



# Wilshire Boulevard Temple Camps

## Camp Hess Kramer • Gindling Hilltop Camp

2012 Session Information & Registration



Dear Camp Family,

Is it really that time already? Camp just ended and yet here we are planning for the summer of 2012! Each year as I sit to write to our returning camp families, I struggle with what to say. I always find it hard to put into words what happens at camp, as words never seem to do justice to the experience.

As returning families, you know firsthand the impact that camp has on your child. The immense growth that takes place in our campers is evident. They are more independent; they are connected to a wide variety of people from different backgrounds; they have made lasting, meaningful friendships. Their relationship to Judaism is strengthened, as is their relationship with themselves.

Through our outstanding sports, arts, social and educational programs we impart lessons that last a lifetime. This year we enjoyed several special events including a Jewish rock concert by Dan Nichols, and songwriting workshops with visiting artist Naomi Less. Our sports teams competed with other camps—where our campers learned the value of teamwork, sportsmanship and competition. Campers learned cheers, archery, volleyball, football, tennis, new dances, soccer and much more. They developed confidence as well as passion for interests to which they may otherwise have never been introduced.

Wilshire Boulevard Temple Camps prides itself on creating transformative moments for children. These moments arrive in various ways: on the basketball or tennis court, in the dining hall, at the Hilltop menorah during sunset, dancing to Israeli folk songs for hours in the warm evening, arm and arm at Shabbat service, just before lights out bidding goodnight to new friends.

I truly hope that when your child came home you saw the difference that camp made in their life.

Thank you for entrusting us with your children. We take that trust very seriously. Enclosed please find the application for the summer of 2012, we hope to see your child back at camp in Malibu.

B'Shalom

Douglas Lynn  
Director

## Frequently Asked Questions

### What is your camping philosophy?

Our camps are designed to help Jewish youth develop personal identity and self-esteem, build relationships, learn Judaism, have fun and increase their commitment to their families, synagogues and communities. Judaism is not just a programming device-it is our essence and defines our daily pattern. Prayer is a component. Meals are blessed. Many of our songs are in Hebrew or have Jewish content. Our creative arts reflect our culture.

### What if my child doesn't attend 'formal' Jewish Education?

The beauty of camp is that everyone feels comfortable. Our campers come from a wide variety of Jewish backgrounds-from day schools, two-night-a-week religious school, or none at all. At our camps, all Jewish practice feels natural. We are very aware of diverse backgrounds and ensure that our programming is appropriate and accessible to everyone.

### Which camp is right for my child?

The size and setting of Gindling Hilltop Camp (GHC) and Camp Hess Kramer (CHK) are quite different. This directly affects each camp's culture and community. CHK is set in the valley right off the beach, while GHC is high atop the mountain overlooking the Pacific Ocean. GHC has about 120 campers and CHK has 260. If you're looking for an intimate setting for your child where they'll know every other camper, then GHC is for you. At GHC, evening programs are shared by the entire camp community and meals are open seating, so campers can sit with different friends at every meal. If your child prefers a bigger group setting, consider CHK. At CHK, campers sit with their cabins at meals and evening programs are with their age group exclusively. At both camps, the ratio of campers to staff, the food, and the activities are the same (although only CHK has tennis). Many campers have experienced both camps over several summers.

### Where do campers come from?

Camp Hess Kramer and Gindling Hilltop Camp are a community service of Wilshire Boulevard Temple. Most campers come from the greater Los Angeles area, with significant numbers from San Diego, Orange County, Arizona, Las Vegas, and Northern California. Campers come from more than sixty-five different congregations from all over North America.

## Camper Registration Facts and Worksheet

Choose your session from the chart below. Find more information on camp sessions in your camp brochure or call the camp office.

Mark your selection and options on this handy worksheet and transfer items to the Registration form opposite. Your actual Total Due will be on your invoice sent by mail.

Both camper and parent must sign the registration form where indicated and your deposit of \$350 must be enclosed. Save this sheet for your reference.

## Camper Sessions at a Glance

Camp Hess Kramer					
Session	Entering Grades	Dates	Days	Fee	Cash Fee
<b>Session 1</b>					
Rishonim	3rd-7th	6/20/2012-7/8/2012	19	\$ 3,220.00	\$ 3,170.00
Genesis	3rd-7th	6/20/2012-6/27/2012	8	\$ 1,440.00	\$ 1,420.00
Kadimah	3rd-7th	6/27/2012-7/8/2012	12	\$ 2,140.00	\$ 2,115.00
<b>Session 2</b>					
Hineni	7th	7/11/2012-8/5/2012	26	\$ 4,260.00	\$ 4,210.00
Havurah	8th	7/11/2012-8/5/2012	26	\$ 4,260.00	\$ 4,210.00
Kehillah	9th	7/11/2012-8/5/2012	26	\$ 4,260.00	\$ 4,210.00
Leadership	10th	7/11/2012-8/5/2012	26	\$ 4,260.00	\$ 4,210.00
<b>Session 3</b>					
Maccabiah	3rd-9th	8/8/2012-8/19/2012	12	\$ 2,140.00	\$ 2,115.00

### What happens if my child is homesick?

Our staff training focuses on understanding the child's feelings in the first twenty-four hours and how that time affects the rest of the camper's experience. Our counselors know how important it is to listen to campers' concerns while still encouraging them to participate fully. The more time the camper spends doing things they've never done before, the less they think about home. But don't worry, they won't forget about their parents!

### What kind of food is served at camp?

Campers love our food! We're proud that our food service is run by a Certified Executive Chef graduate of the Culinary Institute of America. We're constantly updating our menu, and meals are healthy, plentiful and full of options (including vegetarian and lactose intolerant). Meals are "Kosher style" - we don't serve pork or shellfish nor mix milk and meat. We don't serve Kosher meat and we maintain only one set of dishes and cookware.

### What about financial aid? How can we qualify?

We strive to make camp available for all. Need-based Camperships are provided through a separate application. As part of the program, we partner with parents, other Temples, Federations, and organizations to ensure participation. Campers and staff don't know who attends on Campership. To receive a Campership Application, please indicate on your registration form. If you're able, please consider donating to the Campership Fund to make camp possible for many others!

### Can we visit camp before we enroll?

Each year, we hold Open Houses / Camp Tours. Please join us on Dec 18, 2011, Jan 22, 2012, Feb 12, 2012, Mar 11, 2012 or Apr 29, 2012 from 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. and we'll be happy to show you our facilities and answer your questions. Call the camp office to reserve a spot.

### Is Camp Fun?

Absolutely!!!! Camp is the best experience you can give your children. They get to enjoy all sorts of sports, adventure programming, arts and they'll make the best friends of their lives. Remember, we're always happy to answer your questions. Please feel free to email us at [info@wbtcamps.org](mailto:info@wbtcamps.org) or call (213) 388-2401. We look forward to serving you this summer.

Camp Session Fee (from chart below): \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Wilshire Blvd. Temple Member Discount 10%: \$ - \_\_\_\_\_  
 Surfing CHUG (elective) Fee \$450: \$ + \_\_\_\_\_  
 Family Discount for each additional child \$75: \$ - \_\_\_\_\_  
 Apply discount(s) to the Campership Fund: \$ ± \_\_\_\_\_  
 Additional Donation to Campership Fund: \$ ± \_\_\_\_\_  
**TOTAL DUE: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

Gindling Hilltop Camp					
Session	Entering Grades	Dates	Days	Fee	Cash Fee
<b>Session 1</b>					
Halutzim	7th-9th	6/20/2012-7/15/2012	26	\$ 4,260.00	\$ 4,210.00
Mitzvah	10th	6/20/2012-7/15/2012	26	\$ 4,260.00	\$ 4,210.00
<b>Session 2</b>					
Vatikim	3rd-7th	7/18/2012-8/5/2012	19	\$ 3,220.00	\$ 3,170.00
Tsofim	3rd-7th	7/18/2012-7/25/2012	8	\$ 1,440.00	\$ 1,420.00
Noar	3rd-7th	7/25/2012-8/5/2012	12	\$ 2,140.00	\$ 2,115.00
CHK & GHC: CIT		6/18/2012-8/5/2012	48	\$ 3,100.00	



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One form per child. Complete this side of form. Parent and child must read and sign on reverse. Detach and mail with your deposit payment to: Wilshire Boulevard Temple Camps, 3663 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90010-2798 Or fax to (213) 388-2595.

## Camper Information

Camper Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  Boy  Girl  
LAST FIRST MIDDLE INITIAL  
 Child's Birthdate \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Child previously at our summer camps?  No  Yes If yes,  CHK  GHC Years \_\_\_\_\_  
 Child's School \_\_\_\_\_  Public  Private School School Grade in Fall 2012 \_\_\_\_  
 Wilshire Boulevard Temple Member (10% Discount)  
 Name of Temple \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Camper requests to be in the same bunk as (please limit to two requests):

1) \_\_\_\_\_ 2) \_\_\_\_\_

Cabin assignment by grade in school and at final discretion of camp director. Requests will be honored where possible, but not guaranteed.

## Family Information

First Contact Parent or Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Maiden Name \_\_\_\_\_

*(Please note: First Contact parent will receive, and be responsible for, all camp forms, information, billing, and camper welfare)*

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail (required) \_\_\_\_\_ Employer \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Second Contact Parent or Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Maiden Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail (required) \_\_\_\_\_ Employer \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Are Parents:  Married  Divorced  Separated  Other \_\_\_\_\_ With Whom does camper reside \_\_\_\_\_

Wilshire Boulevard Temple Camps Alumni: Parent 1:  GHC 19\_\_ to 19\_\_  CHK 19\_\_ to 19\_\_  Camper  Staff

Mitzvah 19\_\_  Leadership 19\_\_ Parent 2:  GHC 19\_\_ to 19\_\_  CHK 19\_\_ to 19\_\_  Camper  Staff

## Session Selection

Camp Hess Kramer  Rishonim  Kadimah  Havurah  Leadership  Genesis  Hineni  Kehillah  Maccabiah

Gindling Hilltop Camp  Halutzim  Vatikim  Tsofim  Mitzvah  Noar

## Payment

Check (payable to Wilshire Boulevard Temple Camps) enclosed for \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Charge my  Visa  MasterCard  Discover for \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name on Card \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

CC Billing Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Acct. No. \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ 3 Digit Security Code \_\_\_\_\_

**\$ 75 FAMILY DISCOUNT** for each additional child enrolled from the same family.

My other child is enrolled in \_\_\_\_\_

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY: Child's I.D. \_\_\_\_\_ Mail I.D. \_\_\_\_\_ Billing I.D. \_\_\_\_\_

- Please send a Campership application packet
- Please have a Camp Director contact us to discuss special family needs/circumstances

Select all that apply:

- Surfing CHUG (elective)
- Please apply my discounts to the Campership Fund (Wilshire Boulevard Temple Member, Family, Cash Payment)
- Additional donation to the Campership Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Total Amount Due will be reflected on your invoice.

## Camper Behavior Agreement – Summer 2012

Camp is about creating a *kehillah kedosha*, a holy community. Every community has standards, and we spend a lot of time at camp working on how we act and how we treat each other. The primary mission of Wilshire Boulevard Temple Camps (Camp Hess Kramer and Gindling Hilltop Camp) is to provide a high-quality Jewish camping program that is safe, fun, and educational. While we provide an excellent staff, program and facilities, each participant in our summer program also bears a number of specific responsibilities:

### Standards of Behavior

1. Maintain a drug-free environment (including alcohol and tobacco).
2. Preserve an environment free from violence and physical aggression or threats of any kind.
3. Refrain from inappropriate sexual relationships.
4. Be in the right place at the right time (which includes staying in your own cabin at night).
5. Participate fully in the camp programs.
6. Use appropriate language at all times.
7. Keep camp clean and free of any vandalism or graffiti. Campers who disfigure camp property will be charged a fee for cleanup.
8. Listen to and follow the directions of all responsible authorities at camp.
9. Obey all camp rules and procedures.
10. Respect our camp community. Our community and friendships continue even when camp is not in session. We expect the use of the internet throughout the year to reflect the values of our community.
11. Cell phones are not permitted at camp. Cell phones can be lost or stolen and are a barrier to successful camp programming.
12. Dress at camp should reflect our communal value of *tzniut* (modesty). Campers should not wear clothing that is skin tight or revealing. The camp staff may ask campers to change their dress if, in their opinion, it is not camp appropriate.

**Always keep in mind the advice of our Jewish sage, Hillel: What is hateful to you, do not do onto others!**

We do our best to help campers who have difficulties at camp, and it is our hope that every child leaves camp with a positive experience. However, all campers are ultimately responsible for themselves, and we expect each camper to conform to our Standards of Behavior. If there is a behavioral problem that we cannot resolve at camp we will call the camper's parents. Actions that violate these Standards of Behavior may eventually lead to a camper being asked to leave. The Directors also reserve the right to send any camper home if they determine that any behavior does not conform to the health, safety, or philosophical standards of the camp. Please note that if a camper is sent home for behavioral reasons, no refund will be given.

I understand that attending the Wilshire Boulevard Temple Camps is a privilege, not a right. I agree to abide by all the Standards of Behavior listed above and understand that I may be sent home early if I fail to do so.

Signature of Camper \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Parent Registration Agreement – Summer 2012

### I HAVE REVIEWED THE ABOVE AGREEMENT WITH MY CHILD, AND HEREBY APPLY FOR ENROLLMENT AND AGREE TO FOLLOWING TERMS:

A deposit of \$350 per session accompanies this application. In the event of cancellation, \$100 of the deposit is non-refundable. No refund of the \$350 deposit will be made after April 1, 2012. Cash discount will be credited on final payment provided Camp fees are paid in full on or before April 30, 2012 by cash or check. The balance of Camp fees are due April 30, 2012. In the event of cancellation after April 1, 2012, 50% of Camp fees is refundable. Cancellation less than two weeks in advance of any camp session will result in forfeiture of fees.

The camps do not accept responsibility of loss, damage to or theft of the camper's property. The camp has blanket permission to transport campers off campgrounds for any and all trips, competitions and events. There are no fee reductions for late arrival or early departure from Camp. A current Camper Health Examination Form, signed by a physician and parent, is required BEFORE any camper arrives at Camp. The Camp Directors may expel a camper for behavior harmful to the Camp Community. Please note that if a camper is sent home for behavioral reasons, no refund will be given.

**THE CAMPS DO NOT PERMIT VISITORS.** Campers may not receive food parcels. The Camp may use photographs and video of campers for public relations purposes, including use on the internet.

I understand that part of the camping experience involves activities and group interactions that may be new to my child, and that they come with uncertainties beyond what my child may be used to dealing with at home. Such risks include uneven terrain, standing and moving water, wildlife

encounters including mammals, reptiles and insects. I am also aware my child may participate in off-campus activities such as field trips to the beach, off camp sporting competitions, hiking on public lands, and trips to amusement parks and other public spaces that involve additional risks. In addition, there are certain unavoidable risks associated with various game and play activities such as collisions, wayward objects such as balls and other equipment and other risks. I am aware of these risks, and I am assuming them on behalf of my child. I realize that no environment is risk-free, and so I have instructed my child on the importance of abiding by the camp's rules, and my child and I both agree that he or she is familiar with these rules and will obey them.

### Binding Arbitration

*I agree that any dispute concerning, relating, arising out of or referring to the subject matter of this contract shall be resolved exclusively by binding arbitration in Los Angeles County, California, according to the Optional Expedited Arbitration Rules of JAMS, and the substantive laws of California.*

*The arbitrator and not any federal, state or local court or agency shall have exclusive authority to resolve any dispute relating to the interpretation, applicability, enforceability, conscionability, or formation of this contract, including but not limited to any claim that all or any part of this contract is void or voidable.*

Signature of Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_