

Spark subsidy eligibility requirements

We are grateful for the generosity of our community members who have made the subsidy program possible. Due to a limited amount of funding, subsidies are not guaranteed.

Spark subsidies are available for both the Community and Family Experiences for travelers who are seeking connections to the Greater Boston Jewish community, to one another, and to Israel. Spark is for individuals who wish to explore their Jewish identity and incorporate Jewish life and culture into their lives. Spark aims to ensure that a diverse mix of people participate, including singles, couples, and families from diverse backgrounds, including those born Jewish, interfaith, and Jews by choice.

Eligibility:

Each subsidy applicant must fill out an application and meet eligibility requirements.

Community experience (for travel April 18-27, 2023)

There are two different subsidies available for this experience.

Young Adults (in their 20s and 30s)

Subsidy recipients will pay \$499 plus airfare for the community experience. If you do not receive a subsidy and you choose not to participate, you will be refunded the deposit fee if you cancel within 30 days.

Applicant requirements:

- Young adults (in their 20s and 30s)
- Resident of Greater Boston/CJP geographic catchment area
- Interested in becoming more connected to Jewish community
- Agree to fully participate in Spark programming, including 3 pre-trip and 1 post-trip sessions with Spark Young Adults and Israel trip (full schedule announced soon)
- Subsidies will be awarded on an ongoing and rolling basis.

Adults (ages 40+)

There are a limited number of need-based subsidies available. Recipients will pay \$2,750 plus airfare, and will be selected using a blind lottery system.

Applicant requirements:

- Adult (ages 40+)
- Resident of Greater Boston/CJP geographic catchment area
- Interested in becoming more connected to Jewish community
- Agree to fully participate in Spark programming, including 3 pre-trip and 1 post-trip sessions with Spark cohort and Israel trip (full schedule announced soon)
- Subsidies are available on a needs-basis for adults whose self-reported individual Adjusted Gross Income is below \$150,000.
- Subsidies will apply to a double occupancy room rate. Single occupancy will be an additional fee.
- Deadline to apply is Wednesday, January 4, 2023. You will be notified of your subsidy status by Friday, January 6, 2023.



Family experience (for travel December 21-31, 2023)

The Family Experience is currently full. For more information, please contact juliesueg@cjp.org.

Total household adjusted gross income	Spark price
Under \$100,000	\$299 per person
\$100,000-\$249,999	\$499 per person
\$250,000-\$399,999	\$999 per person
\$400,000-\$600,000	\$1499 per person

Applicant requirements:

- Parent(s) and/or guardian(s) and children ages 7-17
- Resident of Greater Boston/CJP geographic catchment area
- Interested in becoming more connected to Jewish community
- Agree to fully participate in Spark programming, including 4–6 sessions with Cohort, Israel trip, pre-trip orientation, post-trip follow-up activities
- Deadline to apply is Thursday, December 1, 2022. You will be notified of your subsidy status by Thursday, December 15, 2022.
- Subsidy recipients will receive modified land costs (based on need, see chart above) for the Spark experience. This does not include airfare.