CAMP COUNTS A BY-THE-NUMBERS LOOK AT THE LONG-TERM

IMPACT OF JEWISH OVERNIGHT CAMP





THE NUMBERS ARE IN.

Research indicates that Jewish camp does indeed work.

By examining and cross-tabulating the results of 26 existing Jewish community population surveys, we compared the attitudes and behaviors of adults who had attended Jewish camp as children with those who did not. Survey responses covered 13 different areas of adult behavior or attitude, including synagogue membership, observance of holidays, donating to Jewish charities, and connection to Israel.

Camp attendance increases the likelihood of adult participation and identification in every one of these areas.

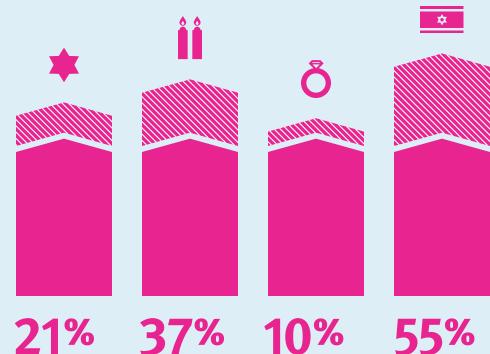
Survey samples were analyzed to control for Jewish education and family background, allowing comparisons between adult behaviors of campers and non-campers whose Jewish upbringing were similar before anyone boarded the camp bus. The remaining differences reflect the direct influence of the camping experience.



CAMP COUNTS THE LONG-TERM INFLUENCE OF JEWISH OVERNIGHT CAMP

JEWISH CAMP BUILDS JEWISH IDENTITY

AS ADULTS, CAMPERS ARE:



MORE LIKELY TO FEEL THAT BEING JEWISH IS VERY IMPORTANT. **MORE LIKELY TO LIGHT CANDLES REGULARLY FOR** SHABBAT.

MORE LIKELY TO MARRY A JEWISH PARTNER.

MORE LIKELY TO FEEL VERY EMOTIONALLY **ATTACHED TO ISRAEL.**

JEWISH CAMP BUILDS JEWISH COMMUNITY

AS ADULTS, CAMPERS ARE:



26% **MORE LIKELY**

TO ATTEND

A MONTH.

SYNAGOGUE

AT LEAST ONCE

MORE LIKELY **TO BE MEMBERS OF A SYNAGOGUE.**

MORE LIKELY TO DONATE TO A JEWISH CHARITY.

% **MORE LIKELY TO DONATE TO**

A JEWISH FEDERATION.

JEWISH CAMP BUILDS JEWISH LEADERSHIP

1_{IN}3 **JEWISH PROFESSIONALS (RABBIS, CANTORS, TEACHERS) STARTED OUT**

AS COUNSELORS AT JEWISH CAMP.

1 in 5 JEWISH EDUCATORS CITED JEWISH

CAMP AS A KEY EXPERIENCE THAT **CAUSED THEM TO ENTER THE FIELD.**





KIDS ATTENDED JEWISH OVERNIGHT CAMP THIS YEAR.

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155

NONPROFIT JEWISH OVERNIGHT CAMPS CURRENTLY OPERATE IN NORTH AMERICA. (AS OF 2010)

JEWISH CAMPS CAN BE FOUND IN:

U.S. STATES

CANADIAN PROVINCES

OUR VISION

Summers at Jewish overnight camp turn Jewish youth into spirited and engaged Jewish adults, laying the groundwork for strong Jewish communities. The Foundation for Jewish Camp aspires to elevate the field of Jewish camp, conferring proper recognition and granting appropriate support to expand its impact across our community, so that camp can be a critical element of every Jewish young person's education.

OUR MISSION

The Foundation for Jewish Camp unifies and galvanizes the field of Jewish overnight camp and significantly increases the number of children participating in transformative summers at Jewish camp, assuring a vibrant North American Jewish community.

Figures shown in the "Jewish Identity" and "Jewish Community" sections of this poster are from the the report **The Long-term Impact of Jewish Camp upon Adult Jewish Engagement**, by Steven M. Cohen, Ron Miller, Ira M. Sheskin and Berna Torr. To download a PDF of the full report, visit www.jewishcamp.org/research. Figures shown in the "Jewish Leadership" section are from the reports **The Jewish Sector Workforce: Report of a Six-Community Study**, by Shaul Kelner, Michael Rabkin, Leonard Saxe and Carl Sheingold, and the 2008 **Educators in Jewish School Study**, conducted by the Jewish Education Service of North America (JESNA). Figures shown for camp attendance and locations are based on data gathered annually by FJC.

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