



# MANDEL JCC

## PALM BEACHES

Dear Middle School Teachers and Principals:

We are pleased to confirm that the participation of your student in our exciting educational program, IsraelNow, taking place March 15-March 24, 2026 (most of which is during Palm Beach County's Spring Break). 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 their 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 as a legitimate school absence. Please note that due to the intense daily schedule, students will have extremely limited time for assignments during this 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 will supply supplemental educational materials to support such projects.

If you have any questions, please contact me at: [rachelf@jcconline.com](mailto:rachelf@jcconline.com). You can also find additional information on the IsraelNow website at [www.israelnow.org](http://www.israelnow.org)

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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