

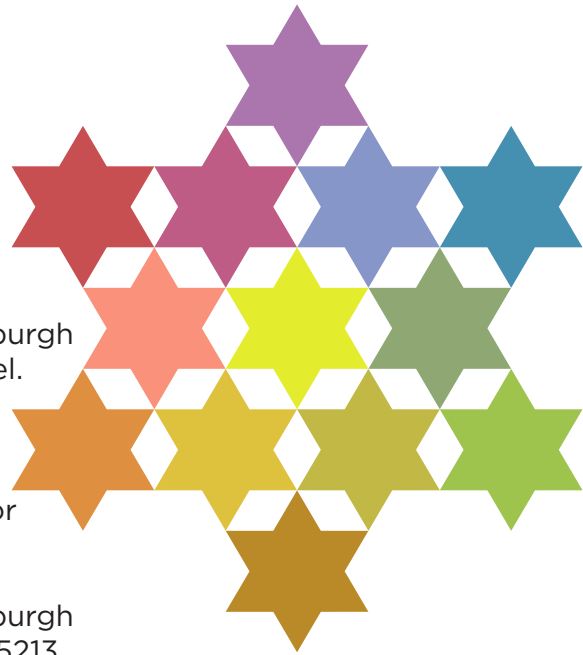
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**PARTNERSHIP  
2GETHER**  
KARMIEL - MISGAV  
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## PARTNERSHIP2GETHER HOSTING GUIDELINES

**Partnership2Gether is a program of the Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh and the Jewish Agency for Israel that helps build connections between Pittsburgh Jews and the people of Karmiel and the Misgav region, in Israel's central Galilee.**

### DEAR HOST FAMILY



On behalf of Partnership2Gether, we thank you for opening your home to guests from Israel. You will both touch and be touched by Israel through this experience, as well as make long-lasting connections with your soon-to-be Israeli friends and their families.

You are participating in one of many Partnership2Gether (P2G) projects. P2G, a joint program of the Jewish Agency for Israel and The Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh, fosters exchanges and programs that are mutually beneficial to Pittsburgh, Karmiel and Misgav. Some of Pittsburgh's Partnership projects include Emma Kaufmann Camp CITs spending time with teens and families in Karmiel/Misgav, JCC Summer Camp Counselors from Karmiel/Misgav, the Diller Teen Fellows Program, and the Waldman International Holocaust Arts and Writing Competition. P2G has touched hundreds of lives in Pittsburgh.

Hosting adds an important dimension to this project — keshet, meaning connections. It's about more than just a bed and meals. It's about sharing your lives, giving guests a personal glimpse into life in Pittsburgh, and introducing them to our Jewish community.

Thank you for your involvement in P2G through hosting! By welcoming people into your home and introducing them to Pittsburgh, the American Jewish community, and your family, you are building bridges and making connections.

Joshua & Debbie Resnick  
Co-Chairs, Partnership2Gether

## THANK YOU

Hosting guests from Karmiel and Misgav is one of the many benefits and opportunities that our Partnership provides to the Pittsburgh Jewish community. As a host, you are not only putting into action the central Jewish value of welcoming people into your home, but also providing an enriching experience for your family — an experience that enables you to get to know Israelis from our Partnership region on a personal basis and learn about life in Israel, as well as opening a window into American Jewish life to our partners in Israel.

Over the past 20 years of our Partnership, Pittsburgh families have hosted hundreds of guests from Karmiel and Misgav. Now you are joining their ranks.

Partnership2Gether offers an array of programs for teens and adults from Pittsburgh to have exchanges with Israelis. Every program is a little different, so be sure to review your guests' itinerary carefully, and talk with the program coordinator or Partnership coordinator at the Jewish Federation if you have any questions.

We are grateful to you for opening your home to our friends from Israel, and we offer the following guidelines and important points of information.

## BEFORE YOUR GUESTS ARRIVE

- Be sure to review your guests' itinerary.
- Be aware of pick-up and drop-off times and locations and any special programs to which host families are invited.
- Be aware of any allergies your guests have, to food, animals or other allergens. You should receive this information from the Partnership office.
- Make sure you have the appropriate room and number of beds for your guests. Please note it is our policy that each guest must have an actual bed to sleep in.
- Talk with your family about how you will integrate your guests into your life and routine.



## WHILE YOUR GUESTS ARE HERE

- Make your guests feel welcome. Model how you or your child would like to be hosted in Israel.
- Collaborate and coordinate with the other host families.
- Provide meals including breakfast as needed according to your guests' schedule.
- Transport guests to their morning drop-off point and pick them up at the end of the day (or carpool with other host families).
- Provide snacks and family time as appropriate, but be aware your guests may want some down time after a long and intense day.
- Respond to questions or concerns in a direct and timely way. The primary contact for host families is Debbie Swartz, Partnership2Gether Coordinator, at the Jewish Federation, 412-992-5208. Contact Debbie if anything comes up during the week, and instruct your visiting Israeli guest to call his/her Israeli staff.
- Create a weekend/Shabbat atmosphere and spend time together – including Shabbat dinner and going to synagogue (if this is your family's tradition).
- In the unlikely event of a medical emergency, call 911 immediately, then call Debbie Swartz, who will contact the Israeli staff.

## WHAT TO EXPECT

All of the Israelis are expected to participate in all aspects of their visit in English. Please be sensitive and understanding of the language difficulties this may occasionally pose.

- There are bound to be some miscommunications — don't be shy about clarifying what seem to be misunderstandings on either side.
- Keep in mind that by the time the Israelis come home for the evening they will have been speaking, listening to and functioning in English all day and by then they will be exhausted!
- Your guests would like to feel at home — please let them know where things are: towels, soap, extra toilet paper, snacks, etc.
- Your guests must follow your house rules — please make sure you let them know: what they can eat, use of television, telephone, Skype, internet/computer, places they need to stay out of, etc. Especially if you are hosting teens, communicate your house rules clearly and plainly on the first day of their stay.
- Above all, you can expect your guests to be respectful of you and your family's rules.

## FREE TIME

- Please consider what kind of experience you can provide your guest that will give insight into living in the United States and in Pittsburgh.
- Make Shabbat and other Jewish experiences meaningful in your own way. Make sure your guest understands your Shabbat observances, customs and house rules.
- Consider what would make your guest feel comfortable and what he/she would they like to do during free time.

## IF YOU'RE HOSTING TEENS

- Israeli teens may not go out on their own, or make plans with other teens in their group without checking with you and getting permission first. If you don't mind making arrangements with other parents for the teens to meet when they have free time, you are welcome and encouraged to do so, but it has been communicated to the teens and will be emphasized to them when they arrive that they cannot make plans without checking with their host families first.
- P2G has a zero tolerance policy regarding drinking, drugs, smoking and foul language. All teens — Americans and Israelis — are expected to comply.
- Boys are to stay out of girls' bedrooms and girls are to stay out of boys' bedrooms.
- Under no circumstances may a teenager (American or Israeli) drive an Israeli teen anywhere.

## TRANSPORTATION & DRIVING

- Most of the time, your guests will travel by bus or carpool that has been previously arranged by the Partnership coordinator.
- The JCC is often used as a pick-up and drop-off point, but read the itinerary carefully so you know of any deviations from the JCC.
- Please be on time. Schedules are often busy and tight, so being punctual is important.
- Try to arrange carpools with other host families.
- Under no circumstances may a teenager (American or Israeli) drive an Israeli teen anywhere.
- Any time or detail changes will be provided to you.