TAGLIT FELLOWS
COHORT ONE

Sunday | August 24

IDENTITY BUILDING AND THE TAGLIT-BIRTHRIGHT ISRAEL EXPERIENCE

11:00 am  |  REGISTRATION OPENS
Lobby

12:30 pm  |  LUNCH
Prairie Foyer

1:15 pm  |  OPENING CEREMONY
Prairie CD

1:30 pm  |  ICE BREAKERS
Prairie CD

2:45 pm  |  WELCOME TO TAGLIT FELLOWS
Introduction and Program Overview
Prairie AB

3:45 pm  |  BREAK
THEORY AND PRACTICE: WHY AM I HERE? WHY ARE THEY HERE?

In this opening-day conversation, we will explore some of the reasons and motivations of Taglit-Birthright Israel participants, as well as why we choose to staff trips. The common ground between what participants want out of their experience and what we as educators want to provide them is the foundation for learner-centered education.

Prairie AB

5:45 pm
BREAK

6:00 pm
DINNER

Why I Staff Taglit, Why I’m a Tour Educator

Prairie Foyer

7:00 pm
SKILL BUILDER: UNDERSTANDING OUR ROLE IN JEWISH IDENTITY DEVELOPMENT

Part of the role of a Madrich is as facilitator of the Jewish identity journeys of Taglit-Birthright Israel participants. This session will allow you to enhance your skills in facilitating identity discussions and activities.

Prairie AB

8:45 pm
TIE-IN SESSION

10:00 pm
LAILA TOV

Closing Circle

Prairie AB
Monday | August 25

EXPLORING THE USE OF NARRATIVES IN EDUCATIONAL WORK

8:00 am BREAKFAST | בוקר
My Favorite Story from Israel
Grand Oaks Pavilion

9:00 am REGA SHEL LIMMUD | TEXT | לימוד
A study of some core texts as they relate to the Taglit-Birthright Israel experience

- Barry Chazan | Is It Worth It? The Agony and Ecstasy of Being an Educator | Fullersburg A
- Rabbi Jan Katzew | "The Honey and the Sting" | Fullersburg B
- Shalom Orzach | To Re-Member: The Path Leading Memory to Community | West Wing Foyer
- Esther Abramowitz | Celebrating Shabbat in a Myriad of Ways | Grand Oaks
- Yoni Sarason | Who Are We and What Do We Value? | Grand Oaks
- Michael Soberman | Major Issues Through the Lens of Israel's Declaration of Independence | Q Room
- Scott Copeland | If You Know Your History... Memory and Forgetting as Jewish Educational Challenges | Tack
- Zohar Raviv | From Divine Authorship to Human Authority: the Evolution of Diversity in Jewish Thought | Forestview
10:15 am  THEOLOGY AND PRACTICE: USING STORIES TO CARRY CONTENT AND MEANING
In order to tell a story, you need to make it your own. It's easier when the story we tell is about ourselves...but what about when the story is about other times, places, and people? How do we bring stories to life? How do we inject our story telling with the passion that we feel about our educational work? This session provides an opportunity to delve deeper into the art of storytelling and to practice with one another.

Grand Oaks Pavilion

12:00 pm  LUNCH | ארוחת תחילה
Grand Oaks Pavilion

1:00 pm  SKILL BUILDER: HADRACHA 2.0 | הדרכה 2.0
These sessions will focus on skills to enhance your group leadership and help you create the ideal learning environment for your participants.

- Facilitating Discussions | Fullersburg
- Group Leadership | Q Room
- Teamwork | Forestview

3:30 pm  BREAK | הפסקה

4:00 pm  SKILL BUILDER: FACILITATING CONVERSATIONS ON ISRAELI CURRENT EVENTS
The more questions you have, the wiser you become. Many times when we talk about complex topics, our focus is on what we should say – in order to provide participants with the answers they seek. In this session, we will focus on how to engage in conversations about issues that are dynamic, complex, and sensitive. Sometimes it isn't about giving answers – it's about opening space for reflection, questions, and conversations.

Grand Oaks Pavilion
5:30 pm  BREAK  | הפסקה

6:00 pm  DINNER  | ארוחת ערב
A Song
Prairie Foyer

7:00 pm  TIE-IN SESSION  | משוב

8:30 pm  GREETINGS
Gidi Mark, CEO of Taglit-Birthright Israel
Mark Charendoff, President of Maimonides Fund
Prairie ABCD

8:45 pm  THE VOICE OF ISRAEL: AN EVENING WITH MAYTAL MICHAELI AND ETZION MAYER
Maytal and Etzion met as contestants on the Israeli hit show, “The Voice.” There they began a musical partnership that is as diverse as Israeli society. Secular and religious, straight and gay, they explore identity in Israel through their music.
Prairie ABCD

10:15 pm  LAILA TOV  | לילה טוב
Tuesday | August 26

A THEMATIC APPROACH TO CONTENT

8:00 am  BREAKFAST | ארוחת בוקר
Israel Landscapes
Grand Oaks Pavilion

9:00 am  REGA SHEL LIMMUD | LANDSCAPES | רגנ של לימוד
Study of core texts related to sites common to the Taglit-Birthright Israel experience

- Barry Chazan | The Inner Landscape | Fullersburg A
- Rabbi Jan Katzew | Rabin Square | Fullersburg B
- Shalom Orzach | Why Take Us Here? Tayelet Armon Hanatsiv | West Wing Foyer
- Adam Stewart | Re-thinking Tzfat: Mystics, Legalists and Jewish Dialogue | Grand Oaks
- Zohar Raviv | Massada and the Kotel: The Untold Stories | Forestview
- Anne Lanski | Sites and Sights: It's All In The Eyes of the Beholder | Grand Oaks
- Maytal Michaeli and Etzion Mayer | From Tel Aviv to Bnei Brak | Grand Oaks
- Scott Copeland | "The Desert Around Us...The Desert Inside Us: The Desert as a Seedbed for Spirituality | Tack
- Michael Soberman | Independence Hall: Exploring Israel's Declaration of Independence | Q Room
10:15 am  THEOREY AND PRACTICE: A THEMATIC APPROACH TO CONTENT
The landscape of Israel offers an overwhelming number of stories, issues, and ideas to share with participants. A thematic approach helps educators order and filter content in a way that is consistent with the values we want to teach. The Taglit-Birthright Israel Educational Platform provides the basis for a thematic approach to the Taglit-Birthright Israel experience.

Grand Oaks Pavilion

12:30 pm  LUNCH | ארוחת ظاهرة
My Favorite Site

Grand Oaks Pavilion

1:30 pm  SKILL BUILDER: EDUCATIONAL ENTRY POINTS
Good experiential educators leverage opportunities by using the resources they have at hand. This workshop will help us identify resources throughout the Taglit-Birthright Israel experience and help develop strategies to utilize them.

Grand Oaks Pavilion

3:00 pm  BREAK | הפסקה

3:30 pm  SKILL BUILDER: RITUAL AND MEANING
The Taglit-Birthright Israel experience offers many opportunities to engage in ritual – both in terms of Jewish practice and marking certain moments. This series of workshops will help us inspire meaning through the ritual moments of a Taglit-Birthright Israel trip.

Grand Oaks Pavilion

5:45 pm  BREAK | הפסקה
6:00 pm  DINNER | ארוחת ערב
Ritual and Meaning
*Grand Oaks Pavilion*

7:00 pm  TIE-IN SESSION: FACILITATION PRACTICE | משוב
Taglit Fellows practice facilitating programs and receiving feedback

9:30 pm  LAILA TOV | לילה טוב
Rosh Chodesh
*Grand Oaks Pavilion*
Wednesday | August 27

MAKING CONNECTION AND MOVING FORWARD

8:00 am  BREAKFAST | בוקר
Kehilla
Grand Oaks Pavilion

9:00 am  REGA SHEL LIMMUD | KEHILLA | לרוגע של לימוד
Study of core texts related to community and Jewish life

- Barry Chazan | There is No Israel, There are Only Israelis | Grand Oaks
- Dafna Koren-Cohen | The Power of Community | Forestview
- Aliza Goodman | Declaring Our Community Values | Fullersburg
- Jon Adam Ross | Eight...Nine...Ten!!! | Q Room
- Adam Stewart | In Every Generation: Finding the Israel Experience in the Haggadah | Grand Oaks
- Shalom Orzach | Community Leadership and Practice: Integrating Minhagim with Minhagim | West Wing Foyer
- Shauna Bornstein | If They Come, They Will Build It: Community Building for the Birthright Generation | Grand Oaks
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| 10:00 am | **KEHILLA AND MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING**  
How to Engage: Relational Judaism and Listening for Self Interest | Fullersburg |
|          | Pathways to Community: Authentic Stories of Community Involvement | Forestview |
| 12:00 pm | **LUNCH** | צהריים |
|          | Grand Oaks Pavilion |                                          |
| 12:45 pm | **SKILL BUILDER: GIVING VOICE TO THE ISRAEL EXPERIENCE**  
Social Media Master Class | Forestview |
|          | In this session, we will cover social media “next and best practices” featuring philosophy, platform “pro-tips,” and how to socialize each touch point of the #Taglit experience. We will also discuss the thinking behind the "400,000 Birthright Stories" campaign and how to integrate your efforts with our overall social strategy. |                                          |
|          | Giving Voice to the Israel Experience | Fullersburg |
|          | How do you put words to the indescribable experience of a Taglit-Birthright Israel trip? Together, we will explore tools and activities that help our participants reflect and begin articulating the impact of their experiences during their trip, and then, to engage family, friends, and community with their Israel stories and experiences. |                                          |
| 2:45 pm  | **SIYYUM** | סיום |
| 3:15 pm  | **L’HITRAOT** | להתראות |