

## Teen Rooming Policies and Procedures

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### I. BBYO Rooming Policies for Overnight Events and Programs

All teens are required to share rooms at any BBYO overnight event. Specific requirements are as follows:

#### Regional Convention

- **Hotels**

Teens will share rooms with 2–3 other teens. There will be up to 4 teens in a room. Teens are not permitted to sleep in a room other than the room they are assigned. Teens will be assigned to share beds.
- **Cabins**

Teens will share cabins with other teens. Teens are not permitted to sleep in any cabin other than the cabin they are assigned. Teens will be assigned to a single bed and must sleep in that single bed by themselves.

#### International Convention

- **Hotel**

Teens will share rooms with 2 – 3 other teens. There will be up to 4 teens in a room. Teens are not permitted to sleep in a room other than the room they are assigned. Teens will be assigned to share beds. When available, teens may be allowed to upgrade their rooms to doubles. This is an extra cost that must be paid in advance. Teens who opt into this program can only room with teens who have also opted in and paid the upgraded costs.

#### Domestic Summer Programs (CLTC, ILTC, International Kallah)

- **Cabins**

Teens will share cabins with other teens. Teens are not permitted to sleep in any cabin other than the cabin they are assigned. Teens must have and sleep in their own bed.

#### International Summer Programs (Passport)

- **Hotels/Hostels**

Teens will share rooms with 2 – 4 other teens. In some circumstances, rooms may accommodate up to 6 teens. Teens will be assigned to a single bed and must sleep in that single bed by themselves. Teens are not permitted to sleep in a room other than the room they are assigned.
- **Kibbutz**

Teens will share a room with 2 – 4 other teens. In some circumstances, rooms may accommodate up to 6 teens. Teens will be assigned to a single bed and must sleep in that single bed by themselves. Teens are not permitted to sleep in a room other than the room they are assigned.
- **Camping**

Teens will share a tent with other teen participants. Teens must have and sleep in their own sleeping bag.

## II. Gender Inclusive Rooming

BBYO seeks to provide an inclusive rooming community and recognizes that our teens have a variety of gender identities, not limited to only male and female. At all events, teens will be assigned sleeping rooms with the gender they identify with. This will be done as follows:

- Prior to the event:
  - Using registration documents, BBYO will request permission from both teens and their guardians as to whether they consent to rooming with a gender non-binary, gender non-conforming, or transitioning teen
  - Staff will then place teens in rooms using the above information and taking into consideration any roommate requests
  - Staff will coordinate, as needed, with BBYO's Senior Director of Wellness and Inclusion to best support teens' needs
- Teens will be given a private area to change and may use it if they are so inclined

In any gender inclusive rooms, BBYO aims to honor roommate requests as well. A teen and their guardian must indicate in registration forms that they agree to participate in a rooming arrangement that is gender inclusive.

## III. When May a Participant be Placed in Their Own Room

There are limited circumstances in which a teen may be placed in their own room.

- **Physical Health and Safety**  
If a teen becomes ill at a program and medical staff determines that a teen is required to isolate, they may be moved to a private room until further accommodations can be made. Staff will check in with the teen regularly.
- **Participant Compliance**  
If a teen violates the Code of Conduct and is in the process of being sent home from a BBYO program, they may be placed in their own room. This may happen when there is a concern for their safety, the safety of other teens or community members, or the level of infraction is so severe that remaining in a communal living space is not an option. Staff will check in with the teen regularly.
- **International Presidents**  
The Grand Aleph Godol and Anita M. Perlman International N'siah must have their own rooms when staying in hotels or being home housed. When housed at a camp facility, the International Presidents must stay in a teen cabin.

*Questions about BBYO's rooming policy or its implementation may be addressed with our Senior Director of Wellness and Inclusion, Ari Handel ([ahandel@bbyo.org](mailto:ahandel@bbyo.org)).*

