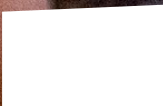


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• The Center for Jewish Teen Life •



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Camp Tel Yehudah has served tens of thousands of Jewish teens for over 75 years as Young Judaea's national teen summer camp. We're excited to announce the evolution of Tel Yehudah into the Center for Jewish Teen Life, a hub for Jewish teen programs from multiple youth-serving organizations, strengthening the landscape of Jewish teen programming, and expanding the high-quality, immersive and exciting opportunities available to Jewish teens.

Experience a summer like no other at Merkaz: the first new program at the Center for Jewish Teen Life! From July 24 to August 7, 2024, we are bringing together Jewish teen programs from various organizations who will collaborate to create a unique and immersive Jewish experience for teenagers. Along with programs from other leading Jewish teen organizations, Tel Yehudah is launching two new specialty programs. Choose one of the five programs that interests you most and dive in. You will be part of a community of teens from all of these programs, spending part of the day in these high-level specialized programs, and the rest of the day and night enjoying all that Tel Yehudah has to offer including ropes course, pool, tzofiyut (scouting), shira (Israeli singing), rikud (Israeli dancing), sports, fun evening activities and so much more.

Open to current 8th through 11th graders

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LOCATED ON 150 BEAUTIFUL WOODED ACRES ON THE BANKS OF THE DELAWARE RIVER IN BARRYVILLE, NEW YORK, TEL YEHUDAH DRAWS A DIVERSE COMMUNITY OF JEWISH CAMPERS AND STAFF FROM ACROSS THE U.S., ISRAEL, AND AROUND THE WORLD.



MERKAZ TARBUT (CULTURE)

Embark on a transformative journey through the vibrant world of Jewish teen culture, connecting with peers from across the United States, Israel, and beyond, right here in Barryville, NY! This is very much Tel Yehudah's classic camp program designed for global Jewish teens. Our program offers an exhilarating blend of immersive experiences designed to introduce you to the diverse tapestry of Jewish life. Uncover the culinary secrets of Jewish cooking. Immerse yourself in captivating sessions on Jewish television, music, and storytelling, gaining insight into the dynamic creative pulse of Jewish communities around the globe.

Engage in an array of exhilarating outdoor experiences, from Israeli scout-inspired adventures to exciting sports activities that foster teamwork and camaraderie. Deepen your appreciation for Jewish arts and culture while gaining invaluable insights into the multifaceted realities of Jewish life worldwide.



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MERKAZ MANHIGUT (LEADERSHIP)

YOU WILL RECEIVE THE
MANHIGUT CERTIFICATE FOR
SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF
THIS PROGRAM.

Our Manhigut, Leadership Development program, Deep Dive is a dynamic and inspiring experience rooted in Jewish values and Young Judaea's core pillars, designed for teens who aspire to deepen their skills and become leaders in Young Judaea and beyond. Built upon Young Judaea's signature approach to cultivating peer leadership, this program provides a transformative journey fostering personal growth and real-time practical application. Guided by Young Judaea's rich history of peer leadership, you will be encouraged to explore your own leadership potential within a diverse and inclusive environment. Through immersive experiences, leadership challenges, and meaningful discussions, you will gain valuable skills and a deep understanding of how Jewish values can guide you in becoming compassionate, empathetic, thoughtful and effective leaders. This program will not only equip you with the tools to lead but also instill a lifelong commitment to making a positive impact on the world, rooted in the timeless values of Jewish tradition.

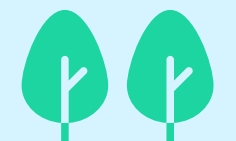


MERKAZ IVRIT (מרכז עברית)

Merkaz Ivrit, offered by Kayitz Kef through the Consortium for the Teaching of Hebrew Language at Brandeis University, is a one-of-a-kind Hebrew immersion experience. It blends camp life with an authentic taste of Israel, providing an immersive environment for learning Hebrew and connecting deeply with Israeli culture. This isn't your average language program—it's a hands-on journey that transforms every moment into an opportunity to enhance your language skills. Imagine confidently conversing with Israeli friends, understanding current news, and enjoying Israeli movies without English subtitles. Merkaz Ivrit is your gateway not only to speaking Hebrew but to living the language and culture of Israel.

No prior knowledge of Hebrew experience is necessary and you will receive a completion certificate from Brandeis' Consortium for the Teaching of Hebrew Language and Culture. More than just a language course, Merkaz Ivrit offers a unique chance to improve your Hebrew in the most immersive and authentic manner. It's an experience that reshapes the way you learn and experience Hebrew and deepens your connection with Israel and its people.

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MERKAZ HAZAMIR

Experience all the joys of HaZamir's immersive musical community and the best summer has to offer at Merkaz HaZamir. From barbershop quartets to vocal coaching, jam sessions to a capella and fun performance opportunities, we're bringing the HaZamir experience to camp! HaZamir: The International Jewish Teen Choir, is a musical youth movement rooted in the rich tradition of Jewish choral singing. In fun-filled masterclasses and workshops, you will make music and memories together. Whether singing Israeli music in four-part harmony or belting at an open-mic night, you will have a blast and deepen their vocal skills.

Take your singing to the next level. You will be ready to apply your newfound knowledge to any musical program and will emerge a more confident singer having experienced a variety of personalized musical training. You will return home ready for any audition and who knows? You might just be up next at Carnegie Hall! This summer experience is perfect for the seasoned HaZa-teen and new singer alike—no prior HaZamir experience required—and is sure to make any musical teen's summer a dream come true.



MERKAZ Q

Merkaz Q is a summer camp experience for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, nonbinary, and queer teens and allies interested in the intersections of Jewish and LGBTQ+ identities. Learn more about yourself, make new friends, grapple with ideas that matter to you in a safe and fun environment.

Maybe you're a member of a Tzelem group, maybe you've attended a Keshet Shabbaton, maybe you have never met another Jewish teen who identifies as LGBTQ+ or an ally yet – this two-week camp experience is for you! Keshet and Moving Traditions are joining together to offer this new program built for teens like you: all the best of camp and an inclusive small community within camp

that centers teens who may not always feel centered in school and other camp settings. Open to rising 9th through 12th grade LGBTQ+ teens and allies who are interested in exploring gender and sexuality identity through the lens of Jewish experience and culture in an affirming and supportive community that celebrates our full selves.

Moving Traditions emboldens Jewish youth to thrive through the pursuit of personal wellbeing (shleimut), caring relationships (hesed), and a Jewish and feminist vision of equity and justice (tzedek). Keshet works for the full equality of all LGBTQ+ Jews and our families in Jewish life. We have long collaborated to offer Tzelem groups for LGBTQ+ teens and are so excited to now be partnering on Merkaz Q.





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