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PROGRAM BRIEF

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Executive Summary

TAKA is a pre-academic arts program that offers Hebrew instruction, academic preparatory courses, and cultural activities to new immigrants that wish to study in Israel.

Taka provides an initial framework for immigrant students who intend to enter a college/university program and are interested in strengthening their skills in Hebrew and a variety of other subjects. The program is aimed at students who are exempt from the pre-academic "mechina" program and have a matriculation certificate (GED) from abroad, as well as students wishing to enter a second degree program in Israel. The program is composed of advanced Hebrew instruction, English (if needed), computer courses, scientific writing, math and preparation for the psychometric (SAT) exam. The duration of the course is 5 months.

Through a scholarship of \$1,500 per participant, we will be able to allocate an amount of \$1,000 to each immigrant to be used for living expenses, and \$500 for social, cultural and recreational activities, including lectures on various topics (including Judaism and the Jewish heritage), tours, visits to museums, and more.

An annual contribution of \$165,000 for 3 consecutive years (\$495,000 total) will enable 330 new immigrant students (110 students annually) to enroll in the TAKA Arts Program. Your contribution will significantly increase their chances of being accepted into a Fine Arts College/University in Israel.