

## More Information for Shorashim 2026

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Applications for BBYO's Summer Camp – CAMP BBYO: Shorashim are now OPEN! Camp BBYO, also known as Shorashim, which means roots, is where many teens begin their journeys with us and/or solidify their love for BBYO by having the best summer of their lives. ***Teens really do Find their Home at Camp BBYO!***

### What is BBYO?

BBYO is a peer-led pluralist Jewish youth movement where teens don't just take part - they lead. We are part of the largest Jewish youth movement in the world! At the heart of the movement are local Chapters, where Jewish teens grow together week by week, planning and running their own programmes, building friendships, and developing real leadership skills. Through this hands-on experience, teens gain confidence, resilience, and a strong sense of responsibility: empowering them to be leaders and builders of the UK Jewish community right now and in the future.

Beyond weekly Chapter programmes, BBYO offers residential and national experiences throughout the year that deepen these skills and connections. These include Machaneh Choref during the winter holidays, Leadership Training in September, Trek Israel for Year 11s, and more. Together, these experiences support teens through their school years and into university, equipping them with the confidence, Jewish grounding, and global connections to continue leading and strengthening their own Jewish life and for the UK Jewish community for years to come.

### Why choose Camp BBYO?

We won't just aim to give our participants an amazing camp experience – we go further. We aim to give participants a life-changing experience. BBYO creates an environment at Shorashim that enables all participants to feel welcome, supported, and part of a wonderful community. That's why our participants tell us that when they attend Shorashim they ***Find their Home at BBYO.***

### What programmes do we run on Camp BBYO?

Camp BBYO offers a dynamic and thoughtfully designed programme that blends fun, meaning, and connection. Over the 10 days, participants will enjoy a wide range of experiences, including elective tracks, a pluralist BBYO Shabbat, themed activities and games, outdoor adventure, evening events, and siblinghood programming.

Each day brings a new theme; some light-hearted and silly, others more reflective and serious, and everything in between. This variety creates multiple pathways for teens to connect with one another. For some, that connection happens on the sports field; for others, it's at the end-of-camp dance party. Some find it through meaningful group conversations about what it means to be a Jewish teen today, while others connect while rolling challot together to share on Shabbat.

Our programmes are designed to meet teens where they are, across different interests, learning styles, and backgrounds. The goal is simple: that every teen takes *something* meaningful from every moment at camp: always engaging, always fun, always with intention.

### Who is Camp BBYO for?

All Jewish teens in UK school years 7-10 (or the international equivalent) are welcome to attend!

## What does Camp BBYO cost?

Lifetime Members - £1319

Earlybird - £1369 (earlybird ends at 12:00 on Friday 6th February)

Standard Price - £1469

## Can I request Financial Assistance?

If you want your teen to attend Camp BBYO but you would require financial assistance, please don't hesitate to get in touch with Josh [jhartuv@bbyo.org.uk](mailto:jhartuv@bbyo.org.uk) or go to [www.bbyo.org.uk/finance](http://www.bbyo.org.uk/finance).

## What wellbeing support do we provide?

The wellbeing of our participants is our top priority and Shorashim is designed to help build confidence and resilience. To ensure that your teen is supported, BBYO will have a welfare officer on site to look after their needs, and our entire camp team receive in-depth training on welfare support. Ensuring that every teen is looked after during camp matters to us as much as anything else.

## How will participants travel?

BBYO will organise travel for participants to and from our campsite. For the majority, this will likely be a coach. Please note, other forms of chaperoned travel may be organised depending on your location (such as for overseas participants).

## Kashrut Policy

Food provided at Camp BBYO will be kosher-style meals, such as vegetarian buffet meals, which are cooked and prepared on BBYO owned kitchen equipment in a kitchen that BBYO kashers. There is no rabbinic supervision of the koshering or of the food preparation. All of the food purchased at camp is vegetarian and mostly from the kosher list. There is no meat or chicken at camp. There is fish (tuna, fish fingers, etc...) If a participant requires glatt kosher meals at camp, this can be provided. Please email [office@bbyo.org.uk](mailto:office@bbyo.org.uk) for any more information required.

## How do I sign my teen up?

Please visit [www.bbyo.org.uk/campbbyo](http://www.bbyo.org.uk/campbbyo) to sign up

## What if I have questions?

You can contact our professional team by emailing [office@bbyo.org.uk](mailto:office@bbyo.org.uk) or calling 020 8202 6698. Josh (Executive Director) and Michelle (Programme Administrator) will be back in touch as soon as possible.

## And finally...

**A BIG SHOUT OUT** to our amazing **2025 JVN Award winning** team of volunteers who will plan a wide variety of high-quality programmes to make this experience possible. Every year our volunteers work tirelessly to plan multiple camps and BBYO are lucky to have them.

We look forward to seeing your teen this summer!

Warmest regards

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