

APPLYING TO NESIYA

If you think that Nesiya is right for you, it usually means that you are right for Nesiya. You are eligible to apply for a Nesiya summer program in Israel if you are currently enrolled in grades 10, 11, or 12.

FINANCIAL AID

The Nesiya Institute recognizes that cost can be a significant challenge to participation. Nesiya provides generous financial support to North American participants on the basis of merit and/or financial need. We work closely with families to provide as much assistance as possible.

Nesiya is committed to helping participants find the necessary scholarship funds in order to participate. External scholarship opportunities do have deadlines, often in the late winter, and therefore we encourage participants to apply early in order to take advantage of all possible scholarship sources.

LEARN MORE

Learn more and fill out the application on our website Nesiya.org. Please contact our office for more information: info@nesiya.org

CONNECT WITH ALUMNI

Nesiya has over 3000 alumni across North America and Israel. Ask a friend or Rabbi if they are familiar with the program or contact us and we'll put you in touch with alumni or parents of alumni from your area.



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MAKE A DIFFERENCE. TAKE A JOURNEY.



What is Nesiya? “Nesiya” means “journey” in Hebrew. When you go on a journey, you don’t always know where it will lead. Taking a journey can mean leaving the familiar. It can also mean beginning new relationships with people who are different from you. Finding an inspiring path in life is not always easy. Nesiya encourages you to explore how Judaism and Israel can enrich your journey toward becoming a more giving and joyous person.

ISRAELI PEERS

Many people tour Israel, but few have the opportunity to live, study, and create a community with Israeli peers. Israeli participants and staff are full members of the program.

North Americans live, travel, and make lasting relationships with Israelis from secular, traditional, and religious Jewish backgrounds. Israeli participants come from a range of backgrounds including kibbutzim, Tel Aviv, Jerusalem, development towns, and Ethiopia. North Americans stay for an extended weekend at the homes of either one of the Israeli participants or with family and friends.

CREATIVE ARTS WORKSHOPS

Modern Israeli culture and the arts provide unique opportunities to be part of a two-way conversation about what Judaism and Israel mean to you personally. Arts workshops provide opportunities to reflect on and respond to your experiences. Workshops in creative writing, theater, visual arts, movement, and music are led by dynamic arts educators.

JUDAISM AND SHABBAT

Nesiya does not have one single point of view regarding Judaism. The program attracts participants and staff from Reform, Conservative, Orthodox, Reconstructionist, secular and non-affiliated backgrounds, as well as others who have little or no Jewish background. Nesiya observes common denominators that are

necessary for Jews of different backgrounds to live together and learn from one another. The program is strictly kosher, and no full group activities are conducted which violate traditional observance of Shabbat. Participants are encouraged to explore each other’s practices and beliefs without feeling coerced to change

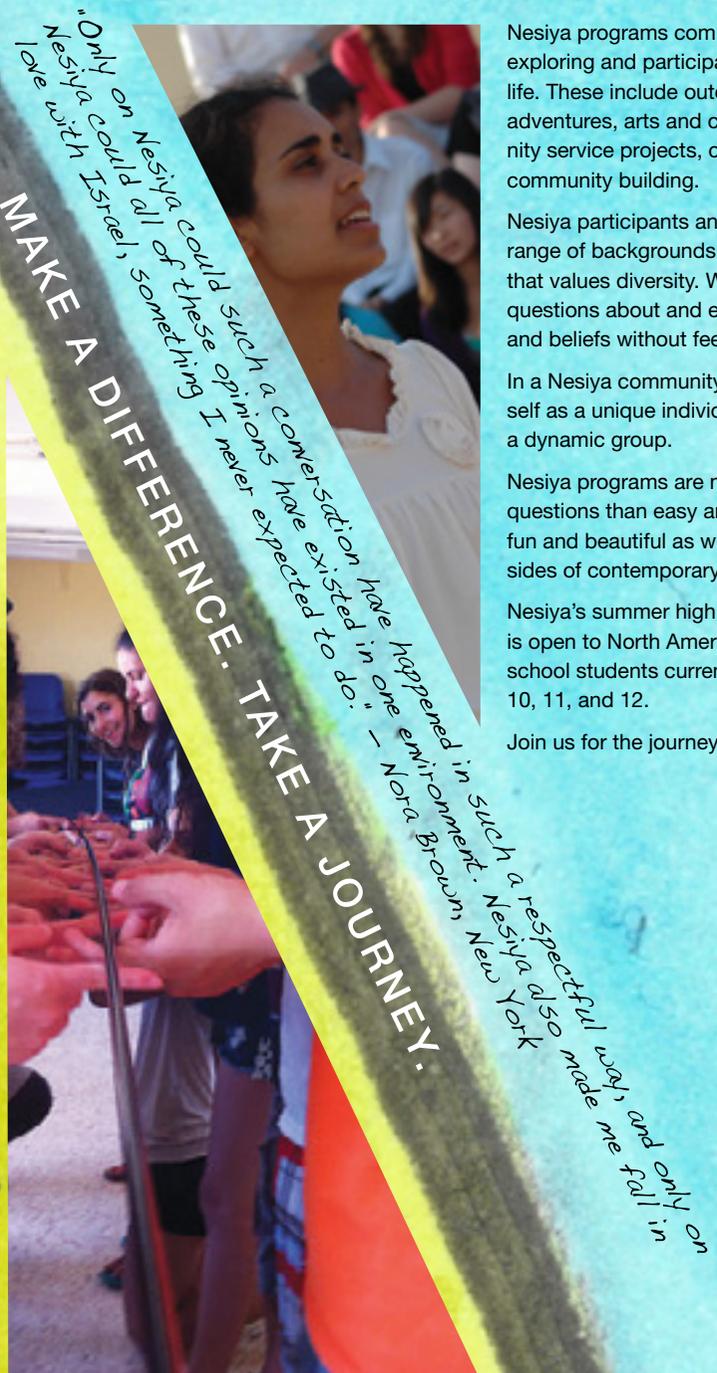
“My experience on Nesiya taught me to love all different types of people. It made me dig into difficult places in my soul that I didn’t know existed.” -Jillian Axelrod, Philadelphia

their own. Prayer is always optional. Shabbat is a special time. We celebrate and explore Jewish rituals, spirituality and values. We welcome and close the Shabbat together. Participants create and organize many Shabbat experiences including prayer options and singing.

FUN, RECREATION, AND FREE TIME

Being on Nesiya is fun as well as challenging. While the program is highly structured, free time is provided every day, usually during the afternoon or evening at the base residence. Participants can rest, write letters, or enjoy a range of activities including swimming, sports, or just hanging out with friends. Participants are also given opportunities to explore and shop on their own in designated areas - under the supervision of Nesiya staff and in accordance with Nesiya’s strict security and safety policies.

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“Only on Nesiya could such a conversation have happened in such a respectful way, and only on Nesiya could all of these opinions have existed to do so.” - Nora Brown, New York

Nesiya programs combine different ways of exploring and participating in Jewish and Israeli life. These include outdoor and wilderness adventures, arts and cultural activities, community service projects, creative text studies, and community building.

Nesiya participants and staff come from a wide range of backgrounds. We build a community that values diversity. We encourage you to raise questions about and explore different practices and beliefs without feeling pressure to change.

In a Nesiya community, you can express yourself as a unique individual and as part of a dynamic group.

Nesiya programs are more interested in hard questions than easy answers. We explore the fun and beautiful as well as the challenging sides of contemporary Israel

Nesiya’s summer high school program in Israel is open to North American and Israeli high school students currently enrolled in grades 10, 11, and 12.

Join us for the journey!