



# HABODRO R SUMMER CAMPS **2019**



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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 "The Builders of Freedom" was formed. Today, Habonim Dror has members in over 15 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. Our activities reflect these ambitions, from our Machanot, "camps", to our Israel Tour and Shnat (gap year) programmes. Habonim Dror is proud of its heritage and hopes that we can continue to inspire for another 90 years and beyond.

Habonim Dror runs annual residential winter and summer camps for ages 9 – 16, as well as weekly meetings (Ken – "Nest") in Glasgow, Leeds, Liverpool, London and Manchester.

Habonim Dror has been pioneering the future of the Jewish People for over 85 years internationally and is continuing to do so in a fun and engaging way. We do this through weekly activities, residential weekends, Day-Schemes, Israel programmes and Summer Camp."



# THE MADRICHIMOT

Our Madrichim (Leaders) are fully-trained and well-equipped to lead on Machaneh (Camp). Habo Dror has a rigorous hadracha (leadership) course which begins on Israel tour. Our Madrichim receive year round training in Education, Welfare and also a vast array 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.

*"The Madrichim not only made me feel safe and cared for but were so much fun!"*

*"My Madrichim almost became like my older brothers and sisters. They really make you feel special and are always open and there for us when we needed them."*



# 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 (participants) 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.

Habo Dror Machaneh is really like no other summer camp!

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.

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## KVUTSOT

On arrival at Machaneh, Chanichimot will be split into smaller groups called Kvutsot, of around 10-12 people accompanied by 3-4 Madrichimot (Leaders). These groups will be mixed allowing Chanichimot to build relationships with different people within their Kvutsah.



## KUPPAH

Kuppah is a unique group kitty system which stems from Habo Dror's belief in equality. On Machaneh we try to create a unique environment that is different to the outside world. Under the guidance of the Madrichimot, the Chanichimot will make shared decisions on how they choose to spend their kuppah. This helps build group bonding, mutual respect and trust in the Kvutsot. The money is spent on extras for the Kvutsot and your children will not need any additional money.

## TIYUL

Weather permitting, all Chanichimot will spend time on tiyul (hike). This will vary in length from one night for efrochim to up to four for Sayarim. In their Kvutsot the Chanichimot will hike during the day, alongside planned activities and time to relax and reflect with the rest of the Kvutsah. They will enjoy picnic lunches and camp stove cooked food!

In the unfortunate event of Tiyul being rained off, Chanichimot will return safely to the warmth of megasite where the Madrichim will endeavour to recreate the Tiyul atmosphere.

## UNDER THE STARS

During Tiyul the Chanichimot will sleep in Tents. Tiyul is truly the most unique of all Habo Dror experiences. Years later, people who have been in the Movement talk about Tiyul as one of their most cherished memories on camp!

# 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 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 Jewish Identity and values.

*“Habo memories last a lifetime”*

## INFORMAL EDUCATION

Informal Education is at the forefront of everything we do as a youth movement. Our carefully planned tochnit (programme) develops a Jewish Identity enabling them to understand and appreciate our Jewish heritage and culture and the place of Israel within it. 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 ‘voices’ 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. Our Leaders have undergone extensive leadership training and spent considerable time preparing the activities.

# EFROCHIM South Wales

**6-13 AUGUST**

**Years 5 & 6 (P5 and P6)**

**Early Bird Price £799 (until 1 Feb 2019)**

**Full price £899**

**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 young people 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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**NB – even if you have already registered your child, you now need to complete the full application form online.**

*“I was scared at first as it was my first time away from home, but my Madrichim were so helpful and caring and it was just the best time ever”*



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# OFARIM South Wales

**4-13 AUGUST**

**Year 7 (P7)**

Early Bird Price £1,099 (until 1 Feb 2019)

Full price £1,199

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 just can't wait to be able to be on camp for two weeks next year! Ten days isn't long enough!"*



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# NEMERIM South Wales

**30 JULY - 13 AUGUST**

**Year 8 (S1)**

Early Bird Price £1,259 (until 1 Feb 2019)

Full price £1,379

Suggested Kuppah £25

## TIYUL

This two week long Machaneh includes (weather permitting) a three night Tiyul around the picturesque Welsh countryside with their newly formed Kvutsah.

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 fun peulot (activities), including the legendary Murder Mystery and Colour Wars.

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*"Having been on camps in the past I didn't think Habo could get any better, but looks like I was proved wrong!"*



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# RISHONIM

## South Wales

30 JULY - 13 AUGUST

Year 9 (S2)

Early Bird Price £1,259 (until 1 Feb 2019)

Full price £1,379

Suggested Kuppah £25

### TIYUL

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

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

On 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.

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*"I just loved every aspect of camp, I just wish it was longer, I could have stayed forever!"*



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# SAYARIM

## The Netherlands

30 JULY - 13 AUGUST

Year 10 (S3)

Early Bird Price £1,429 (until 1 Feb 2019)

Full price £1,579

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 renowned camp across the generations and always one of the most popular – a real highlight of Chanichimot's 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 Antisemitism 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 three night Tiyul, exploring the Dutch countryside and enjoying the usual campfire ruach.

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*"Never have I had a better experience in my life. I learnt, I had fun and I was inspired"*



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# FAQ

## 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 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 first aiders are present at all times for the duration of camp. There is also a Movement Welfare Officer on Megasite. All Madrichimot are trained in basic first-aid and welfare issues, with Rashim (heads of camp) having received 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 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 and is safeguarding aware.

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 during 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 and if there are specific requirements please call the office to discuss.

# HAPPY KIDS

Reasons why our Chanichimot return year after year...



# HAPPY PARENTS



"If you have the opportunity to go on Habo GO, you will not regret it."

"The lessons that I learnt on Sayarim have really impacted my life more than I could ever imagine."

"I never thought I would say it but two weeks without my phone really was amazing and refreshing."

"I come every year and just could not imagine myself on a summer holiday without Habo!"

"All I can do is thank everyone at Habo. My son had the most incredible time and won't stop talking about it! It is noticeable the effect Habo has had on him, he seems more confident and is just so happy about having new friends from all over the country!"

"I have always been apprehensive about sending my daughter on camp but this year after all her friends were going I finally gave in to her wishes. Although it was rather nerve racking at first, seeing her beaming face step off the coach after camp was all worth it! She is constantly telling me endless stories about what she learnt, her new friends and the amazing relationships that she created with the leaders!"

"A huge thank you to all the leaders and everyone involved. It is clear how hard you all worked to make sure that everything is going smoothly and that the kids are having an incredible time!"



# FEES

## Deposit

A **non-refundable** deposit is required to secure your child's place on summer camp 2019. Places cannot be reserved without a deposit.

## Early Bird Offer

The discounted rate is valid until 1st February. Applications and deposits received after this date will be charged at the full price.

## Sibling Discount – (excluding Shnat)

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

## Balance

Balance – must be paid in full by Tuesday 30 April 2019. 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.

## 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 Harry Brackup on 0161 795 9447 or email [Harry@habodror.org.uk](mailto:Harry@habodror.org.uk)

## Cancellations

Cancellations made before Tuesday 30 April 2019 will result in the loss of the non-refundable £125 deposit. No refund of deposit or fees can be given for cancellations made after this date.

# GENERAL INFO

## Insurance

Full details of our insurance policy is available 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 contact us.

## Food

We strive to ensure that all meals constitute a balanced and healthy diet. Habonim Dror UK now operates a vegetarian / pescatarian food policy on all residential activities.

## Cultural Judaism

Habonim Dror is a culturally Jewish Youth Movement. We are not affiliated to any synagogue, but are committed to exploring Shabbat in a creative and meaningful way.

## Allergies

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

"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

9 JULY - 1 AUGUST

School Year 11 (S4)

Early Bird Price £3,295 (until 31st December 2018)

Full Price £3,395

Habo Dror Tour offers the most unique experience of spending an extended period of time 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 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, Jake on 020 8209 2111 or [jake@habodror.org.uk](mailto:jake@habodror.org.uk)  
Sign up here - <http://habodror.org.uk/israel-tour-application/>  
See the full brochure at [www.hduk.org/israel-tour](http://www.hduk.org/israel-tour)

For more information regarding Habonim Dror,  
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