

BELA FARM FIELD TRIPS



**Visit your local Jewish farmers
and beekeepers at Bela Farm!**

Located just 1 hour northwest of Toronto in Hillsburgh, Bela Farm is Shoresh's rural home for exploring and deepening land-based Jewish connections. This 100-acre property features Shoresh's 4-acre Bee Sanctuary, which includes our 30 hive apiary, and Shoresh's 20-acre native reforestation project. As well, we are currently transforming a tractor shed into Beit Shoresh, our new Welcome and Education Centre at the farm!

BOOKING INFORMATION

Bela Farm Field Trips are 2-6 hours long and can be booked May-October. Program fees are calculated based on program length and number of participants. Overnight programs (with camping and outdoor cooking) options available.

For more information or to make a program booking,
please e-mail education@shoresh.ca or call **416-805-8382**.

All Shoresh programs are **hands-on, fun and creative, and rooted in Jewish ethics, texts and rituals; biblical agricultural laws; and holiday celebrations.**

Choose one of the following programs for your group or be in touch with us to create a customized program.

Please note that Bela Farm is a working farm. Out of concern for participant safety, Bela Farm Field Trips are currently open to students in Grades 6-12 and adult groups only.

BELA FARM FIELD TRIP OPTIONS

COMMUNITY BUILDING

The Israelites became a nation through their shared wilderness experience of wandering in the desert for 40 years. Develop your group's connections and sense of community through a meaningful, hands-on nature experience at Bela Farm. *Recommended for middle school and b'nei mitzvah students.*

FOREST FOR THE FUTURE

In the story of Honi we learn that just as our ancestors planted for us, so too must we plant for future generations. Tour and identify the diverse trees of Bela Farm, and help us care for our 11,000 native trees, part of our 20-acre reforestation efforts.

JEWISH BEEKEEPING & PROTECTING OUR POLLINATORS FANTASTIC FOR ROSH HASHANAH!

On Rosh Hashanah, we enjoy apples dipped in honey...neither of which would be possible without our pollinator friends! Meet Shoresh's honey bees at Bela Farm, help build hives, and plant native wildflowers in our 4-acre Bee Sanctuary. Gain a deeper understanding of what we can do to ensure a happy, healthy new year for both humans and our pollinator friends.

HONEY HARVEST FANTASTIC FOR ROSH HASHANAH!

Help Shoresh harvest honey from our 450,000 hard-working honey bees, just in time to share the liquid sweetness with our family and friends at Rosh Hashanah!

WILD EDIBLES FANTASTIC FOR SUKKOT!

Who doesn't love a free nosh? Explore the fields, forests, wetlands, and edges of Bela Farm and learn about (and taste!) the nutritional and medicinal properties of some of the plants, shrubs, and trees that make up Bela's vibrant ecosystem.

LIVING WATERS FANTASTIC FOR ROSH HASHANAH OR SHEMINI ATZERET!

On Shemini Atzeret we begin praying for rain, reminding us how important water is to our survival. Visit the wetland at Bela Farm and follow the spring-fed creeks that wind through the property. Discover firsthand how water flows through our watershed, and how the choices we make shape and affect our access to clean, healthy water. Option to perform *Tashlich* at Rosh Hashanah.

T'FILAH B'TEVA: PRAYER IN NATURE

Rabbi Nachman of Bratslav taught that prayer is transformed when one is outdoors, in the presence of grasses, trees, and plants. Explore Jewish prayer amidst the greenery of Bela Farm and deepen your connection with both Creator and Creation.