

## IsraelNow Miami School Letter 2023

Dear Middle School Teachers and Principals:

**We are pleased to confirm the participation of your student in our exciting educational program, IsraelNow Miami, taking place March 20-29, 2023.** This program is run through the Center for the Advancement of Jewish Education (CAJE) and is sponsored by the Greater Miami Jewish Federation. This program is a week-long, hands-on Jewish educational experience designed specifically for eighth graders.

Students who attend this program make a serious commitment of their time and focus. The intense trip itinerary includes visits to sites of biblical, medieval, and modern Israeli history. Students will also learn about Israel's absorption of immigrants from many different parts of the world, as well as its technological and agricultural innovations. They will be exposed to a new language and to Israel's diverse culture and will meet with Israeli peers who will share details on daily life in the Middle East.

Many parents have reported how pleased they are that the trip has had such a profound and transformative effect on their children. We are confident that this year's experience will be just as impactful.

**We hope you will view your student's participation in IsraelNow Miami as a legitimate school absence.** Please note that due to the intense daily schedule, students will have extremely limited time for assignments during the trip. You may want to encourage projects such as reports, presentations, scrapbooks, or picture albums to be shared with fellow students. In addition to their first-hand experiences, we can provide supplemental educational materials to support such projects.

**About CAJE:** *The Center for the Advancement of Jewish Education (CAJE) is dedicated to the continuous building and strengthening of Jewish learning across the entire spectrum of Jewish education: early childhood programs, congregational religious schools, day schools, teens and adult education.*

**About the Greater Miami Jewish Federation:** *We work to enrich the quality of Jewish life in Miami-Dade County by bringing comfort and hope to the vulnerable and by investing in programs that build Jewish knowledge, identity and peoplehood — ensuring the next generation of Jews.*

If you have any questions, please contact us at [claudineackerman@caje-miami.org](mailto:claudineackerman@caje-miami.org). You can also find additional information on [IsraelNowTrip.org](http://IsraelNowTrip.org).

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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