

Young Judeaea Machon Israel Program  
Summer 2011  
(Itineraries subject to change)

**Week 1**

**Wednesday, June 29  
US, Airport**

- Depart for Israel

**Thursday, July 30  
Jerusalem**

- Arrive in Israel!
- Icebreakers, Orientation
- Learn your first "Hebrew word of the day"
- Accommodations: Ana Rabin

**Friday, July 1  
Negev, Sde Boker**

- Ein Ovdad Canyon
- Ben Gurion's Tomb
- Opening Ceremony
- Preparation for Shabbat
- Shabbat services, Oneg Shabbat
- Accommodations: Sde Boker

**Saturday, July 2  
Negev, Sde Boker**

- Shabbat Services
- Pool
- Zionism Peula – how is it different to be in Israel?
- Havdalah
- Divide to the summer Va'adot (committees) work on educational aspects of machon - peer leadership.
- Accommodations: Sde Boker

**Week 2**

**Sunday July 3  
Negev, Sde Boker**

- Rappelling in Machtsh Ramon
- Machon Activity: Visit in Sderot, meet families, street survey – meet Israelis from Sderot
- Accommodations: Sde Boker

**Monday, July 4  
Kibbutz Ketura Seminar**

- Machon Activity: Ketura seminar: learning about Kibbutz Ktura which was founded by Young Judead, learn about the Kibbutz life style.
- Kasui sand dunes for Desert Solo Experience
- Dinner and kumsitz (bonfire)
- Accommodations: Ketura Kibbutz

**Tuesday, July 5  
Kibbutz Ketura Seminar**

- Desert Arts Workshop
- Kibbutz Drama games
- Pool
- Jewish Leadership and YJ Shnitzelborscht
- Dinner
- Walking tour of kibbutz
- Free time in Eilat
- End of Ktura Seminar!
- Accommodations: Ketura Kibbutz

**Wednesday, July 6**

**Eilat**

- Red Canyon Hike
- snorkeling in the red sea
- BBQ & Disco with other Machon groups in Ketura
- Accommodations: Ana Eilat

**Thursday, July 7  
Negev, Bedouin Tent**

- Drive to the dead sea
- Machon Activity: Volunteering in Arad with Sudanese refugees with whom Year Course participants work during the year
- Camel Ride
- Bedouin Hospitality: learn about the Bedouin culture
- Masada Preparation
- Accommodations: Kfar Hanokdim Bedouine tent

**Friday, July 8  
Jerusalem**

- Climbing Massada to see the Sunrise
- Tour on Masada
- Ein Gedi waterfalls
- Haas promenade lookout - opening for Jerusalem
- Preparations for Shabbat
- Shabbat Services, Oneg Shabbat
- Accommodations: Ana Rabin

**Saturday, July 9**

- Shabbat Services

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- Peula about Israeli society
- shabbat tranquility
- Havdalah
- Meet a speaker who leaves outside the green line
- Accommodations: Ana Rabin

**Week 3**

**Sunday, July 10  
Jerusalem**

- City of David ancient water tunnel
- Kotel (Western Wall)
- Jewish Quarter
- The Jerusalem Archeological Park (Davidson Center)
- Prep for Yad Vashem museum
- Family Visit
- Accommodations: Ana Rabin

**Monday, July 11  
Jerusalem**

- Yad Vashem: Holocaust museum and survivor testimony
- Visit the Young Judaea home: Beit Ar-El in Jerusalem
- Israel Update
- Ben Yehuda Street free time
- Accommodations: Ana Rabin

**Tuesday, July 12  
Jerusalem**

- drive to Tel Aviv
- Independence Hall: visit the place where Israel was established

- Free time in Tel Aviv: Shenkin St. + Nachalat Binyamin Market
- Rabin's square: learn about the assassination of Itzhak Rabin
- Israeli Music Workshop: Get to know Israeli culture
- Drive to Jerusalem, prep for Hadassah hospital
- Accommodations: Ana Rabin

**Wednesday, July 13  
Tel Aviv**

- Machon Activity: visit Hadassah Hospital and volunteer with sick children
- Herzl Museum – learn about Binyamin Ze'ev Herzl
- Tour in Mount Herzl, Israel's National Cemetery
- prep for Yad Vashem museum
- Accommodations: Ana Rabin

**Thursday, July 14**

- Chanichim are choosing what they want to do. Examples for ideas:
  1. Security Fence tour: seeing and talking about the most urgent political issues in Israel
  2. 3 religions in the old city of Jerusalem (Mount. Zion): Last Supper site, a mosque and King David's tomb
- Go to Family Weekend

**Family Weekend: Thursday evening,  
July 14- Sunday morning, July 17**

- Accommodations for the participants who stay with YJ: Kibbutz Almog near the Dead Sea

**Week 4**

**Sunday, July 17- Thursday, July 21**

- Special Interest Week

**Thursday, July 21  
Tel Aviv, Bney Dan**

- End of Special Interest Week
- Get together group activity
- Accommodations: Bney Dan

**Friday, July 22  
Shabbat Tzofim**

- Beach
- Tel Aviv: Shuk Hacarmel Market
- Shop for Shabbat
- Prep for shabbat with orthodox Israeli scouts
- Machon activity: Family hospitality - orthodox Israeli scouts
- Shabbat Services, Oneg Shabbat
- Accommodations: Tzofim families

**Saturday, July 23  
Shabbat Tzofim**

- Shabbat Tzofim: services, Israel-diaspora relationships peula, get to know the Tzofim chanichim and families.

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- Sikum of Shabbat, Havdalah
- Accommodations: Bney Dan

**Week 5**

**Sunday, July 24**  
**Shetach (outdoors), Nachal Amud**

- Jaffa tour + Flee market
- Drive north
- Bahai Garden in Haifa: Get to know the Bahai religion
- Nachal Amud campsite
- Bonfire
- Accommodations: Outdoors Nachal Amud

**Monday, July 25**  
**Galilee, Shlomi**

- Nachal Amud hike
- Tzfat tour: learn about spirituality and Kabala
- Macabbia preparation
- Accommodations: Shlomi

**Tuesday, July 26**  
**Galilee, Shlomi**

- Coexistence Seminar in the Galilee: meeting an Arab speaker
- Mount. Meron hike
- Druze Hospitality: get to know the Druze culture

- macabbia prep
- Accommodations: Shlomi

**Wednesday, July 27**  
**Kinneret beach, Macabbia**

- Maccabiah: a two day festival where groups come together for games, competitions, disco, performances and fireworks.

**Thursday, July 28**  
**Kinneret beach, Macabbia**

- Maccabiah!
- driving to Shlomi hostel
- rest

**Friday, July 29**  
**Shabbat Machon in the Galilee, Shlomi Hostel**

- Machon Activity: Shabbat machon planned by va'ad machon Preparation for Shabbat, Kabbalat Shabbat
- Shabbat services, Oneg Shabbat
- Accommodations: Shlomi

**Saturday, July 30**  
**Galilee, Shlomi Hostel**

- Shabbat Services
- Peula – taking YJ Machon home with us
- meet Giborim during the whole shabbat - YJ alumni who made Aliyah
- Havdalah

- Drum circle for all machon

**Week 6**

**Sunday, July 31**  
**Galilee, Shlomi Hostel**

- Mount. Bental lookout on the Golan Heights and on Syria: talk about Israeli wars
- Lookout on the border with Lebanon: talk about the Lebanon second war
- Hatzbany water hike
- Visit to IDF base
- Kayaking
- Prepare goodbye party
- Accommodations: Shlomi

**Monday, August 1**  
**Jerusalem mountains, Ma'ale Hachamisha**

- Rosh Hanikra Grottos
- beach time in the Mediterranean
- drive to Jerusalem
- Goodbye Party with group
- Sikum talk

**Tuesday, August 2**

- Goodbye Kotel + kotel tunnels
- closing peula for the summer
- Half a day for all YJ summer programs + ending ceremony

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- Departure
- Flight home

**Wednesday, August 3**  
**NY**

- Arrive home
- Miss Israel and your friends