

Q: Who makes up a team in *From March to Miriam*?

A: A student is called a Chaver (friend) and is paired with an adult (Ahot). While some of our Chaverim and Ahot are *March of the Living* alumni, it is not a requirement. The survivor matched to each team is called a Neetzole (survivor in Hebrew).

Q: What is my time commitment to *From March to Miriam*?

A: It is a one year commitment, consisting of a minimum of a weekly phone call and monthly encounter with your team. You are welcome to call or visit your Survivor more often.

Q: How often should I call my Survivor?

A: Call once a week. Also call on the same day you will see them, so they remember. Calls on birthdays, Jewish holidays and Shabbat would be nice too.

Q: Are there any special things to know about the monthly encounters?

A: A few of the monthly encounters are planned in which everyone participates together. Some encounters are personal to your team only, such as home visits.

Q: What do I do if conversation lags?

A: Try to repeat what they said, in an effort to validate their feelings and to have them elaborate. Asking open ended questions is always a great way to develop a conversation.

Q: What happens if my Survivor calls too often?

A: As a rule, let all Survivor calls go to voicemail before you answer. Explain that you can't receive calls due to work or school and you'll call back when you can.

Q: What happens if my Survivor asks if I can take them places or buy them things?

A: Use your judgment. You are welcome to tell them to call their case worker. Do not feel you must help them. Your role is for social interactions.

Q: Can I bring my kids with me to visit my Survivor?

A: We ask that you refrain from bringing any children with you while we focus on building relationships with the Survivors. Remember every Survivor is different. Please check with the Program Coordinator for further information.

Q: What if I take my Survivor out for dinner? Who pays?

A: Establish who will pay clearly before you head out. You are not expected to pay for them, but you should be clear to agree about payment before you go.

Q: Can I bring my Survivor to my house for a holiday or Shabbat?

A: Absolutely!

Q: What if I don't drive on Shabbat? Can I pay for a taxi to take my Survivor home?

A: Sure, as long as they are okay with it.

Q: Is FMTM on Facebook?

A: We have a Facebook page called [From March to Miriam](#). Please feel free to post pictures and stories about your interactions with your teammate and Survivor. We would all love to see what is going on with our teams!

Q: What if I have any questions or concerns?

A: Reach out to your Ahot/Chaver/... before 8:00 p.m.

If you have a program related concern or question, call 561.852.6013 or email FMTM@bocafed.org.

If you have a Survivor related concern or question, reach out to our Survivor clinical expert Debbie Lipson at debbiel@ralesjfs.org.

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