

Camp JCA Shalom
Camp Interlaken JCC
Summer Israel Experience
July 1 – 22, 2026



**CAMP JCA
SHALOM**
Shalom Institute



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The Maccabi Israel logo, which includes a stylized blue and white figure of a person in motion, possibly a runner or a dancer, next to the text "maccabi Israel".

Introductions

- ▶ **Camp Interlaken Team**
Toni Davison Levenberg
Holly White

- ▶ **JCA Shalom Team**
Allison David
Sarah Verity Collica



History of Israel Travel

- JCC Camps commitment to Israel teen travel
- Identity
- Connection
- Community
- Impact



Why it matters



- ▶ Research shows travel to Israel during high school has a transformational impact on Jewish identity and connection
- ▶ Teens will come home with new friendships, perspectives, and confidence in their Jewish story

Staff

Safety • Connection • Meaning

Staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Camp Interlaken - 2 Staff● Camp JCA Shalom - 2 Staff
Israeli Staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● One licensed Israeli tour guide● One certified guard/medic● One bus driver● One Israeli counselor
“Behind the scenes”	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● JCCA teen trip Director - Tal Hadad, overseeing the program from Israel● Toni & Allison are overseeing the program from respective Camps

What we do

- ▶ Three unforgettable weeks exploring Israel's history, culture, and people
- ▶ Connection with Israeli peers
- ▶ Shabbat experiences
- ▶ Adventure, learning, and personal growth



Itinerary Highlights

- ▶ 3-week immersive journey across Israel – from the Galilee to the Negev
 - ▶ A balance of history, culture, fun, adventure, and reflection
- ▶ Includes:
 - ▶ Touring Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, and the Galilee
 - ▶ Rafting on the Jordan River
 - ▶ Hiking Masada at sunrise
 - ▶ Floating in the Dead Sea
 - ▶ Experiencing Bedouin hospitality
 - ▶ Exploring Israel's innovation and tech scene
 - ▶ Celebrating Shabbat and Havdalah together
- ▶ Safe, meaningful, and flexible itinerary – guided by trusted partners at **JCC Association** partnering with **Authentic Israel**



Trip highlights



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Tour Provider: JCCA & Authentic Israel

- ▶ JCC Association
- ▶ Authentic Israel
- ▶ Team Structure
- ▶ Security Approach
- ▶ Travel Insurance



What's Included

- ▶ Round-trip flights from EWR & LAX (working on an ORD option)
- ▶ 20 nights of lodging
 - ▶ 3-4 participants per room
 - ▶ Rotate room assignments at each new location
- ▶ All meals (kosher), admissions, and transportation
- ▶ Medical insurance while in Israel
- ▶ RootOne programming and learning opportunities before, during, and after the trip
- ▶ Full-time supervision by U.S. and Israeli staff

How We Partner with



- RootOne: a national initiative that helps thousands of teens experience Israel
- Funded by a \$20 million gift from **The Marcus Foundation**
- Provides **\$3,000 travel vouchers** to eligible participants
- Encourages deeper Israel learning before and after the trip
- Expands impact through national teen networks and experiences

Family visits

Family visits are only allowed on specific times when there is no programming, usually on weekends

Next Steps

▶ **Registration Details**

- ▶ Register on CampMinder
- ▶ Deposit \$500 refundable until 2/5/2026
- ▶ Families **STRONGLY ENCOURAGED** to purchase Travel Insurance - link sent out in f/u email
- ▶ RootOne info sent out upon registration; complete early!

▶ **Key Dates**

- ▶ **Trip Info: July 1 - July 22, 2026; \$8,600**
- ▶ **Registration Deadline: January 30, 2026**
- ▶ **Balance (minus the \$3,000 RootOne voucher) is due April 1, 2026 and is non-refundable after April 1, 2026**

Questions?

