



## Parent Information Series #5 – Judaics

Dear J Camps Families,

Welcome to J Camps! We're thrilled to welcome your family to our camp community this summer. Get ready for an unforgettable season filled with fun, personal growth and lasting memories!

Our theme for Judaics at J Camps this summer is "We Are All Chaverim (*Friends*).” Campers will discover how Jewish values are universal values that guide us to be good, kind human beings. We will explore concepts such as friendship, peace, caring for the sick, kindness to animals and the importance of welcoming others.

Judaic experiences will be seamlessly woven into everyday camp life. Each morning will start with a joyful Boker Tov (*Good Morning*) experience. On Mondays, we'll gather for a special Havdalah ceremony to mark the end of Shabbat and the beginning of a new week, engaging all the senses through blessings and rituals. Of course, we'll celebrate Shabbat together every Friday, bringing in the spirit of rest and community.

This year, we're excited to introduce a dynamic Israel Program alongside our vibrant Judaic camp experiences. These two elements are what make J Camps truly special, offering all campers a unique opportunity to learn about Jewish traditions and the rich culture and modern spirit of Israel through engaging, hands-on activities.

In Kinder Camp, our youngest campers will take part in the "Colors of Israel" experience. Each week will focus on a different color, and through that, we'll explore something meaningful about Israel. These themes will be brought to life through activities like crafts, dancing, music, games and a lot of fun.

In Camp Kaleidoscope, campers will celebrate many facets of Israel with our Israeli Shaliach (emissary). They'll get a taste of Israeli cuisine, learn about Israeli inventions that have shaped the world—like cherry tomatoes, USB flash drives and Waze—and dive into national symbols such as the Israeli flag, the menorah, olive branches and even the hoopoe bird, Israel's national bird. Campers will also explore mosaics, engage with Israeli music, play fun Israeli games and learn Hebrew words along the way.

We can't wait to see your family at J Camps! It's going to be a meaningful, exciting and joyful summer.

Warmly,

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