



**TZAHAL SHALOM**  
of NORTHERN WESTCHESTER

## 2017 HOST & BUDDY APPLICATION

APPLY to be a HOST or BUDDY FAMILY this year!

OCTOBER 15th – OCTOBER 25th, 2017

[www.tzahalshalom.org](http://www.tzahalshalom.org)

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ School District: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

Best number to be reached: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent 1 (Name & Profession): \_\_\_\_\_

Best number to be reached: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent 2 (Name & Profession): \_\_\_\_\_

Best number to be reached: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide names, ages, schools and grade of other family members living at home: \_\_\_\_\_

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Are you affiliated with a Synagogue? Yes / No If yes, which one? \_\_\_\_\_

Please list other organizations your family is involved with: \_\_\_\_\_

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What are your family's interests/hobbies: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Is yours a Kosher home: Yes / No

Do you keep Kosher outside of the home: Yes / No

Does anyone in your family speak Hebrew: Yes / No Other foreign language spoken \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a bedroom that can be made available to the soldier? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any pets: Yes / No Please list: \_\_\_\_\_



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Have you been involved with Tzahal Shalom of Northern Westchester in prior years: Yes/No

If yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you interested in being a HOST family? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you interested in being a BUDDY family? \_\_\_\_\_

What else would you like Tzahal Shalom of Northern Westchester to know about you and your family:

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Have you read the attached host/buddy guidelines? Yes/ No

Please share any additional comments: \_\_\_\_\_

What programs are you interested in participating in? (please check whichever applies)

- 2017 Benefit (to be held Thursday, October 19th)
- Hosting a Parlor Meeting
- Hosting a soldier for dinner
- Assisting with the Teen Event
- Assisting with the Middle School Event

**APPLICATIONS ARE DUE MONDAY, JUNE 12TH 2017**

PLEASE RETURN THE COMPLETED APPLICATION TO:

TzahalShalom@gmail.com

or mail to: Tzahal Shalom of Northern Westchester, PO Box 451, Armonk, New York 10504

Please contact one of the following Program Directors with any questions:

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## 2017 HOST & BUDDY GUIDELINES

### **Guidelines For Being a Host/Buddy Family – October 15 - October 25th, 2017**

Thank you for applying to be part of this amazing program. From past experience, we know what a wonderful opportunity it is to host or buddy an IDF soldier and we look forward to having you experience this for yourselves.

Here are some general details about the program and your responsibility as a possible host or buddy family:

We ask that you drop off your soldier each morning as indicated on the schedule you will receive. We have full days and operate on a very tight schedule so we expect morning drop off to be punctual! We also ask that they have breakfast before being dropped off.

Soldiers are required to be at every scheduled event. This is their work while they are here. Please do not ask them to join you on a family outing if it is during their "work" time. In addition, if you are available and if appropriate, please attend the events with your soldier.

There will be at least a couple of evenings when you will have to make a late night pick-up (usually 11:30 or 12).

Please remember that this program is a logistical puzzle. Times are fluid and pick-up/drop-off times will change. We will always inform you via telephone or email of any changes but we ask that you be flexible!!

Per request from the IDF, please do not give any gifts to your soldiers, as this might result in bad feelings. We want each soldier to have a similar experience.

As a host family you will need to provide a laundry facility (and/or do their laundry) during their stay.

The soldiers will not be with you for lunch and dinners unless noted on the schedule.

We hold only one fundraiser per year. In addition to a financial support, as we will discuss, and your attendance at the fundraiser, we ask that you invite at least 2 other couples to attend with you. Hopefully these guests might be interested in participating next year.

Below are the dates you must attend as a host and/or buddy family. They are all amazing events that we are sure will be very rewarding for you and your family:

Sunday, October 15: Welcome Brunch

Sunday Afternoon & Evening: At the discretion of the host family

Tuesday, Oct 17: Tentative date for the Middle School Event 4-6pm (place tbd)

Thursday, Oct 19th: Annual Benefit @ 7pm (place tbd)

Friday, Oct 20: Evening Shabbat Services with soldier (host and/or buddy families)

Saturday, Oct 21st: Morning Shabbat Services with soldier (host and/or buddy families)

Saturday from 2pm on: Plans at the discretion of the host family

Sunday Oct 22nd: Tentative Date for Teen Event 12- 2, Cafe Joe 4-6pm

Monday, Oct 23rd: 9PM host and buddy families with soldiers (place tbd/adults only)

Tuesday October 24th: 7:30PM: Closing Dessert Reception – All host and buddy families attend

Thank you for your interest in being a host or Buddy for Tzahal Shalom 2017. We will get back to you shortly!

### **TZAHAL SHALOM of NORTHERN WESTCHESTER PROGRAM CO-DIRECTORS**

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