

Machaneh

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Kadimah



LJY-Netzer is the peer-led youth movement of Liberal Judaism and a branch of Netzer Olami, the worldwide Reform Zionist youth organisation. Priding ourselves on inclusivity and a strong sense of community, we are the perfect place for any young Liberal Jew looking to start their Jewish journey, or to continue to discover their unique Jewish identity.



Outside of machanot (camps), we run sleepover and weekend events all year round, as well as an Israel Tour, Europe Tour and gap year program.



“when you go to camp you get to live with your best friends and do fun activities with a ton of amazing people. It also can you help you feel more connected to your judaism” – Participant. 12



What is LJY-Netzer?



Who staffs our events?



Our machanot (camps) are staffed by a team of trained, enthusiastic, dedicated and experienced madrichimot (leaders).

These talented young people plan and deliver magnificently creative activities every day of camp. They are all members of LJY-Netzer who want to give back to their movement, volunteering their time and making machanot more amazing each year.

Working with them will be a qualified medic, a dedicated welfare support officer, a resident lifeguard, plus dedicated art, sport and music staff.



The LJY-Netzer Movement Work team and the Liberal Judaism Youth Development Worker oversee the entire camps. The Movement Workers are fully trained professionals employed by Liberal Judaism.

Everyone staffing our events is DBS checked and has received extensive training before the events begin. We also receive guidance and training from the professionals at UJIA, the UK's leading centre for Jewish informal education, the CST who advise us on security matters, and from the Liberal Judaism head office.



2nd-7th April
2024

Machaneh Shamayim 5784



Machaneh Shamayim is LJY-Netzer's amazing spring camp!

Sign up for five days and four nights of non-stop fun as part of a warm, inclusive community of other young Liberal Jews in the beautiful surroundings of Sussex. There is no better way to enjoy your school holiday than Shamayim.



"It gets better and better each year!" - Participant age 14

Machaneh Shamayim has the welcoming camp community and easy-going atmosphere that makes it a perfect event for those who want to try out LJY-Netzer and regulars who can't go a whole year without seeing their friends.

With activities including art, music, sport, enjoying nature, and Tikkun Olam (repairing the world), politics and debate, as well as classic out-of-the-box LJY kef (fun).

"a really fun place to embrace your Jewishness and make loads of friends" - participant age 12



12th-25th August
2024

Machaneh Kadimah 5784



Machaneh Kadimah is LJY-Netzer's biggest event of the year and certainly not to be missed! Kadimah brings together Liberal Jews from all over the world for an incredible camp, jam-packed with fun, singing, learning, dancing and bonding. Over two weeks, participants experience a wide range of sessions and activities - from wide games and whole camp sessions, to day-trips and Shabbat - which makes it an unforgettable and transformative experience for so many of our members.



At LJY-Netzer, we create an environment for our participants to flourish and grow- exploring their Jewish identity and passions while building their independence and leadership skills. Our inclusive community gives young people the space to explore new ideas and to take on new challenges, supporting young people to grow in confidence and fulfil their potential.





Shabbat and prayer

Shabbat is a time when the whole camp community comes together for a big Friday Night Dinner and Kabbalat Shabbat (service) before powering into our evening Oneg celebration of singing and dancing (and, weather-dependent, a bonfire). Saturdays are lovely days of community and rest, with an engaging Shabbat Shacharit and warming Havdallah.



Mealtimes

Home-cooked delicious vegetarian food in the choice of two dining rooms to accommodate those who love to chant loudly and those who love to talk quietly.



LAST NIGHT SHOW

Ruach (spirit)
Every morning chanichimot (participants) are woken up with a crazy session of chanting, dancing and singing to start the day with a bang as well as learning new songs and the songs that pass down the generations of LJY-Netzer.



CAMP Highlights

Whole-camp sessions

Every day the chanichimot pick from a wide selection of fun activities put on by their leaders, including swimming, sports, arts and crafts, and drama games.



SPORTS DAY



Chinuch (Education)

We discuss and debate a number of wide-ranging topics such as feminism, mental health, refugees, the environment and our educational theme of the year (TOTY) which changes yearly. We approach these topics in an age-appropriate way through the lenses of our movement's four ideological pillars - Tikkun Olam (repairing the world), Liberal Judaism, Reform Zionism and Youth Empowerment - in fun and creative ways.

The Wide Game

Competing as teams, chanichimot and madrichimot alike take each other on in a water-filled, paint-throwing extravaganza! Who will win? Can we even tell? Does it even matter when everyone is having fun?

THE SURPRISE



Kef (fun)

Every day each year has big, crazy, fun activities including murder mysteries, discos, and the legendary gangaschlaff, a team game of messy and crazy rounds combined with test to see who can be the fastest to get into their sleeping bag!



Age groups

We have participants between school years 3-10, starting at 8 years old and up to 15! Having all the shikvot (age groups) together on our machanot (camps) creates a unique and special atmosphere.

Ananim (Clouds) - School Years 3-4

Ananim caters for the needs of our youngest participants. A high staff-to-participant ratio ensure that there is always a friendly face and safe space in which participants get to experience the thrill of camp.

Plagim (Streams) School years 5-6

Plagim is a mix of old and new faces. The program is designed to be full of fun activities whilst also considering the big questions about what it means to be a young Liberal Jew. Our methodology is always interactive and accessible.

Yamim (Seas) school year 9-10

Yamim is a time when the shikvah forms a strong community. On Machaneh Shamayim the combination of years 9 and 10 infuses camp with energy. On Machaneh Kadimah, as just Year 9s, they'll go on Tiyul (trip) where they'll bond as a group and come back unbreakable.

Chalutzim (Pioneers) Year 10

School year 10 in Kadimah, Chalutzim, is an opportunity for 15-year-olds to create and experience their own Liberal Jewish community! Being separate from the rest of camp they have the chance to develop their leadership skills through the establishment of their own decision-making forum as well as planning and leading activities for the younger age groups. During this action-packed fortnight participants will experience a wide range of both indoor and outdoor activities including team-building, prayer, discussion, debate, and the chance to think about what Judaism means to them.

Location

Our machanot (camps) take place at beautiful boarding schools which provide the perfect environment for our activities. While Machaneh Kadimah is nestled in the picturesque Devon, Machaneh Shamayim is situated in charming Sussex. Both sites include a wide array of facilities - a swimming pool, tennis courts, an art room, and acres of fields - giving our chanichimot (participants) countless activities to choose from.

Inclusion

LJY-Netzer is committed to making our events as inclusive as possible. This creates an opportunity for all participant to make friends, have fun and share in incredible experiences. We work hard to ensure that we can welcome and support those with a range of educational and other needs, with guidance and contributions from parents and experts, alongside our dedicated welfare worker. If you think your child may need additional support, please be in touch to discuss how we can best deliver that so as to include them in our kehilah kedosha (holy community).

Dates and Price

Shamayim 2nd-7th April 2024

£510

Deadline: 5th March

Kadimah 12th-25th August 2024

£1,195 LJ-member

£1,230 non-LJ-member

Deadline: 7th July

Contact Becca

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for information regarding bursaries

Any booking after the deadlines will be charged an additional £70. Coaches from North London to the sites and back will be available at an extra cost. *For cancellation T&Cs, please see our website.

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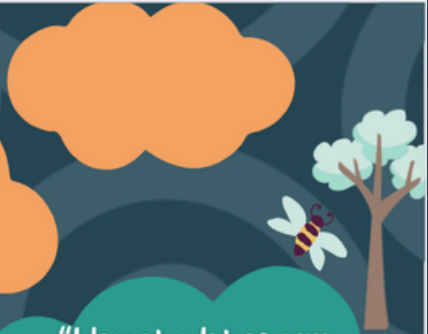
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"I have learnt to be more confident and independent" - Participant. 13



"I learnt a lot of new things about myself and some new skills as well" - Participant. 10

"It's a family, a community to support you through it all" - Participant. 11

"I learnt how to be myself around strangers" - Participant. 11

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"Only two weeks, but a lifetime of memories" - Participant. 15



"A really fun Jewish camp where you learn about loads of things about being a better person and do so many crazy and fun activities" - Participant. 12

"I learnt to try new things and have fun" - Participant. 9

