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## ALUMNI ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM



## LEARN

### Book Club

Every year there are a number of excellent books on Israel, the Middle East, Christianity and Christian leadership. Those who choose this option will be invited to the Passages Book Club Facebook group and will receive a link to purchase the book of the month for reading and discussion within the Facebook group.



## TELL

### Write

#### *Blog for My Passages*

We have several themes for *My Passages* (our blog) that features the written stories of our participants' experiences throughout the trip. For this program we will provide you with a list of themes to choose from, be inspired by and to write 3 pieces from those perspectives.

#### *Write for an Outlet of Choice*

Never underestimate the power of the pen. One of the best ways to amplify your experience is to publish your thoughts in a publishing outlet of choice. Whether it's in the campus or city newspaper, your writing has the potential of reaching hundreds who may never cross your path otherwise.

#### *Essay Contest*

The story of Israel is complicated by a number of spiritual, moral, and political questions that go to the heart of what this land means to the world. Twice a year we present some of those questions to you, our trip participants, to get your take. Cash prizes are given for the top three essays.

## Capture

### *Passage Portfolios*

For our participants with a good eye and love for photography, we will have a few categories of shots we would like you to capture throughout the trip. After the trip you will compile a collection of your favorite 10-15 photos with brief captions and submit them no later than 4 weeks after your trip. We feature our Passage Portfolios on our Flickr page.

### *Video Contest*

For our participants who love film making. Whether you are an amateur with a smartphone or you have aspirations in videography, we would love to see your videos! We ask all submitted videos be 2-4 minutes long. You can use one of our 5 prompts or take an angle that you were inspired with all on your own.

### *Photo Contest*

Think you took an amazing picture during your trip? We'll be the judge of that! We will be in touch with you for more information on our twice-yearly contest in which you can win a cash prize for best photo of Israel.



## ENGAGE

### Join/Start a Group

This is a great way to build awareness on your campus about what you've learned while building a bridge between Israel and America in your own community. Our staff is more than happy to help you either connect with a current Israel-focused group on your campus or introduce you to options and resources to start one.

### Speak at an Event

There is nothing that can substitute for personal experience. Unfortunately, most Christians never visit Israel and have to rely on international media to understand what's going on here. As someone who has touched this land and encountered its people, you now have the ability to communicate the facts firsthand.

### My Israel Story

Our organization is organizing a week-long fall campaign aimed at spreading the story of Israel to college campuses around the country. We are looking for partners on the ground who can help us make this campaign local.



# LEAD

## The Leaders Course

The Leaders Course offers an opportunity for Passages participants to take what they learned on the trip to the next level by offering a 6-week online course with both biblical and modern Israel tracks. The biblical track consists of a set of required readings through both the Old and New Testaments, giving the participant an increased understanding of the Jewish roots of Christian faith, the implications of scripture as it relates to modern Israel and an increased connection to the Bible from a personal faith standpoint. The modern Israel track will be a video series on Israel advocacy created by Jerusalem U and sponsored by Passages. This track is designed to equip you with the necessary information to understand the origins of the modern State of Israel as well as the challenges it faces today.

## Passages Fellows

Once completing The Leaders Course, participants are eligible to apply to be a Passages Fellow. Fellows are given the opportunity to go back to Israel and help facilitate a trip for other students. Not only is this a vital component to a Passages trip, but is also an opportunity for trip alumni to lead with what they've learned.

## Philos Leadership Institute

Interested in a career that touches the Middle East? The Philos Leadership Institute is a fully-funded 4-week summer program that aims to educate and empower a new generation of Christian leaders to facilitate long-term change in the region, whether in ministry, politics, media or humanitarian relief. Participants will spend two weeks in New York City and two weeks in the Holy Land, in addition to several days in Europe, attending advanced seminars, collaborating on entrepreneurial projects and having immersive experiences that enhance their understanding of the region.

