# Honeymoon Israel

## Honeymoon Israel Greater Washington DC • Impact Grant

At Honeymoon Israel (HMI), we use a highly subsidized group trip to Israel as a catalyst for building a lifelong Jewish community at home. Participants spend nine exhilarating days in Israel sharing fun, meaningful experiences with couples from their city. Then, the journey continues at home as couples learn, grow, and explore together. HMI is so much more than a trip to Israel. The cohesive community built on the ground in Israel is sustained and nurtured, formally through HMI organized efforts and informally by grassroots efforts from participants themselves. The result is organic neighborhood-based micro-communities of young families, intimately sharing their joys and challenges, inspired to continue their Jewish journey within the context of the local DC Jewish community.

#### **Proposal**

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Funding

\$80,000

Category

Renewal - NextGen - Impact

#### **Program Goals**

- 1. The couples consider themselves a Jewish family.
- **2.** Both partners feel part of the Jewish people and feel that connection is a source of meaning in their lives.
- **3.** Couple/family incorporates Jewish traditions, culture, activities, and/or ongoing exploration into their lives on a regular basis.
- **4.** The couple engages in and builds their lives with Jewish community, including local micro-communities of HMI couples and/or organized Jewish communities.
- 5. Both partners feel a connection to the land, state, and people of Israel.

### Metrics

60

unique attendees to monthly meetings 169 unique attendees to monthly meetings

40%

of alumni will attend more than one program quarterly after their return

35% of alumni attend more than one program quarterly

25 unique individuals per month will participate in a partnership event with HMI

average of 50 unique individuals per month participating in a partnership event with HMI



(at minimum) of monthly events will be held in collaboration with partners at other organizations

40% of monthly events were held in collaboration with partners

