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Scher Shares

Seventeen days ago, I sent out an email to registered families to share some basic 'week 1 information' and referenced that I was looking forward to saying Boker Tov to 95 people on Day One. I was being a little sneaky: counting the ~25 staff members in my count of people I'd be greeting in the morning. Little did I know that our registrations would continue to soar as we approached our 2018/5778 season at Camp Givah. On Monday, June 25 I wished a hearty Boker Tov to 122 smiling faces including 89 campers, 30 staff and 3 bus drivers. As we are getting close to wrapping up the book of Bamidbar (Numbers!), we are overjoyed that we have so many chanichim with us. What is more important than a number is that we have had so many smiling faces who are enjoying a Jewish camp experience. One parent shared with us that, when putting his daughter to bed, she insisted on singing the Shema because "I'm a Givah kid."

Save the Date!

July 4th BBQ

Join in the Givah fun at 11:30am. We will start the day off with a BBQ followed by some camp activities. Hot dogs and burgers will be sold to guests for \$2.00 each. Sides and drinks will be available at no charge. Please register on our website at campgivah.org.

July 6th 1-2 Oneg

Come and enjoy dancing, singing and fresh made challah as our Tseirim lead us in Oneg Shabbat.

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Group Articles

Find out some highlights from this past week:

Gan (3-5 year olds)

Week one was some of our campers' first time back to camp for the summer, but it was also some of our campers' first week at camp...EVER! The campers got to show off their swimming skills in the pool, and a few of them got to experience boating for the first time. Marisa taught them all about the "Givah Monster," a monster who comes and helps the campers do good things for others! We're excited to have more fun together and discover more things about Givah this summer. ☺

Shabbat Shalom!

Alana, Katie, and Marisa



Shorashim (Grades 3-4)

The Shorashim started off the summer with a blast; we enjoyed some great weather for a few days, then went hiking on a brand new path on Wednesday! The 3-10 overnight on Thursday was a huge success! For some of our campers, this was their first overnight, so we made sure to make it a great one! We played Capture the Flag, and the traditional "counselor hunt" – which we do at almost every overnight. With the help of one of our very own camper's parents, we went stargazing on the overnight as well! As usual, we finished off a great week with a tremendous Oneg from everyone, as the Shorashim got to show off their new dance to the whole camp! We can't wait to see everyone next week! - Zach Tenenbaum, Shaina Degroult-Elias, Davi Ginsburg



Tseirim (Grades 1-2)

Wowza! What a great start to the summer with 1-2! Between seeing old friends and making new ones, we had a wonderful time! Creating many art projects and running around all day sure can be tiring, but not for the Tseirim! We learned many things this week, like being a good listener and respecting others, and even expanded our knowledge about nature with Jacob J. Stryker, the famous forest sage! Needless to say, this is shaping up to be the best summer yet!

Shabbat Shalom,

Ariella J. Kovach & Noah J. Degroult-Elias



Nitzanim (Grades 5-6)

All the campers loved their first day. They especially enjoy playing gaga whenever they have a chance. In art they made little representations of what they thought their overnight will be like and they all turned out great. They're all looking forward to having a great summer and we plan on making sure they enjoy it as much as possible!

Zak and Shajar



Na'arim (Grades 7-8)

The Na'arim kicked off this summer with a bang! They had a great time playing with their Gan buddies on Monday, and the fun carried over to the overnight on Thursday! The Na'arim enjoyed smores by the bonfire and exploring the night sky with the help of Jason K! Then they camped out in tents and had a great day Friday relaxing, too! Finally, we all came together for Oneg on Friday to finish off a perfect start to the Givah summer!

Jamie and Levi

Bonim (Grades 9-10)

Most of the Bonim are new to the group, but they are learning quickly how to be a counselor, how to take care of kids in hard situations, and how to separate their working time from their recreational time. This week the Bonim started to learn their Oneg/Zim dance, just so they will have a little taste of it. They also had limud so they can learn about Judaism.

Noa and Jacob



Givah's 1st Babysitting Course!

Specialties

Sports

This week we played a lot of Basketball and Gaga. We played a lot of great pickup games of basketball and soccer. We cannot wait for the Basketball tournament next week! We look forward to welcoming our sports specialist, Dane, to our staff on Monday!



Brecha (Pool)

Week 1 of camp was a great start to the rest of the summer! We started off with swim testing to get to know our campers a little better and then went straight into lessons and free swim just to find out that our camp is full of fantastic swimmers. We also had a blast during the overnight with an extra late night swim. The campers love to have free swim. We are looking forward to the rest of the summer.

From the Lifeguards.

Briut (Health)

This week in our Mirpa'ah (Health Office), smiles brightened the office. Everyone gave their happy greetings to the return of James, our health Director. James is very excited to be back for another fantastic year at Givah. This coming week our health office will be preparing to combat the humid 90 degree weather that will be rolling in. It is strongly encouraged that all campers bring a water bottle with them to camp.

Message of the week: "Watch out for ticks, and keep hydrated. Stay safe everyone!"

-James Collins Health Director



Rikud (Dance)

This week every group started to learn their oneg dance but also had a little fun going over dances that we already know like Or, Jungle, and Zodiak. It was fun dancing with everyone some new dances that I choreographed with some help from Aviva, the music director.

Noa Bahir

Shira (Song)

This week in Shira, 1-2 learned a new song that they sang today at oneg. Naarim were awesome and knew a lot of the songs. Gan learned some new bus songs and love “Oh Ohlay ohlay.” For other groups, we did a refresher and sang songs from past summers. Everyone is singing so nicely on the bus and during Eitz Hada’at! Can’t wait to see you next week!

-Aviva



Omanut (Art)

A glimpse into the art of wonderful week 1:

landscapes, leaf people, beautiful butterfly masks,

collages of Givah at night, fishies, and watercolor stained glass.

Each group was wonderful this week during omanut! We did a variety of colorful collages, paintings, and drawings. Campers really showed off their creativity and artistic skill. I was very impressed! I can’t wait for the rest of the summer.

Shabbat Shalom!

Dahlia Earleywine

Limud (Education)

This week in limud we discussed the importance of listening and attentiveness. We learned about different types of listening between people, ourselves, and G-d. We also discussed what can happen when we do not listen and when we do listen. The kids came to the conclusion that listening is good. Love,
Jamie



Teva (Nature)

This week in Teva we had a great time finding fossils and listening to wood peckers with the Nitzanim and Naarim. Gan and Tseirim were busy picking and learning about the different types of flowers at Givah. We can’t wait to find out more about Teva at Givah next week!



SAY WHAT???

Chaya (5-6 camper) - P is a number in the alphabet.

Izzy (Gan Camper) - The Givah monster helps keep us safe.

Oren (1-2 Camper) - This is how you swim like a banana.

Nate L (1-2 Camper) Eitz HaDaat is my favorite time of the day because we get to thank Hashem.

Ben (Gan Camper) – “Waffle me!!!”

Jamie (Counselor) -“Simon says ‘put your hands over your eyes.’”

Elisheva (Gan camper) - “HEEEYY!!! Who turned out the lights??!?!”

Eli (1-2 Camper) - (in a limmud class) G-d is high, G-d is low, right, left and everywhere!

