out randomly and ask participants to find their teams.

Groups:

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- [Machon](#)
- [Masa Israel](#)
- [Onward](#)
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- Jewish Agency
- [Ramah Seminar](#)
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00:05-00:15 – The Grant

Assuming you have an opportunity to receive a grant up to \$25,000 for a meaningful trip to Israel for you and up to 3 more friends.

00:15-00:40 – Plan your visit

The facilitator will hand out the trip planners' handout and guide participants through it.

Please make sure that the participants are aware that the idea of the exercise is to create a trip that will represent and interest them.

Use the instructions on the handout to apply your request

00:40-01:00 – Grant committee

The facilitator will create groups of 6. In your groups – please review the applications of your peers.

Please discuss:

1. What do you like about their application?
2. What would you recommend changing or exploring other options? Why?
3. What do you think is the highlight of your friend's trip?

01:00-01:15 – Group Discussion and process

- What did you discover through this exercise about Israeli culture?
- How can we modify the experience and use only some of the elements in it?

BRINGING IT TO YOUR CAMP

We will present and discuss projects and programs that can be relevant to staff and campers, who send people to Israel in different ages and life stages.

If you find a program that is interesting and can be good for your campers/peers feel free to reach out to them and see if they can send materials and even send someone to speak at your camp.

To go to Israel list Opportunity:

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