

FLO HARRIS PASSPORT TO ISRAEL

Rules of Participation

Flo Harris Passport to Israel is a savings incentive program, designed to enable Kansas City teens/young adults to participate in an Israel experience program as a continuation of their Jewish education. The Flo Harris Supporting Foundation, congregations and families participate jointly in the program. Depending upon the year you choose to begin funding your child's account, you could save considerably toward the cost of an Israel experience. The Jewish Federation administers the program with assistance from the congregations.

Eligibility

All Jewish students are eligible to enroll in the *Flo Harris Passport to Israel Savings Program*. Money can be used until the participant reaches age 36. If the funds are not used by this time, a family may choose to close the account, resulting in loss of community and congregational contributions, as well as all interest accrued. The family's contribution can be returned to the family or deposited into the account of another child.

Families who wish to enroll or contribute before 3rd grade or after 8th grade may do so. However, the Flo Harris Supporting Foundation and congregations will contribute only during your child's 3rd – 8th grade years.

Enrollment

Eligible students must enroll in *Passport to Israel* through their congregation.

Non-affiliated participants may enroll directly through The Jewish Federation. The family's contribution is due at the time of enrollment.

The combined annual contribution of the family and congregation will total \$200. Each congregation will determine the amount paid by each party.

Families will make their contributions directly to the congregation, **payable to the congregation. Parents will return their check and completed forms to their congregation NO LATER THAN December 9th. The congregation will then forward its total combined check equaling the combined contribution of \$200 per student to The Jewish Federation no later than December 23rd.** The proportions contributed by family and congregations will remain confidential. The congregation check will be payable to the Jewish Federation. If a family is unaffiliated, the \$200 check may be sent directly to the Jewish Federation, attention Marsha Cott.

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Suspension, Withdrawal and Transfer

If family and congregational contributions are not received for a student within the specified time period, the student could face suspension for one full year, and the Flo Harris Supporting Foundation would not earmark its \$100 annual contribution

during the period of suspension. A student is eligible to resume participation in any succeeding year until such time he/she participates in an Israel experience.

A participating family may suspend contributions at any time. Accumulated contributions of the family, congregation, Flo Harris Supporting Foundation and accrued interest may be applied to an eligible Israel program at a later date.

A participating family may also withdraw its contributions at any time with 60 days' notice to The Jewish Federation. If withdrawal occurs, the family forfeits its rights to the contributions of the congregations, the Flo Harris Supporting Foundation and all accrued interest. The contributions made by the family, the Flo Harris Foundation and congregation for each student will be returned to the respective contributors, and the interest will remain in the general PTI account for use by future students.

If the child's family discontinues membership in the congregation, the congregation's contributions from previous years remain in the child's account. If a student transfers from one participating congregation to another, he/she may continue in the program pursuant to the terms agreed upon by the family and the new congregation.

Administration of Funds

This program will be administered by The Jewish Federation, with the actual investment managed by the Jewish Community Foundation. At the time of enrollment in an approved Israel program, The Jewish Federation will contribute the funds from the student's account to the program selected by the family. Congregations and families will receive annual reports on the status of their accounts.

Tax Implications

The Jewish Federation will issue a 1099-INT, to the families participating, in the year the student makes his/her trip to Israel. The 1099-INT will include all interest accumulated since the initial deposit of the family contribution.

Supplementary Aid

The accumulated funds of all three parties may not cover the full cost of the Israel program. While many families may be able to meet the total cost from personal recourses, others may not. Participating families may seek additional financial support, first from their congregation and then from the Rabbi Gershon Hadas Guardian Society for Jewish Children. (Guardian applications are available in the Jewish Federation office). Due to an increase in requests for scholarship assistance, funds are limited. Therefore, we encourage you to begin a *Flo Harris Passport to Israel* savings account!

Eligible Israel Programs

Programs should be sponsored by a reputable organization and must have an educational focus. Examples include, but are not limited to, BBYO, NCSY, NFTY, Ramah, USY and Young Judaea.

Policy

All policies regarding Rules of Participation will be established by the *Flo Harris Supporting Foundation*, congregations and The Jewish Federation.