



Dear Parents and Dor L'Dor Applicants,

We are very excited to share our plans for Dor L'Dor 2009. The Dor L'Dor Leadership Program has evolved over the past ten years to include comprehensive leadership training, as well as to include travel to Israel as part of this important transition for Cohen Camps campers. Enrollment in the Dor L'Dor Leadership Program requires a full commitment on the part of the entire family of the enrolling participant to the mission and goals of the program. The travel portion of the program includes strong educational content, rigorous physical activity, spirituality and Judaic exposure, and the opportunity of a lifetime to build relationships in our homeland with both American and Israeli peers. We expect that all participants enroll in the program with a commitment to developing their leadership skills through hands-on activities and time spent at camp.

For over ten summers, the Israel portion of our program has been designed and organized by Keshet: The Center for Educational Tourism in Israel under the leadership of Yitzhak Sokoloff, and incorporates learning about the Jewish homeland and developing one's personal connection to it. It is an educational and recreational program that enhances our participants' Judaism and spirituality, and introduces them to the culture, families, and land of Israel.

Successful completion of our leadership program is required in order to be eligible to apply to camp as a Junior Counselor for 2010. Please be aware that participating in the Dor L'Dor Leadership Program does not guarantee employment for Summer 2010 as our American Camp Association Accreditation requires that less than twenty percent of our staff may be under age 18.

Included in this packet are:

- Dor L'Dor Leadership Program Curriculum Highlights
- Dor L'Dor Leadership Program Travel Highlights
- Some Scholarships available for travel to Israel

The Dor L'Dor Application for 2009 and the Release of Liability are in a separate packet. There will be a mandatory orientation session for participation in the Dor L'Dor Leadership Program on Sunday, March 15th, 2009 for both participants and parents. We are currently finalizing program flight dates and details. This year, the Israel portion of the program will be five full weeks in length. In addition, two weeks will be spent back at the individual camps.

The Dor L'Dor Leadership Program tuition for 2009 is \$7800.00**, with a NON-REFUNDABLE deposit of \$2000.00 due with your completed application, Release Of Liability and essays (submitted in one envelope) no later than November 21st. Please review the Participant Contract and Release of Liability carefully as a family. These documents may not be altered, and any application received without all signatures will be considered incomplete. The remainder of the tuition will be due in two increments, \$2900.00 by February 1st, and \$2900.00 by April 1st. Please make all checks payable to the camp that your child has attended.

**In the event of unanticipated airline surcharges, the parent/guardian is responsible for all additional fees incurred.

We are offering a cash discount to families that pay the full tuition using cash or check by January 30. For the Dor L'Dor Leadership Program the discount is \$200 (\$7,600 net).

Please note that applications are processed on a first come, first served basis. Applications received after meeting the 90 person capacity for two buses will be put on a waiting list until enough applications have been received to fill a third bus.

After this information session, please contact us with any questions regarding the Dor L'Dor Leadership Program. We look forward to your participation in Dor L'Dor 2009!

Pearl W. Lourie

Executive Director, The Cohen Camps

Dor L'Dor Leadership Program Curriculum Highlights 2009

Travel Leadership

- ☑ Learn **Teamwork** through outward bound experiences such as our desert adventure
- ☑ Develop **Responsibility** through increased independence
- ☑ Learn **Respect** for yourself, your peers, and your staff
- ☑ Strengthen **Motivation** through challenging activities such as Army Day
- ☑ Hone your **Listening** skills through experiential learning
- ☑ Expand your **Planning** skills by developing activities and programs for your peers
- ☑ Take **Initiative** to volunteer for becoming bus leaders and other leadership positions
- ☑ Test your **Creativity** through talent shows and other programs
- ☑ Develop **Persistence** by pushing yourself to the limit of your capabilities for hiking and other outdoor activities
- ☑ Practice **Problem Solving** as you learn to care for yourself in preparation for caring for others

Camp Leadership

- ☑ Begin learning the **Expectations** of counselors, campers, parents and administrative staff
- ☑ Begin Developing **Responsibilities** as a staff member in training
- ☑ Observe **Bunk Management**
- ☑ Experience **Working with Other People**
- ☑ Understand how to **Lead Activities**
- ☑ Practice **Planning** and **Teaching** activities
- ☑ Observe **Discipline** techniques
- ☑ Work with **Groups of Campers**
- ☑ Gain exposure to **Camper Personalities**
- ☑ Experience **Group Interaction**

The Eli and Bessie Cohen Foundation Camps
Present

Dor L'Dor Leadership Program Travel Highlights 2009

Program by
Keshet: The Center for Educational Tourism in Israel

- ✧ Stand in awe at the Kotel, where Jews have prayed for thousands of years!
- ✧ Explore the amazing mountain fortress of Masada
- ✧ Magnificent and challenging hikes to beautiful waterfalls in the Judean Desert and the Golan Heights
- ✧ Desert Trek into the heart of the Negev Highlands
- ✧ Adventure on the Jordan River
- ✧ Meet Ethiopian families who were airlifted to Israel
- ✧ Unique Shabbat experiences in Jerusalem and in the magical, mystical city of Zefat
- ✧ Swim in the Mediterranean Sea, the Kinneret, the Dead Sea and the Red Sea as well as in natural pools and swimming pools
- ✧ Visit an Israel Army Base and meet the soldiers who defend Israel's border
- ✧ Join an Archaeological Dig to uncover the past with your own hands!
- ✧ Camel riding & Bedouin hospitality
- ✧ Encounter Shabbat with Israeli youth and families
- ✧ Make your claim to the future—planting trees in the land of Israel
- ✧ Renew old friendships from camp and make new ones

Scholarships available for Dor L'Dor 2009

1. Cohen Foundation – call the Ashland office for forms and due dates (508.881.1002). We also need a complete set of 2007 Federal Tax Returns, W-2 Forms and all attached schedules by February 15th. We will also require 2008 Federal Tax Returns once you have filed them.
2. Various Synagogues – Passport to Israel funds or other funds may be available.

Massachusetts

3. Combined Jewish Philanthropies
Need Based Scholarships Available
Contact: Cohen Foundation, Ashland Office
Phone: 508.881.1002 Fax: 508.881.1006
All Massachusetts locations
*Our Contact: Will Corrdin, Senior Israel Program Associate
4. The Jewish Endowment Fund
Att: Michelle Lancto
1160 Dickinson Street
Springfield, MA 01108
Phone: 413.732.9994 ext. 140 Fax: 413.737.4348
elaines@jewishspringfield.org
www.jewishspringfield.org
The Greater Springfield, Agawam and Longmeadow area
*Currently, if students from the Springfield area are interested, they can apply to the Fund by going to the web-site, www.jewishwesternmass.org and applying on-line. Some scholarships are need-based, some are not; they would make that determination.
5. Israel Experience
Att: Michelle Soll
Merrimack Valley Jewish Federation
PO Box 937
Andover, MA 01810
Phone: 978.688.0466 Fax: 978.688.1097
michelle@mvjf.org
www.mvjf.org
Merrimack Valley Location only
*Any students from Merrimack Valley may apply – it's not need-based. Students may call for an application, fill it out and return it. They award \$250 per student.
6. Jeffrey Neal Kaplan Scholarship Fund
Att: Helen and Bob Kaplan
781 Salem End Road
Framingham, MA 01702

7. Harold Grinspoon Foundation
Att: Rachel Jackowitz
380 Union Street
W. Springfield, MA 01089
Phone: 413.736.2552 ext. 15 or 413.736.2552
Rachel@hgf.org
http://www.hgf.org/israel/individual_incentive_grants.php
Residents of western MA, including Longmeadow, Springfield, Holyoke, Amherst, Pittsfield, Northampton

Rhode Island

8. Gift of Israel and Other Scholarships and Financial Assistance Available
Att: Beth Brier
Jewish Federation of Rhode Island
130 Sessions Street
Providence, RI 02906
Phone: 401.331.0956
bbrier@bjeri.org
Residents of Rhode Island only
*Funding is available for residents of Rhode Island and southeastern Massachusetts. Each student needs to call for an application, complete and return it. Funding is both need-based, and available to all residents of the above areas. How much each student receives is based on how many students apply, and how much is available in the endowment at that moment; in the past, they have averaged \$600 - \$800 per student.

New York, Connecticut

9. UJA Federation of New York
Att: Regina Belokovskaya
Jewish Continuity Commission
130 East 59th Street
New York, NY 10022
Phone: 800.64.ISRAEL Fax: 212.888.7538
belokovskayar@ujafedny.org
israelctr@ujafedny.org
New York City, Long Island and Westchester County
10. Commission on Jewish Education
Att: Karen Trager
Jewish Federation of Greater Hartford
335 Bloomfield Avenue
West Hartford, CT 06117
Phone: 860.233.2288 ext. 6135 Fax: 860.232.5221
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