



## **KAKEHASHI Project (United States of America)**

### **Inbound program for Jewish Americans the 2nd Slot**

### **Program Report**

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

Under the “KAKEHASHI Project” of Japan’s Friendship Ties Program, 14 Jewish Americans from the U.S. visited Japan from February 26 to March 5, 2019 to participate in the program aimed at promoting their understanding of Japan with regard to Japanese politics, economy, society, culture, history, and foreign policy. Through the lectures, observations and interactions with Japanese people etc., the participants enjoyed a wide range of opportunities to improve their understanding of Japan and shared their individual interests and experiences on social media. Based on their findings and learning in Japan, each group of participants made a presentation in the final session and reported on the action plans to be taken after returning to the U.S.

#### **[Participating Countries and Numbers of Participants]**

United States of America: 14 participants (B’nai B’rith)

#### **[Prefectures Visited]**

Tokyo, Gifu, Fukui, Ishikawa

#### **2. Program Schedule**

Feb.26(Tue)	Arrival
Feb.27(Wed)	<b>【Orientation】</b> <b>【Lecture】</b> Ministry of Foreign Affairs <b>【Courtesy Call】</b> Ministry of Foreign Affairs <b>【Historical Landmark】</b> Zojoji Temple <b>【Courtesy Call】</b> Embassy of Israel in Japan Move to Gifu from Tokyo
Feb.28(Thu)	<b>【Observation】</b> Maruyama Dam <b>【Courtesy Call】</b> Yaotsu Town town hall <b>【Observation / Lecture】</b> The Chiune Sugihara Memorial Hall Move to Fukui from Gifu
Mar.1(Fri)	<b>【Observation / Lecture】</b> Port of Humanity Tsuruga Museum <b>【Observation】</b> Tsuruga Red Brick Warehouse <b>【Courtesy Call】</b> Tsuruga City Hall

Move to Ishikawa from Fukui


Mar.2(Sat)   【Cultural Experience】 Applying Gold Leaf  
                   【Historical Landmark】 Kanazawa Castle, Kenroku-en  
                   【Observation】  
                   21st Century Museum of Contemporary Art, Kanazawa

Mar.3(Sun)   Move to Tokyo from Ishikawa  
                   【Workshop】

Mar.4(Mon)   【Observation】 Meiji Jingu Shrine and Harajuku  
                   【Reporting Session】  
                   【Observation】 Tokyo Metropolitan Government Building Observation  
                   Decks  
                   【Courtesy Call】 Mr. Kentaro Sonoura,  
                   Special Advisor to the Prime Minister

Mar.5(Tue)   【Observation】 Tsukiji Market  
                   【Observation of Company】  
                   Corporate Showroom Panasonic Center Tokyo  
                   Departure

### 3. Program Photos

	
<p>2/27 【Lecture】 Ministry of Foreign Affairs</p>	<p>2/28 【Observation】 Maruyama Dam</p>
	
<p>2/28 【Observation / Lecture】 The Chiune Sugihara Memorial Hall</p>	<p>3/1 【Observation / Lecture】 Port of Humanity Tsuruga Museum</p>

	
3/1 【Courtesy Call】 Tsuruga City Hall	3/2 【Cultural Experience】 Applying Gold Leaf
	
3/2 【Historical Landmark】 Kenroku-en	3/4 【Observation】 Meiji Jingu Shrine

#### 4. Voice from Participants (abstract)

##### ◆ U.S.A. Adult

I was very impressed by Japan's efforts to expand economic, scientific and technological ties with Israel. Additionally I was glad to understand the different efforts being made to educate about Sugihara.

I really enjoyed the gold leaf workshop, Kanazawa castle, Kenroku-en Garden, dam visit and other cultural exchange. They were great exposure to Japanese society and history.

In general, this was a wonderful first exposure to Japan and its cities, culture and people. I am grateful for this experience and learned a lot from the peaceful, punctual, meticulous and welcoming culture.

##### ◆ U.S.A. Graduate Student



I enjoyed very much learning about Japanese culture and society. I felt that learning about the relationship between Japan and Israel was a very important part of the experience. Hearing from both Ambassador Sato and Israel deputy minister was significant for me. My favorite part of the trip was visiting Kanazawa. Kanazawa has both Modern and traditional aspects that I really enjoyed, lastly I was very impressed with the traditional Japanese food and enjoyed our meals throughout Japan.



◆ U.S.A. Adult

I have been most impressed by the culture of discipline. Mastery of craft, focus, cleanliness and the importance Japanese place on even the smallest of tasks. It makes me want to become better, more efficient and purposeful in my daily life.

## 5. Dissemination by the participants

 <p>Alexandra Cohen is in Tsuruga, Fukui. 20 hrs · 🌐</p> <p>Our day in Tsuruga, port town: visit to the Port of Humanity museum (which explains how this port received the 6,000 Jewish refugees Sugihara authorized), the Red Brick Warehouse, and a visit with the Mayor! Day 3, #Kakehashi2018 #bbylninjp #bbylninjp2019 @ Tsuruga, Fukui</p>	 <p>tylerwaswilder · Follow Tokyo, Japan</p> <p>tylerwaswilder I am beyond grateful to the people of Nippon for hosting members of the #Jewish community with the #Kakehashi project, building bridges between our cultures and communities ... sushi 🍣 and lox 🥓 I so much opportunity to work together 🙌 #BBYLNinJP #KAKEHASHI2018 #BBYLNinJP2019 #bnairith #KAKEHASHI #Japan</p> <p>👍👍👍 Liked by gidonfeen and 79 others 4 DAYS AGO</p>
<p>About Observation, Courtesy Call (Instagram)</p> <p>Our day in Tsuruga, port town: visit to the Port of Humanity museum (which explains how this port received the 6000 Jewish refugees Sugihara authorized), the Red Brick Warehouse and a visit with the Mayor! Day 3</p>	<p>About KAKEHASHI Project (Instagram)</p> <p>I am beyond grateful to the people of Nippon for hosting members of the #Jewish community with the #Kakehashi project, building bridges between our cultures and communities....Sushi and lox! So much opportunity to work together.</p>

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


<p><b>Action Plan</b></p> <p><b>WHY :</b> (Reasons to do it)</p> <p>To promote Jewish/Japanese relations and teach Americans about Japan</p> <p><b>WHEN :</b> (When will it be done?) Month of May 2019</p> <p><b>WHO :</b> (Who will do it?)</p> <p>4 US cities: Miami, New York, DC, Denver</p> <p><b>WHAT :</b> (What are you planning on doing)</p> <p>Shabbat dinner in honor of Kakehashi project</p> <p><b>HOW :</b> (How will you implement your plan)</p> <p>B'nai B'rith structure and experience</p>