Pre-Summer
Communication Template

Dear      ,

Our appreciation of Israel is deeper than any one decision its political leaders make. Our commitment to Jewish peoplehood is one that embraces all the complexities of Jewish life in North America for our young people.

With antisemitism on the rise worldwide, we know that camp will provide the safe, welcoming, and nurturing community our campers need now more than ever. A commitment to fostering communities of belonging for every member of our community is our top priority. We want to ensure all members of our community come to camp prepared to be part of this intentional, holy community – one that values and celebrates each person for exactly who they are.

As part of that effort,       recently returned from Israel where they attended the Jewish Agency for Israel’s Summer Shlichim (emissary) Seminar to prepare the Israeli staff who will be joining us at camp this summer.       new staff and       returning staff will join us from Israel this summer. The URJ and       have a long history of welcoming Israelis to our camp community, and we look forward to that again this summer.

Additionally, we had the opportunity to meet the       entering      th grade campers from the Israel Movement for Progressive and Reform Judaism (IMPJ) congregations and communities in Israel who will join us this summer. This peer engagement opportunity is foundational to building relationships between Israeli and American Jewish teens.

Our plans for Israel education at camp this summer include ...

**LINKS TO CURRENT CAMP EXAMPLES:**

* [Camp Coleman – Staff Email, 5/7/24](https://490b082c-3a7a-4bec-b236-bd2455ddc6d5.usrfiles.com/ugd/490b08_548c66bd351a43438e52c6247f8ed73d.pdf)
* [Crane Lake Camp - Staff Email, 5/16/24](https://490b082c-3a7a-4bec-b236-bd2455ddc6d5.usrfiles.com/ugd/490b08_8849b8c7c7844317b27e443f11be6daa.pdf)
* [Camp Harlam – Update to Families, 5/2/24](https://490b082c-3a7a-4bec-b236-bd2455ddc6d5.usrfiles.com/ugd/490b08_f123290a6eff4a40a8d91ef441cc6dca.pdf)
* [Jacobs Camp – Community Email, 5/17/24](https://490b082c-3a7a-4bec-b236-bd2455ddc6d5.usrfiles.com/ugd/490b08_0a76c307483945db8f63c2f9070b8429.pdf)
* [Camp Newman – Community Email, 4/30/24](https://490b082c-3a7a-4bec-b236-bd2455ddc6d5.usrfiles.com/ugd/490b08_90a6f0d1fba0490da452bba54f4037e7.pdf)
* [Camp Newman Email to Adult Stakeholders, 6/4/24](https://490b082c-3a7a-4bec-b236-bd2455ddc6d5.usrfiles.com/ugd/490b08_7f6fd09efdd54eaf9c78330e36721ff2.pdf)