

# Amiel BaKehila

## Welcome to OTS Amiel Bakehila

We have selected your community as a candidate for **OTS Amiel BaKehila**, an exciting new initiative of the **Ohr Torah Stone network** funded by **Israel's Ministry of Diaspora Affairs**. **Amiel BaKehila** aims to empower Jewish communities around the world through Jewish education, Israel engagement and Jewish arts & culture.

## How Does OTS Amiel Bakehila Works?

Working in partnership with local communal leadership, **OTS Amiel BaKehila** will bring talented Jewish educators, Israel-engagers and Jewish artists to create meaningful programming that will unify, broaden, enhance and strengthen your local community and its connection to the Jewish State.

We will work with your community to design a **year-long educational program** involving **seven encounters** with our delegation in your community.

Each delegation will include:

- **Chief Community Educator**
- **Israel Engager**  
and/or
- **Arts Ambassador**

The **Chief Community Educator**, an experienced, dynamic Jewish educator, will take part in each of the seven visits throughout the year, and serve as a point-person with the members of your community.

The educator will be accompanied by a different **Israel Engager\*** and/or **Arts Ambassador\*\*** during each visit.

\*An **Israel Engager** is an expert who will connect your community to what's really happening in Israel who may be a member of the military, Israel's high-tech sector, an expert in *hasbarah* or an Israeli politician and much more.

\*\*An **Arts Ambassador** is a creative professional of Jewish arts and culture, who will engage your community members through music, design, film, media and more.

Each visit will be between 2-3 days, with a combination of weekday and weekend/Shabbat programs. We will work with **as many community institutions as time allows**, including local

## How Much Does it Cost?

**OTS Amiel BaKehila and Israel's Ministry of Diaspora Affairs** cover the cost of flights, training, material preparation and staffing expenses, **an annual value of over \$30,000.**

Your community provides local transportation, lodging and meals during our stay, as well as the necessary facilities and supplies to run amazing programming.

You will also designate an **OTS Amiel BaKehila Coordinator** who will work with us to coordinate each visit together with the various constituencies throughout your local Jewish community.

\*The **Amiel BaKehila Coordinator** can be either a volunteer or communal Jewish professional

## Why Were We Selected?

The program focuses on Jewish communities in municipalities with a Jewish population between 300 and 10,000, or smaller communities within larger Jewish areas that are at least 30 minutes from a major Jewish community.

We believe that **OTS Amiel BaKehila** will have a significant and lasting impact on your community by helping it grow, and strengthening its cohesiveness, Jewish identity and connection to Israel.

## How Do We Get Started?

Upon confirmation of your community's participation, we will **assign a Chief Community Educator** who will work together with us and your community and begin planning the first visit immediately.

*The Straus-Amiel | Beren-Amiel Institute, directed by Rabbi Eliahu Birenbaum and a division of the Ohr Torah Stone network, trains rabbis and Jewish educators who serve in Jewish communal roles around the world.*