

Jewish Children's FOLKSHUL

SUMMER 2006 CAMP SUPPLEMENT

CAMP SHOMRIA

Camp Shomria, sponsored by the socialist Zionist youth movement Hashomer Hatzair, is located on 125 acres of land in the beautiful Catskill Mountains in Liberty, New York. Shomria's programming promotes a strong commitment to Israel, Jewish continuity, social justice and community responsibility in a kibbutz-style atmosphere that combines individual initiative with cooperative teamwork.

Shomria features a full variety of outdoor camping and cultural activities, such as swimming, sports, arts and crafts, hiking, scouting and overnight camping, and Israeli dancing and singing in an atmosphere that helps build long-term friendships and provides your children with an experience that they will never forget.

Camp Shomria is also very excited to once again be hosting a Jewish-Arab Israeli group at our camp this summer, thanks to generous grants from the Foundation for Jewish Camping and the Puffin Foundation. Like last year, we will be hosting a group of 10 Israeli children, Jewish and Arab, at Shomria during our second session. This group will come from the Jewish-Arab Center for Peace at the Givat Haviva Institute, where the kids have been developing a relationship through educational seminars. We are excited for this unique opportunity to expand our understanding of Israeli culture and society and to welcome this group into our community.

Camp registration is open to all children between the ages of 9 and 16. For children entering 11th grade, we also run Yedid Plus, a special program in Israel.

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CAMP KINDERLAND

Camp Kinderland in the Berkshire Mountains of Massachusetts is a co-ed summer community that embraces values of peace, social justice and secular Jewish culture. Campers live in wood frame cabins with indoor showers and bathrooms. We have a beautiful private lake for swimming and boating, two basketball courts, a new low ropes challenge course, soccer and softball fields, a rec hall with a game room, canteen, and dance and video hall; an arts & crafts shop with kilns and wheels, and the newly renovated Paul Robeson theater and dance playhouse. Our 300 acres of pine forest provide endless opportunities for nature and campcraft activities.

Campers and staff live in cabin groups of 12-16 campers, and work together to plan weekly programs. Campers also choose from many individual activities such as construction, tie-dyeing, creative writing, cooking, trailblazing, fishing, and more. All of these activities take place in an environment that integrates themes of social justice, peace, secular Jewish, Yiddish, and multi-cultural traditions. Our bunks are named for people like Harriet Tubman, Goodman, Schwerner and Chaney, Anne Frank, Paul Robeson, Woody Guthrie, the Freiheit, and Joe Hill; carnivals and special days celebrate women, civil rights, the environment, and peace; stirring ceremonies commemorate the Holocaust and Hiroshima, with candle lightings and poetry and tributes to resistance and courage. Children bring their natural sense of justice to lively discussions and plays, skits and songs, about labor and human rights, struggles against anti-Semitism, racism and homophobia. Guests like the Wholesale Klezmer Band, Pete Seeger and Charlie King, Carolyn Goodman and Howard Zinn, visitors from Haiti, South Africa, Israeli/Palestinian peace groups, El Salvador, and NYC anti-violence workshops, teach and learn from Camp Kinderland campers and staff.

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CAMP KINDER RING

Camp Kinder Ring offers the ultimate cultural Jewish summer camp experience and the finest camping facilities available. Located on a beautiful lake 2 hrs north of NYC, the camp is a facility of the Workmen's Circle/Arbeter Ring, a 100 year old progressive, secular Jewish fraternal organization. While camp life is structured at Kinder Ring, campers are given the flexibility to pursue their special interests, and are encouraged to simply do their best. Campers 9+ can attend for two, four or more weeks. Children ages 6, 7 or 8 can also "get their feet wet" in our KRJR program which allows campers to get the full Kinder Ring experience over one 4-day weekend during the summer. For more information and a free camp DVD call 212-889-6800 ext 275.

CAMP KESHET

Summer camp is a great American experience. A Jewish camp creates a unique link to Jewish culture. Camp Keshet combines the beauty of both for Cultural, Secular and Humanistic Jewish youth, and celebrates the pluralistic message of modern Jewish identity. Centrally located on a beautiful lake in Michigan, the two-week program brings together the fun of summer camp with the celebration of Jewish culture and heritage. Activities include water skiing, go carting, swimming, and horseback riding, plus Jewish heritage, Israeli dancing and singing, cultural Shabbat celebrations, and humanistic values of caring, responsibility, dignity, self-reliance, tzedakah, and sharing. The program, for ages 8-16, runs from July 20-31. Information is available at www.culturaljudaism.org/campkeshet or call 248-478-6240

CAMP (MAKHANEH) GALIL

Camp Galil is in Ottsville, PA, about one hour north of Philadelphia off route 611. Campers enjoy recreational and educational growth in a distinctively progressive Jewish environment. We are a coed camp for children in grades 3 through 9 with a maximum of 180 campers. Our camp offers a unique Jewish camping experience in beautiful Bucks County, PA. This Habonim-Dror camp emphasizes personal growth, social responsibility, Jewish culture, Israel orientation and Zionism as well as a full range of popular camping activities including swimming, sports, scouting, hiking, high and low ropes course, crafts, gardening, animals, and social service projects. The camp is run as a summer Kibbutz. Cooperation and participation in the running of the camp are integral elements. The program includes Hebrew conversation, Israeli folk dancing, kosher kitchen, kibbutz style Shabbat celebrations, swimming, hiking, sports and other activities.

- ACA accreditation. Sessions go from June 26-August 15, length of stay possible, 2,3,4, or 7 weeks.
- Camp Galil is part of the Labor Zionist youth movement Habonim-Dror. Its basic orientation is mildly socialist Zionist. There are seven such camps in North America. As children get older they interact with youth from the other camps. There is also a 10th grade summer program for prior campers in Israel including Kibbutz experience. 11th graders spend the summer in tents and as CIT's. For a more intense Israel experience high school graduates can spend a year in Israel, primarily on Kibbutzim.
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