

HABODROR R SUMMER CAMPS ²⁰¹⁸



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WHAT IS HABONIM DROR?

A Socialist, Zionist, culturally Jewish Youth Movement, Habonim Dror has been at the forefront of Jewish education in the UK and internationally for almost 90 years. Habonim, “The Builders”, was created in 1929 in the East End of London, to create a space for Jewish children to gain a strong grounding in Jewish culture and the importance of Israel as a focus for the Jewish world, with chaverim going on to establish a number of kibbutzim in Israel. Dror, “Freedom”, was formed in 1915 by the secular pioneers of Russian Zionism, who were later on the frontline of the Jewish underground in Poland, participating in the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising.

With the formation of the United Kibbutz Movement in 1980, the two youth movements united and Habonim Dror, “The Builders of Freedom” was born. Graduates of HDUK include Sacha Baron Cohen, David Baddiel, Mike Leigh, Baroness Deech, Tony Judt, Jonathan Friedland and Dan Patterson. Graduates of HD worldwide include Golda Meir, Seth Rogen, Stanley Fischer and Mark Regev (Ambassador of Israel to the UK) to name but a few.

Today, Habonim Dror operates in over 20 countries from Argentina to Zimbabwe and still holds true to the aims and values of educating and inspiring Jewish youth that have been at the core of the movement since its conception.

We aim to create a culture and educate based on our worldly values of equality, and empower Jewish youth to take responsibility for their Jewish and Zionist identity, the Jewish people, Israeli society and the world at large. Our activities at Habonim Dror UK reflect these ambitions, through our regular Ken activities across the country, residential weekends, day-schemes, school clubs, hadracha (leadership) courses, Israel Tour, our Shnat (gap year) programme and of course our Summer Machanot (camps).



THE MADRICHIMOT

Our Madrichimot (leaders) are all fully-trained and well-equipped to lead on Machaneh (camp). Habo Dror has a rigorous hadracha (leadership) course which begins on Israel Tour. Our Madrichimot receive year-round training in education, welfare and a wide range of leadership skills.

Habo Dror seeks to educate the next generation of Jewish Brits into becoming tomorrow's strong and courageous leaders. The informal and dynamic youth movement environment allows for their empowerment, self-realisation and ultimately, the moulding of inspiring and responsible leaders.

"Thank you to those who led Machaneh 2017, for giving my son a great experience."

"My madrichimot were incredible. They made camp feel like our second home and we had so much fun with them the whole time. If anything was bothering me, they would do everything they could to help."



MACHANEH!

Machaneh (summer camp) is the highlight of the year for our chanichimot and madrichimot; a place where life-long memories and friends are made, endless hours of fun are had, and magical Habo nights are spent singing around the campfire.

Alongside all of this, on Machaneh we endeavour to take our Chanichimot on an experiential educational process using innovative techniques and methods of informal education to give chanichimot (participants) their own space to learn and explore things in their own way.

Our experiential methods of educating our youth include: group discussions and sichot (conversations), skits and role-plays, interactive and immersive activities, games and many other stimulating and thought-provoking activities which have all been carefully created by our own madrichimot in the run up to Machaneh.

We run a unique camp-wide Shabbat service, which allows for chanichimot (participants) across all year groups to feel connected to Judaism, to each other and to the movement as a whole.

At Habonim Dror we work hard to create a unique inclusive atmosphere that makes our Machaneh (summer camp) a home away from home for every child. We work especially hard to ensure any first-time campers are made to feel welcome and integrated into their groups.

*Habo Dror Machaneh
is really like no other
summer camp!*

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LIMITED - BOOK AND
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PLACE ON CAMP!
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KVUTSOT

On arrival at camp, chanichimot will be split into smaller kvutzot (groups) of around 10-12 girls and boys, accompanied by 3-4 madrichimot (leaders). These groups will be mixed, allowing chanichimot to bond with new people, as well as rekindling old friendships. The kvutzot remain their 'camp families' for the duration of Machaneh.



TIYUL

Weather permitting, all our chanichimot will experience a tiyul (hike) at some point during Machaneh. This will vary in length from one night for the youngest up to four for the older ones.

In their kvutzot, the chanichimot travel on foot from one campsite to the next, breaking throughout the day for activities or relaxation. They will enjoy picnic lunches in the local villages, country parks or beaches.

During this time, they get the opportunity to participate in varied outdoor activities, such as visiting funfairs or playgrounds and spending time on the beach where possible.

UNDER THE STARS

During tiyul, the chanichimot sleep in tents and prepare their own meals. They enjoy barbecues and traditional Habonim Dror campfire singalongs.

Tiyul is truly the most unique of all Habonim experiences... Years later, people still talk about tiyul as their favourite Habo memory.

In the unfortunate event of Tiyul being rained off, chanichimot will return to the safety and warmth of Megasite where the madrichimot endeavour to recreate the Tiyul atmosphere.

"On tiyul we all became really close and our madrichimot created a real family atmosphere."

WELCOME TO MEGASITE!

Chanichimot (participants) in Years 5-9 share the accommodation at the Habonim Dror Megasite in South Wales. This is a secure 100 acre site in the Welsh countryside with a river running through it. Sleeping accommodation is split between small cabins and larger dorms. There is a 10,000 sq ft hall, alongside a number of other activity rooms for when the Welsh weather is being less kind to us.

WHAT HAPPENS AT MEGASITE?

Megasite houses four of our summer camps for ages 9 – 14. This enables the chanichimot to be part of a huge Habo Machaneh experience whilst also engaging in separate activities with their peers tailored specifically for their particular age group.

FUN

Habo summer camps always involve large-scale fun activities such as a Colour Wars, Murder Mystery, Habolympics and camp fires. Chanichimot also have fun whilst learning about Habonim Dror, Israel and their Jewish identity and values.

LEARNING

Informal education is at the forefront of everything we do as a youth movement. Our carefully planned tochnit (themed programme) develops a positive and rich Jewish identity in our chanichimot, which enables them to understand and appreciate our Jewish heritage and culture. Each year we have a specific tochnit that is the main focus of our peulot (activities). The last few years have seen themes such as 'rebellion' and 'identity'. Last year's was 'freedom', where we explored such concepts as freedom of speech, societal and religious constraints and modern day slavery. The theme will always be tackled in different age-appropriate ways throughout camp.

Each day the girls and boys take part in creative sessions run by the madrichimot who have undergone extensive leadership training and spent considerable time preparing the activities.

*"Habo memories
last a lifetime"*

EFROCHIM

South Wales

"It's a place where you are inspired to be who you truly are"

7-14 AUGUST

Years 5 & 6 (P5 and P6)

Early bird £725 (until 28/02/18)

Full price £875

Suggested Kuppah £15

Efrochim provides the first opportunity for chanichimot to experience a Habonim Dror Machaneh, with a week-long residential camp.

HAVING FUN

The Efrochim tochnit (programme) is the perfect introduction to Habo Dror, run by madrichimot who have been specially trained. They ensure that the children are well looked after and that they get the most out of their first Machaneh experience, whilst also having their first taste of Habonim Dror's creative and fun ways of learning.

LIFELONG FRIENDSHIPS

Coming together with chanichimot from across the country, the girls and boys will be able to build new friendships, in our warm and inclusive atmosphere, that will last for many years to come.

TIYUL

Mid-way through camp, the chanichimot go off on a hike with their madrichimot where they will camp for one night under canvas.

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OFARIM South Wales

5-14 AUGUST

Year 7 (P7)

Early bird £1025 (until 28/02/18)

Full price £1125

Suggested Kuppah £20

During this nine day residential camp, chanichimot (participants) will be eased into the unique culture of a Habo Dror Machaneh, whilst being immersed in a fun and stimulating tochnit (educational programme) and meeting up with old friends and new.

TIYUL

The chanichimot split into smaller kvutsot of around 10 children for tiyul, accompanied by at least three fully trained madrichimot.

Hiking through the stunning Welsh countryside for three days, being introduced to the famous Habo ruach (spirit) and singing around the campfire makes for a fun-filled and adventurous addition to camp.

MEGASITE

Back at Megasite, the chanichimot are introduced to the camp's creative tochnit as well as experiencing some of the traditional peulot (activities), including the legendary Murder Mystery and Colour Wars games.

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"I was nervous before I came, but I had the best time ever and miss it every day."



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NEMERIM

South Wales

31 JULY - 14 AUGUST

Year 8 (S1)

Early bird £1195 (until 28/02/18)

Full price £1295

Suggested Kuppah £25

TIYUL

This two week long machaneh includes (weather permitting) a three or four night tiyul around the picturesque Welsh countryside with their newly formed kvutzah.

In groups of around 10, accompanied by at least three fully trained madrichimot, the chanichimot will have a real Habo adventure – hiking, sleeping under canvas, and singing songs around a campfire with old friends and new.

MEGASITE

On Megasite, the chanichimot are introduced to the camp's creative tochnit as well as experiencing some of the well-loved fun peulot (activities), including the legendary Murder Mystery and Colour Wars.

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"I loved the whole atmosphere of camp, just all being together... I'm definitely coming again next year."



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RISHONIM

South Wales

31 JULY - 14 AUGUST

Year 9 (S2)

Early bird £1195 (until 28/02/18)

Full price £1295

Suggested Kuppah £25

TIYUL

Chanichimot enjoy their final UK-based Machaneh with a four night tiyul around the picturesque Welsh countryside with their kvutzah.

In groups of 10-12, accompanied by at least three fully trained madrichimot, the chanichimot will have a real Habo adventure – hiking, sleeping under canvas, and singing songs around a campfire with old friends and new.

MEGASITE

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"It's hard to put camp into words... Habo is a place where I can be myself."



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SAYARIM

The Netherlands

31 JULY - 14 AUGUST

Year 10 (S3)

Early bird £1345 (until 28/02/18)

Full price £1395

Suggested Kuppah £30

Described by a leading Jewish educator as “the premier Holocaust seminar for teens in Europe”, Sayarim offers chanichimot the experience of a lifetime before next year’s Israel Tour. This is a well-renowned camp across the generations and always one of the most popular – a real highlight of chanichimots’ Habo journey.

LEARNING ABOUT THE HOLOCAUST

Based in Holland, chanichimot will begin their journey in learning about the Holocaust and its place in Jewish history – in what promises to be an unforgettable and meaningful experience. The tochnit (educational programme) helps chanichimot of all educational backgrounds to engage in discussions with one another about the Holocaust and how it affects us today.

ACTIVITIES

As learning about the Holocaust can be very intense, we recognise the need to maintain a balance for the chanichimot on Sayarim. We therefore ensure that each day includes lots of fun, traditional Habonim Dror peulot (activities) including the legendary HDUK Murder Mystery, Habolympics and Colour Wars. Chanichimot will also be treated to a day out at one of the biggest theme parks in Europe.

THE GREAT OUTDOORS

We take advantage of the Dutch sunshine and run as many activities as possible in the beautiful fields of our long-standing site. As with the other Machanot, Sayarim includes a four night tiyul, exploring the Dutch countryside and enjoying the usual campfire ruach.

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“The things I learned and experienced on this camp will stay with me forever.”



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FAQ

Q What does a typical day on camp look like?

There is no such thing as a 'typical day'. However, each day will consist of a number of educational peulot (activities) as well as kef (fun) peulot. Each day includes some 'free time' where chanichimot can relax with their friends. A number of special traditional activities which have become synonymous with Machaneh will also be run for chanichimot over the course of their camp, including Colour Wars, Habolympics, chuggim (a choice of activities), camp fires and the legendary Murder Mystery.

Q What happens if my child is unwell / in case of medical emergency?

Fully qualified medics are present at all times for the duration of camp. There is also a Welfare Officer on Megasite. All madrichimot are trained to deal with basic first-aid and welfare issues, with Rashim (heads of camp) having received extensive welfare training on such matters as physical and/or mental issues to homesickness and first periods. Please be assured our madrichimot are prepared for any problem that may arise during camp. It is important to us that your child is in the safest hands possible on a Habonim Dror Machaneh.

Q Can I contact my child whilst they are away on camp?

In order to encourage chanichimot to be fully engaged, not only in our activities but also in their own social activities, Habonim Dror Summer Machanot operate a strict no-mobile phone policy. This also ensures the safety and security of all those involved as it would be impossible for us to monitor their social media activity. It minimises the potential for homesickness, as well as eliminating the risk of phones being lost / damaged. Each chanich/a will be encouraged to make at least one phone call home during camp, and if they wish to call home in addition to this, they are very welcome to do so – they just need to ask their madrichimot. Please understand that some children also opt not to call home – take this as a good sign. Our team of movement workers are contactable 24 hours a day in case of an emergency and we ask parents to support us in enforcing the no-phones policy in order to ensure all chanichimot are in the same position.



Q Who will be looking after / running activities for my children?

Each camp has its very own tzevet (leadership team) of between 10 and 15 madrichimot (leaders). The madrichimot on each tzevet will consist of a mixture of ages and will represent a balance of genders. Every madrich/a has been DBS checked.

Each tzevet will be led by two Roshim (heads of camp) who are responsible for organising their tzevet and ensuring their Machaneh is running smoothly and efficiently. Roshim will also ensure that any welfare issues that arise over the course of Machaneh are dealt with swiftly and appropriately – so that every camper is a happy camper.

Each camp will also have designated rakazim (organisers) who are responsible for overseeing the logistical needs of the camp, as well as making sure the camp's kitchens and store rooms stay fully stocked. There will also be movement workers (full-time employees of Habonim Dror) on Megasite for the duration of Machaneh, who are fully contactable should any emergencies arise over the duration of camp.

Q Who is cooking the meals?

This year we are employing a team of experienced kitchen staff to prepare the meals for the children. There will be a nutritious and varied vegetarian menu plan in place. There will always be water, squash, fruit and biscuits available throughout each day, and ample quantities of food will be prepared for each meal so the children should never go hungry. If your child has particular foods they will not eat, please mention this in the application form.

Q Will I get updates from the madrichimot?

We send a couple of email updates each week to parents, and each camp will post some photos on our Facebook page every few days. We aim to get as many photographs as possible, but the priority for the madrichimot will always be the care of your children, so whilst they will aim to document the camp as well as possible, it might not always be the case that your child will appear in the photos on Facebook. We ask you to be assured that no news is good news and remember the days before social media and 24/7 contact.



HAPPY KIDS

Reasons why our chanichimot return year after year...



"Camp is soooo amazing... you learn so much about socialism and Zionism and meet so many new friends."

"It is good to be away from technology and spend time with my friends."

"There was a great balance between learning and fun."

"I loved our time as a kvutzah - making chants and songs."

"It made me understand myself better."

"The lessons I learnt on Sayarim were life-changing."

"I learnt so many new things."

"I come every year and have so much fun."

"It's a really fun opportunity to be part of something."

"I had such a great experience... I learnt a lot and made so many memories."

"Come on Machaneh. It will be the best part of your summer!"

HAPPY PARENTS

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“Massive thank you to Habonim Dror for my daughter’s first camp! She’s had an amazing time on Rishonim and is looking forward to next year in Holland!!”

“Habonim amazing as always for the children for friendships and some happy learning times.”

“Thanks so much Sayarim guys – my son was blown away – he had an amazing experience!”

“To all Rishonim leaders a huge thank you for taking care of my boy. He had a great time. Much appreciated.”

“Thank you all so much. My son had a fantastic time – you all worked really hard to make it so. He also said how inspiring you all were too!”

“Thank you so much to all the amazing madrichimot. My 13 year old had a fantastic time – you are AMAZING ! You went way beyond the call of duty and Nemerim was a huge success.”

“We missed her so much but it was clearly so worth it – she loved every minute. Thank you to all at Habonim Dror – fantastic!”

“My child had a fab time. Thank you for all your hard work and caring!”

“Huge thanks to all the Holland leaders and everybody at Habo for all your hard work in making it such a memorable two weeks. They had the most incredible time.... roll on tour!”

“A massive thank you to everyone at Habonim Dror, and especially the fantastic leaders, for giving my kids the most amazing experience this summer. They absolutely loved every minute and have come home hyped, having made new friends and memories that’ll last them a lifetime.”

“They loved it. And I loved the updates. Happy all round. Job very well done. Thank you so much.”

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Deposit

A **non-refundable** deposit is required to secure your child's place on summer camp 2018. Places cannot be reserved without a deposit.

Early Bird Offer

The discounted rate is valid until Tuesday 28th February 2017. Applications and deposits received after this date will be charged at the full price.

Sibling Discount

10% discount can be given on your younger children's places if you have more than one child attending summer camps.

Balance

All fees due must be paid in full by Friday 27th April 2018. Habonim Dror reserves the right to impose a surcharge in the event of circumstances beyond the control of Habonim Dror.

Travel

All camp prices as stated throughout this brochure constitute a fully inclusive camp package – including insurance and arranged travel from Glasgow, Leeds, Liverpool, Manchester or London. If you wish to travel from a location not included in this list we ask you to let us know as early as possible so that we can discuss the options.

Kuppah

We have a unique group kitty system as a means of realising our belief in equality. Under the guidance of the madrichimot, the chanichimot make shared decisions, promoting group bonding, mutual respect and trust. The money is spent on extras that are not included in the programme, and your child will not need any extra money.

Bursaries

We are proud of our socialist ethos and believe that no child should be deprived of a Habonim Dror experience due to financial difficulties. We have a bursary fund which enables us to assist chanichimot who would otherwise be unable to attend. If you require financial assistance, please request a bursary form on the application.

If you are in a position to do so, please consider a donation to our bursary fund to enable us to continue this important aspect of our machanot and events.

For more information please contact our Communications & Events Manager, Tammy Shneck on 0161 795 9447 or email tammy@habodror.org.uk

Cancellations

Cancellations made before Friday 27th April 2018 will result in the loss of the non-refundable £100 deposit. No refund can be given for cancellations made after this date, unless due to exceptional circumstances.

GENERAL INFO

Insurance

Insurance is included in the price of camp. Full details of our insurance policy is available on our website or upon request. Should you feel that our policy is not satisfactory we advise you to take out your own cover.

Security

We take security into careful consideration, working closely with CST. For more information please look on the website.

Cultural Judaism

Habonim Dror is a culturally Jewish youth movement. We are not affiliated to any synagogue, but are committed to exploring our Jewish identity and celebrating Shabbat in a creative and meaningful way.

Food

We strive to ensure that all meals constitute a balanced and healthy diet. Habonim Dror UK now operates a vegetarian / pescetarian food policy on all residential activities. All food given is fish or suitable for vegetarians (though not necessarily hechshered).

Allergies

Habonim operates a strict NO NUTS policy on all camps; however, we cannot guarantee that all products used have been produced in nut-free environments. Please ensure you include all dietary requirements and food allergies on the medical form provided. In exceptional circumstances a member of the movement work team will contact you to discuss your child's requirements where necessary. Please help us keep a nut-free environment by refraining from sending your child with food.

"I think you should come on camp because it's an amazing opportunity to get close to your friends, your Jewish side, yourself, and a simpler way of living. It's a really fun experience. The memories I have made are so valuable and I know I will remember them for a long time."

ISRAEL TOUR

12 JULY - 5 AUGUST

School Year 11 (S4)

Early Bird Price £3,263 (until 31 January 2018)

Full Price £3,365

Habo Dror Tour offers the most unique experience of spending a month in Israel.

Tour allows participants to be immersed in the culture and history of Israel whilst having the time of their lives. They will explore the cities of Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Haifa, Akko, Tsfat and so many more.

They will climb Masada, float in the Dead Sea, go on camel rides, relax on the beautiful beaches, visit water parks and spend a day with other Habonim Dror tour participants from all over the world. Chanichimot come from Manchester, London, Leeds, Liverpool and Glasgow. Habo Dror Tour is the best way to build on existing friendships, meet new people and see Israel like they've never seen it before.

" Habonim provided a professional, well organised opportunity for our child to explore the land, customs, people and ways of life in Israel which will leave him with life long memories, experiences, friendships and a love for Israel. The leaders were responsible and caring, enabling the participants to feel at ease. Communication was spot on. There were plenty of pictures on Facebook and the UJIA website, and a regular and detailed blog of what the chanichimot had been doing, which was emailed every few days - great for putting parents' minds at rest. "

Parent of 2016 Tour participant

"Visiting Yad Vashem was still as eye opening as ever, and being there as a group of young Jewish teens made our unity stronger, it made us all realise we are the future of the Jewish people; we must teach people about the holocaust - it must never be forgotten. I'm really excited to carry on my involvement with the movement."



"The highlight of my trip was most definitely the water hike, I loved it! And learning about history whilst having fun... What makes Habo tour better from the rest is the ideas it is based upon. There's no other like it. There is a real sense of community and equality throughout."



For more information, contact Tour Coordinator,
Nat on 0161 795 9447 or Nat@habodror.org.uk.
Sign up here – <http://habodror.org.uk/israel-tour-application/>
See the full brochure at www.hduk.org/israel-tour

For more information on camp or Habonim Dror
UK's year-round activities please contact:
Tammy Shneck on 0161 795 9447 or
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