



## Gap Year College Admissions Pilot Program

The Tzemach David and JLIC Gap Year College Admissions Pilot Program will provide resources and guidance to help students thoughtfully consider options for higher education in Israel and explore the process of making Aliyah.

### Why Apply to College During Your Gap Year?

- **Explore More Opportunities in Israel:** Students can more deeply explore Israeli higher education options firsthand during their year.
- **Flexible Application Process:** Reduces pressure from early decision deadlines and commitments and broadens university choices
- **Room for Personal Growth:** Allows students to make more informed choices that align with their evolving academic and personal goals.
- **Preserve Relationships with U.S. Colleges:** Avoid backing out of your commitment to attend a college. Retracting on an agreement can damage your high school's reputation with that college.
- **Stronger Applications:** Students will be able to include a full 9-12th grade transcript when applying, demonstrating continued academic commitment and growth.

### Program Benefits

#### Senior Year of High School:

1. **Post Gap Year Planning Sessions:** Workshops on higher education options in Israel and admissions requirements.
2. **Personalized Application Support and Guidance:** One-on-one guidance from high school college counselors to prepare application materials, understand Israeli university requirements, and draft personal statements.
3. **Virtual Campus Tours & Open Houses:** Online information sessions for students and parents with representatives from Israeli universities.

#### During the Gap Year:

1. **In-Person Campus Tours & Information Sessions:** Opportunities to tour Israeli colleges, meet admissions officers, interact with current students, and meet JLIC representatives.
2. **Personalized Application Support and Guidance:** One-on-one advising with a College in Israel counselor to better understand different fields of study and complete their college applications.
3. **Peer and Alumni Network:** Access to a wide network of university students and alumni who studied in Israel or made aliyah
4. **Aliyah Support:** Resources and guidance for students considering aliyah, including citizenship processing, housing, integration, army enlistment advice and Hebrew language support, in partnership with relevant organizations.