What is Workshop?

- Habonim Dror North America’s 8 month gap year program in Israel
- A balance of study and service
- An opportunity to connect Israel's culture and history through hands on experiential learning and active volunteerism
The Components of Workshop
**Shorashim**

2 months: Live on Kibbutz and learn your place in Jewish history.

**Masa Poland**

Preparation seminars, and a week-long journey.

**Chava**

6 months: Live in a city, volunteer, and do mesima in Israeli society.
Shorashim

Shorashim means ‘roots,’ and it lays the key foundations of Workshop. Participants will:

- Live on Kibbutz Yizre’el for the first 2 months
- Develop a deep knowledge base in Jewish history, Zionism, and modern Israel
- Learn key skills and experiences to be leaders and experiential educators in Israeli society
- Participate in Ulpan classes - Hebrew
- Travel on day trips around Israel to bring your course topics to life
### Shorashim

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Chava is an unique urban and communal living experience which takes place in the final six months of the program. Participants will:

- Live together independently in an Israeli city
- Learn life skills and create kvutza: Manage your own budget, shopping, cooking, and cleaning - together create a space to develop your own home culture and build your kvutza
- Build social justice through mesima (service-learning)
- Continue to build relationships during Yom Kvutza
Mesima

Workshop participants actively contribute to the building of social justice by being a part of Israeli society. Participants lead a variety of service-learning projects with Hanoar Haoved Vehalomed (NOAL) that allow for a deep, immersive experience.

- Work with youth from all sectors of Israeli society: Jewish youth, Arab youth, new olim (immigrants), working youth, and more
- Work in pairs with Israeli 18-year olds (communarim), and form lasting relationships with them
- Lead activities for Israeli youth on topics such as social justice, world Jewry, youth empowerment, and more
- Beautify and renovate youth movement and community centers
The largest and most diverse youth movement in Israel today

Founded in 1924, NOAL was the first Zionist youth movement established in the land of Israel

Operates hundreds of branches, centers and clubhouses in cities, towns, moshavim, and kibbutzim across Israel

Maintains the largest health and safety staff of any youth movement in Israel

The overall mission of NOAL is to build an Israeli society where every community has a role in shaping the future of the country
### Chava

#### Schedule Overview

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Workshop participants embark on a week-long, life-changing journey to Poland to understand the history of the Holocaust and youth resistance. What makes this trip unique:

- In-depth exploration into the role of youth and youth movement rebellion during the Holocaust, including the history of our founding movement, Dror.
- Participants will experience this journey alongside kvutza and their madrichimot.
- This journey takes place in the context of the trip run by HaNoar HaOved VeHalomed, the largest delegation to Poland.
Seminars סמינרים

Dispersed throughout the year are a number of educational seminars that delve into different topics, and are designed to challenge each participant with its themes, values, and content. Seminars include:

- Asefa Yisraelit
- Habonim Dror History Hagshama (HHH)
- Poland Preparation Seminars
- Mishlachat Emtza (with communarim)
- Jerusalem Seminar
- Homecoming Seminar
- Israel-Gaza Conflict Seminar
Why go on Workshop?
Personal Growth

Workshop is situated at an ideal time in the life of a young individual. Having just completed one stage in your life, and about to embark on the next, the experiences gained give you the chance to discover independence, responsibility and an outlook on the future.
Workshop places participants in small groups, or kvutzot, with whom they share their day-to-day living with as well as many personal experiences. Experiencing Workshop in kvutza allows participants to create meaningful and close relationships with each other -- relationships and friendships that are for life.
Strengthening Jewish Identity

Workshop participants gain the opportunity to develop and shape their Jewish identities by creating their own traditions, interacting with Jewish history and culture, and analyzing the society around them through a Jewish lens.
Connection to Israel

Workshop is an unparalleled opportunity to understand, explore and experience both Israel and Socialist-Zionism. Spending 8 months in Israel allows participants to experience living in a Jewish society, learn and speak Hebrew, and immerse themselves in the wider Israeli culture and society.
Leadership Development

Workshop doesn’t exist in isolation - it prepares participants to come back after their year away and take ownership over the movement and the wider Jewish community. The program aims to give all participants leadership skills that would allow them to do so, including practical skills and experience.
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HaShomer Hasha’areh

HaShomer Halevi

Kfar HaOved VeHahalutzim
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Health, Safety and Security

- Health, safety, and security are our #1 priority
- Workshop meets all standards of MASA, which is a joint project of the Jewish Agency and the Israeli government
- We gather security and safety information from the IDF, police, and local municipalities, who will update us with protocol if there is a security situation
- Workshop works through Clalit, Israel’s largest health care network
Program Cost

Americans: $18,400 USD
Canadians: $14,100 USD

Financial Assistance:
- Local organizations, synagogues, community centers
- MASA Universal Grant
- MASA Means-Tested Scholarship Grant
- Amy Adina Schulman Fund
- Jewish Federations
- HDNA scholarships

Long term payment plans can be arranged!

Questions? Email Bekah at finance@habonimdror.org
Workshop Application Timeline

ASAP
- Check Passport Expiration/Army Exemption (For Israeli citizens)
- Apply for External Scholarships

Due January 15th, 2020
- Apply for Habonim Dror Financial Assistance

Due February 1st, 2020
- Fill Out Workshop 70 Application, With 3 References
- Submit a down payment deposit

February - March, 2020
- Initial Interview with Habonim Dror Rakezet Tochniot

Due March 1st, 2020
- MASA Application

Due April 1st, 2020
- Submit Participation and Payment Contracts
- Submit Medical, Health History, and Behavioural Forms

June - August, 2020
- Book and Pay for Flights
- Select Israeli Phone Plan
Contact Information

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