

Ithaca Area United Jewish Community's Jewish Teen Summer Experiences and Camp Initiative

Statement of Core Jewish Values Guiding the Work

Inclusiveness/Klal Yisrael

- ❖ serve youth who identify as Jewish in the Ithaca Area from across the spectrum of involvement, from those not affiliated to those deeply active in Jewish religious, cultural and political organizations.
- ❖ help build awareness of the myriad of options of non-profit camps and teen experience providers.

Community/Kehilah

- ❖ build and strengthen connections between Jews and the Jewish Community.
- ❖ focus on youth ages 6 to 18—especially our teens and also those children with special needs—who are underserved segments of the Jewish community.
- ❖ promote awareness and welcome involvement from people across the spectrum of Jewish Community.

Respect/Kavod

- ❖ support individuals and their families to access camp information and make decisions that are right for them.
- ❖ make the program as easy to utilize and meet families where they are.
- ❖ work together as a group—building on our strengths and finding ways to accommodate our differing perspectives and styles.

Fairness/Tzedek

- ❖ provide financial assistance to all those who express and demonstrate financial need based on their level of need and within the resources committed by the IAUJC and its individual members who support it. Understand that limited resources or the combination of high demand and limited resources may constrain the work, making it more challenging.
- ❖ promote participation in Jewish non-profit camps/programs (those listed on the Foundation for Jewish Camp website), but not any particular camp or teen program, as one that is right for one may child not be right for another.
- ❖ keep operating costs modest by involving volunteers and by utilizing appropriate/effective communication channels.
- ❖ appreciate those who contribute of their wealth, wisdom and work.