



Machaneh Shamayim 5785



6-11th
April

"On Kadimah I learned to
embrace myself, my
personality and how to help
the world "



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5-17th
August

"LJY is the best place
on earth"

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What is LJY?



"LJY is my home away from home"



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.

Who staffs our events?



Our machanot (camps) have a team of trained, enthusiastic, dedicated and experienced madrichimot (leaders). They 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, making machanot more amazing each year.



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



Everyone staffing our events is DBS checked and has extensive training before events begin. We also receive guidance and training from the professionals at UJIA, the UK's leading center for Jewish informal education, CST who advise us on security, and from the Liberal Judaism head office. Our sites are all fully risk assessed and we take all necessary security measures.

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.

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5 days and 4 nights

Non-stop fun



Activities include: art, music, sport, enjoying nature, and Tikkun Olam (repairing the world), politics and debate, as well as classic LJY keif (fun).

Machaneh Shamayim is our amazing spring camp!

Sign up to become part of a warm, inclusive community of young Liberal Jews in beautiful Sussex.

There is no better way to enjoy your school holiday than Shamayim.

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



Machaneh Kadimah 5785

"It's the best camp ever, pure kef (fun) for 2 weeks"



Machaneh Kadimah is our biggest event of the year and is 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 sessions and activities from wide games and whole camp sessions, to day-trips and Shabbat. It's an unforgettable and transformative experience for so many of our members.



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.



Camp Highlights



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.



Shabbat and prayer

On Shabbat the whole camp community comes together for a Friday Night Dinner and Kabbalat Shabbat (service). We then power into our evening Oneg celebration of singing and dancing (and, weather-dependent, a bonfire). Saturdays are for community and rest, with an engaging Shabbat Shacharit and warming Havdallah.



Whole camp Sessions

Every day chanichimot pick from a wide selection of fun activities including swimming, sports, arts and crafts, and drama games.



"A super awesome fun educational Jewish camp where you make friends for life and great memories"

Chinuch (Education)

We discuss and debate wide-ranging topics such as Liberal Judaism, feminism, 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.



Mealtimes

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.

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?



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



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.



Nechalim (Rivers) – School years 7–8
Nechalim strengthens friendships through a range of team-building activities. At this age, participants begin to engage more deeply with topics surrounding our pillars. Together they enjoy day trips, bonfires, wide games and much more.



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 Tiylul (2 day walk) where they'll bond as a group and come back unbreakable.



Chalutzim (Pioneers) Year 10

Chalutzim, is an opportunity for 15-year-olds to create and experience their own Liberal Jewish community! It is also a great chance to meet your year group before tour.

Camping in tents separately from the younger year groups they have the chance to develop their leadership skills by planning and leading activities for the younger age groups. During this action-packed fortnight participants will experience a wide range of 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, providing 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. This is the only way we can successfully meet your child's needs so as to include them in our kehilah kedosha (holy community).



Dates and Price

Shamayim

6rd-11th April 2025

£528

Deadline 5th March



Kadimah

5-17th August 2025

£1,305 LJ-Member

£1,345 Non LJ-Member

Sign up and Payment

deadline 16th June, after which there will be a £70 late fee

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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