Israel volunteer opportunities, and other opportunities

We recommend that you join the Swords of Iron Israel Volunteer Facebook Group

https://www.facebook.com/groups/353201190423242

If you wish to ask questions about volunteering in Israel, reach out to Marc Rivo 786 378 4802 **marcleerivo@gmail.com**

We formed a WhatsApp group dedicated to TEMPLE members who want to find information about volunteer opportunities in Israel.
https://chat.whatsapp.com/LxG3iVgzjwR2QZNfkhWXvU

Update as of 7.19.24

JNF Volunteer in Israel 4-day Trips.
https://www.jnf.org/travel/tours/index/volunteer-in-israel-missions

Update as of 7.16.24

Some suggestions for farms in need of volunteers this week, starting Sunday July 14. Please confirm directly with the contact when and if they still need volunteers when you plan to go as needs can change at short notice.

1) Teshuva farm in Shekef needs volunteers to help with the peppers and cherry tomatoes in the greenhouses. Soon there will also be grapes to harvest. Iris 054-234-0450 🫑🫑🫑🫑🌶️🍅🍅

2) The Dafna farm in moshav Nahala would be happy to have help with planting seedlings. Contacts: Avi, 050-7426050 Eylon 050-7427060 Sigal 050-3200131 🍅🍆🥬🌱

3) Ofer Hakhmon 0542207025 in Shekef needs help with cucumbers 🥒🥒🥒🥒🥒

4) Ratzon's Greens in moshav Bet Ezra asks for volunteers to help pick, plant and pack vegetables from 7am until 1300. Planting is done while seated on a planting machine. WhatsApp to coordinate 052-6620422 🥬🥬🥬🥬🥦🌿☘️🌱

5) Yair's vegetable farm in Orr Yehuda needs volunteer help with various tasks. Eyal 054-312-0958 🌱🌱🌱 🥬☘️🌿

6) Guy Kahlon in Kelahim would greatly appreciate help picking cabbages and melons as well as work in the cool packing centre. Teens welcome. 🍈🥬🍈🥬🍈Raheli is coordinating volunteers 054-5696285 and there is also a designated WhatsApp group: https://did.li/THoZH

7) At "Hamatsesa" processing plant in Yad Hashmona they make various apple products including cider and apple juice. Volunteers should contact Shauli 052-331-0305
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8) Reuven returned from reserve duty and would appreciate volunteers to help him get his microgreens farm in moshav Shafir running again. Reuven 058-571-7319 🌿🌱🍃☘️🥬🌿

9) Raviv in Sde Moshe would appreciate help pruning his olive trees to help the next season's fruits grow strong and healthy. Raviv 052-799-0770 🌳🌳🌳🌳🌳

10) The Zanzuri Farm packing centre in Sde Uziyahu (about 35 minutes from Modiin, 45 from Bet Shemesh) Einav 054- 445-9772 🥦🫑🥬☘️🌱🌿🥒

11) Yehiel grows grapes in Nehosha, near Bet Shemesh welcomes volunteers young and old and family groups 050-540-3700.

12) Farms on moshav Nahala would love volunteers to assist with assorted tasks in the greenhouses and fields. Ayala 050-391-5093 🌱🌿☘️🍃🌱

Volunteers for Farmers – To join the group:
https://chat.whatsapp.com/Jc5VSLU1k908Pw0SVhTWb4

The October 7th massacre devastated farms of South Israel which produce 75% of the country's vegetables and 25% of its fruits. The war plunged Israel's farms into crisis. As part of the Anglo Assistance Volunteer platform, this group is intended to help farmers who have lost staff by sending volunteers to help with picking crops. Since October 7th, some 700 volunteers have joined this WhatsApp group. New farming volunteer opportunities appear regularly and are free for Israelis who wish to volunteer. They are also free to visitors to Israel who typically stay in hotels in Tel Aviv and Jerusalem, and then choose from the many farms that are harvesting fruits and vegetables, or are planting new crops or tending their fields. The examples are as typically shown below, so you just call the contact person at the farm. Other times, they ask you to meet at a nearby square at a specific time where a bus takes you to the farm and back. The Volunteers for Farmers posts daily updates (these are shown as examples):

- Organizing a bus to kibbutz Erez (either Wed or Thurs) picking lychees. Please message Elinor if you are interested in joining. Departure at 5am. Volunteering in the field from 6am-11:30am. +972 54-589-3663
- Maurman Farm in Karmei Yosef. Contact Tomer 054.468.7808.
- Yossi in Ganei Yohanan (near Mazkeret Batya) harvesting tomatoes in the greenhouse. Contact Yossi 054.3322471.
- Farm in Ohr Yehudah needs help picking vegetables. Contact Eyal 054.312.0958

Help Rebuild the South with Livnot
https://livnot.org/israel-programs/volunteer-in-israel
https://youtu.be/vNWQ05hG3jY?si=8bdog-7OBz_OPPYy
https://www.timesofisrael.com/spotlight/help-livnot-rebuild-devastated-israeli-communities/

Sign up for the only IDF-approved experience open weekly up to 20 visitors from all over the world who want to witness and learn first-hand what happened in Southern Israel on and after October 7th ,while rebuilding the communities along the Gaza border devastated by Hamas. Volunteers live at Kibbutz Alumim (on the Gaza border near Sderot) while volunteering with *Livnot u'Lehibanot* ("To build, and be rebuilt") professional staff. Afterwards, volunteers may also travel to Northern Israel to spend Shabbat in the beautiful, historic campus of Livnot u'Lehibanot in the Artist Quarter of old Zefat. The program cost is heavily subsidized to volunteers ages 21 – 40. Since 1980, over 12,000 young adults have participated in Livnot programs, of whom over 1,000 Livnot graduates have gone on to serve as Rabbis and lay leaders of synagogues, Jewish day schools, JCCs, Hillels and other Jewish organizations in North America and around the world. Contact Marc Rivo (786 378 4802) for more information

Leket Israel, volunteer with the Israel National Food Bank. Join our 70,000 annual volunteers in gleaning, sorting and packaging rescued food for Israelis in need.
https://www.leket.org/en/volunteer-en/

More volunteer listings from Nefesh b'Nefesh, the support and advocacy organizations for persons and families who wish to make Aliyah – to become Israel citizens. If you are interested to learn about your right as a Jew from birth or through conversion to become an Israel dual citizen, visit the Nefesh b'Nefesh website: https://www.nbn.org.il And if you wish to proceed to become a dual Israeli-American citizen,, then just select the "Apply" tab and Nefesh B'Nefesh staff will assist Contact Marc Rivo 786 378 4802 or Karen Rivo 305 283 3897 with questions or for assistance.
Nefesh b'Nefesh also educates and provides links to many of the most popular volunteer and educational programs in Israel:
https://www.nbn.org.il/life-in-israel/education/higher-education/volunteer-programs/

Volunteer for a week or more on a IDF army base in Israel through SAR-El:
The purpose of Sar-El is to enable supporters from around the world, and at home, to contribute to the security of Israel by volunteering on an IDF army base. Since its inception in 1982, the Sar-El volunteer Project has brought in over 240,000 volunteers providing broad logistical support to the IDF on bases throughout the country. Sar-El places volunteers directly on IDF bases, working side-by-side with our IDF soldiers. https://www.sar-el.org/

Volunteer with the Emergency Volunteer Project in conjunction with the Israeli Defense Forces (IDF). The program gives volunteers, who choose to go through additional pre-volunteer preparation at home, the opportunity to spend an unforgettable 6 days supporting front line and elite units in Israel. https://www.evp.org.il/Idf_Volunteer_Unit.html

Israel Food Rescue Mission is a joint effort of HaShomer HaChadash, Kol Israel and Brothers in Arms, in response to a war-related manpower crisis on Israeli farms. Volunteers may sign up for five or more days (paying their own way) or for a year-long stint doing agricultural work and sleeping on the farm. https://airtable.com/appZZxv62DFDqgdu1/shrvIlzJ6XT0et5s4

Looking for another way to help the State of Israel?
From your home ? Here's some ideas:

The Israeli economy is in a difficult situation and thousands of small businesses are in financial distress and in danger of closing. We have the opportunity to help them and just buy blue and white. Attached is a link to a list of hundreds of Israeli businesses that are not looking for donations but want to work and give you an excellent product and service! Everyone knows how to send, charge and work with the US. The site was established in the last few days and is updated with new brands all the time. So let's all raise our gloves and buy something now for our loved ones, for our business. https://www.local-shopping.org/shop-israel

Citrus and Salt were once upon a time my clients. Since then, they have grown and built an amazing cooking studio in Tel Aviv, prepared over 40,000 meals since October 7th for displaced families, soldiers, and hostage families while putting their business on the back burner. They have put together an amazing online Israeli Cooking Class! Let's support these two amazing women!!! https://www.citrusandsaltcooking.com/onlinecookingclass