

Assist-A-Camper Appeal

Dear Parents and Friends,

Netzer South Africa is a non-profit community organisation.

It is the policy of our movement to not turn away any camper for financial reasons. Unfortunately, as the cost of living increases and many more families experience economic difficulties during the current economic recession, so too do the number of requests for financial assistance increase. It is thanks to the generosity of parents who can afford to assist those in financial need that has contributed to the *ko'ach* (strength) of our movement.

We are also incredibly grateful for the continued and generous support of the Reform community and its congregations.

Each year we are in danger of not being able to maintain our policy and have to turn away campers. Please help us give each Jewish child the opportunity to experience our rich and vibrant Machaneh Even Derech. Pledge an amount to the Assist-A-Camper Appeal in the financial section, and make a positive impact on our community. No contribution is ever too small.

Thanking you in anticipation of your continued support,

Hanhalla (management team)
Machaneh Even Derech 2009

What to bring

Do not bring new or very good clothing to camp. Netzer South Africa is ozone friendly and requests where applicable your equipment is as well. Make sure that all items are clearly marked with the camper's name. If you are flying remember not to exceed the 20kg weight limit.

Clothing

15 T-shirts or tops
1 White t-shirt
15 pairs of underwear
14 pairs of socks
4 pairs of shorts
2 pairs of jeans/trousers
2 sweatshirts/jerseys
1 set tracksuit
1 rain/windbreaker jacket
1 set pyjamas
1 set swimwear with t-shirt to swim in
1 set smart clothes for Shabbat
1 set (very) old clothes
1 Kippah/Yamulka
1 pair takkies (for sport and hike)
1 pair sandals
1 sunhat (compulsory)
2 towels (1 beach, 1 shower)
Washing powder, clothes line, clothes pegs (optional)

Equipment

Toiletries (toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, etc)
Insect repellent
1 litre water bottle
Suntan lotion (compulsory)
Torch (with spare globe and 2 sets of batteries)
Tissues
2 pens and writing paper
Optional: Self addressed and stamped envelopes
Musical instruments
Camera and film
Ipod/MP3 player (at your own risk)

Eating Utensils

50 plastic-coated paper plates (compulsory)

Sleeping Requirements

Warm sleeping bag, blanket, sheet
Pillow and 2 pillow slips

Luggage

We recommend that a heavy-duty suitcase be used, as it will have to withstand heavy wear and tear.

**** Deadline for Application forms and fee is NOVEMBER 6 ****

Refer to financial information section

Each year we attempt to improve on our processes from the previous year to ensure that our Machaneh continues to become more efficient and problem-free. Below are listed some of our concerns from previous Machanot, and we have included our measures to provide solutions to these problems.

Late forms

When forms are not handed in on time we cannot correctly work out quantities for Machaneh. This can lead to shortages in food and anything else the campers receive from us (such as t-shirts). We want to plan ahead for your child for their health, security and well-being.

By getting your form in early, you help to improve the quality of Machaneh. We have an early bird discount to encourage you to send your forms in early. Cut-off date for forms this year is the 6th of November. There are many locations to hand in your form to make it more convenient for you. We appeal to you as responsible parents to hand in forms on time.

Food at Machaneh

We have always prided ourselves on providing kosher, nutritious, well-balanced and delicious food for our chaverim. As always, we are maintaining our high standard of excellence and reputation of "best camp food".

We make every effort to ensure that any channich/a's special dietary requirements are looked after. We are once again consulting professional kosher caterers and a dietician to create an even more well-balanced menu for your children. In addition, professional catering cooks will be cooking for us this Machaneh. Thank you to Cynthia Duchen and the Cooksisters for their ongoing support in this department!

Finances

Netzer has never turned away a camper because of financial difficulty thanks to the donations to our assist-a-camper appeal. This year, we hope it will be no exception. Those requesting help from the community need to request a subsidy form from the Netzer office and have it returned to us by Friday, 6th November. These forms will be handled with complete confidentiality. Unfortunately, we cannot guarantee you a subsidy, but we will try our best. We are indebted to the families or individuals who are able to assist by donating towards our assist-a-camper appeal.

Flights

In the past we have had problems with channichim who wish to change their flights which have already been booked for them by Netzer South Africa. We have decided that this year we will not be responsible for any flight changes. If you wish to change a flight, we will give you all the details and you will be responsible for changing the flight and paying any costs incurred with the changing. We will also be charging a R100 admin fee for any flights that are changed. If you wish to make any special arrangements regarding flights before we book them please contact us in writing at netzerct@gmail.com. Any special flight requirements must be requested before NOVEMBER 6.