Study Abroad at Alexander Muss High School in Israel
BRINGING BACK THE BUZZ IN GEORGIA

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From studying about ancient Jewish history while at Masada to dancing the hora in Jerusalem to understanding the impact of the Holocaust while visiting concentration camps in Poland, The Alexander Muss High School in Israel (AMHSI) offers American high school students the opportunity of a lifetime to embark on an educational journey.

For four decades, AMHSI has offered exciting study abroad programs in Israel for six or eight weeks during the summer for high school students during their sophomore, junior or senior years. While studying in Israel, the land becomes a “living classroom” as you travel to places where history was made.

This program is the only non-denominational, co-educational English language study abroad program for high school students in Israel. During these programs, students obtain high school credits for core programs, continue with their regular high school classes (rearranged before departure with student’s school) and have the option to obtain college credit from the University of Miami.

Starting this fall, AMHSI is also proud to introduce a new semester (twice yearly) program which offers students a full 18 weeks in Israel. The program will be housed at the new Eshel Hanassi campus in the Negev and includes a week-long trip to Poland, the famous yam-to-yam (sea-to-sea) hike and a week in Gadna (Israeli army experience). Students enjoy independence and freedom within a structured and supportive system with professional staff, teachers and dedicated counselors.

All high schools, public and private, are eligible to have their students attend AMHSI. Many universities recognize the program as a differentiator in one’s high school academic career, and teens often choose to write their college essay about the experience.

Over the past year, AMHSI has been working diligently with Atlanta high school students to send teens to Israel; students from Brandon Hall, Centennial, Dunwoody, Grady, North Springs, Pope, Riverwood, Wheeler and Woodward Academy have attended most recently. In addition, each fall the Weber School senior class attends Muss on a customized program.

With the 40th anniversary of the school upcoming, a goal has been set to send 40 students from Georgia on the program over the next 18 months. Several alumni and other Israel supporters have set up a scholarship fund to promote sending Georgia high school students on AMHSI.

Editor’s note: On Thurs., May 17, AMHSI will host a luncheon at the offices of Habif, Argoet & Wynne (5565 Glenridge Connector NE). This will serve the kickoff of the “Bring Back the Buzz” campaign for Georgia. To obtain more info, donate, RSVP to the luncheon, arrange a parlor or private meeting or share your own AMHSI memories, please email ypritzker@amhsi.org or call 404-964-0090.