

Alumni Giving Circle

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Philanthropy

Tzedakah is often translated as “charity,” but it’s much more than that. Literally, the word means “justice.” Jewish tradition considers giving an act of justice and our way of creating a fairer world. Giving is—for Judaism—a basic obligation, one of the main tools we have to change reality and manifest our deepest human values.

(Jewish Funders Network)

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שקולה צדקה כנגד כל המצות

Charity is equal in importance to all the other commandments combined.

(Babylonian Talmud, Bava Batra 9a)



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הלא הוא ברוך הוא יספיק לעני די מחסורו זולתנו,
אלא שהיה מחסדו ברוך הוא שנעשינו שלוחים לו
לזכותנו

God, blessed be God, would give the poor all they need without our getting involved; but it is out of God's kindness that God lets us be God's messengers – for our benefit.

(Sefer Hakhinukh 66)

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אפי' עני המתפרנס מן הצדקה יעשה צדקה

Even a poor man who himself survives on charity should give charity.

(Babylonian Talmud, Gittin 7b)



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לֹא עָלֶיךָ הַמְלָאכָה לְגַמֵּר, וְלֹא אֶתָּה בֶּן חוֹרִין לְבָטֵל
מִמֶּנָּה.

It is not your obligation to finish the work; nor
are you free to desist from it.

(Pirkei Avot 2:16)



At Our Core...

Camp Havaya is all about the joy of summer camp with the freedom to be who you truly are. We're a lively, welcoming, and diverse community where kids explore Judaism in their own ways and become the best versions of themselves. It's no wonder that so many campers call us home!



Individual Growth

At Camp Havaya, there's never a reason for campers to be anyone other than their true selves. No matter who they are, our kids are both celebrated and challenged in ways that help them grow into amazing human beings.

Strong relationships

Celebrating differences

How we be



Community Strength

In their bunks, around the campfire, or during Shabbat, kids at Camp Havaya are enthusiastic about exploring their differences and the values they share. We all thrive because every kid brings something special to our incredibly accepting and dynamic community.

Lifelong connections

Where our campers come from

Shared progressive values

The Fun Camp Stuff

We work hard to make sure that each camper can play hard. Every detail is in place so that they can have the time of their life—every single summer.

Activities

Something for everyone

Staff expertise



Judaism at Camp

Camp Havaya is a Reconstructionist community open to all. We encourage each camper to explore our traditions and today's world to discover what being Jewish means to them.

For today's world

Explored and understood

Nuanced and multi-faceted



Join Us

Camp Havaya is a truly extraordinary place—your kid will feel part of something bigger than themselves, and they'll want to experience that magic year after year.



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Values

The value of money, and the material possessions it purchases, lies as a means rather than an end. The correct use of money is an opportunity, a challenge to make the right choices and emerge more holy.

(Rav Tzadok Hakohane, Makhshavot Harutz 7)



Thank you.