

FIVE KEY TAKEAWAYS



- Support for Israel & Jewish Peoplehood is a core value of the URJ. Israel is an integral part of our identity, mission, and vision. We welcome diverse views regarding Israel and its government, including its relationship with Palestinians and the broader region. We believe all of Israel and the Jewish people are responsible for each other.
- We were shattered by the horrific October 7 Hamas attack on Israel which resulted in hundreds of thousands of lost, traumatized, and disrupted lives, as well as a rise in global antisemitism.
- We are also devastated by the ongoing suffering of innocent Palestinians and all in the region, triggered by the events of October 7.
- This summer we will be building sacred communities of belonging, *kavod* (respect), and professionalism that are fully inclusive of our Israeli community. We will honor that they are still in trauma – sitting shiva – while we strive to find a balance: focusing on joy, healing, and relationships as we explore opportunities for deeper conversations.
- We look forward to embracing, welcoming, nurturing, and providing a *Sukkat Shalom* (a loving shelter of peace) for the more than 300 Israeli staff and campers participating in URJ camps/immersiones this summer.