

Kibbutz Shluchot

Kibbutz Shluchot is located in the Beit Shean valley at the foothills of the Gilboa Mountains. Founded in 1948, the kibbutz is home to 115 families. Surrounded by date and citrus orchards, fish ponds and fertile fields, the beautifully landscaped kibbutz is one of 16 kibbutzim of the Religious Kibbutz movement. The communal economy is based on agriculture, a state-of-the-art dairy, one of the largest carrot plants in Israel, poultry and aquaculture and home to Kayitz BaKibbutz Summer camp. Kulanu Ba'aretz has use of all the kibbutz facilities and services.



Kulanu

Kulanu is a local Jewish organization under Orthodox auspices open to all people with disabilities. Kulanu provides inclusion, support and advocacy services in social, cultural and educational areas to individuals and families with special needs.

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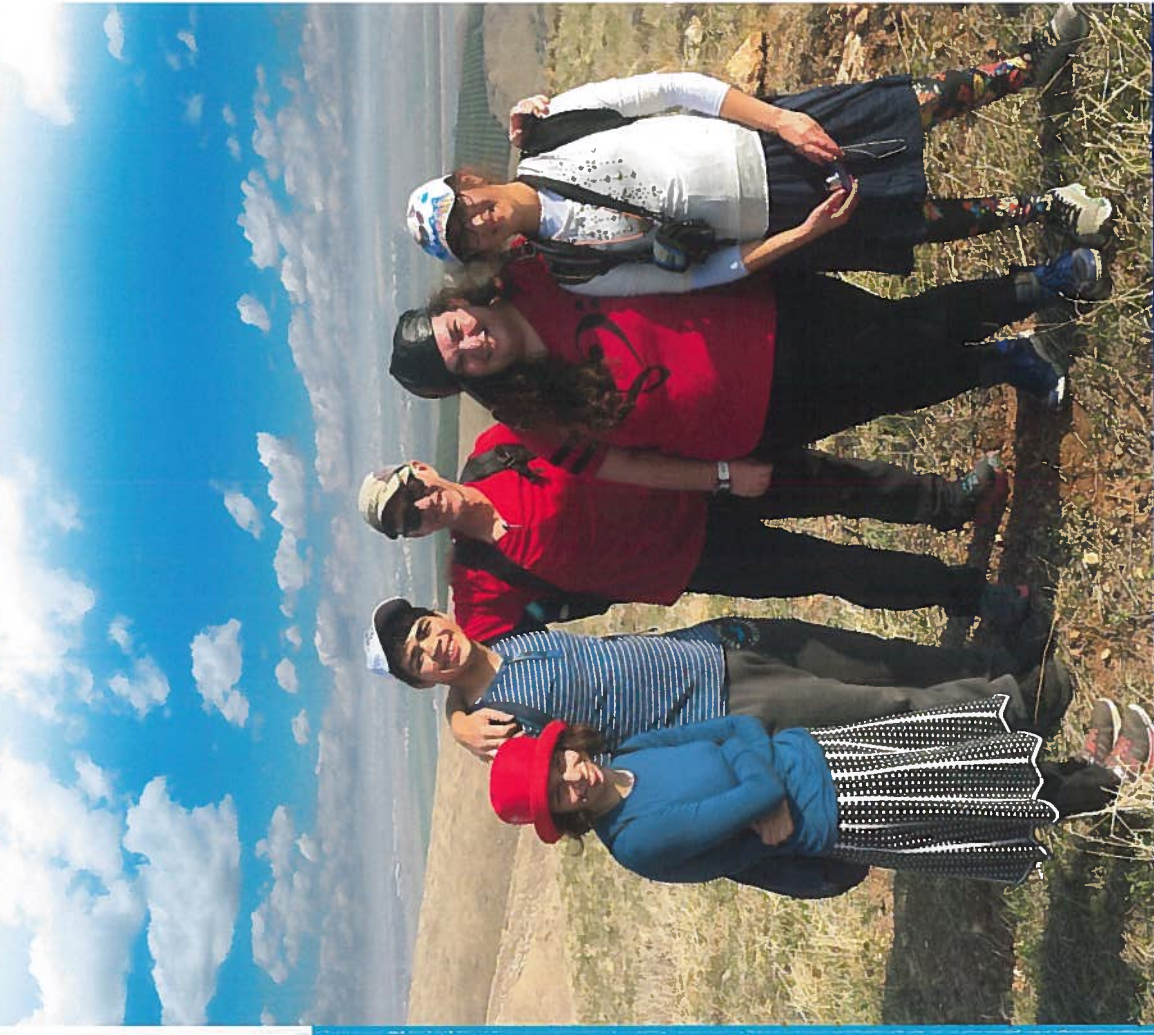
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Kulanu Ba'aretz

Kulanu Ba'aretz is a two and/or three month vocational-educational study program enabling young men and women with special needs, ages 18-23, to spend an unforgettable semester living, working, studying, growing and touring in Israel. Our program is located at Kibbutz Shluchoth in the Beit Shean Valley.

Kulanu Ba'aretz is an American partnership between Kulanu, an organization dedicated to including children with special needs in all facets of Jewish community life, based on Long Island, N.Y. and Kibbutz Shluchoth, Israel. This program is the brainchild of Dr. Beth Raskin, Executive Director, who believes that every child should be able to participate in a program in Israel, as do their peers and siblings. Dr. Raskin recruited Ken Goldman and Dvora Liss, the directors of the well-known American-style summer camp, Kayitz Bakibbutz at Shluchoth, to apply their camping experience in facilitating a program designed for individuals with special needs.

Kulanu Ba'aretz, inaugurated in October 2007, has completed 10 highly successful program cycles. Now, Kulanu Ba'aretz is opening this opportunity to individuals in our community who have special needs.

Our programming includes:

Vocational Experiences: As members of the kibbutz participants experience cooking in the kitchen, meal preparation, maintaining the dining room, folding and sorting laundry, feeding and caring for animals in the children's zoo, packaging/pricing and stocking shelves in the kibbutz store, and maintaining the landscaping throughout the kibbutz.

Course Work: Participants learn self advocacy, self determination, social skills training, money management, functional reading, personal grooming and hygiene, and basic Hebrew.

Touring the Land: The program features up to 30 days of touring throughout Israel. Tours include the Gali, Golan, Negev, Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and Haifa. On Fridays, tours are conducted in neighboring sites and around the kibbutz.

Extra-curricular Activities: Students participate in arts, crafts, sports, dance, cooking, yoga, games, music and college night activity programming. Kulanu Ba'aretz participants join with the kibbutz high school students for night activities and other social events.

Kulanu Ba'aretz is a unique opportunity for an individual with special needs to develop new skills and achievements, build self esteem and independence, make new friends, and grow in a physically and emotionally safe environment. These are often in ways they would not have at home while experiencing the ruach and culture of Eretz Yisrael.



Sample Daily Schedule

- 7:00 - Wake up
- 8:00 - Tefillah in Beit Knesset
- 8:30 - Breakfast
- 9:00 - Vocational Placements
- 12:00 - Lunch
- 1:30 - Life skills and functional academic course work
- 4:30 - Mincha/Maariv
- 5:30 - Daily Special Activity (sports, arts and crafts etc.)
- 7:00 - Dinner
- 8:00 - Leisure Time
- 9:00 - Night activity or Parashat Hashavua