

Campers experience a variety of activities with a rich Judaic tradition. During the summer, special theme programs, such as a Maccabi Color War Games and Israel Day, will be incorporated into the camp schedule. Each week, campers will learn about Jewish culture through stories, crafts, music and dance. Jewish values are also infused into daily activities

Each Friday, campers will bake their own challah (the bread which is eaten on Shabbat and at the end of the day, our whole camp gathers together for Oneg Shabbat (a time to reflect on the week and our shared values). Camp JCC Jewish programming is presented in a way where all campers, regardless of their religion, can feel comfortable participating.

Every week of camp emphasis a different Jewish value:

Week 1: Honor and Respect | Kavod

- Camp begins with learning about our peers and how we treat other. Our diverse camp has an inclusion program and has people from all cultures and economic climates.

Week 2: Caring for the Earth | Shomrei Adamah

- We're showing how much we care by focusing on projects that help the earth and celebrating our country on the 4th of July.

Week 3: Welcoming Guests | Hachnassat Orchim

- Between the Zoo, mascots, speakers, counselors from Israel and Europe, it's important that we learn to welcome guests - and help them feel at home at the J.

Week 4: Good Manners | Derech Eretz

- It's more than a please and thank you! We will teach the weight of words.

Week 5: Sportsmanship | Ruah Ha Sport

- It's our Color Wars Week and while we're competing, we're also learning what it means to be a good sport, teammate & friend, whether we're on the same team or not.

Week 6: Healing the World | Tikkun Olam

- It's more than just picking up trash (which we'll do). Our campers will learn about our world and how each of us can play a part to improve the world we live in.

Week 7: Honesty | Yosher

- On our ropes course, we rely on each other, and in life honesty is the best policy. The truth feels great - and we want to encourage our campers to be honest with everyone.

Week 8: Positive Attitude | Gam zu l'Tovah

- "Positive thinking will let you do everything better than negative thinking will." --Zig Ziglar
Our counselors exude this trait - and it's infectious!

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