



Merage JCC Global Teens

Frequently Asked Questions

How do I receive the RootOne grant?

Your teen receives the RootOne grant by completing 18 nekudot (points) through monthly seminars run by the Global Teens staff. RootOne provides topics and programming and we take the programs and integrate our own curriculum which makes the content more digestible and interactive. We run one seminar per month leading up to the trip. If any teen is unable to attend any of the seminars, they would need to complete the class online at their own time prior to our trip.

My teen is currently in 8th grade can they join the program?

Yes, all entering 9th graders in the fall of 2026 are eligible for the Global Teens program. However they will not be eligible for the RootOne grant, so the cost would be: Members: \$7,500; Non-Members: \$8,000

My teen is currently in 12th grade can they join the program?

Yes! If your teen is a graduating senior they can join the program and they are also eligible for the RootOne grant.

Is it possible to meet you in Israel and/or meet my teen in Israel after the program is complete?

Yes, if you want your teen to meet us in Israel and fly earlier that isn't a problem, we would need an adult to meet us at the airport with your teen when we land. The same policy for if your teen will be staying longer in Israel. We would need an adult to pick them up from the hotel before we leave for the airport to return home. Additionally, we would need to have all changes before the final payment is due in March as we purchase group tickets and late/change fees will occur after this month.

How many teens are in each room?

It depends on each accommodation we stay at. We do know that there will be a minimum of 2 in each room and everyone will have their own bed.



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My teen has dietary restrictions/allergies, will you be able to accommodate?

Yes! We will do our best to accommodate any dietary restriction/allergy. There is a form you will fill out that will require you to input all of that information.

Is financial assistance available?

There are limited funds available and will be dispersed on a first come first serve basis. Please contact our scholarships team at scholarships@jccoc.org for more information.

What are the RootOne grant eligibility requirements?

In order to qualify for the RootOne grant you must complete 18 nekudot (points), be a current 10th-12th grader, and you have not received a RootOne grant for an Israel program in the past (those who received RootOne grants last year to go to Portugal and Spain are exempt).

Is there a discount if I am a member of the JCC?

Yes! We have member pricing at a discounted rate. Additionally, if you also sign up for the JCC Maccabi games, you will receive a discounted rate on both!