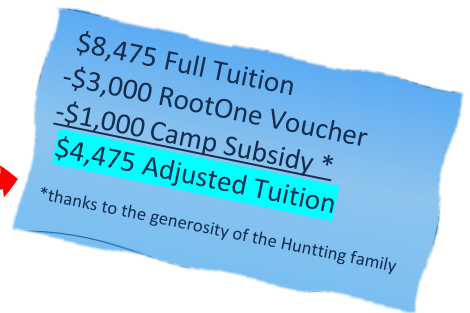




The Machon Israel Program June 13 – August 1, 2021

\$8,475



Participants applying to this program should already be registered for Coleman in Israel 2.0 through NFTY in Israel. **This is the 2nd step in the process** towards a wonderful and life changing summer for our rising 12th graders.

The Machon Israel Program was created for the 2021 summer season in an effort to ensure that our teens who were supposed to travel to Israel during the summer of 2020 will be able to experience both a life changing trip to Israel and a Leadership Development and Staff-in-training program during the summer of 2021. Our emphasis in this program is to provide participants with an opportunity to learn how to work with campers and to reflect on their own experience. Participants (Machonikim) will learn what it means to be a great staff member and will develop the skills necessary to be an effective role model and mentor to our campers. **On July 8th**, we will transport the Machon-Israel participants to Atlanta and the teens will fly together from Atlanta Hartsfield-Jackson Airport to NFTY in Israel's group departure airport. Our Coleman staff will coordinate domestic flight arrangements and be in contact with families at the appropriate time. ****Families are responsible for paying the domestic flights and you will be sent information about this in the coming months.**

QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE ABOUT THE CAMP COLEMAN MACHON ISRAEL PROGRAM

What can *you* expect?

What do *we* expect?

PLEASE NOTE: The Machon Programs are Leadership Development and Training programs. Machon are NOT staff and do not share the same responsibilities or privileges as contracted staff members. Our emphasis in the program is to provide participants with an opportunity to prepare to work with campers and other staff members and to reflect on their experience.

Why: To prepare all participants to be excellent staff members and activity leaders at URJ Camp Coleman in the years ahead.

Who should apply for the Machon Israel Program? This program is best for teens who showed leadership as a camper through their commitment to our Brit Kehillah and core values and have proven that they are ready to be role-models at camp. The ideal candidates have experience working with children in a camp or school environment. In addition, you must have already applied to be part of the Coleman 2.0 NFTY in Israel trip.

Application Process: The Machon programs are open to rising 12th graders. They are selective programs and all participants must complete the application process. Applicants are evaluated based on the strengths of their application, reference, *and interview with a Coleman representative*. Applicants who have participated in a combination of programs such as Coleman, NFTY travel programs or other Union for Reform Judaism Israel programs and NFTY-STR/SAR are given priority. **Particular attention is paid to the evaluation of candidate's attitude and level of participation in previous programs.** Applicants will be notified by e-mail of their application status in January.

Where: At the Union for Reform Judaism, Camp Coleman in Cleveland, GA.

When: The Machon Israel program is a 7-week program that parallels the regular Camp Coleman sessions. The 2021 dates are June 13 – August 1, and participants are expected to attend the full program. Machonikim will be transported to the Atlanta airport on July 8th to fly as a group to the NFTY's departure airport.

It is expected that Machon attend four (4) virtual orientation sessions prior to their arrival at camp. These sessions will be scheduled for late spring and will each be up to 2 hours long. Dates and times will be sent out with acceptance emails in January.

What do Machonikim do? The Machonikim participate in interactive training sessions focusing on camp leadership skills, child development and behavior management, so that they can become effective camp leaders as counselors and specialists. The summer of 2021 may or may not include direct contact with campers. We are planning the program to both meet our goals and to meet the standards of our Covid protocols.

Every Machonik should understand that, **at times, training will be hard work** and, like anytime we learn new things or gain new skills, it can be a little bit frustrating. Participants need to understand that they are no longer responsible for just themselves. **Machon participants are taking on a much greater responsibility in the camp community.**