

Sidney & Bee Kalt Israel Scholarship

Beginning in 1965, Beth Ahm youth, active in the synagogue and Jewish community, have been travelling to Israel thanks to the generosity of the Sidney & Bee Kalt Israel Scholarship. Travel to Israel has a significant impact on the life of a younger person and helps to strengthen their Jewish identity and connection to the Jewish community. Upon returning from Israel, scholarship recipients have demonstrated a stronger commitment to the Jewish people. They have assumed leadership roles at Beth Ahm, in the broader Jewish community, and have become the leaders of our Jewish future.

In recognition of the many positive benefits that have resulted from the Sidney & Bee Kalt Israel Scholarship, Beth Ahm is pleased to announce enhancements to the program so that all Beth Ahm youth who are active volunteers at the synagogue will be able to benefit from the scholarship. Beth Ahm is proud to support Israel and wants to support all youth who have Israel travel plans.

The program guidelines, effective September 1, 2013 are:

- Children whose parents or legal guardians are members in good standing of the congregation are eligible to participate.
- Upon reaching the age of 12, Beth Ahm youth who volunteer to support Beth Ahm programs or initiatives will earn travel credits which can be redeemed for scholarship assistance towards future Israel travel.
- One travel credit will be earned for every hour dedicated to Beth Ahm. Examples of activities which are eligible to earn travel credits include: assisting with High Holiday children's programming, volunteering at the Purim carnival, providing assistance with office activities, volunteering to help with Shabbat kiddush, serving as a religious school assistant, and attending Mitzvah Kid volunteer projects. Additional activities may exist and will be properly identified.
- Travel credits can be earned and accumulated over the years until the child notifies the congregation of his/her travel plans. Beginning, January 1, 2015, the congregation will send a notice to all youth at the beginning of the calendar year. Any child wishing to redeem his/her travel credits during the year must complete the required documentation and notify the congregation by the identified date.
- The value of each travel credit will be calculated based on the total number credits which are being redeemed and the scholarship available for the year. As an example:
 - If \$3000 is available for the scholarship and the following redemptions are received:

Abraham: 34 credits	Sara: 48 credits
Isaac: 61 credits	Rebecca: 23 credits
Jacob: 17 credits	Rachel: 16 credits
	Leah: 37 credits
 - The child will receive \$12.71 for each credit (\$3000/236 total credits begin redeemed).
- The total amount available for scholarship may vary on a yearly basis.
- A child may redeem his/her credits for travel when the child is between the ages of 14 and 18.
- A child may benefit from the scholarship only once. Meaning, a child who travels to Israel at age 15, will not earn credit for a second trip.
- The scholarship is not applicable for family travel to Israel. Organized trips facilitated by school, a Jewish youth group, or other organization approved by the congregation's Rabbi are eligible.
- Any disputes or unforeseen issues will be resolved jointly by the synagogue Executive Director, Rabbi, and President.
- Beth Ahm has the right to modify, cancel, suspend, or otherwise change the program as needed, at any time, with or without notice.