



YOUNG JUDAEA YEAR COURSE – GAP YEAR Live, Learn, Grow, Succeed!



NOW IS THE TIME TO LIVE YOUR DREAMS.
NOW IS YOUR TIME FOR YEAR COURSE.

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YOUNG JUDAEA YEAR COURSE!

THE #1 GAP YEAR PROGRAM IN ISRAEL!



YOUR LIFE, YOUR YEAR, YOUR FUTURE!

Welcome to a journey that will open doors to a new world, new friends and incredible experiences that will forever set you apart from the crowd.

Year Course has changed the lives of thousands of people just like you in so many amazing ways. Our alumni reviews say it all:



CONNECTION! "I really feel like I've connected in a very deep way to my Jewish identity and to Israel."
(Noah Stein, Columbia U)



SELF-DISCOVERY! "The richness of this year helped me figure out who I am as a person and the people I want to surround myself with for the rest of my life."
(Tali Ron, U of Maryland)



PERSONAL GROWTH! "Looking back, these past nine months have brought out aspects of my personality that I didn't even know existed."
(Josh Ferrell, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute)



FRIENDSHIP! "It was an incredible experience and I wouldn't have wanted to do it anywhere else with anybody else."
(Sarah Silverstein, Franklin and Marshall College)



INDEPENDENCE! "Living independently and immersing myself in a different culture was the highlight of my year."
(Ari Lusky, Florida State U)

YEAR COURSE SETS YOU UP FOR SUCCESS! IN COLLEGE, IN LIFE!

Our alumni are distinguished by their confidence, self assuredness and ability to achieve success in college and beyond. Parke Muth, Former Dean of Admissions, U of Virginia said: "A gap year is an investment in the whole person, one that allows kids to develop the maturity, independence and self-reliance necessary to make the most of a college education."



SUCCESS! "The level of maturity I gained in Israel helped me succeed in my freshman year."

(Eitan Bender, George Washington U)



DIRECTION! "My volunteering experience on Year Course gave me a better understanding of what to study at college. I joined a paramedic team and I'm going to study Medicine."

(Gabi Shwartz, Tulane U)



IDENTITY! "Year Course provided me with the tools to advocate for Israel and strengthen my Jewish identity. It's not by accident that most of the active Jewish students on campus were gap year alum."

(Noah Berman, Cornell U)



LIFE EXPERIENCE! "In the interview for my current job, the life experience I gained on Year Course was one of my biggest selling points."

(Caleb Zipperstein, U of Oregon)



ADJUSTMENT! "Due to my experiences on Year Course I had a much easier time adjusting when I was in college."

(Jacqueline Gold, Syracuse U)



ACADEMICS: EARN UP TO 30 COLLEGE CREDITS!

As a Year Course participant you will explore and learn about the pressing issues in Israel and the Jewish world. Our educators are also mentors that will be a part of your journey of discovery.



HEADSTART! “Between my AP credits and my Year Course credits, I entered college as a sophomore.”
(Jordan Green, Missouri U)



HEBREW! “I learned so much Hebrew on Year Course I aced my comp test and placed out of Hebrew!”
(Dani Riffer-Reinart, Kalamazoo College)



ACTIVE! “The weekly field trips really brought what I learned in class to life.”
(Shira Yoram, U of Texas)



ISRAEL! “Thank you to my amazing and passionate teachers! We had incredible discussions with everyone involved and have learned so much knowledge about Israel and Jewish History.”
(Jared Rand, Ryerson U)



Beit Ar-El, Young Judaea Campus, Jerusalem

**YOUNG JUDAEA:
INSPIRING SINCE 1909!**

SCHEDULE	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	
TRACK 1	JERUSALEM ACADEMIC SEMESTER				WINTER BREAK	BAT YAM VOLUNTEERING SEMESTER Options include teaching, paramedic work, Marva - IDF training and more...			PESACH BREAK	SPECIAL INTEREST MONTH
TRACK 2	BAT YAM VOLUNTEERING SEMESTER Options include teaching, paramedic work, Marva - IDF training and more...					JERUSALEM ACADEMIC SEMESTER				

HOW IT WORKS

JERUSALEM ACADEMIC SEMESTER

You'll live independently, sharing apartments with friends in our modern campus located in the beautiful, central Jerusalem neighborhood of Baka. Shops, cafes and public transportation are all close by with the magical Old City a short walk away. Throughout this semester you will explore Israel's complex political and social issues as well as Judaism, Jewish History, Art and more through classes, workshops, tours and discussions, all in a unique informal setting.

BAT YAM VOLUNTEERING SEMESTER

Make a real difference in Israel living in Bat Yam, an up-and-coming beach town 15 minutes from Tel Aviv. Teach in a school, volunteer in a soup kitchen, train to be a paramedic or choose one of hundreds of other possibilities where your skills and time are most needed.

There's also an opportunity to sign up for Marva – a challenging 8 week IDF boot camp and push yourself to the limits!

SPECIAL INTEREST MONTH

In the last month of your year, you'll choose from an unbelievable range of options and design your own Special Interest Month! Learn new skills, challenge yourself and boost your resume!

- Backpack Israel's epic Sea-to-Sea hike
- Learn to surf in Tel Aviv
- Take a photography crash course
- Intern with an Israeli company
- Study Jewish texts at a Yeshiva/Midrasha
- Work on a kibbutz
- Many more options to choose from

SPICE UP YOUR YEAR!

Choose from our wide range of Year Course add-ons to give your once in a lifetime gap year experience added personal value:

- **Specialty Tracks: Customize your year!**

Tracks offer you specialized activities to meet your interests and passions led by top Israeli experts that will enrich your year and your resume.

Business: Network, entrepreneurs, start-ups, leadership!

Art: Meet local artists, workshops, shows, exhibitions!

Medical: Volunteer, meet experts, research, hands-on!

Sound: Concerts, musicians, jam sessions, studio time!

Sports: Competitions, exercise, meet professional athletes!

Tiyulim: Hike, outdoor skills, teamwork, hadracha!

Beit Midrash: Jewish texts, shabbatot, inspiring educators!

Learn more about specialty options on our website

- **Olami: The world is your classroom!**

Love traveling? Take advantage of our world travel options to **Italy, Greece, Morocco and Poland!** See famous world sites and learn the story of the Jewish people live on location!

- **Tikun Olam: Africa volunteering experience!**

Make a difference in the lives of others with our unique partnership at the inspirational Shalom Agohozo Youth Village in **Rwanda**. You'll embark on an empowering, rewarding journey and volunteer with youth struggling with the after-effects of the 1994 genocide and prepare them to take on leadership roles in society.

STRUCTURE & SAFETY

On Year Course you'll enjoy an excellent balance of structure and free independent time. Our residential, logistical and educational staff are there to support you 24/7. Weekly schedules help you keep an eye on what's ahead.

The safety and security of Year Course participants is our primary concern. Young Judea has clear safety security procedures which are reviewed and monitored by our designated security officer and external security advisors.

