

SHEMESH 2010

Join them this summer and give your child a summer adventure



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**GET READY FOR
RSY-NETZER SUMMER CAMPS
26 JULY - 9 AUGUST**



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RSY-NETZER'S SUMMER CAMP

WHAT WILL YOU BE DOING THIS SUMMER?

DATE

26 July - 9 August 2010

PRICE

Before 1 February 2010*

£899 (Reform synagogue members)

£950 (non-Reform synagogue members)

After 1 February 2010*

£950 (Reform synagogue members)

£999 (non-Reform synagogue members)



*Applications must be received by RSY-Netzer by 1 February 2010

98% of last year's Shemesh parents were happy they sent their child on a RSY-Netzer summer camp

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ENJOY TWO FUN FILLED WEEKS AWAY FROM HOME

LET YOUR CREATIVE SIDE TAKE OVER

DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY AT DISCOS

ENGAGE WITH REFORM JUDAISM IN CREATIVE WAYS

INTRODUCING RSY-NETZER

RSY-Netzer is a youth movement, which means we run fun and adventurous activities for 10-18 year olds. Every year 800 young people come to RSY-Netzer events, so what are you waiting for? Come and join in!

RSY-Netzer is all about forming an open community and creating life long friendships. We welcome everyone from across the community and offer excellent quality activities. RSY-Netzer is fully committed to creating a safe and supportive Jewish environment where all participants and leaders enjoy themselves and develop their connection with Judaism, Israel and social justice.



BE EMPOWERED TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

MAKE LOTS OF NEW FRIENDS

EXPERIENCE A MAGICAL SHABBAT

OUTDOOR FUN IN BEAUTIFUL SURROUNDINGS



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INTRODUCING SHEMESH

Shemesh is a chance for our members to live for two weeks in a Reform Jewish environment. On each of our camps the participants will have many different opportunities to find out what it is about being Jewish that they find most exciting.

Our participants have the chance to experience prayer in a new and creative way, learn about aspects of Jewish culture and Israel that they have never thought about before, explore their identity without being judged, and make friends and have fun in a Jewish environment unlike any they have ever known. All this while being part of an active, friendly and supportive RSY-Netzer community!

On top of this, each of our camps has its own unique theme and atmosphere; read on to find out more:

BRIYAH SHEMESH

10-12 year olds (School Years 5-7/P5-7)

Briyah is the perfect summer experience to create friendships that last for years and is the youngest age group we run camps for.

Going away and spending 24/7 with your friends (and people who you don't yet know but who will soon be friends) is brilliant fun. If it's your first time away from home, don't worry, you'll be so

busy that you won't feel homesick. Actually, you probably won't want to leave!

Every day is crammed full of sports, arts, dancing, singing, and discussions, as well as time to chill out. Briyah is an experience like no other!

REUT SHEMESH

14 year olds (School Year 9/S2)

Reut gives you the chance to focus on what you like best. Choose from activities such as art, drama, website designing, dancing, sports, psychology, creative writing and more.

Spend time with people who love the same stuff you do. As well as the usual camp fun you will develop your interests and skills and discover new ones you never knew you had. At Reut you can do all this while also thinking and learning about Jewish tradition and Israeli culture.

At Reut you'll make new friends and feel inspired and creative. Reut will definitely leave you wanting more!



those that we know about in advance and those that arise during camp – in a sensitive and safe manner. We take both confidentiality and compliance with national standards for child welfare, very seriously.

Buddy System

RSY-Netzer welcomes new participants. We have set up a buddy system to allow camp participants to make new friends before Shemesh starts. If you would like to be put in contact with someone from your area before camp please let us know by contacting Alyson on 020 8349 5666.

Communication

In the run up to Shemesh we provide parents with all the details about camp. In June, there will be parents Information Evenings in London, Manchester and Leeds. All details will be on the website and will be included in an information letter sent in March.

During Shemesh if you need to contact your child urgently there is a dedicated emergency phone for you operating 24/7.

Age Groups

PLEASE NOTE that RSY-Netzer works on the ACADEMIC YEAR system. All years are calculated on the basis of the state school system. For example, if your child is to go on Machane Emunah Shemesh then they must currently be in Year 8 (England) or S1 (Scotland). If you have any doubt please contact the RSY-Netzer office on 020 8349 5666

Pocket Money

In order to assist with the administration of pocket money, we will add a fixed amount of £20 to the invoice for Shemesh. This money is for your children to spend on tuck and/or the day out and is also used to buy extra treats for your children in their dorms.

Staffing

RSY-Netzer is a youth movement run by young people for young people. Shemesh camps run for 10-15 year olds and are staffed by 17-23 year old volunteers. In addition each camp has an adult Welfare Officer and nursing staff. Most of our leaders were themselves participants on Shemesh and in RSY-Netzer for a number of years. The leaders are close in age to the participants which means they can create a real friendship with participants, and the leaders are often seen as role models. A lot of time and effort is placed on these volunteer leaders to train and support them. The leaders spend much of June and July preparing themselves and programmes for Shemesh, and work tirelessly to provide an exciting and stimulating experience for young people. They are supported by RSY-Netzer full time movement workers and the Youth Department staff.

Welfare Supervision

RSY-Netzer prides itself on its professional approach towards the health and safety of our participants. We employ a Senior Welfare Officer who is based at the Stenberg Centre all year round. In addition, we have an experienced Welfare Officer on each camp who is employed 24/7. These Welfare Officers are people with experience as teachers or working with young people, and generally have a youth movement background themselves. We are the only youth movement to offer this level of support for our participants. To complement this professional support, our leaders are trained in welfare issues during a two-year leadership training course, which makes them great role models and supportive friends to the participants.

RSY-Netzer operates a "can-do" approach towards accommodating all young people where possible. We are able to support young people with medical, physical and social issues – both



EMUNAH SHEMESH

13 year olds (School Year 8/S1)

Emunah is the second camp that we run and is aimed at adventurous types. If you've been to camp before you've probably spent all year dreaming about going back. If you haven't, you're going to love it.

As well as all the usual camp stuff like games, arts, drama and singing, every day at Emunah brings a new challenge. You'll be doing different outdoor activities like

skiing, abseiling, roller-blading, hiking, quad biking. At night there will be parties, discos, night hikes, and plenty more.

Emunah guarantees to get you going and to totally wear you out. You've got to be there!

ATID SHEMESH

15 year olds (School Year 10/S3)

Atid is our oldest camp and this time, you're really camping – in a tent! Although, you'll be glad to hear, there are indoor toilets, showers and catering facilities.

Snowdonia is the glorious backdrop for this totally unique experience featuring carefully planned hikes, exciting programmes, adventurous activities,

and of course campfires. The emphasis in this camp is on you creating your own community with your rules and ways of doing things. You're our future leaders so here's your chance to start learning how to lead.

Rise to the challenge – this camp is totally your camp so lets make it great



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Payment

Applications and deposits must be received by 30 March 2010. Full payment must be received by 1 June 2010. You will be sent your invoice upon application.

Financial Assistance

The Movement for Reform Judaism works hard to provide a Financial Assistance Fund and endeavours to give everyone the opportunity to take part in RSY-Netzer events by providing Financial Assistance.

Financial Assistance is available on our summer programmes for those who are unable to cover the whole cost of the programmes. If you are in a financial situation where you are unable to afford the full cost of the programme, please tick the box on the Application Form and you will be sent a Financial Assistance Application Form.

The Financial Assistance process is confidential and the deadline for forms is 23 April 2010.

Acceptance

Please note that until 1 February 2010 we have a priority system in place for past participants of RSY-Netzer and members of The Movement for Reform Judaism. Applications after this date are accepted on a first-come-first-served basis. Places are provisional until we have received all completed forms and monies. RSY-Netzer reserves the right to refuse any applicant.

Discounts

RSY-Netzer offers a £40 discount for every additional child attending a summer event (this will be deducted from subsequent applications).

Cancellation

All cancellations MUST be confirmed in writing. A participant who cancels his or her place prior to the deposit deadline will be entitled to a refund

less the £75 booking fee. Any participant who cancels after the deposit deadline will be entitled to a refund in accordance with the following:

- 61 days or longer prior to departure date: 100% of monies paid less deposit and the £75 booking fee.
- From 31-60 days prior to departure date: 50% of monies paid less deposit and the £75 booking fee.
- From 15-30 days prior to departure date: 20% of monies paid less deposit and the £75 booking fee.
- From 1-14 days prior to departure date: no monies refunded.

We recommend taking out our optional £30 Cancellation Insurance.

If taken out any participant who cancels after the deposit deadline will be entitled to a refund in accordance with the following:

- 61 days or longer prior to departure date: 100% of monies paid will be refunded.
- From 31-60 days prior to departure date: 100% of monies paid will be refunded in the event of cancellation for medical reasons, however for non-medical reasons a £75 admin charge will be retained.
- From 1-30 days prior to departure date: 100% of monies paid, less a £75 admin charge, will be refunded in the event of cancellation for medical reasons. For non medical reasons your deposit will be retained.

A signed letter from your doctor will be required to support your cancellation.

Please pay the Cancellation Insurance with your deposit.