

Americans for Ben-Gurion University

# Zin Fellows

## LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

### WHAT is the Zin Fellows Leadership Program?

The Zin Fellows Leadership Program is an immersive experience designed to equip passionate, actively engaged civic leaders with the tools, knowledge, and relationships to make a lasting impact on Israel—starting with the Negev. Through dynamic virtual learning and a transformative journey in Israel, participants explore the past, present, and future of this critical region.

Grounded in the legacy of David Ben-Gurion and driven by the innovation of Ben-Gurion University of the Negev (BGU), Zin Fellows gain insights and connections that empower them to become ambassadors for Israel and BGU, as well as catalysts for sustainable change.

- The Program runs over six months and consists of 15-20 leaders from across the United States
- Three Zoom sessions and a 5-day seminar in Israel
- Gatherings combine education, touring, socializing, networking and entertainment activities
- Ongoing networking and mentorship opportunities throughout the year
- Engaging with BGU faculty and guest speakers from a wide range of disciplines
- Zin Fellows are asked to give a \$5,000 minimum contribution

### WHY become a Zin Fellow?

Zin Fellows receive more than an education—they gain **a community and a mission.**

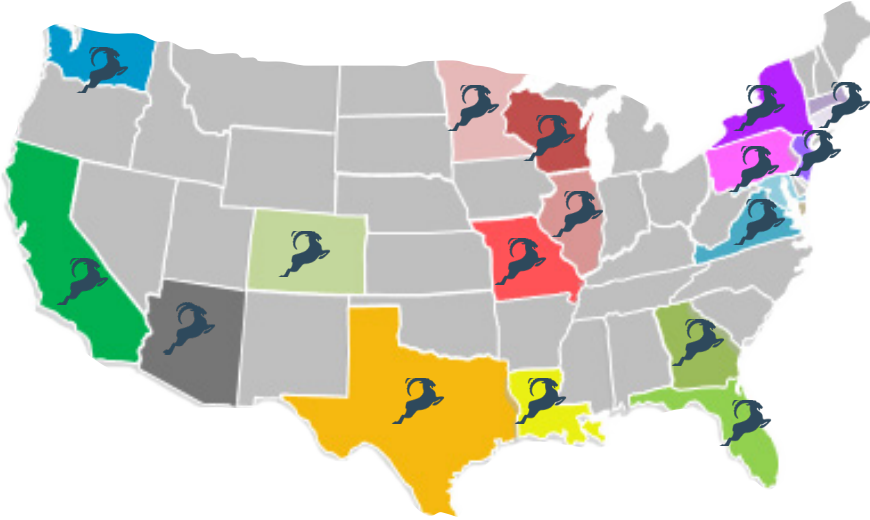
- Forge **deep relationships** with like-minded peers
- **Connect** with Israeli innovators, scholars, and students at BGU
- Develop as a philanthropic and professional leader
- Gain the knowledge and language to **navigate complex conversations** about Israel
- Contribute to **rebuilding and strengthening** the Negev and Israeli society



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## WHO are Zin Fellows?

Join a network of **105+ Zin Alumni** across over **20 states** and **25 cities**, serving on national event committees and boards.



Zin Fellows are remarkable individuals in their 30s to 50s, from across the United States, who are committed to Israel and its future. Zin Fellows take on meaningful leadership roles with A4BGU both locally and nationally.



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*So grateful for this experience - not just for the trip and the new friendships, but for the widening view of Israel through the lens of BGU, and the opportunity to find a new way to grow and support my beloved homeland through such a wonderful place.*

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## WHEN & WHERE Are Meetings?

DEC 2025

*Virtual*

### SESSION 1 Negev Development

*The Past:* Introductions, A4BGU, David Ben-Gurion, Negev Geography, and History

JAN/FEB 2026

*Virtual*

### SESSION 2 Education and Research

*The Present:* BGU101—Academics & Research; Sustainability and Innovation in the Negev

MAR 14-19 2026

**Israel**

### 5-Day Immersive Seminar in Israel

Explore the future of higher education and research in the Negev and its global impact through an immersive, on-the-ground experience of the Negev region, including its challenges, successes, and vision for the future.

APR/MAY 2026

*Virtual*

### SESSION 3 Community Service

*The Future:* Development Leadership, Community Engagement, and Advocacy

*Participation in the Americans for Ben-Gurion University Zin Fellows Leadership Program is by nomination only. Nominations are coordinated through Americans for Ben-Gurion University.*

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