

Immersive & Personal Timeless & Life Changing

Hebrew Immersion Program (HIP)

Denver Jewish Day School
Upper Division
10th grade

Six intensive weeks in Israel. One experience of a lifetime.

Denver Jewish Day School's Hebrew Immersion Program (HIP) is a six-week study program in Israel for 10th grade students during which they have the opportunity to live with Israelis, deepen their Hebrew language skills, connect to Israel, and grow as they immerse themselves in Israel's culture and language.

LIVE.

Students study for six weeks with Israeli peers in S'de Boker, Ramat Hanegev (JEWISHcolorado's partnership region) and spend time touring around Israel.

LEARN.

Making Israel their ultimate language lab, students interact in Hebrew with both peers and adults in formal and informal situations, combining intensive Hebrew language instruction with immersion. Through frequent hikes, excursions, and visits to places of note in the Ramat Hanegev region and throughout Israel, students get to experience the land of Israel up close. Most 2017-18 participants jumped one level of Hebrew during the six-week HIP experience.*

**As determined by Oral Proficiency Interviews (OPI) before students leave and after they return.*

GROW.

HIP dramatically improves Hebrew language oral proficiency, promotes the development of lifelong personal relationships with Israeli peers, deepens Jewish identity, and engenders deep affection for the land of Israel.



"The HIP experience was truly life changing for me. I have countless new friends across the globe, my Hebrew is significantly better, my education about the special place we come from has grown tremendously, and I now feel like I have a second home. The six-week Hebrew Immersion Program is something I will never forget and I owe it all to Denver Jewish Day School."

— Madi Foonberg, Class of 2019

When I come to Israel,
I feel I'm coming home.

— Yitzhak Perlman

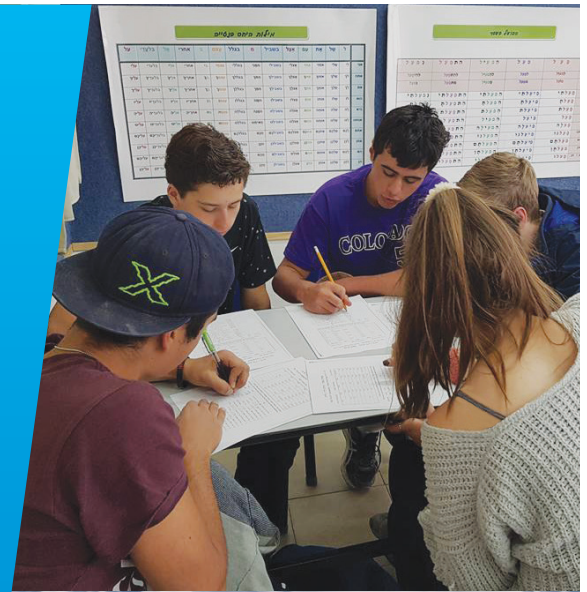
As participants on the program, students...

- ▶ ...create lifelong, personal relationships with Israel, the land and its people
- ▶ ...improve Hebrew language proficiency
- ▶ ...strengthen their Jewish identity through immersion in Israeli culture
- ▶ ...deepen their self-awareness through exploration of independence

In the fall, Denver JDS welcomes a group of Israeli teenagers from the Ramat Negev region to our school for two weeks to connect with our students and engage in joint programming. The following month when our students travel to Israel, they reconnect and continue their friendships.

While HIP is our longest and most intensive example of experiential learning, students in all grades (K-12) expand their learning beyond the walls of the classroom.

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