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Dear Educator(s):

One of your students, _____, would like to join thousands of teens from over 50 countries on the International March of the Living. March of the Living is an experiential, educational trip to Poland and Israel from April 19 – May 3, 2020. Please take a moment to note the enclosed overview which provides more information about this program.

If one of the goals of education is to deeply affect and motivate our youth, then the “March of the Living” is an excellent example. The March demonstrates the ultimate result of prejudice and discrimination within the global community all while teaching the importance of loving all mankind. The program is a rite of passage where Jewish teens from five continents converge in Poland and Israel for an emotional journey, impacting their sense of history, perspective, and identity.

After having visited concentration camps and devastated ruins of cities that were once vibrant centers of Jewish life for the course of a week, it is not uncommon for participants to grieve in some manner. The re-entry to everyday life after such a compelling program may be difficult for some. It is understandable for some teens to feel overwhelmed after processing the loss of six million Jews, as well as millions of others including gypsies, homosexuals, and those with physical and cognitive disabilities. On the contrast, after a week remembering those who have passed, our teens will spend a week touring Israel and will celebrate the life of the Jewish people. Teens will even have the opportunity to celebrate Yom Ha’Atzmut, Israeli Independence Day, a holiday filled with joy and celebration of the livelihood of the Jewish people.

Your understanding of the experience and sharing this information with your staff will ensure our success toward this eye-opening experience. I thank you in advance for your consideration and help in this matter.

Sincerely,
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