## 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.

### 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.

### Proposal

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### Funding

$125,000

### Category

Renewal - NextGen

### Metrics

- **90** new trip attendees
- **64** new trip attendees
- **250** unique attendees
- **305** unique attendees
- **25%** average program satisfaction rating of 4 out of 5
- **5/5** average program satisfaction
- **90%** of new attendees will attend 3 new cohort events per year
- **100%** at event 1, **75%** at event 2, TBD at one year cohort reunion (in 2023)
- **25%** of events were held in partnership with other organizations

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