

Application for the Nesiya Institute's 2010 Kehillah Experience in Israel

Thank you for applying to Nesiya's 2010 Kehillah Experience in Israel. Applicants are accepted on a rolling basis. Prior to acceptance, a Nesiya staff member may contact you to schedule a telephone interview. Final admission to the program is contingent upon certification of good physical and mental health, based on submission of the required medical form. Please contact us if you have any questions regarding the application process (212-951-7128 or info@nesiya.org).



Required Application, Required References, and Optional Submissions

Applicants are required to submit an application and three references, including one parent reference and two references from teachers or advisors or other adults who know you well. The Nesiya Institute will be happy to receive any additional work or information about yourself, including examples of creative or academic work.

Submitting your Application:

Applications can be submitted online through the Nesiya website (www.nesiya.org) or by mail to:
The Nesiya Institute, 234 Fifth Avenue, Suite #411, New York, NY 10001

Deposit

Applications must include a deposit of \$250. If this fee presents a hardship, please contact the Nesiya office. The deposit is refundable only: 1) in cases when the applicant is not accepted to the program or 2) in cases where the participant is unable to participate in the program due to lack of sufficient funding. Checks or money orders should be made payable to The Nesiya Institute. Nesiya does not accept credit cards.

Early Application Discounts, Deadlines, and Final Application Deadlines:

Postmark or submit your application online by **December 28, 2009** to qualify for a **\$400 Early Application Discount**.

Postmark or submit your application online by **February 1, 2010** to qualify for a **\$300 Early Application Discount**.

Postmark or submit your application online by **March 15, 2010** to qualify for a **\$200 Early Application Discount**.

The final application deadline is April 19, 2010.

Financial Support from Nesiya

Nesiya provides generous financial support based on demonstrated financial need and/or merit. Applicants and their families can apply to Nesiya for both need-based support as well as merit-only awards. Nesiya staff works closely with families to provide as much support as possible. A portion of all Nesiya financial awards (up to \$1,500) requires fulfillment of a Nesiya Fellowship (information on Nesiya fellowships can be found on Nesiya's website or requested from the Nesiya office). Any additional support awarded by Nesiya is a grant, for which no follow-up obligations are necessary.

Need-based scholarship decisions are based on the submission of a financial aid form and the program application. Applicants increase their chances of receiving significant support by also submitting a Nesiya Fellowship Plan (which can be found on Nesiya's website) with their program and financial-need application. All Nesiya financial awards are finalized only after applicants submit an acceptable fellowship plan, prior to the beginning of the summer program. All need-based applicants are required to seek support from local sources. Please contact Nesiya if you need help identifying sources of funding in your community.

To apply for need-based financial assistance, please complete and submit the Nesiya financial aid form with your application, which can be downloaded from www.nesiya.org or requested from the Nesiya office.

Merit-Based Support from Nesiya

Nesiya offers a limited number of \$1,000 Nesiya Community Internship Awards. Nesiya Community Interns are selected on the basis of the program application, references, and submission of a Nesiya Fellowship Plan which includes a significant volunteer service project in a non-profit or educational agency. For additional information about the Nesiya Community Internship Awards, please visit Nesiya's website.

Nesiya currently offers other merit-based awards, of varying amounts, to:

- Alumni of select peer programs (i.e. Genesis, Bima, Panim, Etgar 36)
- Current or past applicants to the Bronfman Youth Fellowships in Israel
- Special fellowships to young people who live in specific regions of the US and Israel.

Please contact the Nesiya office for updated information about merit-based fellowships that teens in different regions may be eligible for. **Please note: Nesiya merit-based awards cannot be combined with one another or Nesiya Early Application Discounts.**



I. Contact Information: (Please type or print your responses in the spaces provided) **Date:** _____

- I am currently in grade: 10 11 or 12
- I am considering applying for financial aid now or in the future
- My Financial Aid Form is enclosed
- My \$250 deposit is enclosed in the form of a check or money order (credit card not accepted)

Name of Applicant: _____

E-mail Address: _____ Cell phone: _____

School: _____ Graduation Date: _____

Synagogue: _____ Birth Date: ____/____/____

Mother's Name: _____ E-mail Address: _____

Occupation/Title: _____ Employer: _____

Business Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Father's Name: _____ E-mail Address: _____

Occupation/Title: _____ Employer: _____

Business Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Siblings Names and Ages: _____

Parents' Marital Status: Married Widowed Divorced/Separated Both deceased

Primary Mailing Address: Please circle one: Parents, Mother, Father, Aunt/Uncle, Grandparents, Other _____

Number and Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Home phone: _____

Secondary Mailing Address: Please circle one: Parents, Mother, Father, Aunt/Uncle, Grandparents, School

Number and Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Home phone: _____

How did you hear about Nesiya? Please check **all** that apply:

- Word of mouth:** Who told you about Nesiya, and what is their connection to you? _____
- Print Media:** Advertisement/Article in which publication? _____
- Internet:** Which site did you visit? _____
- Israel/Summer Camp Program Fair:** Where? _____
- Other:** Please specify _____

II. Applicant Background: Feel free to attach additional pages if you would like extra room.

Have you been to Israel before? No Yes; If yes, please tell us when you went and with whom/what organization:

Please list the full name of your current school and any Jewish education programs you have attended. If you attend Jewish day school, please write "Day School" next to the name of your school.

School	Type of school (public, private, and/or Jewish)	Address and Telephone Number

Please list your extra-curricular activities and hobbies, including any organizations in which you are involved or areas in which you have developed special interests or skills.

Organization/Program	Activity	Time Period

Please specify your activities during the last two summers, including employment or program names.

2009	
2008	

Please list any special accomplishments, awards or honors.

How do you describe your Jewish affiliation?

- Orthodox
 Conservative
 Reform
 Reconstructionist
 Renewal
 Traditional
 Unaffiliated
 Other _____

Please add a few sentences explaining your choice:

III. Self Assessment (This section must be completed by the applicant – feel free to use additional pages.)

1. What is the longest period that you have traveled away from home without family members, and in what context? How do you feel about being away from your family for 6 weeks this summer?

2. Briefly describe an activity you participated in as part of a group (e.g. a school team, club, summer program, etc.). How might other group members describe what it's like to be in a group with you?

3. Tell us about an adult in a leadership or authority position that you highly respect (e.g. teacher, camp counselor, rabbi, etc.). What is it about this individual's character and/or actions that earns your respect?

4. What are some of your hopes and concerns regarding your participation in Nesiya this summer.

5. Are there any experiences in your past (positive or negative) that may affect your experience in Israel, that we should be aware of (e.g., prior experiences away from home, sickness or loss of a family member, stressful experiences, etc.)?

6. Have you ever consulted with or been treated by a social worker, counselor, psychologist or psychiatrist?
 Yes No If yes, please tell us about the reason(s) for your consultation, and how you feel it affected you.

7. Are you currently taking any medications? Yes No
If so, please list the medication(s) you are taking, and the condition(s) for which you are being treated.

8. Do you know anyone else applying to Nesiya for this summer? Yes No
If so, please list the names of the applicants you know, how you know each other, and any other relevant information.

IV. Personal Writing: On a separate sheet of paper, please respond to both Part I and Part II. Please use at least 250 words per writing assignment. Have fun with this part of the application!

Part I: Express why you want to spend next summer in Israel on a Nesiya program.

Part II: Respond to **one or two** of the four topics listed below.

1. Describe some of your interests and activities in and out of school, and why they are important to you.
2. Describe the role Judaism plays in your life. Feel free to discuss positive or negative Jewish experiences.
3. Describe a work of culture that moved you – a book, a movie, artwork, a piece of music, or any other cultural expression or event – and explain why.
4. Describe a real or imaginary experience of interacting with Jewish people whose background and observances are very different from your own. What aspects of these experiences do you find meaningful or challenging?