

November 1, 2009

Shalom!

Hope you're having a great fall!! Please be sure to download and send back the registration form for the summer of '10 and read the information about the Reunion/Open House scheduled for later this month. Please read our registration procedure CAREFULLY so your child is not disappointed.

CYJ's REGISTRATION PROCEDURE

You DO NOT have the entire month of November to register!!

Forms SHOULD NOT be brought to the reunion!!.

Many parents of returning campers assume if they just get the registration form in by December 1st there won't be a problem. THIS IS NOT TRUE.

PLEASE DO NOT WAIT!!

Until December 1, ONLY FORMER CAMPERS AND THEIR SIBLINGS will be allowed to register on a first-come, first-served basis. Although we do not start registering new campers until December 1st, we routinely book up in many of our age groups BEFORE then. We do not guarantee returning campers a spot the following year; we simply give returning campers and their sibling the first privilege of registering before brand-new camp families.

We promise we are not trying to use hard-sell techniques...this information is based on our experiences the past few years. Sending in a form in late November will almost certainly mean your child will not be accommodated in virtually every age group. Even waiting after the first week or two of November can be a problem, especially in age groups where we have a lot of children or in the older age groups. For the past few years, some returning campers could not be accommodated because they waited too long.

If you have one child who is definitely coming, and one who is still deciding, we URGE you to send in the "definite" immediately and let us know the other child is still deciding. (If you have any questions, financial or scheduling concerns or ANY reason you have to delay sending back the form, please call us today!) Remember to fill out both pages of the form; you must include the non-refundable deposit with the form (see next page for details about costs and dates). Additional registration forms can be downloaded right from our Web site at www.cyj.org in the Prospective Camper or Current Camper sections.

After December 1, FORMER CAMPERS WILL NO LONGER RECEIVE SPECIAL CONSIDERATION. Applications from new and former campers will be accepted as space permits in each unit. Confirmation letters will be sent December 1.

PLEASE BE SURE TO PRINT CLEARLY ON THE APPLICATION FORM, ESPECIALLY YOUR EMAIL ADDRESSES!!!

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Please note: We WILL NOT accept hand-carried applications to our office. We will only accept forms sent via regular US mail, FedEx or other overnight delivery services. Please DO NOT send applications by fax or email, or registered, certified mail or mail requiring our signature; this may delay your registration!!

DATES and COSTS

Dates for next year are Thursday June 24 to Sunday July 18 for our first session; second session is Monday July 19 to Thursday August 12. Visiting Day (for two-month campers only) will be held Sunday July 18. The cost for one session is \$3,150 tuition plus a \$200 camp fee (\$3,350); the cost for the full seven-week session is \$5,795 plus a \$400 camp fee (\$6,195). We require a deposit of \$400 for a one-session camper and \$500 for a two-month camper.

If your current CYJ camper has a sibling or relative coming to Jewish overnight camp for the first time, he or she may qualify for a \$1,000 incentive grant from the Foundation for Jewish Camping. This is NOT a needs-based scholarship and may be available in your area. Log on to www.onehappycamper.org for more info.

BUNK REQUESTS

At CYJ, our bunk groups change somewhat every year. If your child wants to bunk with a specific camper, please indicate that child's name on the registration form. You can add one or two other names, but please understand that we can only honor the FIRST name listed. If your child will be with us for both first and second month, we cannot promise to grant two separate name requests. (Please don't write, "same kids as last year.")

We base bunking assignments on the registration form requests, so please ask your child NOW before sending it to us. If no name is requested on the form, we will assume your child has no preference (which is perfectly okay) and he or she will be placed in a bunk at our discretion. Bunking is done in late May; if any situation changes (we know kids can develop new friendships during the school year), it is your responsibility to email us or call us no later than May 15.

Please ask your child: don't make assumptions regarding their first-choice request. If you have any questions or concerns about bunking, please call us or attach a note to the registration form.

REUNION PLANS

We hope you'll be able to attend our Open House and Reunion on Sunday afternoon November 29 at Temple Israel in Natick, MA, from 1:30 to 3:30 pm. Directions to Temple Israel are noted in the "reunion 2009.pdf." At the reunion, we'll hand out the '09 yearbook and give away prizes. If you can't come to the reunion, don't worry: We'll mail you your yearbook!

DID YOU RECEIVE THE EMAIL?

In late September, we sent an email to all camp families, including a camp questionnaire and additional info. If your email address has changed since camp or if you did not receive an email, please let us know so we can ensure that future emails will get to you. To ensure proper delivery, please be sure to add Jamie@campyoungjudaea.com to your address book, as well as cyjnh@aol.com, Ken@campyoungjudaea.com and Marcy@campyoungjudaea.com

Sincerely,

Kenneth J. Kornreich
Executive Director