

PASSAGES **now**

Learn

BOOK CLUB

Every year there are many excellent books on Israel, the Middle East, Christianity and Christian leadership that are being published. Those who choose this option will be invited to the Passages Book Club Facebook group and will receive a link to purchase the book for the reading and discussion. Discussions will take place in person or via Zoom calls. Book club participants will be able to sign up for predetermined times and dates for the discussion meetings.

PHILOS PROJECT LIVE EVENTS

Conference Calls and Facebook Live

Philos Project, one of the sponsor organizations of Passages, regularly hosts live conference calls as well as Facebook Live Events. Special guest speakers join these events with a presentation on topics ranging from Middle East news, politics, and life. Join at least 3 of these calls. Depending on the event, you will need take a short quiz or submit a copy of your notes to receive credit for participation.

Write

MY PASSAGES BLOG

We have several themes for our blog My Passages that features the written stories of our participants' experiences through the trip. These blogs are some of our best and favorite content. For this program, we would ask you to pick 2-3 of our prompts and write pieces inspired from those perspectives after your trip.

ESSAY CONTEST

The story of Israel is complicated by several 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 to get your take. A cash prize is given to the top essay.

WRITE FOR YOUR LOCAL OUTLET

Never underestimate the power of the pen. One of the best ways to amplify your experience is to publish your thoughts. Using prompts provided by the Passages staff for inspiration, publish an article at your campus or other local outlet. Your writing has the potential to reach people who may never cross your path otherwise.

WRITE AND SUBMIT TO THE REGION

The Region is the daily publication of The Philos Project. We publish perspectives written by our partners in the Middle East, interviews with VIPs, and timely op-eds on Middle East and Israel-related topics. To submit an op-ed for consideration or query for interview, please contact vivian@philosproject.org.

WRITE AND SUBMIT TO A NATIONAL OUTLET

Trying to get published by a national outlet can be a daunting task. It's hard to figure out where to start or who to even contact with your submission. We have compiled a list of various news and magazine outlets that accept freelance work. You will need to submit a query letter along with your article. A sample query letter and the list of outlets will be provided to anyone who chooses to write for a national outlet.

Capture

PASSAGES PORTFOLIOS

For our participants with a good eye and love for photography, you can use your camera to capture trip highlights. The collection should tell the story of your experience in Israel. After the trip, compile 10-15 of your favorite photos with brief captions for each picture. We will then feature these in our Passage Portfolios as well as various social media pages.

VIDEO CONTEST

This is for our participants who love film making. Whether you are an amateur with a smartphone, or you are an inspired videographer, we would love to see your videos! We require all submitted videos to be 2-4 minutes long. You can use one of our five prompts or take an angle that you were inspired with.

PHOTO CONTEST

Think you took an amazing picture during your trip? We'll be the judge of that! Twice a year there is a photo contest to which you can submit your picture. The picture should be well crafted and tell a part of your story from the trip. There will be a prize for the winner of the contest.

COLLABORATIVE MULTIMEDIA PIECE

One of the goals of Passages NOW is to help you tell your Israel story. Sometimes the best way to tell your story is in community. Through this selection, you will partner with other Passages alumni, whether from your school or other schools, to create a multimedia story piece. Each group will be made up of 3-4 members, each fulfilling a predetermined role.

You and your team will need to craft a story through a combination of text, still photographs, video clips, audio, and graphics. This story should then be hosted on a website of your choice. All the mediums used need to tell a compelling, informative, and cohesive story.

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 our 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. The Leaders Course is a required pre-requisite for the Fellowship Program.

FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

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 Passages alumni to lead with what they've learned.

PARTNER OPPORTUNITIES

(Do not count as a Passages NOW completion)

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 time in New York city and several weeks in the Holy Land, in addition to several days in Europe and Jordan, attending advanced seminars, collaborating on entrepreneurial projects and having immersive experiences that enhance their understanding of the region.

Philos Scholarships

The Philos Project Scholarship Program offers a limited number of merit-based scholarships to qualified young leaders who are seeking to fund projects, internships, and educational or travel programs that advance the mission of The Philos Project. Companion level scholarships award \$500 or less for requests while Ambassador level scholarships award \$500 or more.

Museum of the Bible

The Museum of the Bible is planning to launch their internship program in 2018. Stay tuned for more!

