



Creating Hope & Building Future

German-Israeli Summer Camp 2026

for Young People from Germany and Israel
August 23–30, 2026



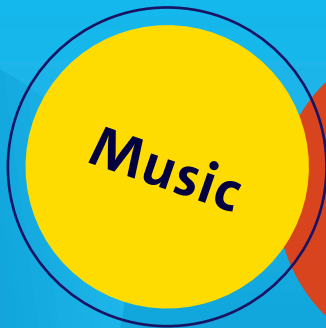
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The German Israeli Summer Camp 2026 brings together young people from Germany and Israel who are already part of a bilateral youth exchange partnership. The camp offers one shared summer week by the lake near Berlin. A place with water, green space and room to meet, move, think and breathe. Let us create hope and build future together!

ConAct – Coordination Center German Israeli Youth Exchange and the Israel Youth Exchange Authority invite German Israeli partnerships to join this camp together with their groups. The camp is designed as a shared space for encounters, dialogue and youth participation. Partnerships are invited to contribute to the program with workshops, creative formats, discussions or activities prepared by young people or group leaders. The frame program is based on ideas of a bilateral group of young people and group leaders from Germany and Israel.

**WELCOME TO THE
GERMAN-ISRAELI
SUMMER CAMP 2026!**

THE PROGRAM

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 2026 | Arrival from Israel & Germany

Arrival of the participants from Israel in the evening

Arrival of the participants from Germany starting at 3 pm.

Free time | Information | Discover the place & people

6.30 pm Dinner at the Hotel

9.00 pm **Welcome Everyone! Opening Evening**

MONDAY, AUGUST 24, 2026 | Getting to Know...

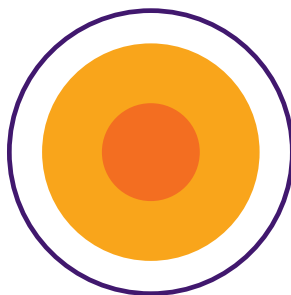
6.30–9.00 am Breakfast

9.00 am **Good Morning!**
Getting to know – Meet the 299 others...
Plenum Activity & Partnership Groups

10.30 am Take a break – have a snack

11.00 am **Team Rallye**
Take part in a Team Rallye in your bilateral partnership groups.
Together, you will explore the venue, complete a variety of small challenges, solve puzzles, and collect points along the way. No special skills are needed, just bring comfortable shoes and be ready to join in.

1.00 pm Lunch & Break
Group ONE: 1.00–2.00 pm
Group TWO: 2.00–3.00 pm



3.00 pm

Partnership Module 1:

Group building activities or time in bilateral partnerships – according to the groups' previous choice

1. ARCHERY: Try archery together and take part in small team challenges.

2. RAFT BUILDING: Build a raft together and see if it floats on the lake.

3. SOAPBOX CONSTRUCTION AND RACE: Build a soapbox car together and take part in a friendly race.

4. INDIVIDUAL PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM: Spend the afternoon with your bilateral partner group and organize your own activities.

6.30 pm

Dinner & Break

Group ONE: 6.30–7.30 pm

Group TWO: 7.30–8.30 pm

9.00 pm

Evening of Sharing

Bring a favorite snack from your hometown, region, or country and share it with everyone. Discover new flavors, hear the stories behind them, and get to know each other through food.

11.00 pm

Time to calm down...

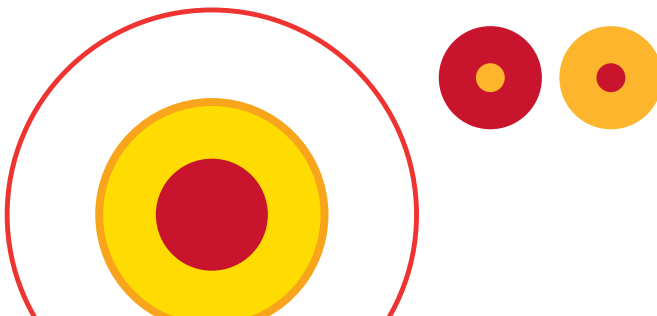
TUESDAY, AUGUST 25, 2026 | Spending Time Together...

6.30–9.00 am Breakfast

9.00 am

Good Morning!

Plenum Activity



Interesting to Know... to Hear... to Meet... to Discuss... to Do...

Workshops according to YOUR PREVIOUS INDIVIDUAL CHOICE

Workshops are offered by participants, group leaders, partnerships or external facilitators.

Find out location at the Activity Desk.

1. Escape the Stereotypes!

Facilitators: Team from Rishon LeZion

2. Build Your Own Solar Lamp and Learn to Solder

Facilitators: David Brook (Amit Technological College, Jerusalem)
& Claudia Schecker (Vocational School Bad Oldesloe)

3. What Matters to You?

Facilitator: Jakob Probst (ConAct)

4. License to Dance

Facilitator: Tal Siano (Educator)

5. Yiddish: Myths and Reality

Facilitator: Katerina Kuznetsova
(Yiddish teacher, researcher of Yiddish literature, activist and poet)

6. DIY Wooden Planter Workshop: Building Sustainable Connections

Facilitator: Noam Gabay (The Kibbutz Movement)

7. Time Travel Through Stories of German-Israeli Relations

Facilitator: Jonas Hahn (ConAct)

8. Memory and Innovation Workshop: Ready to shape the future?

Facilitators: Efrat Simanhaus Shafran (Municipality Emek Hefer) &
Tobias Holzhauer (Youth Council Siegen-Wittgenstein)

9. Yalla, Immer Vorwärts! Football Culture in Israel and Germany

Facilitator: Felix Tamsut (Journalist)

10. Creative Problem Solving: Turning Challenges into Opportunities

Facilitators: Guy Band & Yasmin Tepper (Topaz Organization Israel
and International)

11. Meeting Through Ideas

Facilitator: Dror Kidron (Jerusalem Art School)

12. Cards, Stories, Connections: Step into the Lives of Young People in the 30ies...

Facilitator: Hashomer Hatzair Germany

13. Who Gets to Decide? Democracy in Action!

Facilitator: Ilira Aliai (ConAct)

14. No Script! Imagine. Listen. Create.

Discover Improvisation Theatre.

Facilitator: Shir Israeli (Partnership Ashkelon/Berlin-Pankow)

15. Commemorating Together – Planning Committee

Facilitator: Group leaders and participants

16. Living Images: From Witnesses to Memory Keepers: Explore the Lives of Jewish Artists.

Facilitator: Olga Kotlytska (YouthBridge, Munich/Germany)

17. Speak My Language: Fun Hebrew & German for Beginners!

Facilitators: Yifat Schnarch, Rabin High School, Tel Mond)
& Angelika Pranzas (Ebenezer Relief Fund, Hamburg)

18. Xperience Xchange: A Space for Group Leaders

Facilitators: ConAct & IYEA

1.00 pm

Lunch & Break

Group ONE: 1.00–2.00 pm

Group TWO: 2.00–3.00 pm

3.00 pm

Partnership Module 2:

Group building activities or time in bilateral partnerships – according to the partnerships’ previous choice

1. ARCHERY: Try archery together and take part in small team challenges.

2. RAFT BUILDING: Build a raft together and see if it floats on the lake.

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6.30 pm

Dinner & Break

Group ONE: 6.30–7.30 pm

Group TWO: 7.30–8.30 pm

9.00 pm

Create Your Own Evening – Part 1

The evening is yours! Join one of the optional activities, go bowling, sing karaoke, play “Just Dance”, watch a movie, or simply spend time with your new friends. You can also organize your own activity and invite others to join. Every partnership will have the chance to go bowling during one of the two free evenings.

11.00 pm

Time to calm down...

6.30–8.30 am Today: Early Breakfast !!

8.30 am **Good Morning!**
Plenum Activity

9.00 am **Leave for a Day of Facing History in Past and Present –
and Commemorating Together**

Partnership Module 3:

**Historical places to visit in and around Berlin –
according to the partnerships' previous choice**

1. JEWISH BERLIN – CITY CENTER TOUR: A journey through the layers of Jewish history in central Berlin, from the growth of a vibrant community to the years of persecution and the Holocaust.

2. CULTURE OF REMEMBRANCE – MEMORIAL TOUR: Explore Germany's culture of remembrance and the ways Berlin confronts its past. Through sites such as the Holocaust Memorial and the Memorial to Homosexuals Persecuted under Nazism, the tour examines memory, responsibility, and history.

3. JEWISH BAVARIAN QUARTER TOUR: Walk through the Bavarian Quarter and uncover the story of its Jewish residents before and during the Nazi era. The tour focuses on everyday life, persecution, and the unique memorials found in the neighborhood.

4. SACHSENHAUSEN CONCENTRATION CAMP MEMORIAL SITE: Located just outside Berlin, this former concentration camp was established by the Nazi regime in 1936. Today, the memorial and museum preserve the site and educate visitors about the experiences of the various prisoner groups.

5. ANNE FRANK CENTER: The Anne Frank Center in Berlin is dedicated to the life of Anne Frank and her world-famous diary. Visitors reflect on Nazi history and its relevance for democracy today. (This is not Anne Frank's historical home or hiding place.)

6. TOPOGRAPHY OF TERROR: Built on the former site of the Gestapo headquarters in central Berlin, the Topography of Terror examines how the Nazi regime functioned by focusing on its perpetrators and institutions.

7. JEWISH MUSEUM BERLIN: This museum tells the diverse story of Jewish life in Germany, including but not limited to the Holocaust. The building is renowned for its expressive and immersive architecture.

8. NAZI FORCED LABOR DOCUMENTATION CENTER: Located on a historic forced labor site, this documentation center explores how civilians from across Europe were forced to work for the German war economy during World War II and in private German households. It does not specifically focus on Jewish experiences.

9. HOUSE OF THE WANNSEE CONFERENCE: A historic villa in Berlin where senior Nazi officials met on 20 January 1942 to coordinate the systematic deportation and murder of Europe’s Jews. Today, it is a memorial and educational site with an exhibition on the Wannsee Conference and the Holocaust.

1.00 pm	Lunch & Break – Enjoy your Lunch Package
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3.00 pm	Commemoration Ceremony at “Gleis 17” – Place of Deportation of Jews from Berlin 1941–1942 Ceremony created by participants of the Summer Camp
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4.00 pm	Option of returning to the hotel by bus – reflecting the day in partner groups Free time in Berlin or back at the hotel
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6.30 pm	Dinner & Break Group ONE: 6.30–7.30 pm Group TWO: 7.30–8.30 pm
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9.00 pm	Create Your Own Evening – Part 2 The evening is yours! Join one of the optional activities, go bowling, sing karaoke, play Just Dance, watch a movie, or simply spend time with your new friends. You can also organize your own activity and invite others to join. Every partnership will have the chance to go bowling during one of the two free evenings.
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11.00 pm	Time to calm down...
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6.30–9.00 am Breakfast

9.30 am **Good Morning!**
Plenum Activity

10.00 am **Creative Workshops according to YOUR PREVIOUS
PERSONAL CHOICE | Phase 1**

Find out location at the Activity Desk, some workshops take place at other locations in Berlin

1. Framing Stories, Chasing Light – Photography Workshop

Facilitator: Ruthe Zuntz (Professional photographer)

2. Creative Baking – Macaron Workshop

Facilitator: Yaheli Michaeli (Chef pâtissier & chocolatier)

3. Play ‘n’ Breathe – Nature & Forest Education Workshop

Facilitator: Laura Sondermann (Nature Educator)

**4. Language as a Gateway to Identity –
Multilingual Spoken Word Workshop**

Facilitator: Neta Wiener (Educator & multidisciplinary artist)

5. Build. Create. Discover. – Woodworking Workshop

Facilitator: Mathias Link (Master carpenter)

6. The Human Spark – Music Production With AI Workshop

Facilitator: Alon Meller (Music teacher & educator)

7. A Place at the Table – Collaborative Art Workshop

Facilitator: Ofra Ohana (Art teacher & painter)

8. Storytelling for Podcasters – Podcast Workshop

Facilitator: Eyal Davidovitch (Multidisciplinary artist)

9. Just Dance It! – Dance Workshop

Facilitator: Stefanie Sweica (Dance Laboratory “No Limits”)

10. In Your Own Words – Creative Writing Workshop

Facilitator: Sivan Shavit (Writer, singer & actress)

11. My Bodybeats – Body Percussion Workshop

Facilitator: Till Bommer (Percussionist and Musical Educator)

**12. The Visual Dictionary of Us – Stamp Carving & Textile Printing
Workshop**

Facilitator: Ningal Meyer (Designer & art workshop facilitator)

13. One Ingredient, Two Cultures – Cooking Workshop

Facilitator: Itay Novik (Chef, food writer & guide)

14. Animation Film – Identity Through Animation

Facilitator: Evgenia Gostrer (Animation director & educator)

15. Stories in Paper – Paper Maché Workshop

Facilitator: Joanna Svonar (Visual Artist)

16. The House of My Dreams – Betzavta & Theatre Workshop

Facilitator: Bettina Pinzl (Educator)

17. Acrobatics and Circus Workshop

Facilitators: Miki Alon (Circus Project Acro Emek) & Jacqueline Marschan (Circus Manege Berlin)

18. Lights. Camera. Action. – Filmmaking Workshop

Facilitators: Tammy Bar-Shay (Videographer) & Kristin Ehlert (Young Images Association – Media and Education)

11.00 am–2.00 pm

Visit of Honored Guests for Encounters at the Campsite...

Karin Prien, Federal Minister for Education, Family, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth

Ron Prosor, Ambassador of the State of Israel in Germany

1.00 pm

Lunch & Break

Group ONE: 1.00–2.00 pm

Group TWO: 2.00–3.00 pm

3.00 pm

Creative Workshops according to YOUR PREVIOUS PERSONAL CHOICE | Phase 2

You continue discovering, working, photographing, dancing...

6.00 pm

Dinner & Break

Group ONE: 6.00–6.45 pm

Group TWO: 6.45–7.30 pm

Workshops at places in Berlin have dinner in Berlin.

Party Time!

Get ready for a night of music, dancing, and great energy – with a live concert of SHARON, followed by a DJ, set to keep the dance floor alive all night long – in Berlin-Prenzlauer Berg. Let's celebrate!

Bus 1: leaves at 7.00 pm from Hotel to Berlin

Bus 2: leaves at 8.00 pm from Hotel to Berlin

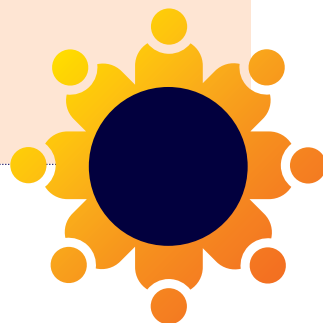
Back to the Hotel:

Bus 1: leaves from Berlin at 11.30 pm

Bus 2: leaves from Berlin at 00.30 am

1.00 am

Have a good-night-sleep!



6.30–9.00 am Breakfast

9.00 am **Good Morning!**
Plenum Activity

10.00 am **Stay by the lake or go to Berlin!**

Partnership Module 4:

Program options for cultural and leisure time in Berlin – according to the partnerships' previous choice

1. AERIAL ADVENTURE PARK: A fun outdoor activity for people who don't fear heights which includes climbing challenges and zip-lines. Requires regular fitness.

2. DRACHENBERG/DRAGON'S HILL: We go on an outing to a nature park that includes a panorama view of Berlin and a former US listening station from Cold-War times.

3. STAND-UP PADDLING: An introductory course into the fun sport of SUP, right on the river Spree. No prior experience needed. This takes balance, full-body coordination, and the willingness to swim in natural waters.

4. PADDLE BOAT TOUR: Discover the river Spree and the Treptower Park by paddle boat.

5. FRUIT PICKING: An outing to a near-by agricultural farm outside of Berlin where you can hand-pick and nibble seasonal fruits.

6. FUTURIUM MUSEUM: This museum offers exhibitions and laboratories on the future, connecting research and democratic debate.

7. HAMBURGER BAHNHOF: Come and escape the summer heat into the halls of art: the modern exhibition "A Thousand Times Berlin."

8. MARTIN GROPIUS BAU: Berlin is famous for its modern art exhibitions. This summer you can visit the Marina Abramović exhibition "Balkan Erotic Epic."

9. SKATING ON TEMPELHOF AIRPORT: Berlin turned its former inner-city airport into a huge park which you can discover on blades. We will rent equipment on-site.

10. BIKE TOUR THROUGH DOWNTOWN BERLIN: No patience for a walking tour? Let's rent bicycles and enjoy a guided tour through the historic city center.

11. ESCAPE ROOM: Ready for an interactive live-action game? Within 60 minutes, you'll have to discover clues, crack codes, and solve riddles with your team to accomplish your mission.

12. 1-HOUR BOAT TOUR: Experience the city on the river Spree through a tour that shows you Berlin's sights and rich history.

- 13. 1,5-HOUR BOAT TOUR:** This tour on the river Spree focuses on the eventful past and present in the Eastern part of the city.
- 14. GERMAN SPY MUSEUM:** Berlin has long been the spy capital of the world. Through a guided tour, the museum provides an inside into the evolution of spying across the centuries.
- 15. HUMBOLDT FORUM:** Curious what is hidden in the newly reconstructed Berlin Palace? Find out through a 90-minute overview tour that offers you an in-depth look at the building and its central themes.
- 16. BERLIN GLOBAL EXHIBITION AT HUMBOLDT FORUM:** A 60-minute tour through the interactive exhibition which presents Berlin's deep historical and contemporary global connections.
- 17. COMPUTER GAMES MUSEUM:** For fans of gaming, we offer a guided tour through the world's first permanent exhibition on computer games.
- 18. TIERPARK BERLIN:** Animal lovers might fancy a visit to Europe's largest landscaped animal park, home to over 8,000 animals from around the world.
- 19. BOULDERING:** Bouldering has become the favorite leisure activity of many Berliners. Learn basic techniques under the supervision of professional coaches. Requires regular fitness.
- 20. JUGEND MUSEUM SCHÖNEBERG:** In the exhibition "Villa Global" on migration and diversity in Berlin, you can meet a variety of people in 14 individually designed rooms.
- 21. CITY TOUR: TOURISTIC HIGHLIGHTS:** This tour will introduce you to the multifaceted past and present of Berlin's center and its most important sights.
- 22. CITY TOUR: ART AND ALTERNATIVE BERLIN:** This tour takes you on a journey into the alternative culture and urban art in Berlin.

1.00 pm	Lunch & Break – at the Hotel or with Lunch Package on your way...
3.00 pm	FREE TIME – to spend around the hotel or in Berlin in accordance with your partnerships' activities
6.30 pm	Shabbat Shalom Celebration Ceremony Dinner at the hotel
9.00 pm	Bonfire & Marshmallows Spend time in the gardens – join the campfire – enjoy roasted marshmallows
11.00 pm	Time to calm down...

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29, 2026 | Share Your Creative Results...

6.30–9.00 am Breakfast

9.00 am **Good Morning!**
Plenum Activity

10.00 am **Creative Workshops according to YOUR PREVIOUS PERSONAL CHOICE | Phase 3**
Wrap up your Creative Products & Prepare for Presentation!
Find out location at the Activity Desk, some workshops take place at other locations in Berlin
Choice of continuing workshops – see Thursday, August 27, 2026

1.00 pm Lunch & Break
Group ONE: 1.00–2.00 pm
Group TWO: 2.00–3.00 pm

3.00 pm **Farewell in Your Partnership**
Get together in your Israeli-German partnership and have a look back on the week you have spent together...

4.30 pm Take a break – have a snack...

5.00 pm **Showtime – YOU Are on Stage!**
Present the results, outcomes, products of your creativeness to everyone!

7.00 pm Dinner & Break
Group ONE: 6.30–7.30 pm
Group TWO: 7.30–8.30 pm

9.00 pm **Party Time!**
Farewell Party – bring your music, bring your wishes, bring your good vibes: Let's celebrate our last evening together & say GOODBYE!
Dancefloor at the hotel

11.00 pm Time to calm down...

6.30–9.00 am Breakfast

Afterwards

Good Morning and Farewell!

Departure of participants from Germany & Israel

Free time until transfer to the airport

ON ALL DAYS:

ACTIVITY CORNER

Stop by at the Activity Corner to borrow a basket ball, table tennis equipment or the badminton set! There are many things to do around the house – you will find out!

INFORMATION DESK

All information on times & activities will be communicated at the Information Desk.
At all times you are welcome to come and ask and chat and meet up!

**Thank you for participating
& contributing to the
German-Israeli Summer
Camp 2026!**



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German-Israeli Summer Camp

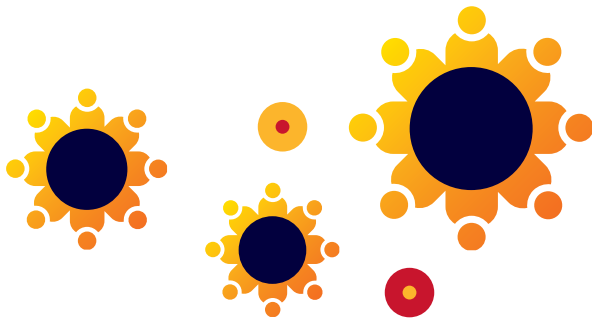
August 23–30, 2026

TIME	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
06.30–09.00				
09:00–09:30		Good Morning!		
10.00 – 13.00 Morning Block incl. Break		Team Rallye: Getting to Know the Place and the People	Workshops on Your Own Choice	Partnership Module 3: Commemorating the Holocaust: Workshops at historical sights and museums
13:00–15:00		Lunch		
15:00–18:30 Afternoon Block incl. Break	Arrivals, Check-In	Partnership Module 1: Outdoor Team Building or Time in Bilateral Partnership	Partnership Module 2: Outdoor Team Building or Time in Bilateral Partnership	Shared Commemoration Ceremony
	Free Time, Info Corner, Activities			Reflection in Partnerships
				Free Time in Berlin
18:30–20:30	Dinner/Free-Time			
from 21:00	Welcome Everyone!	Evening of Sharing	Fun Activities	Fun Activities

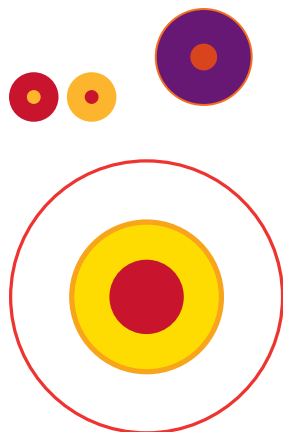
/ Large Group Moments
 Partnership Time
 Workshops

Free Summer Time (also during Lunch and Dinner)
 Group Building a

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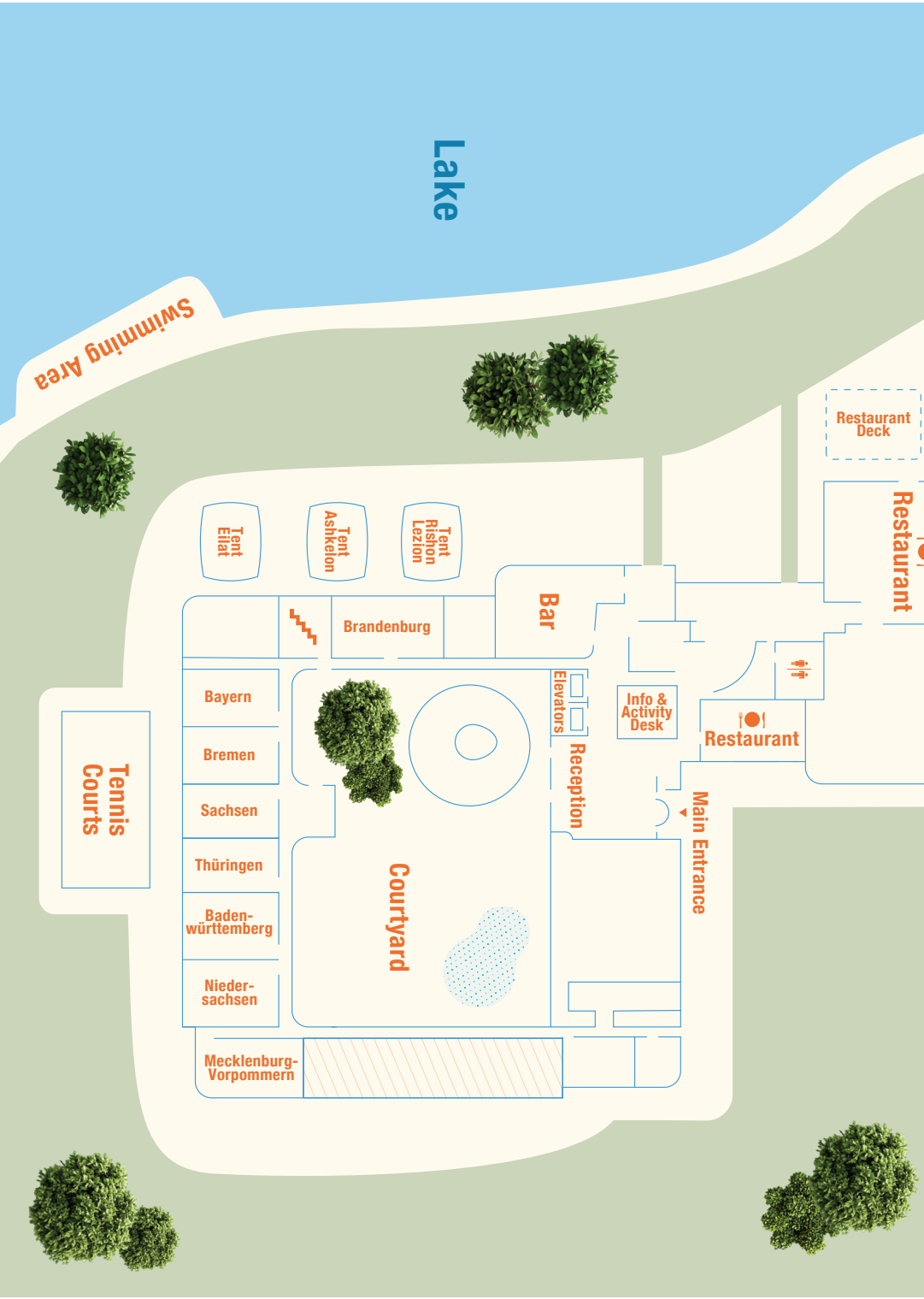


THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Breakfast			
Warm-up in Plenary			Free-Time, Bye Bye
Creative Workshops – Phase 1	Partnership Module 4: Staying at the Hotel or going to Berlin	Creative Workshops – Phase 3	
Free-Time			
Creative Workshops – Phase 2	Free-Time	Farewell in Partnerships	
		Show Time! Presentation of Creative Outcomes	
	Shabbat Ceremony	Dinner/Free-Time	
Party Time & Concert in Berlin	Bonfire with Marshmallows	Farewell Party	



Creative Workshops

s Partnership in bigger groups



Lake

Swimming Area

Restaurant Deck

Restaurant

Bar

Brandenburg

Bayern

Bremen

Sachsen

Thüringen

Baden-württemberg

Nieder-sachsen

Mecklenburg-Vorpommern

Courtyard

Elevators
Reception

Info & Activity Desk

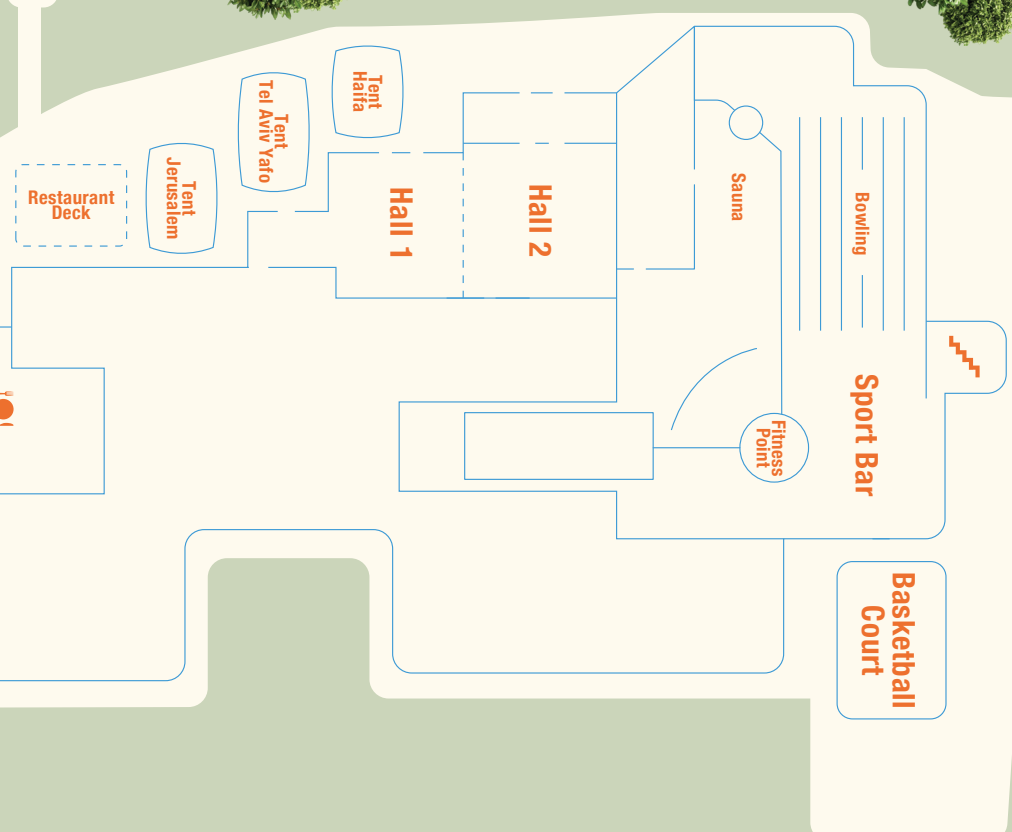
Restaurant

Main Entrance

Tennis Courts



Gate



Additional Information

Workshops on TUESDAY, AUGUST 25, 2026 – descriptions

1. Escape the Stereotypes!

International encounters often begin with assumptions. Before we really know each other, we often have ideas about other people shaped by culture, media, history, or past experiences. Join this interactive escape room! Solve exciting challenges, work together, laugh, and reflect. Unlock new ways of understanding each other and finally escape from stereotypes to meet people as individuals.

Facilitators: Team from Rishon LeZion

2. Build Your Own Solar Lamp and Learn to Solder

Build a solar lamp in a pickle jar while learning the basics of circuit board soldering! Guided step by step by students from two vocational schools, you will solder components such as resistors, LEDs, and switches before assembling them into a fully functional solar lamp. Finally, decorate your jar however you like to create a unique lamp to take home.

Facilitators: David Brook (Amit Technological College, Jerusalem) & Claudia Schecker (Vocational School Bad Oldesloe)

3. What Matters to You?

What is particularly important to you? Do you value the same things as others? Is your freedom the same as your friend's? Together, let's discuss what really matters in life ... and what lessons we can take away from it.

Facilitator: Jakob Probst (ConAct)

4. License to Dance

Movement workshop rooted in somatic practice. Releasing the grip of self-consciousness, finding your own rhythm, and turning into people around you. The session is guided and playful, with room for genuine humor. Learning to notice how you hold tension, where emotions show up, what your body does when no one is watching.

Facilitator: Tal Siano (Educator)

5. Yiddish: Myths and Reality

Yiddish often evokes strong emotions and is surrounded by stereotypes: "It's just a dialect," "It's a dead language," "It's only good for jokes." Together, we will examine where these ideas come from and discover the reality of Yiddish today, as a living language with a vibrant literary, cultural, and artistic scene around the world.

Facilitator: Katerina Kuznetsova (Yiddish teacher, researcher of Yiddish literature, activist and poet)

6. DIY Wooden Planter Workshop: Building Sustainable Connections

In this hands-on workshop, you will assemble your own small wooden planters using a pre-prepared DIY kit. Beyond the craft itself, this session focuses on the intersection of creativity, sustainability, and growth. You will leave with a personalized, tangible item that represents the „seeds“ of cooperation planted during the camp.

Facilitator: Noam Gabay (The Kibbutz Movement)

7. Time Travel Through Stories

Travel through 70 years of German-Israeli youth exchange with inspiring photos, personal stories and interactive activities. Discover how friendships, ideas and shared experiences have connected young people across generations.

Facilitator: Jonas Hahn (ConAct)

8. Memory and Innovation Workshop

Ready to shape the future? We often hear that history matters, but how does it actually connect to our lives, our challenges, and the world we want to build next? Using markers, collages, and shared ideas, we will build The Timeline of Hope – a massive, visual map that connects the inspiring lessons of the past with our generation’s boldest aspirations for the decade ahead.

Facilitators: Efrat Simanhaus Shafran (Municipality Emek Hefer) & Tobias Holzhauer (Youth Council Siegen-Wittgenstein)

9. Yalla, Immer Vorwärts! Football Culture in Israel and Germany

Football is passion, identity, politics and much more. It brings people together, evokes strong emotions, and plays an important role in both German and Israeli societies. But how do football and fan culture differ in Germany and Israel? What connects supporters from both countries, and what role does football play in our own lives? Together, we will share experiences, explore similarities and differences, and use our shared passion for football as a starting point for conversation.

Facilitator: Felix Tamsut (Journalist)

10. Creative Problem Solving: Turning Challenges into Opportunities

Can impossible problems inspire innovative solutions? In this playful, hands-on workshop, participants use imagination, collaboration, and unexpected combinations of ideas to tackle real-world challenges. The process encourages creative thinking, confidence, and a fresh perspective on solving complex social issues together.

Facilitators: Guy Band & Yasmin Tepper (Topaz Organization Israel and International)

11. Meeting Through Ideas

I invite you to a discussion inspired by great philosophers, writers, artists, and other thinkers. Let’s get to know each other by reflecting, creating dialogue, and sharing our perspectives on the writings of great minds.

Facilitator: Dror Kidron (Jerusalem Art School)

12. Cards, Stories, Connections

Step into the lives of young people who were part of a Jewish youth movement in 1930s Germany. In mixed German-Israeli groups, you will play the Chaverschaft card game, discover their stories, and exchange perspectives on friendship, identity, and the choices they faced. Through play and discussion, history becomes personal and sparks meaningful conversations.

Facilitator: Hashomer Hatzair Germany

13. Who Gets to Decide? Democracy in Action!

Let's discover together what democracy means in everyday life through games, challenges, and lively discussions. Using "Betzavta – The Method of the Adam Institute" we'll explore participation, fairness, decision-making, and how different needs and opinions can coexist in a democratic community.

Facilitator: Ilira Aliai (ConAct)

14. No Script! Imagine. Listen. Create.

Discover improvisation theatre through fun games, creative stories, funny characters and different emotions. Get to know each other, use your imagination, listen and react to others, and create short scenes together. No experience is needed, just come and join!

Facilitator: Shir Israeli (Partnership Ashkelon/Berlin-Pankow)

15. Commemorating Together – Planning Committee

Are you interested in Holocaust history and its meaning today? In this workshop we plan the form and content of our own German-Israeli commemoration ceremony for Wednesday at the "Gleis 17" memorial site.

Facilitator: group leaders and participants

16. Living Images: From Witnesses to Memory Keepers

Explore the lives of Jewish artists through their artworks and personal stories. In this interactive workshop, German and Israeli participants discover how art can keep the memory of the Shoah alive and how each of us can help carry these stories into the future.

Facilitator: Olga Kotlytska, YouthBridge, Munich/Germany

17. Speak My Language: Fun Hebrew & German for Beginners!

Ever wanted to learn some cool, everyday slang in Hebrew or German? Skip the boring grammar lessons and join us for a fun, high-energy workshop! Through interactive games, and hands-on activities, we'll break the ice and learn how to communicate with each other in a lighthearted and engaging way. No prior language skills needed—just bring your energy and get ready to connect!

Facilitators: Yifat Schnarch, Rabin High School, Tel Mond, Israel & Angelika Pranzas (Ebenezer Relief Fund, Hamburg)

18. Xperience Xchange: A Space for Group Leaders

Meet other group leaders from Germany and Israel to exchange experiences, discuss opportunities and challenges in German-Israeli youth exchange, and reflect together on current questions. Share ideas, learn from one another and take home new inspiration and practical impulses for your future encounters.

Facilitators: ConAct & IYEA

Creative Workshops:

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 27 (ALL DAY) AND
SATURDAY, AUGUST 29 (MORNING)**

1. Framing Stories, Chasing Light – Photography Workshop

This workshop is a deep dive into the magic of visual exploration. Together, we will master the technical mechanics of the camera, unlock the secrets of cinematic storytelling, and learn how to present your final vision. Having freedom to document all workshops means our learning environment is dynamic and alive. We are actively testing ISO sensitivity to light, aperture, and shutter speed in changing rooms and shifting lights, gaining real-world technical confidence with every single click.

Facilitator: Ruthe Zuntz (Professional photographer)

2. Creative Baking – Macaron Workshop

Discover the secrets behind perfect French macarons! In this hands-on workshop, you'll learn how to make crisp shells, smooth fillings, and assemble your own colorful macarons from scratch. No prior baking experience is needed, just bring your creativity and leave with delicious treats and professional techniques you can recreate at home.

Facilitator: Yaheli Michaeli (Chef pâtissier & chocolatier)

3. Play 'n' Breathe – Nature & Forest Education Workshop

The workshop focuses on experiencing and dealing with each other, with oneself and with animate and inanimate nature with playful ease. With exciting, experience-oriented games, activities and exercises, you are invited to explore the natural environment, others and themselves in extraordinary situations. The experience-oriented settings promote engagement with oneself, the group and nature, while creating opportunities to transfer these experiences into everyday life.

Facilitator: Laura Sondermann (Nature Educator)

4. Language as a Gateway to Identity – Multilingual Spoken Word Workshop

What stories live inside the languages we speak? How do rhythm, accent, silence and memory shape who we are? In this workshop, you will explore spoken word through creative writing, rap, rhyme, rhythm and performance. Working both individually and collectively, we will create original texts that weave together personal experiences and shared histories. Moving between Hebrew, German, Arabic, Yiddish and English, we will use language as a creative tool to explore identity, memory, belonging, conflict and imagination.

Facilitator: Neta Wiener (Educator & multidisciplinary artist)

5. Build. Create. Discover. – Woodworking Workshop

Want to try something creative and learn a real hands-on skill? You will work with wood and professional tools to create your own piece. A master woodworker will guide you step by step and show you useful techniques and safety tips. You do not need any previous experience, just bring your curiosity and ideas. Come along, get creative and take home something you made yourself!

Facilitator: Mathias Link (Master Carpenter)

6. The Human Spark – Music Production With AI Workshop

What happens when human emotion meets artificial intelligence? In this cutting-edge workshop, we will explore the future of music production and discover how you can use AI to create melodies that impact the world. Stepping into the role of a modern producer, you will learn how to turn your thoughts and messages into powerful prompts, collaborating to compose original tracks. Join us as we design the soundtrack of tomorrow together, proving that while algorithms can play the notes, human creativity will always conduct the symphony.

Facilitator: Alon Meller (Music teacher & educator)

7. A Place at the Table – Collaborative Art Workshop

Explore, collect, print, paint and create together! In this workshop we'll experiment with creative techniques such as frottage, printing, collage and painting while exploring the area around the camp. Inspired by favorite family recipes, personal stories and shared experiences, we'll create a collaborative artist's cookbook and transform it into one large painted feast table celebrating the people, traditions and memories that connect us.

Facilitator: Ofra Ohana (Art teacher & painter)

8. Storytelling for Podcasters – Podcast Workshop

Stories have been all around us since the very beginning, but our ways to tell them never stop changing. In this workshop we'll play with stories, explore them, try to understand what they are, where they come from, and what they wish to be. Through theater, movement, play, and laughter, we'll slowly learn how to record short tiny podcast episodes together.

Facilitator: Eyal Davidovitch (Multidisciplinary artist)

9. Just Dance It! – Dance Workshop

Do you like movement? Do you have energies to let out? Do you enjoy expressing yourself through dance? The workshop will invite you to find your own movement all around thoughts, feelings and topics which are relevant for you NOW. Whatever you wish to focus on will be on stage. You name it – you dance it! Please bring comfortable clothing for moving.

Facilitator: Stefanie Sweica (Dance Laboratory „No Limits“)

10. In Your Own Words – Creative Writing Workshop

Summer Camp 2026 will be filled with experiences, new people, new places, meaningful conversations, unexpected moments, and new perspectives. The workshop is an invitation to slow down and give some of those experiences a place on the page. Through fun and engaging writing exercises, we'll explore creative ways of observing, imagining, and expressing ourselves, giving you the tools to create an original piece inspired by your own experience at the camp. You are welcome to write in any form you choose: poetry, prose, journal entries, short reflections, or anything in between.

Facilitator: Sivan Shavit (Writer, singer & actress)

11. My Bodybeats – Body Percussion Workshop

Body percussion is making music using your hands, feet, and the entire body as instruments. Together, we will learn various body percussion techniques, rhythms, and movement choreographies. We will then develop and rehearse our own rhythms in small groups in a playful and creative way. We will also use our body percussion rhythms to accompany a pop song. Finally, the skills acquired during the workshop will culminate in an energetic and fun performance.

Facilitator: Till Bommer (Percussionist and musical educator)

12. The Visual Dictionary of Us – Stamp Carving & Textile Printing Workshop

Beyond cultures and languages, what universal things connect us? In this hands-on workshop, we will create a shared “visual dictionary” of human experiences. You'll design and carve custom stamps representing the meaningful objects and moments of your everyday life. We'll open a collaborative textile lab, mixing and matching our stamps to print unique wearable art. Just bring your curiosity and 1–3 clothing items to transform. By the end of the workshop, you'll walk away with your own custom-printed clothes and stamps you carved! Check out [@studiomadeby_](#) for inspiration.

Facilitator: Ningal Meyer (Designer & art workshop facilitator)

13. One Ingredient, Two Cultures – Cooking Workshop

How can a single ingredient tell two different stories? Working in mixed German-Israeli teams, you'll explore one ingredient that is deeply rooted in both culinary traditions. Through research, storytelling, experimentation and cooking, your team will create an original dish inspired by both cultures. The workshop combines curiosity, creativity and teamwork, culminating in a final presentation and tasting of your unique creation.

Facilitator: Itay Novik (Chef, food writer & guide)

14. Animation Film – Identity Through Animation

What's your name? Where are you from? You may have heard those questions many times. But do your answers really represent how you see yourself? This is what we are going to explore in our animation workshop. We will print, paint, draw, animate, record sound and ask each other different questions. Please bring along a digital photograph of yourself as a toddler and/or a photograph of people you like and/or a photograph of your favourite place and/or a photograph of an object that is important to you.

Facilitator: Evgenia Gostrer (Animation director & educator)

15. Stories in Paper – Paper Mâché Workshop

This workshop invites you to explore how stories can be told through three-dimensional paper mâché objects. Drawing inspiration from autobiographical experiences or fictional stories, you will develop ideas and explore how they can be translated into sculptural forms that convey or embody aspects of a story. Together, we will consider how form, texture, color, and symbolism can contribute to visual storytelling. The workshop is suitable for anyone interested in storytelling, sculpture, and experimental artistic processes.

Facilitator: Joanna Svonar (Visual artist)

16. The House of My Dreams – Betzavta & Theatre Workshop

What life are you dreaming of? What do you need to feel good? And what about the others? In this theatre workshop we will ask ourselves these questions and many more about dreams and social utopias, not only for oneself, but for all of us. With different creative methods, costumes and fun we will develop theatre scenes about the process of building the “House of our Dreams”. This workshop is for everybody who likes to dream, think, listen and play and who enjoys creating something together.

Facilitator: Bettina Pinzl (Educator)

17. Acrobatics and Circus Workshop

Bond together through a new experience while exploring trust, teamwork, and self-confidence. Learn basic circus and acrobatics skills through playful exercises, support each other, and discover what you can achieve together.

Facilitators: Miki Alon (Circus Project Acro Emek) & Jacqueline Marschan (Circus Manege Berlin)

18. Lights. Camera. Action. – Filmmaking Workshop

Do you want to produce a short film together in a mixed German-Israeli group? You will first develop a topic that matters to you, then learn how to film, edit, and turn your ideas into a short film.

Facilitators: Tammy Bar-Shay (Videographer) & Kristin Ehlert (Young Images Association – Media and Education)

Participating & Contributing Partnerships and Organizations

1. **Akro Emek, Circus and Acrobatics, Shimshit (Israel)**
Zirkus Springling/Manege gGmbH, Berlin (Deutschland)
Springling Circus/Manege gGmbH, Berlin (Germany)
2. **Amit Engineering College, Jerusalem (Israel)**
Berufliche Schule des Kreises Stormarn in Bad Oldesloe (Deutschland)
Vocational School of the Stormarn District in Bad Oldesloe (Germany)
3. **Atidna Youth Organisation (Israel)**
Fachverband OKJA JW-AWO Nordrhein-Westfalen & Rural Youth Berlin-Brandenburg (Deutschland)
State Association for Open Child and Youth Work JW-AWO NRW & Rural Youth Berlin-Brandenburg (Germany)
4. **Community Centers of East Netanya, Netanya (Israel)**
Fachstelle Internationale Jugendarbeit der Stadt Bochum (Deutschland)
International Youth Work Office, City of Bochum (Germany)
5. **Community Centers of East Netanya, Netanya (Israel)**
Stadtjugendring Buxtehude e.V. (Deutschland)
Buxtehude City Youth Council (Germany)
6. **Emek Hefer Regional Council, Emek Hefer (Israel)**
Kreisjugendring Siegen-Wittgenstein e. V. (Deutschland)
Siegen-Wittgenstein District Youth Council (Germany)
7. **Hakfar HaYarok – The Green Village, Ramat HaSharon (Israel)**
Evangelisches Schulzentrum Leipzig (Deutschland)
Protestant School Centre Leipzig (Germany)
8. **Ironi Aleph High School, Tel Aviv (Israel)**
Kinder- und JugendKulturWerkstatt JOJO (Deutschland)
JOJO Children and Youth Cultural Centre (Germany)
(not represented at the 2026 Summer Camp)
9. **Israeli Music Experience Association/Maccabi Reut Israel (Israel)**
Musikverein Brandis (Deutschland)
Music Association Brandis (Germany)
10. **Jerusalem Municipality/MOJI Jerusalem (Israel)**
Bayerischer Jugendring in Kooperation mit der Europäischen Janusz Korczak Akademie München, Projekt YouthBridge (Deutschland)
Bavarian Youth Council in cooperation with the European Janusz Korczak Academy Munich, YouthBridge Project (Germany)

11. **Jerusalem Municipality/MOJI Jerusalem (Israel)**
**Landeshauptstadt München – Referat für Bildung und Sport, Internationale
 Bildungsk Kooperationen, in Kooperation mit der Europäischen Janusz Korczak
 Akademie München, Projekt YouthBridge (Deutschland)**
*City of Munich – Department of Education and Sports, International Educational
 Cooperation, in cooperation with the European Janusz Korczak Academy Munich,
 YouthBridge Project (Germany)*

12. **Municipality of Ashkelon (Israel)**
**Gesellschaft für Sport und Jugendsozialarbeit gGmbH (GSJ), Berlin-Pankow
 (Deutschland)**
Society for Sport and Youth Social Work (GSJ), Berlin-Pankow (Germany)

13. **Municipality of Kiryat Motzkin (Israel)**
Kreisjugendring Haßberge (Deutschland)
Haßberge District Youth Council (Germany)
 (not represented at the 2026 Summer Camp)

14. **Municipality of Tel Aviv-Yafo, Beit Dani (Israel)**
Stadt Frankfurt am Main (Deutschland)
Municipality of Frankfurt am Main (Germany)
 (not represented at the 2026 Summer Camp)

15. **Rabin High School, Tel Mond (Israel)**
Ebenezer Hilfsfonds Deutschland e.V. (Deutschland)
Ebenezer Relief Fund Germany (Germany)

16. **Rishon LeZion Municipality - Youth Departments, Rishon LeZion (Israel)**
Freie und Hansestadt Hamburg – Fachstelle Jugendarbeit (Deutschland)
Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg (Germany)
 (not represented at the 2026 Summer Camp)

17. **The International Diplomacy Initiative (Israel)**
Junges Forum in der Deutsch-Israelischen Gesellschaft (DIG) e.V. (Deutschland)
Young Forum of the German-Israeli Society (DIG) (Germany)

18. **The Kibbutz Movement (Israel)**
Stadt Grimma/Tor nach Zion e.V. (Deutschland)
City of Grimma/Gate to Zion Association (Germany)

19. **Tzofim Olami – Scouts Youth Movement Israel (Israel)**
Bund Deutscher Pfadfinder_innen - Bundesverband e.V. (Deutschland)
*Association of German Scouts (BDP), Federal Association, Frankfurt am Main
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