

HaZamir America and ISRAEL CONNECTIVITY

In March 2023, a delegation of 110 people from 10 chapters of HaZamir Israel embarked on a journey to the United States. Warmly welcomed into the homes of HaZamir teens and alumni in New Jersey, they bonded with American families, shared stories about their lives and their families in Israel, served as ambassadors and experienced pluralistic Judaism in American homes.



Later in the week, HaZamir Israel joined with our HaZamirniks from across the United States at a sprawling conference hotel in Tarrytown, NY, for the HaZamir Festival, a 4-day rehearsal retreat and Shabbaton fostering strong bonds of friendship and musical collaboration between our American and Israeli singers.



During the retreat, HaZamir Israel teens participated in facilitated encounters, mifgashim, with their American counterparts, delving deeply into pressing issues of our day. Israeli teens shared these 4 days with American teens and discovered that there were both striking similarities to each other despite some cultural differences. The self-discovery and the lasting friendships built across the ocean are the hallmark of HaZamir.



The culmination of the retreat was a Gala Concert at the world-renowned Jazz at Lincoln Center in NYC. Additionally, HaZamir Ashkelon singers traveled to Baltimore, Ashkelon's sister city, participating in school visits, ambassadorship activities, and a joint concert with HaZamir Baltimore, during which they expressed their gratitude to the donors who made this chapter's extraordinary trip possible.

