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Jewish National Fund, Helping You Go to Israel!



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*Yaniv  
Levi  
will march  
shoulder to  
shoulder with  
Jewish Youth  
from around  
the world!*

*Read about PYW  
participant  
Yaniv Levi's plans  
to participate in  
March of the  
Living.*

*Yaniv attends  
Columbus Hebrew  
Academy in OH.*

Ehud Olmert, Prime Minister of Israel, has been quoted as saying, "The March of the Living is THE most important educational program for young people today ... it should be a program for Jews and non-Jews alike. I believe the day will come when thousands of Jews and non-Jews will march together, and will learn together, and will understand together, and will never forget ... together." One problem that is keeping many people from attending this annual event is its hefty price tag of approximately \$5,000. Many people utilize their resources by asking for grants from their local Jewish Federation and synagogues, but usually they still come up short.

I have solved this problem by utilizing **Jewish National Fund's Plant Your Way to Israel™** program, which allows students to support the State of Israel, while raising funds for their trip. Students ask their friends and family members to plant trees in Israel with JNF. The money that they have collected will be split in half. One half goes to planting trees, while the other half goes toward the students trip to Israel.

I have chosen this program to help me raise funds for my trip to Poland and Israel with the

March of the Living. March of the Living is a program designed to commemorate Yom Hashoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day. The program takes people beyond books, beyond

words, beyond stories and shows them exactly what happened 75 years ago, during the Holocaust.

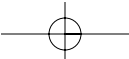
The March consists of people of all ages. The youngest kids that go on the March are usually 16 because of the emotional trauma from the concentration camps. There are also many Holocaust survivors that come back to the camps to show the world that they survived and they are still here.

The March this year will have over 9,000 students from all over the world who want to be part of this historic event. The students will retrace the steps of the "March of Death," the same route countless numbers of Jewish people were forced to walk on their way to the gas chambers. This time, however, there will be a difference. It will be a "March of the Living" with thousands of Jewish youth, like myself, marching shoulder to shoulder with other Jewish kids from around the world.

Another special part of this year's March, is the fact that this year on May 8th 2008, the entire Jewish people will be celebrating Yom Ha'atzmaut, Israel's 60th Independence Day. While family and friends celebrate in their cities, the Marchers will be celebrating Yom Ha'atzmaut in Israel, at the Kotel, the Western Wall.

With every single year, more and more people from all over the world are coming together to go on this life changing once in a lifetime opportunity.

We must always remember. We must never forget, the evils that were done to our brothers and sisters 75 years ago.



Fundraising Tip:

Register  
or  
Raise  
Funds  
During  
the  
Month  
of April  
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Qualify

## An Earth Day Gift 4 YOU!

Remind your friends and family to donate to **Plant your Way** in honor of Earth Day! Trees planted in Israel help the environment all over the world!

Sign Up for **Plant your Way** OR have a tree planted during the month of April in honor of Earth Day and get FREE subscription to **JNF Green Times**, a bi-monthly e-newsletter about Israel and the environment.



**You can help make the world greener!** Read **JNF Green Times** for the latest in environmental news and fun social action projects you can do. You can even earn community service hours for your work. **JNF Green Times** has interesting articles written by experts in the field, music and videos. Each issue also features a student reporter. If you would like to get involved, contact Nina Woldin, [nwoldin@jnf.org](mailto:nwoldin@jnf.org).

GO 2  
Israel!

GO NATIV!  
YEAR-LONG PROGRAM

Nativ is a challenging academic year program dedicated to creating and inspiring the Conservative Jewish leaders of tomorrow. Nativ, which means path in Hebrew, provides the unique opportunity to explore new directions along the journey to becoming a Jewish adult. From September to June, Nativ participants engage themselves in the rich and diverse society of Israel, exploring the land and enjoying a fulfilling Conservative Jewish lifestyle, which includes university or yeshiva studies, and innovative leadership training.



Nativ enables recent high school graduates to learn about themselves and explore who they would like to become. Nativers also have the opportunity to earn college credits for their studies during this year of discovery.

A true year of exploration, Nativ provides the freedom for personal discovery as well as the security of a carefully structured program. This unforgettable experience is created through an intricate balance between academics and volunteer work, learning and teaching, personal growth and community living. Participants on Nativ return from the year with an enhanced attachment to the land of Israel as well as a deeper passion for Judaism, enthusiastic to share with their communities what they've learned. Learn more about Nativ!