

Yeshiva/Seminary/Gap Year Program Check List

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| NAME OF PROGRAM | | | |
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| TYPE OF PROGRAM: YESHIVA, SEMINARY, CO-ED, EXPERIENTIAL, UNIVERSITY | | | |
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| SIZE | | | |
| Number of participants anticipated | | | |
| Number of full time faculty. | | | |
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| STUDENT BODY | | | |
| Israeli or Foreign students only? And Percentage of each? | | | |
| Students from outside North America? | | | |
| Where are students going after the year? | | | |
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| LANGUAGE | | | |
| Primary language of instruction? | | | |
| Classes in Hebrew? | | | |
| Ulpan Included? | | | |
| One-on-one in Hebrew? | | | |
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| LOCATION | | | |
| Where is the campus? | | | |
| How accesible is campus to other places in Israel? | | | |
| How close is program to public transportation? | | | |
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| PHILOSOPHY | | | |
| Is the program for a specific type of student (and expect observance) or pluralistic? | | | |
| Atitude to General studies, and college. | | | |
| Can students listen to secular music or attend non-religious concerts, museums, or other cultural events? | | | |
| What cultural events are part of the program | | | |
| Attitude to relationships with students of the opposite sex? | | | |
| What are religious expectations of program? | | | |
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| ZIONISM | | | |
| Does the program promote one view of Zionism? | | | |
| How open are politics among the faculty? | | | |
| Do they support serving in the IDF? | | | |
| Do they run programs for soldiers? | | | |

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| Do they educate regarding Zionism and how do they discuss the relationship of Israel to the Palestinians? | | | |
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| TECHNICAL DETAILS | | | |
| College credits? | | | |
| What is student life like? | | | |
| How many in a dorm room? | | | |
| Where are dorms? | | | |
| What type of food service is offered on weekdays and weekends? | | | |
| How accomodating is the food situation to special needs and allergies? | | | |
| How much free time? Where can students go during that time? | | | |
| Music room? | | | |
| Sports facilities and do students use them? | | | |
| How often are tiyulim and to where? | | | |
| What happens on off time like Shabbat? | | | |
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| SAFTEY, SECURITY, & DISCIPLINE | | | |
| What are the medical procedures? | | | |
| How does medical insurance work and what is the cost? Is there insurance for possessions? | | | |
| What about pre-existing conditions and COVID related expenses such as tests and vaccines? | | | |
| Do medical professionals come to campus? | | | |
| Are mental health professionals accessible? | | | |
| What are crisis procedures? | | | |
| What are COVID restrictions? | | | |
| How did they deal with the pandemic in the past? | | | |
| Who is responsible for quarantine? | | | |
| What is campus security like? | | | |
| Are procedures in place to deal with harrasmant or sexual assault? | | | |
| What is the general atitude to student's self discovery? | | | |
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| EDUCATIONAL GOALS | | | |
| What type of educational program do they offer? | | | |
| How long/intense is the day? | | | |
| What level does the program expect of students prior to arrival and what level are the classes? | | | |
| Who are some guest speakers? | | | |
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| DATES AND PROCEDURE FOR ACCEPATNCE | | | |
| What is the application and acceptance process ? | | | |

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| Is a personal interview required? | | | |
| What are the fees and what do they include? (Laundry, insurance, travel, cell phone, etc?) And how much to budget for other expenditures? | | | |
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| OTHER PERTINANT INFORMATION | | | |
| WHAT STANDS OUT ABOUT THE PROGRAM? | | | |