Jewish Federation OF GREATER HOUSTON

Honeymoon Israel

Instilling Belonging for Diverse Couples

RESOURCE

HONEYMOON ISRAEL (HMI) IS A NATIONAL NONPROIT that, in collaboration with the Jewish Federation of Greater Houston, strengthens Jewish life by bringing together cohorts of Houston-based, committed couples with at least one Jewish partner for an immersive, highly subsidized trip to Israel. Participants reflect the diversity of the Jewish community, and include couples where both partners are Jewish, multifaith, Jews by choice, LGBTQIA+, and multiracial couples. HMI provides inspiration, support, and sense of belonging needed to build a family with deep and lasting connections to Jewish life.

KEY PROGRAMS

Israel Trip: Through shared travel and meaningful experiences, couples explore Israel's history, culture, diversity, and their own connections to Jewish identity in an open and inclusive environment. A Houston clergy member joins each trip to enhance Jewish learning.

Post-Trip Engagement: After the trip, the experience continues with get-togethers to foster lasting friendships, local community, and ongoing opportunities for connection and leadership.

BY THE NUMBERS

39 Couples have participated in **2** trips *(3rd Trip departs December 2026!)*

8 Completed FedU leadership training

4 Completed MEM Global's Embark Program

3 Serve in JFNA's Young Leadership Cabinet

WE SIGNED UP THINKING IT WOULD JUST BE AN INCREDIBLE TRIP.
Honeymoon Israel helped us have conversations about faith, family, and our future that we had never made time for before. We came home with lifelong friends and a Jewish community we never knew we were missing." **— Robyn Tikia, Cohort 2**

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