VISION
In 2021, Wilderness Torah will build the Center for Earth-Based Judaism (CEBJ) in partnership with URJ’s Camp Newman Summer Camp and Conference Center at its 500-acre campus. The CEBJ is a founding vision of Wilderness Torah since 2007. The CEBJ will serve as a regional and national community hub for building resilient and inclusive communities into the future. Wilderness Torah and Camp Newman share a steadfast commitment to Jewish values, addressing climate change, and thriving through resilience in community.

CEBJ GOALS

- **Double the number of participants** to 4,000 by 2022 and 10,000 by 2023.
- **Launch a year-long design charrette** to develop a land-use plan and architectural vision. As a community building project, the process will follow the 7-year shmita cycle: the charrette will start with the upcoming shmita year (fall 2021) and lead to a six-year building of the CEBJ.
- **Be a model response** to climate change and fire resilience, incorporating ecological design and appropriate technology.
- **Be a home for immersive community festivals**, youth programs, camping experiences, and young adult mentorship programs.
- **Host Wilderness Torah’s Training Institute** to galvanize a global movement and train a new generation of Jewish leaders.
- **Embody diversity, equity and inclusivity** (DEI) across programs, operations, and leadership, guided by DEI consultants.

FUNDERS

- **Over 300 active individual donors** raising close to $150K annually. In 2021, we strive to raise $200K in individual contributions.
- Supported by **15 national and local foundations** contributing over $650K annually.
- Striving to **raise $200K to receive $100K** from Project Accelerate, which provides a 1:2 Matching Challenge Grant on contributions of $500 or more.

Wilderness Torah awakens and celebrates the earth-based traditions of Judaism to nourish the connections between self, community, earth, and Sprit.
We invite you to support our transformation.

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Wendy Kenin, Participant

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Wilderness Torah 2021 Programs

**Youth Programs**
- Spring & Fall B’hootz (K-5)
  March 7 - May 16 | Sept. 19 - Dec. 12
- B’naiture (6-8)
  Jan 31 - June 2 | Oct. 6 - May 2022
- Neshama Quest (14-18)
  April 5-9, June 21-27, Aug. 1-8

**Adult Programs**
- Introduction to Earth-Based Judaism
  Sundays, May 6 - June 17
- Adult B’hootz
  Feb 28, April 25, May 16, June 27, July 25, Aug 15
- Adult Neshama Quest
  July 5 & July 26
- Village Circle: Israel/Palestine Dialogue
  Multiple Tuesdays & Sundays Jan. 31 - May 23

**Family Programs**
- Kabbalat Shabbat
  Year round, Friday nights
- High Holidays & Sukkot
  Sept. 6-7, 15-16 & 26
- Tu B’Shvat Seder
  January 27-28

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