Dear Madrichim applicants

Thank you for applying to be a mad at Masada’s upcoming Jewish Studies camps.

We are overwhelmed with the number and quality of applicants. It is a great testament to the Masada College graduates that we have so many ex students who are not only prepared to give their time in training for and attending camps but they are also committed to their religion, heritage and community. The extent of our success in this area was further highlighted, by way of contrast, to the considerably lower numbers of ex students volunteering for their school camps from the other Jewish Day Schools.

With every applicant being the ideal candidate for our camps you can imagine the dilemma we faced in our selection process. We are well aware that the camps are also a growing and bonding experience for the madrichim and that there would be much disappointment for those who were not included for the full number of camp days. Rabbi Widmont and members of his department very strongly advocated for full inclusion but unfortunately logistically this was not possible. However, we know that having been in leadership roles yourselves, you will understand that these difficult decisions need to be made and that you will have the resilience to accept the disappointment it brings to you, either because you were not chosen or your friends were not.

Our decisions were based on the size of the year groups, a mix of experienced/inexperienced madrichim, boys/girls, availability for all the training and availability for all the days of the given camp.

We hope to have the capacity to invite those of you who are not attending the whole camp to a Shabbat. It would certainly add even more of a special ruach to the highlight days of each camp.

We look forward to and appreciate your continuing support and contributions.

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