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Scher Shares

This summer, the weekly Torah portions were mainly from the book of Dvarim/Deuteronomy and included chapter 8, which clarifies what the Israelites' perspective should be when they settle in the Land of Israel. The portion warns that even when the Israelites have accumulated enough food, houses and wealth, they should not claim credit for all their success.

Verse 17 states:

Ve'amarta bilvavecha kochi ve'otsem yadi asah li et-hachayil hazeh.

“[When you later have prosperity, be careful that you not] say to yourself, 'It was my own strength and personal power that brought me all this prosperity.’”

We are so thrilled with having welcomed 30 brand new campers to Camp Givah and upped our measure of enrollment (camper weeks) 14 % since summer 2017. As I reflect on the successes of this past summer, I am so grateful for the dedication of our loving staff. It's the hard work of so many people who help support our mission.



Save the Date!

January 4, 2019

Winter Givah Shabbat

Stay tuned for more info!

Winter of 2019

Givah Night Out

Stay tuned for more info!

Summer 2019

We can't wait to see everyone for the first day of Givah 2019!!

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Group Articles

Find out some highlights from this past week:
Gan (3-5 year olds)

Where did the summer go?! It ended in the blink of an eye, but the memories and friends that we made will never be forgotten. We filled this summer with fun from day one until the very last day of camp. This week we performed our song and dance at Temple Israel for the Zimriyah for our friends and families. We also got to tie-dye super cool shirts that we got to take home! The same day we had the Floss-a-thon and Etai Katz won for our group by dancing the entire 30 minutes! We wish you all a happy and healthy year and hope to see you again next summer!

Love,
 Alana, Katie, & Marisa



Tseirim (Grades 1-2)

Good evening denezins! What a great week to end the summer! We are so proud of the incredible job that everyone did, especially the Tseirim! All that hard work really paid off! To top it off, 1-2 had more fun later in the week during the floss-a-thon and the gaga tournament! As we write this article, a tear comes to our eyes as we are saddened that this summer is coming to a close. However, we remain optimistic, looking to the horizon ahead. We expect to see everyone in 309 days right back here!

Shabbat Shalom and see you all next week!
 -Ariella J. Kovach, Noah J. Degroult-Elias & Abby J. Pauli



Shorashim (Grades 3-4)

With 26 shorashim campers, 3/4 has been having a fun final week. With a beautiful performance at the Zimriyah/Rikkudiah all the campers' hard work paid off. On Wednesday the campers participated in our first ever floss-a-thon and had a blast during the gaga tournament. On Thursday we had our counselor switch day where we had different counselors in the morning including Dan Scher. We had an amazing summer and we can't wait to see all the campers next year.

Love,
 Shaina Degroult-Elias, Davi Ginsburg, Zach Tenenbaum and Noah Greenblatt

Nitzanim (Grades 5-6)

It's unbelievable how fast this summer has gone by! We were able to show our talents at the Zimriyah/Rikudiah! We had a lot of fun and we were very excited to showcase how hard we've worked this summer! We also had a great time during the Floss-a-thon. The Gaga tournament was a hit, too! We were rooting for our favorite teams and we brought out the competitiveness. Although it's the last week, we didn't hold back! Can't wait to see everyone next summer!

Have a great school year!
Shajar Gonzalez and Zak Farina



Na'arim (Grades 7-8)

The Zimriyah Rikudiah was this week. Since all of you were there you know it was awesome. The campers prepared for countless hours for their song and dance. We also played basketball.

Shabbat Shalom,
Levi and Jamie



Bonim (Grades 9-10)

This week we had our Bonim overnight at Temple Israel right after the Zim. We had so much fun going to Dunkin and CVS and we had a great time playing games at the Temple. We had a great Oneg and Mazel Tov to Sam Tenenbaum for finishing his 2nd Bonim year. We can't wait to see you next year.

Noa and Jacob



Specialties

Sports

We had a great last week of sports finishing off with the annual Gaga Tournament. Congratulations to (insert winning teams name) on winning. We cannot wait to see you all next year for another fantastic summer at Givah.

See you next Summer.

Jacob Stryker



Brecha (Pool)

It's been an awesome week at the pool! Everyone has improved over the past eight weeks. The Zim was also so fun! The weather was great this week so we got to have a lot of swim time! This summer has been truly amazing and we enjoyed seeing the kids having so much fun in the pool at the lake. Thank you so much for fantastic summer!

From the Lifeguards,
Jacob and his starfish



Briut (Health)

“And now the end is near, and so we face the final curtain. My friends, I will say it clear: I will state my case; of which I am certain. We did it our way.”

THIS was a fantastic year at Givah! The Ruach was roof busting, the gaga kicked up dust, and the challah was mediocre at best. My second year as your health director could not have made me more proud. In a mere two months, I have seen each and every one of you grow in many ways. I sincerely hope that I will be able to take this position again for next year. If not I will certainly come and visit, and say boker tov to you once more. Our chanichim did a fantastic job at your annual Zim. Each group performed very well, especially, of course, our own health director ;). The event the Mirpah'ah is looking forward to the most is the annual gaga tournament; this event is our health director's favorite for certain. I will look eagerly to the winners! Message of the week: “This was a better camp season than I could have hoped for, I will miss you all. Have a safe and productive year! Ad Shana HaBaah! (Until next year!)

-James Collins Health Director



Rikud (Dance)

This week we had our Zim and the dances were amazing! Everyone was really excited and happy to dance. We also had the flossathon this week and the kids loved to dance to it.

Also I am going to be teaching dance at the Hebrew Academy and Temple Israel for K-12. Sign the kids up for it, we will be performing and also competing at various places.

Noa Bahir

Shira (Song)

Wow! I can't believe that this is the last week of Givah 2018! Throughout the year, everyone sang so beautifully and this was finally proven to the parents during the fantastic Zim, Tuesday night. The Bonim did a great job at their Oneg and it is so exciting that some may join staff next summer. I hope everyone enjoys the rest of their summer and comes back next year!!!

Shabbat Shalom,
Aviva



Omanut (Art)

It has been an absolutely fantastic summer! I've had a blast doing art projects with each group throughout these eight weeks. The campers have impressed me every art class with their artistic skill. I'm so sad to see this awesome season come to an end.

Hope to see you next year! Shabbat Shalom!
Dahlia Earleywine



Limud (Education)

With the last week of Givah 2018 coming to an end, we discussed in limud about the important virtue of courage. Through the tale of David and the Goliath, we learned that courage isn't always about being strong physically. Courage can be standing up to a bully, going onto stage at the Zim, or even just trying something new that might make us a little nervous. The Bonim did wonderful at their oneg and I can't wait to see what they accomplish next year on staff! Thank you for a wonderful summer and I hope you all have a great school year!
Shabbat Shalom,
Jamie Berger



Teva (Nature)

This week in Teva we had a great time playing in our own little creek in our woods. It has been a great summer and I can't wait to see you all next summer.

Farewell from your favorite nature boi,
Jacob Stryker?



SAY WHAT???

Chaya (5-6 Camper)- I'd like to order the overnight special (itch cream and bug spray)!

Freya (5-6 Camper)- I know why you are so crabby today. It's cause you ate a crab apple!

Jacob S (Counselor) - What's a Simcha award? Isn't that a lion!

Leah M (3-4 Camper) – Every one please stand up, please rise!

Recipe of the week: Camp Givah Challah

