



## **KAKEHASHI Project**

### **Japan's Friendship Ties Program (USA) Jewish Americans 2<sup>nd</sup> Slot**

### **Program Report**

#### **1. Program Overview**

Under “Japan’s Friendship Ties Program”, 13 Jewish Americans visited Japan. During the 7 days program from March 2<sup>nd</sup> to March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016, the participants studied the Japanese government, society, history, foreign policy, culture and much more. The participants aim to promote Japan through mediums such as SNS.

#### **2. Participating Countries and Number of Participants**

USA (13 Participants)

#### **3. Prefectures Visited**

Tokyo and Tochigi Prefecture

#### **4. Program Schedule**

March 2 <sup>nd</sup> (Wed)	Arrival at Narita International Airport
March 3 <sup>rd</sup> (Thu)	【Orientation】 【Lecture】 “Japan's Foreign Policy” by the North American Affairs Bureau, MOFA 【Observation】 Asakusa Move to Tochigi Prefecture
March 4 <sup>th</sup> (Fri)	【Historical Architecture】 Nikko Toshogu 【Local Industry】 Toko Toko Otawara 【Courtesy Call】 Otawara City, Tochigi 【Meeting the Host Family】、【Farm Stay】
March 5 <sup>th</sup> (Sat)	【Farm Stay】
March 6 <sup>th</sup> (Sun)	【Farewell Party with the Host Family】、【Workshop】 【Experience Japanese Traditional Culture】 Matsuo Basho Monuments, Haiku Experience
March 7 <sup>th</sup> (Mon)	Move from Tochigi to Tokyo 【Discussion】 Jewish Community of Tokyo 【Discussion】 Councilor Sonoura Kentaro
March 8 <sup>th</sup> (Tue)	【Discussion】 Japan-Israel Relations(First Middle East Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs)

【Reporting Session】

Departure from Narita International Airport

5. Program Photos



3/3 【Lecture】 Japan's Foreign Policy (Tokyo)



3/4 【History】Nikko Toshogu (Nikko)



3/6 Farewell Party (Otagawa)



3/7 Jewish Community of Japan (Tokyo)



3/8 Briefing by MOFA First Middle East Division (Tokyo)



3/8 Reporting Session (Tokyo)

## **6. Voice from Participants**

### **◆ USA University Student**

I was impressed by the hospitality of every single person in the entire country. Regardless of the environment, I felt comfortable and safe. I particularly enjoyed home stay, and found many common between my country, family and religion as well as those of my community and with the host family.

### **◆ USA University Student**

I am aspiring for a career in diplomacy and foreign policy, so getting the opportunity to visit the ministry of foreign affairs on the first day and speech with an expert on the relationship between Japan and the USA was some, I was impressed by Japanese infrastructure and the hospitality that the Japanese people showed us. I am concerned with Japan's economy, so I'd like to do my research to figure out how I might be able to help the situation in the future, and also more about relationship between the United States and Japan to see how it may be strengthened. I would like to look into the possibility of Israel and Japan working together to develop missile defense system to deal with similar there are ( Iran to Israel-North Korea to Japan)












### **◆ USA Adult**

We had the opportunity to experience two different lifestyles in Japan, the bustling metropolis of Japan in Tokyo and the tranquility and lifestyle in Otawara. The modern architecture and infrastructure in quiet impressive, while the vitality of the farmers was quiet refreshing.

### **◆ USA Adult**

Japan has a unique society that no sorikling of western culture but remain very much Japan. The Japanese people have some understand of American as well as American have same understanding of Japanese culture. A lot for our people to learn from each other.

## 7. Action Plan Presented at the Reporting Session by Participants

 <p>when we Leave Japan...</p>  	<h3>Our Action Plan</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Social Media postings</li> <li>• Sharing our experiences with friends and family</li> <li>• B' nai B' rith and Alpha Epsilon Pi Publications</li> </ul>
<h3>Action Plan</h3> <p> B'nai B'rith Int'l @BnaiBrith · 3月7日 Our #BBYLNinJPN group &amp; @sonourakentaro (cntr) after dinner w/ former Japanese ambassador to Israel #kakehashi2015</p>  <p>← ↻ 2 ❤️ 1 ⋮</p>	<h3>Action Plan</h3> <p> @silvr 03/07 3月3日 Update: apparently Japan has mountains and rivers. Reminds me of the drive to Big Bear. 🐻 #kakehashi2015 #BBYLNinJPN</p> 
<h3>Twitter</h3> <p> Tomer Kornfeld Igår kl. 08:52 · 🌐</p> <p>Never thought I'd have the opportunity to have dinner and speak with a member of the Japanese Parliament, as well as have a conversation in Hebrew and take a picture with the 4 time Japanese Ambassador to Israel - Hideo Sato.</p> <p>#Kakehashi2015 #BBYLNinJPN #AEPi</p>  <p>👍❤️🐼 134 3 kommentarer</p>	<h3>Twitter</h3> <p> Cary Wolovick har lagt till 26 nya foton — med Tali Schwartz och 3 andra. Igår kl. 15:37 · Chiyoda-ku · 🌐</p> <p>Goodbye Tokyo and Japan! #BBYLNinJPN #kakehashi2015</p>  <p>👍 6 + 22</p>
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