



# Before Your Year in Israel:

## Financial Aid and Course Registration Preparation Tips

Ordination students have enough to juggle in your academic, personal, and professional lives as you prepare to study abroad in Israel for a year. We hope these tips help make the planning process easier when it comes to financial aid and course registration.

### Things to think about if you use loans and scholarships:

- **Applying for aid for the new academic year:**
  - **By March 1 of the semester before you go:** you must reapply for financial aid for the next year. The application includes the Hebrew College Application for Financial Aid and the [Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\)](#). We cannot base any financial aid decisions on incomplete applications. Applications received after the March 1 deadline will still be considered, but there may be less money available for distribution.
  - **August 15:** The deadline for loan request forms if students want loan funds disbursed at the start of the fall semester.
  - Students (U.S. citizens only) can request a federal loan at any point during the fall or spring semesters, even while you are in Israel.
- **Tuition charges:** you will not see tuition charges on your Campus Café account until after you have registered for the fall semester. See “Class Registration” below.
- **Collecting loan reimbursement checks:** if the federal government sends us loan amounts that exceed what you need for the current semester, Hebrew College will send you a check for any amount left over within 14 days after the disbursement date. During that 14-day period, you may change your mind about borrowing, and the loan money will then be returned to the federal government.
  - **You will need to authorize a family member or friend** to pick up your loan reimbursement check and deposit it in your U.S. bank account. Hebrew College cannot be held responsible for storing your checks in your absence.
  - **Before you head overseas:** send this person’s name and phone number to Susie Kwan, Student Accounts Coordinator & Assistant Registrar, at [skwan@hebrewcollege.edu](mailto:skwan@hebrewcollege.edu).

### Class registration:

- **Students should register through [Campus Café](#) for “INT777”,** the course titled, “Israel Study Abroad for Rabbinic Students”. This is a 6-credit registration which enables you to also file for financial aid.
- **Then you will need to send the courses that you wish to take in Israel to Laurena Rosenberg,** Ordination Programs Administrator, to receive approval from Rabbis Justin David, Dean, and Jane Kanarek, Associate Dean of the Rabbinical School. These courses will be tracked through the Rabbinical School.
- **Please contact Laurena for any questions that you may have** regarding the Israel Study Abroad program at [lrosenberg@hebrewcollege.edu](mailto:lrosenberg@hebrewcollege.edu).