



# PYW TREEBUNE

Jewish National Fund, Helping You Go to Israel!



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## Jake Bleiberg is having a NFTY time in Israel!

Read about PYW participant Jake Bleiberg's trip.

Jake is part of the NFTY EIE (Eisendrath International Exchange) High School in Israel program. He raised \$828 toward his trip through Plant Your Way to Israel.

My name is Jake Bleiberg and I have been living and studying in Israel for about three months now. My time here has really made me appreciate the significance of planting trees in Israel.

As part of my program here I have spent a week on Kibbutz Lotan learning about their environmental programs. Kibbutz Lotan, which is located in the Arava Valley is a fascinating place. It strives to fulfill the Biblical ideal "to till the earth and preserve it," as well as doing *Tikun Olam*, "repairing the world." During my time on the Kibbutz I learned about their partnership with JNF and their many environmental programs, which include alternative/natural and environmentally sustainable construction (essentially creating energy efficient building out of nothing but mud and hay), making constructed wetlands to purify water,

food composting, and creative recycling programs which turn trash into anything from a playground to a building.

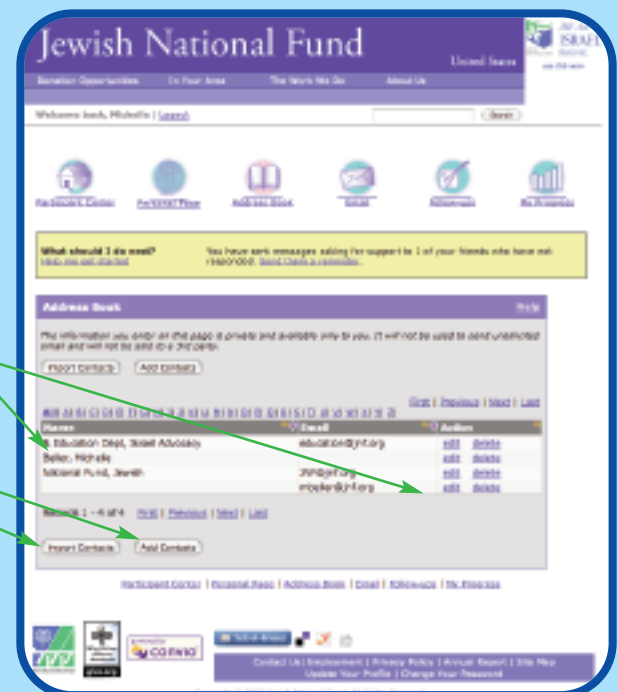


Additionally, as part of the program I did at Kibbutz Lotan we studied the importance of reforesting Israel, and how the impact of planting trees in Israel has a benefit on the entire global community. This program helped shed new light on the importance of the environmental problems that face the world, and what I can do about them as a Jew. Participating in Plant Your Way and going to Israel, were just the first steps.

**Learn more about Kibbutz Lotan's environmental work and their partnership with JNF at [www.jnf.org/negevprojectslotan](http://www.jnf.org/negevprojectslotan).**

## Update Your Address Book

1. Click on the **Address Book** icon in your Participant Center. This screen will appear:
2. If you have already sent a Gift Request *message*, a list of all the email addresses you sent it to will have been automatically transferred to your Address Book.
3. You can add a person's name next to his/her email address by clicking **Edit**. Fill in the requested information on the next page, and click **Save**.
4. You can also add new email addresses to your PYW Address Book:
  - Add contacts *individually*
  - Import contacts from an *already existing email address book*. A new screen will appear.
5. Click **Save** when you are finished, and you will be brought back to the Address Book homepage with a confirmation of how many new contacts were added to your list.

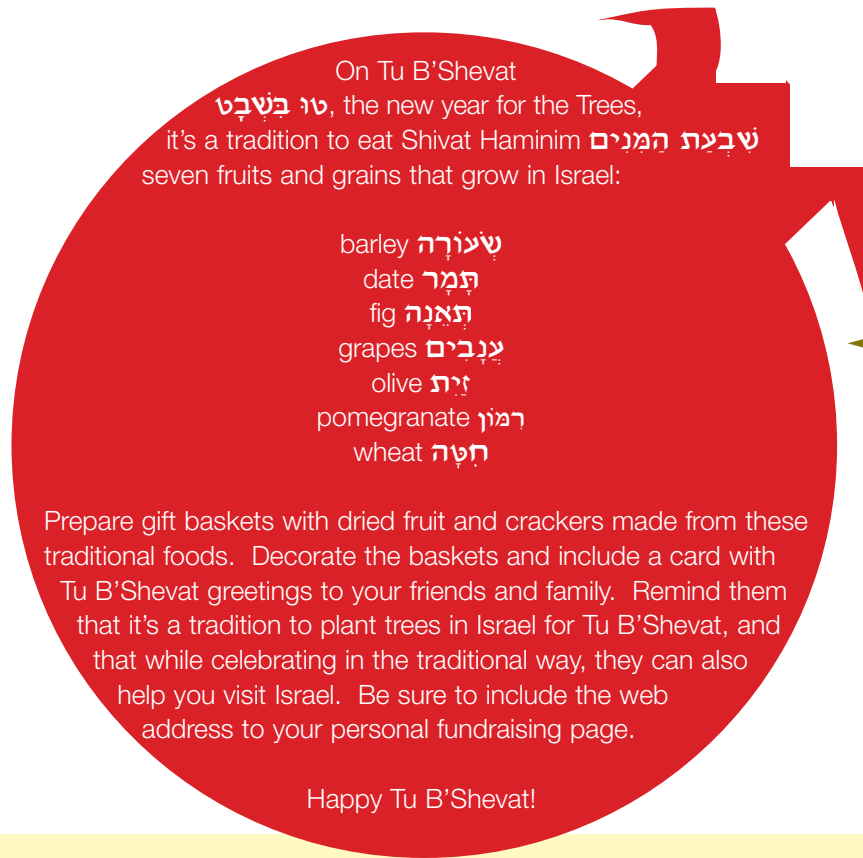


## Fundraising Tip:

### TREES

Share a taste of Tu B'Shevat with family and friends. Deliver baskets of traditional Tu B'Shevat foods. It's also a tradition to plant trees in Israel on Tu B'Shevat.

This year, engage your family and friends in learning about the environment and spiritual significance of Tu B'Shevat and raise money towards your trip at the same time!



Jewish tradition teaches that the pomegranate is a symbol for righteousness, because it is said to have 613 seeds which correspond with the 613 mitzvot in the Torah.

## Go 2 Israel!

AMIIE

### SCHOLARSHIPS

ARE AVAILABLE!



The Leroy and Shoshana Scholarship, valued at \$180,000, will be available for 30 AMIIE participants. Contact your local Director of Admissions for more information.

Other scholarships include: The Milton Shapiro Fund, request an application at [education@jnf.org](mailto:education@jnf.org).

Find a list of other financial aid opportunities at: <http://www.amiie.org/hs/financialaid.php>.

**LEARN** in a classroom without walls. **LIVE** 4000 years of history. **LOVE** an adventure unlike any other. Grow in ways you could not have imagined. Build life long friendships. See why more than 18,000 alumni say the **Alexander Muss High School in Israel (AMHSI)** was one of the most important experiences of their lives.

The Alexander Muss High School in Israel is dedicated to engaging teens to discover, explore and embrace their connection to the history, culture and land of Israel. During an action-packed, campus and travel-based adventure in Israel, students plunge into the history of the Jewish people and the country becomes a living classroom. AMIIE's seasoned and passionate educators become the students' mentors as they inspire them to live outside of books, encounter new ideas and challenge themselves in infinite ways. As AMHSI is accredited by the Middle States Association of middle and high schools, students have the unique opportunity to take their high school classes with them so that they don't fall behind their regular school work back at home. All this in a place where the past, present and future come together like magic, and where world history is shaped every day.

Six 7-8 week AMHSI sessions are offered yearly and in 2008, there will be two additional special Summer programs available. Do a 5-day SCUBA Diving course (for 1 star); swim with dolphins; save turtles; enjoy kayaking and plenty of awesome overland and underwater excursions never offered before at AMHSI! History, identity, marine science and ecology have never looked this attractive! Alternatively, feel good about yourself and venture on a 4-week journey learning about Jewish heroes and social justice against the back drop of our history. Contribute your part in the richness of Israeli volunteer work and community service. **For more information, please visit [www.amiie.org](http://www.amiie.org)**