

## Yachad Advisor – Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

### 1. What is a Yachad Advisor?

Yachad Advisors are part of a passionate community creating inclusive, supportive spaces for individuals with disabilities to engage in the Jewish community—whether through Shabbatonim, weeknight events, or unforgettable summer programs.

### 2. How do I become a Yachad Advisor?

Fill out the [Get Involved Form](#) to start your advisor journey. You'll be contacted by a Yachad staff member for a short interview and next steps. Great advisors recruit friends- advisor referrals are welcome!

### 3. What are my responsibilities as an Advisor?

You don't need to be a professional—just show up with kindness, flexibility, and a willingness to learn. Advisors support members by being present, helpful, and inclusive—especially during programs and Shabbatons. You'll model positive behavior, ensure safety, and follow Yachad's policies and protocols to help create a respectful and supportive environment.

### 4. What should I expect for a Shabbaton?

- You'll get information about travel, the participant/s that you will be matched with, and your role in advance.
- A Shabbaton is a warm, structured weekend focused on inclusion, davening, fun, and community. It includes beautiful tefillot, meals, ruach-filled circle times, games, and activities.
- The goal is to create an inclusive, joyful Shabbat experience with plenty of opportunities for connection and engagement with the surrounding community.

### 5. Can I fly in to attend a Shabbaton?

Yes! There can and are opportunities to fly to different regions for special Shabbatonim.

### 6. Are there paid opportunities?

Yes! In many regions, **weeknight and Sunday programs may have opportunities for paid roles**. Ask your local coordinator for details.

### 7. What is Circle Time?

Circle Time is a signature part of every Yachad Shabbaton—packed with ruach, connection, and fun. It's when everyone gathers for songs, games, divrei Torah, “repeat-after-me's,” and high energy. A strong Circle Time can define the Shabbaton experience. Leaders should be confident, wacky, and have fun bringing everyone into the circle!

### 8. If I have questions or need support in my role, who can I talk to?

Yachad staff are here for you! The Shabbaton supervisor will introduce themselves to you at the start of the program. Please find them if they can support you or direct you to someone who can.