What past recipients have to say:

“The month I spent living and studying Hebrew at Haifa University opened my eyes to the realities of living in Israel the way none of my visits ever had before. I got to experience firsthand the rhythms of everyday Israeli life, like riding the bus, shopping at the grocery store, eating Shabbat dinners with my friends and their families, and listening to Israeli radio. The trip confirmed the love I have for Israel and reminded me what a special and unique country it is.”
--Sam Haiken ’18
2015 Jonathan Paradise Israel Experience Scholarship recipient

“My summer in Jerusalem was undoubtedly a time of continual learning and personal growth. Given the opportunity to study contemporary and ancient Israeli art, I was able to immerse myself in the creative political, religious, and social themes harbored within Middle Eastern art. It was an extraordinary experience for me to discover the passionate and distinctive voices in the Israeli art community, developed through centuries, and to find my own Jewish American voice in Israel’s history, spoken so clearly and peacefully through art!”
--Hannah Rothblatt ’15
2013 Jonathan Paradise Israel Experience Scholarship recipient
PURPOSE:
This fund was established by Elie Alyeshmerni, Carleton’s Hebrew instructor from 1978 to 1998, to honor his teacher, Professor Jonathan Paradise. Its purpose is to provide financial support to Carleton students who wish to learn more about the culture, history, and politics of Israel in order to better understand the global community in which they live. The precise amount of scholarships will depend on the travel budgets of the proposals, as well as the number and quality of proposals received.

CRITERIA:
• Students must be enrolled in Israel in a structured educational program, which need not be a university.
• The College may take into consideration security arrangements provided by the sponsoring institution when making this award.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE:
• All Carleton students in good academic standing irrespective of religious affiliation or knowledge of Hebrew.
• Students who can demonstrate a genuine interest in Israel and Israeli society.
• Preference will be given to applicants who are rising sophomores and juniors, so that the award recipients(s) can come back to Carleton and share his/her experiences and insights into life in Israel.

Deadline: March 10, 2017

HOW DO I APPLY:
• Complete the on-line application which includes a budget, and a statement explaining the educational experiences that have prepared you for study in Israel and the ways in which this off-campus experience will contribute to your education.
• Two reference forms from faculty, or one may be from a work supervisor, or a Rabbi or religious educator who knows you well and understands your educational goals and capacity for studying, interning, or volunteering in Israel.
• Student application and recommendation forms are available at: https://apps.carleton.edu/curricular/Judaic-studies/paradiseapp/