

# HABONIM DROR CAMP MOSHAVA

Learning, leadership, and social justice in a creative Jewish community





Habonim Dror Camp Moshava's philosophy as a youth-led community is built on the value of collective responsibility.

This means we see each person's unique spark and understand that we all play a role in making our community what it is. We believe that when we create a community based on the values we want to see in society - equality, democracy, and interdependence - we become more able to bring light into the world.



## **Avodah/Working Together**

Avodah cultivates a sense of personal responsibility and pride in the place we call home for the summer.

## **Kehilah/Building a Loving, Supportive Community**

Many activities are camp-wide or in mixed age groups, so everyone gets to know every single person at camp. This creates a real sense of community and allows older campers to be role models for younger campers.

## **Shabbat/Making Judaism Personal & Relevant**

Shabbat at Mosh is an experience we all create together. Each week, every age group takes turns preparing a different aspect of Shabbat, such as creating an Oneg performance, singing a Kabbalat Shabbat song, or leading a blessing.

## **Chinuch/Values-Based Experiential Education**

Camp is a space to explore who we are! We examine who we are as Jews, how we relate to Israel, how we understand social justice, and how to be in community with one another.

## **Kupa/Shared Resources**

Modeled after kibbutzim, kupa is our "give what you can, take what you need" system that allows each camper to contribute to their kvutzah's (age group) communal resources, according to what they are able.



*Our daughter came home with community-building traditions she is teaching to her friends - and to her parents!*



Our core values inform everything we do, from our morning gathering to bedtime each night. Each day at Mosh is filled with physical activities (*zman sport*), swimming (*schiya*), communal work (*avodah*), educational activities (*pish*), and special interest activities (*chugim*).

Evening activities (*tochnit erev*) are camp-wide and fun-filled: scavenger hunts, games/team-building activities, and movie nights.

Our special days are what make Camp Mosh special. These are the days when our campers wake up and are magically transported to another world. Campers may travel off-site for a day of community service, or stay at camp and explore social justice issues through games, art projects, and dance parties.

Summers at Mosh give campers a wide range of opportunities to develop their interests and leadership skills, expand their comfort zones, and create an inclusive community in a safe and supportive environment.



The strength of Mosh is the combination of the incredible people - both chanichim/ot and madrichim/ot - and the dedication to causes greater than oneself, i.e. social justice and Judaism.

Promoting vibrant Jewish practices and identity infuses all of our programming.

We integrate Hebrew into our daily life in an immersive way. Staff help new campers learn commonly used words. Campers who may not speak Hebrew pick it up quickly.

*Kabbalat Shabbat* is filled with songs, a story from the camp director (*Rosh*) and the *brachot*. Each Friday night ends with spirited Israeli dancing. Having the entire community to come together to celebrate Shabbat under the stars is a joyful part of the Mosh experience.

Saturdays are filled with educational activities that allow campers to explore social justice values within Jewish tradition; group yoga sessions; and time for self-reflection.

During *Havdallah*, we say goodbye to *Shabbat* and welcome the new week with a campfire, sing-alongs, and smores.





We invite campers to explore the world not just beyond the borders of Mosh, but beyond their communities and lived experiences as well.

With intention, we work to create a culture where we celebrate each camper for who they are and for what they uniquely contribute to our camp community. Mosh campers return year after year, generation after generation, because they feel valued, engaged, and embraced.

Like the broader Jewish community, the Mosh camper cohort is becoming more racially diverse. We celebrate the experiences and histories that make all of our campers who they are.

Mosh affirms campers, staff, and families of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions. In addition to traditional male and female housing, we also offer an all-gender housing option. Campers at Mosh are invited to live where they are most comfortable.



*Mosh's gender inclusion model is considered best practice in the overnight camping industry.*



We offer a one-week session for first-time campers entering 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. Two-, three-, and six-week camp options are available for 4<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> grade campers.

We know camp can be expensive and we work with each family to make sure that money is not the reason a child does not come to camp. We have a vibrant scholarship fund, and we are part of the One Happy Camper scholarship program. We also offer flexible payment plans.

**Abby Cohen**, our Recruitment and Outreach Coordinator, is happy to walk you through all of our financial aid options.



*Mosh was outstanding at communicating with us before camp started and giving extra attention to how they could help our first timer acclimate to this new experience. It was incredibly warm and welcoming.*



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