CultivAid Volunteer Pre-Program Survey

Thank you for your service! Shalom Corps, a world-wide movement of universal Jewish volunteering for a much better world, sponsors CultivAid. We want to hear what the experience of volunteering with a Jewish organization means to you so that we can reach more volunteers like you and together, work to heal the world. This 10-minute survey is totally confidential. We are only looking for what volunteers *overall* think about the service they did and what it meant to them.

First, in order to compare what you say now and at the end of the program, we will want to ask you for just a few pieces of information. This will not reveal who you are; it will just be used to create a “personal code” for you, so that we will know it’s you at the end of the program.

1. **Please enter the information below. This information will be used only to compare what you tell us now, with your response at the end of the program.**
2. ****What are the last four digits of your phone number (or, select a four-digit number that you will easily remember at the end of the program):
3. What month were you born (enter two digits; for example, for March, enter 03):
4. What date were you born (enter two digits; for example, for the first of the month enter 01):
5. What year were you born (enter four digits):
6. **What are some reasons you chose to volunteer with CultivAid? Circle all that apply**
7. To see a different country
8. To make new friends
9. To meet people different from me
10. To learn about other cultures
11. To help those less fortunate than I
12. To make the world a better place
13. To become a better person
14. To act on my Jewish values
15. Something else. Please describe briefly:
16. **Over the past 12 months, did you participate in any other volunteer or service activity? Circle One.**
17. Yes. Please describe briefly:
18. No
19. **About how many times did you participate in any other volunteer or service activities in the past 12 months**
20. **Before today, had you ever heard of “Shalom Corps”? Circle One.**
21. Yes
22. No
23. **Were you aware that Shalom Corps is supported by the government of Israel and the Jewish agency for Israel? Circle One.**
24. Yes
25. No
26. **Do you consider yourself Jewish?** **Circle One.**
	1. Yes
	2. No
	3. It’s complicated. Please describe:
27. **Growing up, how often would you say you did Jewish things, whether cultural or religious? Circle One.**
28. Never
29. Rarely
30. Occasionally
31. Often
32. All the time
33. Not relevant; I am not Jewish
34. **Please rate how much you agree/disagree with the following statements. Select one option in each row.**

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|  | Strongly Disagree | Disagree | Somewhat Disagree | Neither Agree nor Disagree | Somewhat Agree | Agree | Strongly Agree |
| 1. Being Jewish is important to me
 | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ |
| 1. Having Jewish friends is important to me
 | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ |
| 1. I feel part of a global movement of Jewish volunteers like me
 | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ |
| 1. Learning about Judaism is important to me
 | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ |
| 1. Learning about Israel is important to me
 | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ |
| 1. I feel a strong connection to Israel
 | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ |
| 1. I feel at home in Jewish spaces (such as a synagogue or a JCC)
 | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ |
| 1. I am interested in building a home where Jewish life is prioritized
 | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ |

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|  | Strongly Disagree | Disagree | Somewhat Disagree | Neither Agree nor Disagree | Somewhat Agree | Agree | Strongly Agree |
| 1. Part of being Jewish is working to make the world a better place
 | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ |
| 1. Caring about others is an essential part of being Jewish
 | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ |
| 1. My personal story is part of a larger Jewish story
 | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ |
| 1. Volunteering is my way of expressing my Jewish identity
 | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ |
| 1. Israel is among the first to help others in need
 | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ |
| 1. Jews always care about others less fortunate than them
 | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ |

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|  | Strongly Disagree | Disagree | Somewhat Disagree | Neither Agree nor Disagree | Somewhat Agree | Agree | Strongly Agree |
| 1. I know where to find Jewish volunteer opportunities
 | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ |
| 1. I know where to find Jewish programs to get involved in
 | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ |
| 1. I know how to find ways to connect with other Jews
 | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ |
| 1. I know many Jewish traditions and rituals
 | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ |
| 1. I know about other Jewish communities and cultures
 | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ |
| 1. I know about Israeli current events
 | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ |
| 1. I am familiar with important people and events in Jewish history
 | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ |

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|  | Strongly Disagree | Disagree | Somewhat Disagree | Neither Agree nor Disagree | Somewhat Agree | Agree | Strongly Agree |
| 1. I have many friends with whom I can do Jewish things, whether cultural or religious
 | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ |
| 1. I have at least one close friend who is Israeli
 | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ |
| 1. I often tell others about the Jewish things I have done
 | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ |
| 1. Just making sure you’re paying attention. Please select “Disagree.”
 | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ |
| 1. I have someone I can turn to with questions about Jewish things
 | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ |

1. **Growing up, roughly how often did you do any of these things? Select one option in each row.**

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|  | Never | Rarely (once or twice a year) | Occasionally (about monthly) | Often (several times a month) | Very often (weekly or daily) |
| 1. Read about Jewish topics in books/magazines/newspapers/blogs
 | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ |
| 1. Celebrate Shabbat and Jewish holidays in a way that works for me
 | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ |
| 1. Listen to Jewish music
 | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ |
| 1. Watch Jewish videos on YouTube, Netflix, or other streaming services
 | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ |
| 1. Post pictures with Jewish themes on Instagram, Snapchat, or other social media
 | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ |
| 1. Wear a Jewish symbol (e.g., necklace with a Jewish star, chai, Jewish t-shirt)
 | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ |
| 1. Talk about **Jewish** topics with friends or family
 | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ |
| 1. Talk about **Israeli** topics with friends or family
 | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ |
| 1. Attend shows with Jewish themes, like concerts or plays
 | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ |
| 1. Attend Jewish religious services
 | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ |
| 1. Volunteer through a Jewish social justice organization
 | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ |
| 1. Attend Jewish programs or events in my local community
 | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ |
| 1. Spend time learning about **Jewish** life and culture
 | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ |
| 1. Take a leadership role in organized Jewish life
 | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ |
| 1. Spend time learning about **Israeli** life and culture
 | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ |
| 1. Volunteer for Jewish causes or through Jewish organizations
 | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ |
| 1. Speak up in support of Israel
 | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ |
| 1. Travel to Israel (before COVID)
 | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ |
| 1. Donate to **Jewish** organizations
 | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ |
| 1. Donate to **Israeli** organizations
 | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ |

**We are almost done. Just a few more questions about you.**

1. **What is your gender? Circle One.**
2. Woman
3. Man
4. Non-binary, gender queer, or gender fluid
5. My gender is:
6. I prefer not to answer
7. **Do you see yourself as mostly religious or mostly secular?** **Put an X in the circle that most closely describes how you see yourself.**

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| Mostly Religious >> | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | << Mostly Secular |

1. **With which Jewish stream or denomination do you most closely identify? Circle One.**
2. Chabad
3. Conservative
4. Just Jewish
5. Modern Orthodox
6. Orthodox
7. Post-Denominational
8. Reconstructionist
9. Reform
10. Renewal
11. Secular
12. Something else. Please describe:
13. None of the above
14. Chasidish
15. **How many total years did you attend each of the following? (For seasonal activities, such as summer camp, please count each season as one year). Please put the number of years next to each of the following, put a 0 if you never attended:**
16. A Jewish overnight camp
17. A Jewish Day School
18. Hebrew or Sunday school
19. A Jewish Youth Group
20. **How many of your parents are Jewish? Circle One.**
21. None of them
22. One of them
23. Both of them

**Thank you for your service!**