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WHAT IS HABONIM DROR?

Habonim Dror is a Socialist, Zionist, culturally Jewish Youth Movement. It has been at the forefront of Jewish education in the UK and internationally for over 90 years. Habonim, "The Builders", was established in 1929 in the East End of London as 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 Chaverimot 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 14 countries from Argentina to South Africa 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 inception.

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 to continue to inspire for another 95 years and beyond.

Habonim Dror runs annual residential summer camps for ages 9 – 16, as well as regular meetings (Ken – "Nest") in cities across the UK.



"My Madrichimot 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."



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



THE MADRICHIMOT

Habonim Dror Madrichimot (Leaders) are fully-trained and well-equipped to lead on Machaneh (Camp). They go through a rigorous Hadracha (leadership) course which begins on Israel Tour, and continues with year-round training in Education, Welfare and an extensive array of leadership skills.

Habo Dror seeks to educate young British Jews to become tomorrow's strong and courageous leaders. The informal and dynamic youth movement environment empowers and provides an opportunity for self-realisation - ultimately, moulding inspiring, confident and responsible leaders.

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 this, on Machaneh we endeavour to take our Chanichimot (Participants) through an experiential educational process using innovative proven techniques and methods of informal education to give Chanichimot their own space to learn and explore things in their own way. This Habo Dror approach includes group discussions and sichot (conversations), skits and role-playing, interactive and immersive activities, games and many other stimulating and thought-provoking activities - all carefully created by our own Madrichimot in the run-up to Machaneh.

Machaneh is really like no other summer camp!

We run a unique camp-wide Shabbat service, which allows for Chanichimot 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 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.

KVUTSOT

On arrival at Machaneh, Chanichimot will be split into smaller groups called Kvutsot. These groups will be mixed allowing Chanichimot to build relationships within their Kvutsah with people they knew before and the new friends they will make whilst there.

KUPPAH

Kuppah is a unique group kitty system which stems from Habo Dror's core belief in equality.

On Machaneh we try to create a unique environment that is different from the outside world. Under the guidance of the Madrichimot, the Chanichimot will make shared decisions on how they choose to spend their Kuppah on any extras for their Kvutsah.

This helps build group bonding, mutual respect and trust within the Kvutsot and means your children will not need any additional money.

TIYUL

Weather permitting, all Chanichimot will spend time at the beginning of machaneh on Tiyul (hike).

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!

UNDER THE STARS

During Tiyul the Chanichimot will sleep in Tents. Tiyul is truly the most unique of all Habo Dror experiences providing an incredible part of Machaneh and creating lasting memories which the Chanichimot will be speaking about for many years to come.

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WELCOME TO MEGASITE!

Here, in the heart and soul of our summer camps, Chanichimot (participants) in Years 5-9 share the accommodation at the Habonim Dror Megasite. The site contains separate activity spaces for each shichvah (year group), a huge outdoor area for fine weather and a group cheder ochel (dining area). Sleeping accommodation is split between dorms.

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, Mega Mifkad (gathering) and campfires. Chanichimot also have fun whilst learning about Habonim Dror, Israel, their Jewish Identity and values.

INFORMAL EDUCATION

Informal Education is at the forefront of everything we do. Our carefully planned tochnit (programme) engenders a Jewish Identity that understands and appreciates our Jewish heritage and culture and the place of Israel within it. Each year we choose an overriding theme for our peulot (activities).

The last few years have seen topics such as 'rebellion' 'identity' and 'responsibility'. The theme will always be tackled in different age-appropriate ways throughout camp.

Our Madrichimot undergo extensive leadership training and spend considerable time preparing these activities.

"Habo memories
last a
lifetime!"



EFROCHIM

Years 5 & 6 (P5 and P6)
7-13 AUGUST

Early Bird Price: £999 (until 20 Feb 2024)
Full price: £1,099
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. The Madrichimot 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 participants will be able to build new friendships that will follow them through their Habo experience, in our warm and inclusive atmosphere, and will last for many years to come.

TIYUL

Mid-way through camp, the Chanichimot go off on a hike with their Madrichimot, camping for two nights under canvas and under the stars.



"I was scared at first as it was my first time away from home, but my Madrichimot were so helpful and caring and it was just the best time ever!"



OFARIM

Year 7 (P7)
31 JULY - 9 AUGUST

Early Bird Price: £1,449 (until 20 Feb 2024)
Full price: £1,549
Suggested Kuppah: £20

During this ten-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 for Tiyul, accompanied by their Madrichimot. Hiking through the stunning countryside for three days, being introduced to the famous Habo ruach (spirit) and singing around the campfire make for a fun-filled and adventurous start to camp.

MEGASITE

Back at Megasite, the Chanichimot are introduced to the camp's creative tochnit and meet the rest of the Madrichimot and shichvot (year groups). Here they will have peulot run for them in a fun and engaging way and learn all about the magic of Habonim Dror.

NEMERIM

Year 8 (S1)

31 JULY - 13 AUGUST

Early Bird Price: £1,649 (until 20 Feb 2024)

Full price: £1,749

Suggested Kuppah: £25

TIYUL

This two-week-long Machaneh includes a three night Tiyul in the picturesque countryside with their newly formed Kvutsah.

In small groups, accompanied by fully trained Madrichimot, the Chanichimot will have a real Habo adventure – sleeping under canvas and hiking whilst singing their favourite Habo chants as loud as they possibly can.

MEGASITE

On Megasite, the Chanichimot are introduced to the theme of camp as well as experiencing some of the fun peulot (activities), including the legendary Murder Mystery and Colour Wars.



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



RISHONIM

Year 9 (S2)

31 JULY - 13 AUGUST

Early Bird Price: £1,649 (until 20 Feb 2024)

Full price: £1,749

Suggested Kuppah: £25

TIYUL

With three nights under the stars, the Chanichimot will sing their way through and enjoying a great UK-based Tiyul.

The experience is filled with days of hiking with their new and old friends. As the regulars would know by now, this is just the beginning of the laughter and memory-making.

MEGASITE

Once they get to Megasite the Chanichimot delve deep into the tochnit which the Madrichimot have made for them. The peulot are always creative and engaging

SAYARIM

THE NETHERLANDS

Year 10 (S3)

31 JULY - 14 AUGUST

Early Bird Price: £1,777 (until 20 Feb 2024)

Full price: £1,877

Suggested Kuppah: £30

Described by a leading Holocaust educator as “the premier Holocaust seminar for teens in Europe”, Sayarim offers Chanichimot the experience of a lifetime before next year’s Israel Tour. Sayarim is a renowned camp amongst all Habonim’niks and always one of the most popular – a real highlight of a Chanichimot’s Habo journey. We are excited to return to Holland for Sayarim 2024 to enhance the experience of the movement’s Holocaust Education

LEARNING ABOUT THE HOLOCAUST

Chanichimot will begin their journey 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 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 ensure that each day includes lots of fun, and traditional Habonim Dror peulot (activities).

THE GREAT OUTDOORS

We take advantage of the Summer sunshine and run as many activities as possible. As with the other Machanot, Sayarim includes a three night Tiyul, exploring the countryside and enjoying the usual campfire ruach (spirit).

DAYS OUT

Chanichimot will get to travel around Holland for a variety of excursions, including a trip to Amsterdam!



“Never have I had a better experience in my life. I learnt, I had fun and I was inspired!”

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 Chanichol may have the opportunity to make one phone call home during camp. Please understand that some children also opt not to call home – take this as a good sign! Our team of Movement Workers are contactable during camp 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, synonymous with Machaneh will also be run for Chanichimot over the course of their camp, including Colour Wars, mifkad (gathering), 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?

Qualified first aiders are present for the duration of camp. There is also a Movement Welfare Officer on Megasite. All Madrichimot are trained in basic first-aid issues, with Roshimot (heads of camp) having received welfare training issues pertaining to physical and/or mental health, and age-specific needs. Please be assured our Madrichimot are prepared for issues 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 Madrichimot (Leaders). The Madrichimot on each tzevet are a mixture of ages and will represent a balance of genders. Every Madrichol has been DBS checked and is safeguarding aware.

Each tzevet will be led by two Roshimot (heads of camp) who are responsible for organising their tzevet and ensuring their Machaneh is running smoothly and efficiently. Roshimot 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.

Machaneh will also have designated Rakazimot (Organisers) who are responsible for overseeing the logistical needs of the camp, as well as making sure the camp's 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 contactable should any emergencies arise during camp.

Q What are the meals like?

We provide a vegetarian and pescatarian menu. There will always be quantities of prepared food 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.

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



HAPPY KIDS

Reasons why our Chanichimot
return year after year...

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

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

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

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

HAPPY PARENTS

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"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!"

"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!"

"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!"

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GENERAL INFO

See Full Info Booklet for Full Terms and Conditions

Deposit

A Deposit of £250 is required to process your Application for Camp unless alternative arrangements have been agreed with Habonim Dror.

Early Bird Offer Deadline

The discounted Early Bird Price is available for Applications and Deposits received by 20 February 2024. The Full Price will apply for all applications and deposits received after this date.

Sibling Discount

A 10% discount will apply to the cost of the youngest child's place on Summer Camp if more than one child will be attending Summer Camp (excludes Israel Tour and Shnat).

Confirmation

We will review your application and assess it against our safeguarding, welfare, conduct and other relevant criteria. Acceptance and a place on camp are subject to written formal confirmation and payment of any balance in full (or as per agreed alternative arrangements.) Your place is at risk if you do not pay by this deadline.

Full Payment Deadline

Any outstanding balance must be paid in full by no later than Sunday 21 April 2024 unless alternative arrangements have been agreed with Habonim Dror. Habonim Dror also reserves the right to impose a surcharge in the event of circumstances beyond its immediate control.

Travel

All prices stated in this brochure include arranged travel from designated pickup and return points in Leeds, Manchester or London. If you wish to travel from a location not included in this list, let us know as early as possible so that we can discuss the options and if additional costs might apply.

Bursaries

We are proud of our socialist ethos and believe that wherever possible no child should be deprived of a Habonim Dror experience due to financial difficulties. However, funding is limited and awards will be subject to means-testing and the provision of supporting documentation. If financial assistance might be required, please indicate your interest on the Application and we will get back to you in confidence.

If you are able to do so, please consider a donation to our bursary fund to enable us to continue providing support to families for our events programme.

For more information, please contact Hersch Kikoler on 020 8209 2111 or email hersch@habodror.org.uk.

Cancellation and Refund Policy

The Habonim Dror Information Booklet contains the Terms & Conditions, Declarations & Consents, Medical and other policies, and the Code of Conduct. The Booklet together with the Application Form comprise the contractual agreement.

All requests to Cancel an application or a confirmed place on a Camp must be sent in writing to office@habodor.org.uk. Refunds or balances remaining due will be determined in accordance with the Terms and Conditions in the Habonim Dror Information Booklet.

In the event the Camp is oversubscribed and/or the Application is not formally accepted by Habonim Dror for whatever reason refunds will be processed in accordance with the Terms and Conditions in the Habonim Dror Information Booklet.

Similarly, if you fail to provide the information requested which is material for assessing the Application, Habonim Dror reserves the right to cancel the Application and apply these terms for any payments received and balances due.

Unless otherwise indicated, refunds will be subject to an Administration Fee of £60.

Insurance

Full details of our insurance policy are available upon request. Should you feel that this policy does not adequately meet your needs we would advise you arrange your own personal cover.

Security

We take security into careful consideration, consulting with the Community Security Trust (CST). For more information, please contact us.

Food

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

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.

"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."

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 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.

Group Dynamics and Behaviour

Friending requests, individual behaviour and group dynamics will each be considerations in managing participation during the programme itself. Habonim Dror reserves the right to reject an Application based on prior behavioural issues or to send a Participant home from the programme for what we deem unacceptable behaviour.

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For more information regarding Habonim Dror Summer Camps
please contact: Zo Katz, at zo@habodror.org.uk, or 020 8209 2111.



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