

Camp YTT - Handbook for Summer 2022-5782

BH

Dear Parents and Campers, shetichyu

We understand that this is a big undertaking for you. You had many choices where to send your daughter, we appreciate that you chose YTT.

You have our promise, OURS and the counselors, that we will work hard and do our best to make this the best experience ever, this is a life changing trip, and we are soooo proud to be a part of it, and I know that together we will achieve our dream.

Please feel free to contact me by email mswerdlov@gmail.com or at 347.228.2907, or Rabbi Mordechai Telsner at admin@campytt.com, if you have any questions or concerns. If I am not at home, leave a message and I will be happy to call back.

Looking forward to a great summer, and hoping that we are ALL going with Moshiach,

Miryam Swerdlov
Shosh Rabinowitz
Mordechai and Shuffi Telsner

☹️ YEYYYYYYYYYYYYYYYY!!!!!!

Please take a tall glass of something to drink, turn OFF the cell phone, and go through this booklet VERY CAREFULLY with your daughter. You will understand everything better, AND save money, you don't have to buy so many clothes. THE MORE YOU KNOW THE BETTER YOU WILL FEEL. IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT THE PARENTS BE INFORMED AND PART OF THIS INCREDIBLE LIFE CHANGING ADVENTURE. YOU ARE OUR PARTNERS. We try to be transparent.. but you have to look through the glass to understand and to know and to partner.

WE R VERRRRY EXCITED ABOUT OUR HEAD STAFF. They are: Sheina Piekarsky, Gnesha Schapiro and Chaya Wolvosky. We have a fourth Israeli staff member, who will also be taking care of all technicalities, changing money, finding Shabbos family if you don't have one, and in general being of help to the girls if anything is needed. We are also very lucky that Mrs. Shuffi Telsner (nee Swerdlov...) joins us for the last few weeks of the summer. I CAN'T WAIT! How honest is THAT? Get used to it, that's how it is....

OK, we begin:

First of all: we are leaving IY”H on Tuesday, July 12th at 9:30pm - (Delta 210 to Prague) and returning to JFK, Tuesday, August 16th, at 5am (Delta 235).

There will be a bus from the Swerdlov home. Please come to 484 Crown Street at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, on Tuesday July 12th. Please bring a sandwich and a drink, in addition to the plane food, never too much food when you are traveling...we will go to the Ohel first and then to the Airport.

On the return, there will NOT be a bus, please pick your daughter up from the airport, we will update you via WhatsApp on the day of the return.

We will have a Camp YTT WhatsApp group and will be posting pictures and news, so the parents can all be part of the adventure and the growth. Please make sure you have signed up to the WhatsApp broadcast group. Please save 917-553-3155 in your cell phone contacts, and send a message "subscribe Camp YTT" with your name.

Cell phones/Smart devices: In Prague, possibly on Friday afternoon. the girls will have their smartphones to say Gut Shabbos. At all other times, the Smart Phones are put into a safe, the campers do not have them. You could communicate with us by whatsapp, 347.228.2907. For cell phones in Israel, you will receive a separate email on how to order. NO IPHONES, ANDROID, ANY SMART PHONES, Tablets, Laptops, Smart watches, etc., are allowed in Israel. We will keep them in the safe. The phones will be given back just for Shabbos off.

In Israel the rules for phones are as follows: ONLY 2 HOURS ONCE A WEEK, Sunday or Wednesday, from 9-11 at night, Israel time, 2-4 in the US. Sometimes a half hour later) and all day Erev Shabbos..

At other times, the phones will be in the office. You can reach Mrs. Swerdlov 24/6 at 347.228.2907, or Rabbi Telsner at admin@campytt.com.

FORGIVE ME, IF ANY SMARTPHONE OR SMART DEVICE WILL BE FOUND that was not handed in, IT WILL BE CONFISCATED. NOT RETURNED. PLEASE, PLEASE FOLLOW RULES. THIS IS STRICTLY ENFORCED. YOU MAY LOSE ALL the INFORMATION on the phone etc, since WE WILL NOT RETURN IT. TAKE THIS SERIOUSLY.

ITINERARY

We are really very sad, as is everyone, about what is happening in the Ukraine. We could have just done 5 weeks in Israel, but we felt that we needed to do something else. NO, Prague does NOT fill the void of Ukraine, but we will work hard to make it a Ruchniyudike experience. It's a magnificent city, the city of the Mahara"l, Al Tnay shul, Beis Hachayim, we will visit Terezenshtat, the 'model' concentration camp.

You have our word that Rabbi Telsner and I will infuse as much ruchniyus as possible.

WE LEAVE FOR ISRAEL!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Our 'home base' in Israel will be in and near Yerushalayim. (two different places). Really special. One is mamesh near Dovid Hamelech's kever, and it's just soooooo spiritual and special.

Our daily schedule is: Davenning, Chitas, Shiur, Breakfast, TRRRRRRRRIP. We have great tour guides, there is a medic and a security guard with us, our bus is Air-conditioned, and I CAN'T WAITTTTT. You are all asking (inside,,,) what time do we get uuuuuuuuuuup? Well, that depends where we're going to that day. Usually, around 7:00. We usually return to home base, unless we are in the Negev, or the Upper Galil, and then we leave for 2 days, and take our 'rolly' with us.

Our Shabbosim(sos):

First Shabbos - Prague (July 15/16)

Second Shabbos - Miron (July 22/23)

Third Shabbos - OFF (July 29/30)

Fourth Shabbos - Yerushalyim (Aug 5-6)

Fifth Shabbos - CHEVROOOOOOOOON!!!! With our Ovos and Imahos (Aug 12-13)

About Shabbos off: It starts on Friday, after breakfast in Yerushalayim, and ends SUNDAY after lunch. Call your relatives and make arrangements. Then fill out your Shabbos Off form online. We will help you get to the major cities, and you will make travel arrangements from there. WE WILL HELP YOU, if you have no relatives, we will place you. The weekend ends Sunday early evening, we will all meet in Yerushalayim.

If you have no relatives or family friends to stay at, please let us know asap so that the Israeli counselor can start looking for nice families.

WE WILL HELP YOU ARRANGE THE TRANSPORTATION. DO NOT WORRY.

This is the ONLY Shabbos the girls have off. Any other Shabbos they will not be allowed to leave camp. Please have this in mind if parents or grandparents are planning on being in Israel during camp.

We are including a camper list. Just so you know who is coming. Roommates will be chosen at random, we change it very often. So you get to know everyone in camp. There are usually 4 girls per room.

About spending money: we suggest around \$350. Or, a credit card. The tip money has to be in cash, please.

The weekend off is totally on the girls, including transportation. From experience, I feel that this is the amount needed. Please discuss with your family what kind of souvenirs to buy, otherwise, sometimes the girls spend money that is hard earned, on useless tchatchkes.

You can send a credit card, it is accepted everywhere, but I think that \$100 should be in cash, and of course the \$165 in tip money has to be in a separate envelope in cash (you can also Zelle the tip money).

What else do the girls need money for? Ice creams and nosh on the trip when we stop at the sites or at gas stations, and of course, my daily cheese cake.....(only kidding, of course, or am I?????????) (please remember shshshshshshs the \$165 tip money for the counselors.....). This has to be in cash, separate from your spending money.

Please bring ALL the money in dollars, or shekel. If dollars, we will make sure that the girls can get to a change place. All the other monies and passports will be kept in a locked safe.

VERY IMPORTANT:

Water packs, Camelbacks, or any other name. **YOU MUST HAVE A WATER PACK. PLEASE**

RULES:

About rules: Everyone hates them, BUT you can't live without them. They are verrrrrrrrrrrry important, and keeping the rules will make the difference between a GREAT summer, one you will never forget, a summer of growth and Ruchniyusdik achievement, or, as the Rebbe never said anything negative, I too will learn from that, and not end my sentence in a negative manner.

Please understand that in order to get EVERYTHING out of your summer, you must really pay attention to the following:

When you sign your contract, know that this really is a serious contract. I'm sorry, but not keeping any of the clauses on it, even when not on camp grounds, is an immediate break, and you will have to go home. So sorry. Better you know now. I will personally make sure that ALL rules are abided by. Please go over all of these with your parents, make sure that NOTHING is packed in the suitcase that should not be there, (short socks, reading material that is not approved, smart devices etc.,) and I am sorry to say, anything that is not approved, will be confiscated, So sorry for the 'bad' tone.

If you come late to davening, sorry, you will not get your phone the next time it is given. If you do not come to talk to Ovinu sheBashamayim, you can't talk to imeinu sheBamerica...SORRY

I take the tznius rules very seriously. Even on days off and Shabbosim off. NECKS ARE CLOSED, NOT BOAT NECKS. Listen, if you can't do it, PLEASE DO NOT COME, SORRY. Better to be warned. Skirts ALWAYS covering knees, ALWAYS. THIS IS SERIOUS. (and don't think you can 'get away with it'....)

No form fitting tops. No bandage skirts. No tight skirts. THIS IS SERIOUS. If it is questionable, you can't wear it. Please, no long earrings, (BR rule, 1.5 inch) Makeup for Shabbos only, and of course NOT ON SHABBOS. Hair ALWAYS up. Of course, only one earring, per ear

We want a frum, shulchan oruch keeping, chassidish camp. REALLY, please, take this seriously. I do not want to sound negative, and I do not want to constantly remind you in camp. TOTAL TZNIUS, if you cannot do this, please.....you understand.

Three infractions of the above, means an early return home. REALLY. WARNED...SORRY.

Understand that we DO NOT WANT TO EVER carry this out, but we will if we have to. IT'S' UP TO YOU.

There is a wonderful merit system. The counselors will be marking you all for good things, extra kindness, extra eidelkeit, extra ANYTHING, you will go to Yerushalayim for an evening out, just the girls that were 'caught' going above and beyond. See, we are not only telling you negative things, we can't waiiiiiiiiiit to give you extra outings to town, but remember, you MUST bring me back something.....(not kidding)...

About laundry: laundry will be done as follows:

GIVE IN LAUNDRY: Monday, July 25

RECEIVE : Thursday, July 28 - PLEASE BE AWARE OF WHAT YOU NEED.

GIVE IN LAUNDRY: Sunday, August 7th

RECEIVE: Tuesday, August 9th

PLEASE HAVE ENOUGH PATOOTIES TO ACCOMMODATE LAUNDRY SCHEDULE

PLEASE WRITE YOUR NAME or LABEL EVERY ITEM. You all have the same patooties and the same lotsa other stuffs, so PLEASE LABEL YOUR THINGS. There will not be a possibility of dry cleaning.

PLEASE DO NOT BRING TOO MUCH CLOTHING. FOLLOW THE LIST. This year, you will be getting 7 camp shirts.

Please have enough patooties (you will soon know what that means....) for 14 days. at least....

ABOUT PACKING: READ THIS VERY CAREFULLY: You are allowed ONE suitcase, 50 lbs. and one rolly-HAND LUGGAGE, You can also have a SMALL backpack. If there is overweight, you will have to pay, sorry. Airline rules.

THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT. WE HAVE LIMITED ROOM FOR LUGGAGE, AND YOU DON'T NEED MORE THAN THE PACKING LIST SAYS. PLEASE DO NOT BRING EXTRA THINGS, YOU DO NOT NEED THEM.

Please go to the doctor and fill out the enclosed medical form.

Please use the link that was sent to buy travel health insurance. YOU MUST BRING A CREDIT CARD (NOT A COPY) WITH YOU THAT WILL BE HELD IN THE OFFICE AND USED ONLY IN CASE CH"V YOU HAVE TO SEE A DOCTOR.

CHECK LIST: REMEMBER, A Chossid iz a mesudar.

1. Filled out the online form for Shabbos off.
2. Went to the Doctor. Filled out the Form. Send it to admin@campytt.com or fax it to 212 681 9330 before July 1st.
3. Bought Travel Health Insurance (email confirmation to admin@campytt.com).
4. Have an actual credit card (not a copy), for Medical Emergencies only.
5. Signed the Contract, Parents signed the contract (email to staff@campytt.com).
6. Ordered the cell phone.
7. Remember to include the tip money in my spending money. (separate envelope)

THANK YOU