



You asked! We are delivering!  
Join us for the first ever Camper Reunion Shabbaton!

### **#WinterCampMemories**

We know that campers want to recreate Yavneh magic in the off-season, and so this year for our older camper reunion, we have planned an incredible Shabbaton weekend, filled with great peulot, t'fillah, outdoor entertainment, yummy food, and Madrichim/Roshes from 2018! Naaleh, Kerem, Maalot and Leviim '18...come check out what a Yavneh-style winter-time Shabbat looks like in New England, spending the weekend with friends, growing more camp memories, and having a blast!

### **WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW!**

**WHEN:** Friday January 4, 2019 - Sunday January 6, 2019.

**WHERE:** JCC of Greater New Haven, Connecticut, 360 Amity Road, Woodbridge, CT

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Clothes for 2 days (including Shabbat clothes for Friday night), toiletries, sleeping bag and pillow, bathing suit, sneakers, and ALL your warm winter-gear. Oh ya...we'll be heading outside!

**COST:** \$225

*Registration opens: October 24, 2018*

*Deadline for registration: November 29, 2018*

*Get your forms in early to reserve your child's spot.*

*We must have a minimum of 60 participants to run the Shabbaton.*

### **WAYS TO GET THERE:**

**NEWTON CENTRE/Boston:** A bus with a madrich/a chaperone will depart from Hebrew College, Friday January 4 @ 12:00 PM.

Sunday January 6, the bus will return to Hebrew College at approximately 12:15 PM.

**MANHATTAN:** Campers will take the 12:34 PM train from Grand Central  
Campers will meet a madrich/a chaperone at Grand Central (exact location to be communicated under separate cover ), Friday January 4 @ 12:00 PM , taking the Metro North train (12:34 PM) to New Haven (2:28 PM arrival) where a school bus will meet them and bring them to the JCC.

Sunday, January 6, campers will leave New Haven on the 10:25 AM train, returning to GCT at 12:20 PM

**STAMFORD:** Campers will take the 1:24 PM train from Stamford  
Campers will meet a madrich/a chaperone at Stamford train station (30 South State Street, Stamford) exact location to be communicated under a separate cover), Friday January 4 @ 12:50 PM, take the train to New Haven where a bus will meet them and bring them to the JCC.

Sunday January 6, the 10:25 AM train will return to Stamford train station (30 South State Street, Stamford) at 11:20 AM.

*If you want your child to get on at another Metro North station, we will not have a chaperone available but we will give you the chaperone's cell number for you to connect with the group.*

**AMTRAK:** If you wish to take an Amtrak train to New Haven, please plan on arriving between 1:45-2:30 PM on Friday, January 4.

Schedule your departure on January 6 for any time between 10-11 AM, staff will not wait with your camper until they get on the train.

**BRADLEY AIRPORT:** If you wish to arrange for your child to come by plane, we will arrange for pick up from Bradley Airport/Hartford, CT. Southwest does fly into Bradley. Please ensure that the flight arrives Friday January 4 by 1:00 PM, and that the return flight is no earlier than Sunday January 6 @ 12:00 PM. We need your flight information, no later than December 16, 2018. We are just dropping children at Bradley and will not be walking them into the airport. They must be independent enough to travel by themselves.

## **FAQ**

Q: What if my child can't make it for the start of Shabbat? Can I drop my child off after Shabbat starts?

A: This *shabbaton* will follow the same rules of *Shabbat* that we follow at camp. Therefore, no participant can arrive after Shabbat starts which is approximately 4:15 PM in New Haven.

Q: Can I sign my child up for one night, not two?

A: If you must pick up your child early, we ask that you not come before *shabbat* is over at approximately 5:30 PM on Saturday evening. If your child must be picked up, please reach out to [Bil](#) to discuss. We are not pro-rating the *shabbaton*.

Q: What are the accommodations?

A: Campers will be sleeping at the JCC. All participants MUST bring a sleeping bag and pillow. Campers will be sleeping on the floor. They can also bring a camping mattress.

Q: What if my child wants to drive themselves to the *shabbaton*?

A: For safety reasons, we are asking that all participants either take our transportation or have their parents drive them to the *shabbaton*.

Q: What are the behavioral expectations?

A: This is a Yavneh sponsored event and will have the same rules that apply while at camp. We reserve the right to inspect all participants belongings. If a camper is found to have broken one of the rules laid out on the *shabbaton* enrollment form, we will send the participant home and will discuss their future participation at camp with parents.

Q: Are there a minimum number of participants?

A: We will run the *shabbaton* with a minimum of sixty (60) participants. Please get your registration forms in by November 29, 2018 so we can know if this event will take place.

Q: When will 2018 yearbooks be distributed?

A: On Sunday morning of the *shabbaton*

Q: What if my child has specific medical needs?

A: There will not be a nurse present. Your child must be independent enough to take all medicines.

Q: What if my child has specific food needs?

A: Netanel Spiegel is available beforehand to discuss food needs and will be present at the *shabbaton*.

Q: What if I need financial assistance for the *shabbaton*?

A: We have some scholarship available for campers that receive financial aid for camp.

Q: What will the electronics policy be for the *shabbaton*?

A: Just like camp, we are seeking to create community. Cell phones and other electronics can sometimes be a barrier to achieving this goal. Upon arrival to the JCC, all participants will deposit their cell phones and other wifi enabled electronics in a box for the *shabbaton*. If a parent must speak to their child during the *shabbaton*, we will be sharing a list of emergency numbers.

Q: Who is staffing the *shabbaton*?

A: Yavneh roshes and madrichim from 2018 will be working the weekend. Bil, Netanel, and Michi as representatives of *Hanhallah* will be there as well.

Q: What happens if we have to postpone because of weather? When will that decision be made?

A: If we have to cancel due to inclement weather, we will let everyone know by 9 PM on Thursday, January 3, 2019. We will not be able to reschedule for another weekend and will refund all money.

If you have any further questions/concerns about the Shabbaton, do not hesitate to contact:

Bil: [bil@campyavneh.org](mailto:bil@campyavneh.org), (overall concerns about your child)

Netanel: [netanel@campyavneh.org](mailto:netanel@campyavneh.org), (concerns regarding transportation or food)

Michi: [michelle@campyavneh.org](mailto:michelle@campyavneh.org), (programmatic, staffing concerns)