

Teach in Israel for Masa

MELBOURNE local Gabriele Oberman recently returned from 10 months in Israel after participating in the Masa Israel Teaching Fellowship (MITF) in Netanya.

The prestigious program, which invites talented English-speaking university graduates to Israel as English teachers' aides, saw Oberman live with Fellows from around the world as they immersed themselves in Israeli culture and taught school students English.

Discussing her 10-month stint in Israel, the Bialik College graduate said, "Now that I've returned, I have made it my mission to be even more involved in the Jewish community, which I have been since returning in July ... I am considering my next move, to return to Israel with a working visa, to make aliyah or to work overseas in another country."

ZFA Israel programs director Sarit Braver urged interested university graduates to get in touch for more information as she said it is a life-changing opportunity. "The schools are in low socioeconomic communities and for many of the students school is a safe place from their home environments. The students are proud that the Fellows have chosen to live in their community and teach in their school.

"The relationship formed between the kids and the Fellows is unique."

For more information on MITF or other intern, volunteer or study programs in Israel, contact Sarit Braver at masa@zfa.com.au.