

# Sample Schedule

Throughout the semester, THRIVE offers diverse experiences that open your eyes to real life in Israel and helps you connect to the Jewish and cultural heritage all around you.

*"Thrive infuses meaning into everything that you see in Israel and it will provide you with opportunities that you wouldn't be able to have on your own."*

- Elana M (Thrive Alumna)

## A. Discussions over Dinner

### Topics Include

- Anti-Semitism
- Jewish lifecycle events and holidays
- Daily Jewish values



## B. Site Visits

### Israeli Politics 101

- Gain an in-depth understanding of Israel's political parties and cabinet system
- Meet Knesset members from various parties, political journalists, human rights activists, and key figures such as Natan Sharansky and Jerusalem's mayor



### Israeli Innovation - Start-Up Nation

- Meet and hear from CEOs of Wix, Glide, Waze, eBay, and other top Israeli companies
- Discuss the secrets to start-up success and explore some of the latest innovations coming out of Israel



### Arab Israeli Conflict

- Meet individuals living in the various areas of Israel and engage in discussions regarding this complicated social, political, and economic issue

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THRIVE's one of a kind immersive experiences give students a chance to experience and reflect on the people and places that make Israel unique.

## B. Site Visits Cont.

### ***Religious Diversity***

- Learn about Israel's Christian, Druze, Hareidi, and Palestinian populations
- Tour the Old City and visit the homes of an Armenian, Jewish, and Muslim family

## C. Weekend Retreats

### ***Army Experience***

- Weekend with a simulation of the IDF's boot-camp training
- Meet soldiers from various sectors of Israeli society

### ***Kibbutz Adventure***

- Learn about the past, present, and future of the kibbutz movement
- Appreciate how the socialistic Kibbutz movement helped build Israel

### ***Jerusalem Weekend***

- Visit the Kotel at the most popular time, Friday night!
- Experience a Shabbat in the Jewish people's most important city

### ***Tzfat Jewish Mysticism***

- Explore the ancient, mystical, and ever-vibrant Kabbalah culture and thinking
- Browse the art scene of Tzfat meeting glass-blowers, potters, and artists

