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madrich, *n.*

Pronunciation: Brit. /ma'drɪx/ , /'madrɪx/ , U.S. /mæ'drɪx/ , /'mædrɪx/

Inflections: Plural *madrichim* Brit. /madrɪ'xɪm/ , U.S. /mædrɪ'xɪm/ .

Forms: 19– **madrich**, 19– **madrikh**.

Etymology: < Hebrew *madrīk* guide, leader < *derek* path, route.

Esp. in Israel or a Zionist youth movement: a guide, a supervisor; a group leader.

- 1944 N. BENTWICH *Jewish Youth comes Home* xi. 115 Parties of fifty to one hundred would travel together, accompanied by their Madrich, who taught them on the way.
- 1952 S. SPENDER *Learning Laughter* vii. 97 He should see a *madrichim* [sic] attached to each group of 20 or 30 children.
- 1968 P. DURST *Badge of Infamy* i. 3 There were two others in the picture; a man of twenty-five or so who was probably the *madrich* or supervisor, and another girl. ·· It had been taken ·· at a ·· kibbutz.
- 1971 *Encycl. Judaica* XVI. 864/2 Each *hevrat no'ar* had a *madrikh* and a *metappelet* (house mother). ·· In the early years most of the *madrikhim* were temporary, coming from the kibbutzim for a spell of duty.
- 1973 *Jewish Observer* Nov. 28/3 Our *madrachim*, who expected us to be fatigued, were surprised at our heightened mood when we came home.

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