



Israel Football Experience Season 26-27





Who are we?

We are the Maccabi World Union! (MWU)
One of the largest Zionist, Jewish and sports organizations in the world.

We are proud to be a leader in short and long term experiences in Israel. We have over 1,500 participants from all over the world who annually take part in our programs at 'Yachad'. Our mission is to develop and provide educational, tourism and meaningful programs for Jewish teenagers, young professionals, athletes and adults around the world.

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Welcome!

Israel Football Experience is aimed at participants interested in a opportunity of being a professional athlete in Israel.

Our goal is to help jewish athletes extend their playing career, building profiles and improving on their game for the next level including collage, all while, gaining exposure to professional opportunities in Israel.

The program offers a variety of content. Living in the heart of Tel Aviv, participation in the Semi Pro Football League of Israel - "Guimel League", hebrew ulpan, volunteering opportunities, internships, daily practice and much more!

Get to know Israel throughout many different experiences, through recreational and educational activities.



Israel Football Experience 2026/2027



How does our program work?

We train and compete in the official Israel Football League.

Providing professional development with hi-tech courses and internships, hebrew ulpan, motivational talks with renowned coaches and athletes from around the world as well as trips around the country.

We are based in high-end apartments in the center of Tel Aviv, one of the most vibrant and sought after neighborhoods in Israel.

The program is open to men and women ages 18-24

We offer college-level training and provide the experience to connect to the land of Israel and your jewish heritage.

Live your dreams in the professional football world, and beyond.

- Fall 2026 - Spring 2027
- +8 hours of activity per day
- All basic needs. (Housing, food, laundry, health insurance and land transportation are included)
- Fitness sessions with a team trainer/strength and conditioning coach
- Practice 3-4 times per week
- Semi Pro Football League of Israel - Guimel League
- Hebrew Ulpan
- Motivational talks with renowned athletes and leaders
- Volunteering through different sports initiatives
- Sightseeing and recreational tours around Israel
- Sports Analysis Course
- Internship in sport-tech companies in Tel Aviv
- Introductions & exposure to advance your basketball career beyond the year

Israel's Football Semi Pro League

Throughout the program, participants will compete in Israel's Semi Pro Football league.

The winner of each level moves up the next season, while the team with the lowest record at each level gets bumped down.

The top three levels for men are considered to be professional, as players get paid. Our program is in a sweet spot where we maintain players college eligibility, while offering great exposure to the higher levels, pro coaches and scouts.

League games typically are once a week with at least +25 games in the regular season. All games will be broadcast live for anyone abroad who wants to join in and are recorded for players future reference and use.



Pursuing a Career in Sports

Interested in continuing your football career beyond this program?

The sky's the limit!

We help you with full exposure to professional opportunities in Israel and enhancing and expanding your options.

- Exposure to and interactions with coaches & Israel professional coaches and players
- Film from each game to boost your player portfolio
- Our tier is **semi-professional** football, offering top competition and experience
- Scout exposure from across Israel's leagues
- Practice at a college level providing a seamless transition to your next career stop
- Have the relationships, connections and wherewithal to navigate a pro career in Israel after completing college



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Sports Analysis Course

Participants will complete a month-long course on business aspects of sports run by Colosseum, an international sports innovation group headquartered in Tel Aviv.

Colosseum works with professional and olympic athletes in Israel to help them develop business proficiency and career opportunities on top of their athletics.

During their studies, participants will be exposed to groundbreaking Israeli technologies in sports, meet the entrepreneurs leading the industry and experience some of the many advancements being made in the field.

Check out more about colosseum [here](#)



Who teaches Start Up courses?

Oren Simanian

- Founder of Colosseum Sport
- Founder of StarTAU (Tel Aviv University innovation center)
- Co-Founder of TAU Ventures, Tel Aviv University investment arm
- Oren has shared his entrepreneurial vision to +60 countries in over 110 international forums

Experiencing Israel

Each week participants will have the opportunity to discover and experience Israel in a unique way with our trips.

They will visit the country's scenic landscapes, rich history and explore the most important and beautiful places Israel has to offer.

These trips will be suitable both for those experiencing Israel for the first time as well as for those coming back after past visits.



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Sample Program Week

Sample Schedule						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Shabbat
Practice	Practice	Shootaround	Trip Around Israel	Practice	Shabbat Shalom	Shabbat Shalom
LUNCH BREAK						
Group Recreational Activity	Sports Analysis Course	Walk-Thru / Film		Volunteering Activity		
DINNER BREAK						
Strength & Conditioning	Sports Speaker	Game	Group Recreational Activity	Strength & Conditioning		

Opening Seminar

The opening seminar is of utmost importance for the group.

At this time, "Check In" for the program is done. All participants from the different countries will get to know each other through integration activities. In addition, they will be introduced to the staff that will accompany the group throughout the year.

We will review the rules of the program and staff expectations regarding behavior and responsibility of all participants.



Opening Seminar

- Arrival in Jerusalem
Transfer from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem if needed
- Security deposit ₪800
- Passport
- Israeli cell phone MANDATORY

Tel Aviv

Tel Aviv is the city that never sleeps. A vibrant and active city that offers participants an authentic experience of being a young Israeli.

Participants will live in apartments in the heart of Tel Aviv with their teammates, along with other Yachad Maccabi programs.

They will be responsible for household chores: cleaning, laundry and cooking.

Each participant will receive a sum of money that allows them to shop for groceries every two weeks.



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Tel Aviv "Beit Maccabi"

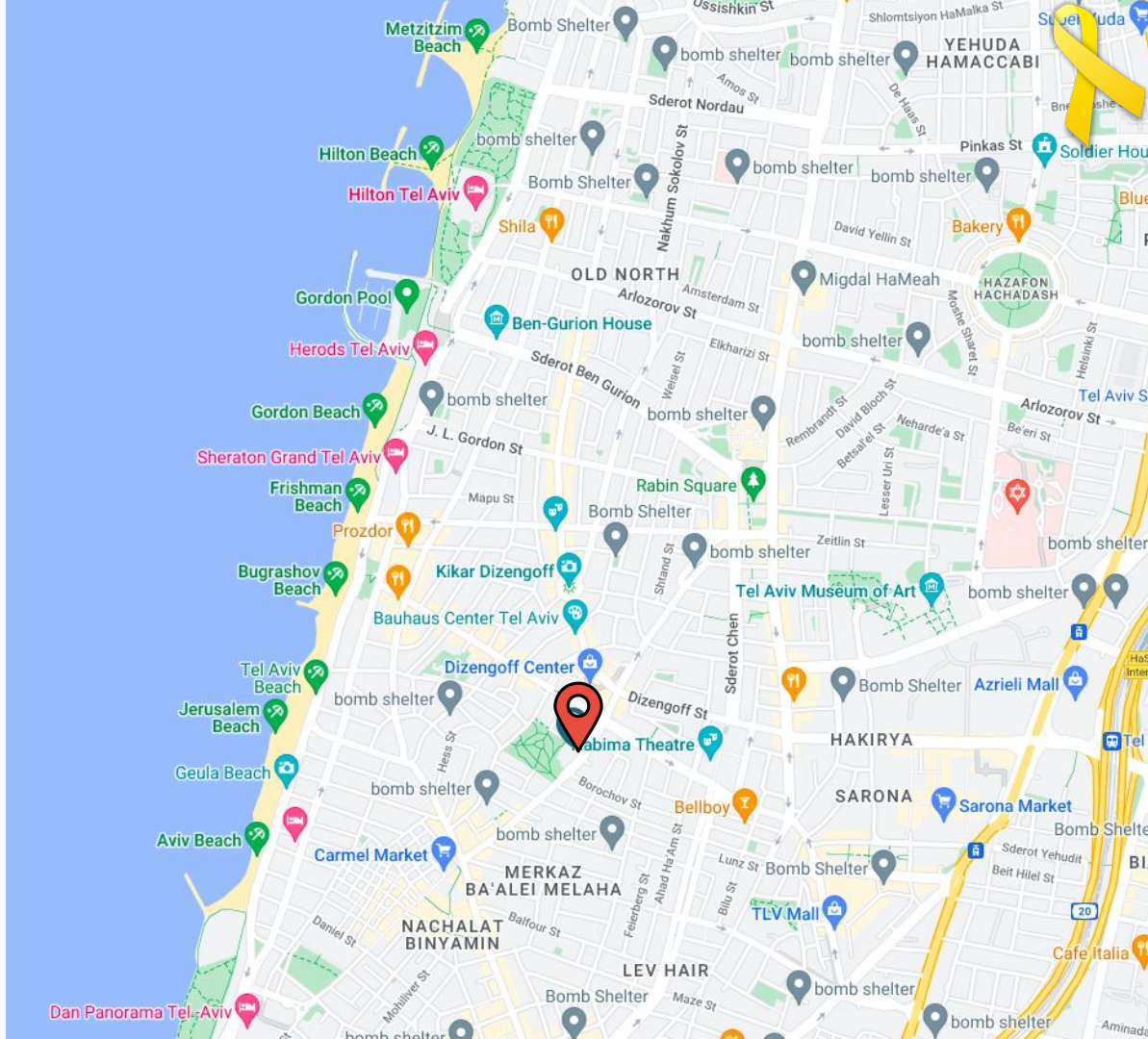




Tel Aviv "Beit Maccabi"



- Top location in the center of Tel Aviv (close to the beach / Dizengoff Center / Shuk hacarmel)
- Close to training facilities
- Private gym membership
- Very accessible public transportation
- Newly remodeled apartments
- Laundry



Activities during the program:

- Activities with local experts on contemporary issues affecting Israeli society
- Volunteering and social service
- Discover the diversity that characterizes Tel Aviv
- Getting to know the world of "Start Up" accompanied by an entrepreneurship course
- Sports and recreational activities
- Development of professional tools
- Visits to different Israeli Sportech companies
- Meetings with young entrepreneurs and learning from their experience success stories
- Surfing workshops on the Tel Aviv coast
- Cultural meetings
- Much more!





PROGRAM DATES

OPEN SEMINAR	September 29th - 30th
PROGRAM ACTIVITIES / LEAGUE*	September 30th - May 29th
CLOSING SEMINAR	May 29th - May 31st



Registration and Administration



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Food, housing, transportation and supervision:

Throughout the program, each participant will receive:

- Three meals a day (provided cooked meals, or you may be given money to buy and cook your own food)
- Housing
- All land transportation relevant to the program (Rav Kav bus pass)
- Activities
- Supervision and monitoring through our staff
- All weekends are included in the program

Medical Insurance:

Participants have medical coverage throughout their entire program participation, from the moment they begin the program until the day it ends.

This coverage does **NOT** cover dental services, psychological therapy, or physiotherapy treatments.



Registration

To successfully register, you must follow the steps below and complete all the requested information.

The following points are mandatory requirements for participation in the program:

- Register for the program by [clicking here](#)
- Student Visa
- Pay for the program in full

Registration to Masa Portal

- Go to the following [link](#)
- Select the "Israel Maccabi Basketball Experience" program
- Enter the participant's personal information

Each participant must complete their registration form with the exact program dates, **NOT** the dates of arrival in Israel or return to their home country.

Each participant receives a symbolic scholarship of \$200 USD.

The Masa website is: <http://www.masaisrael.org/es>



VISA

All visitors to Israel have the right to stay up to 90 days as a tourist.

Participants in our program are considered students because they are part of a MASA program. And are not subject to the 90 day restriction.

In order to process the student VISA (A-2), it is ESSENTIAL to complete the application for the MASA scholarship. Otherwise, you will not obtain student status, so you will not be able to apply for a VISA.

The entire visa process will be handled at the participant's expense. It is their responsibility to have their paperwork in order to participate in the program.

***Participants with Israeli parents must resolve their immigration status independently before starting the program. They should contact the Israeli consulate/embassy in their home country directly.**

IT IS ESSENTIAL TO PROCESS THE VISA IN YOUR COUNTRY OF ORIGIN

Program Cancellation

Those who, having started the program, decide to shorten their stay should keep in mind that Masa scholarships are awarded for programs lasting at least four months.

If the program ends voluntarily before the end of the four months, the scholarship will be canceled.

This means that if the participant incurs a debt, the participant will be responsible for paying the remaining amount.

To consider the request for a change, it must be submitted in writing to the responsible management in Israel. If the program is longer than four months, the scholarship will be determined based on the program duration, with Masa's discretion regarding the amount of the scholarship.

Those who voluntarily wish to cancel their participation in the program before its conclusion must notify Masa at least one month before the start of the corresponding phase. If the cancellation is made two months in advance, the remaining amount of the program will be fully refunded. If you provide one month's notice, 50% of the value will be refunded; otherwise, you will not be entitled to a refund.

Situation of War Cancellation



Before the program begins, if the participant voluntarily decides to leave Israel:

-The active chapter will not be refunded and will incur an additional charge of \$800 USD for general expenses.

In the event that MWU terminates the program due to war:

-The active chapter will not be refunded.

In the event that housing re-accommodation is necessary due to war, MWU reserves the right to charge up to \$500 USD for the duration of the re-accommodation.

-If the participant decides not to arrive in Israel before the program starts, 100% of the amount paid will be refunded.



Program Cost

Israel Football Experience 26/27: \$21,000 USD

Payment for the program will depend on the country of origin.

For the United States, Mexico, Colombia, and Guatemala, payment is made directly to Maccabi World Cup via:

- Bank transfer
 - Credit card
 - Cash in dollars at Maccabi World Cup in Israel.
- Payment by credit card carries a 3.5% fee per charge
 - By the start of the program, the full amount of the program must be paid
 - Different payment methods are available
 - Payment can be made in installments



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Flexibility and Ease of Payments

In Maccabi World, we understand the importance of supporting families by offering flexible payment times and methods.

We are willing to support all families who need it, creating a more user-friendly payment plan for each of you.

If necessary, please contact Rony Eichner, program director, directly to discuss each family's situation.

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