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## When Givah Calls, You Answer

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When Givah calls, you answer.  
You'll hear it's old refrain.  
Chime in with "shooby-dooby"  
as you rumble down Camp Lane.

The summer's off and running!  
You brought your awesome selves,  
and Jamie brought activities  
like "Giants, Wizards, Elves."

The ice was safely broken  
and ruach was the mood.  
You sang, you swam and survey says  
you rocked at Family Feud.

The overnight was Wednesday.  
You captured flags, and tried  
To find your counselors fastest—  
they ran, but couldn't hide.

At Oneg (as you read this?),  
you had a special guest:  
Ruth Pelham's mobile music  
welcomed in the day of rest.

When Givah calls, you answer  
its hail as old as time.  
You dance again, or craft again,  
or write another rhyme.

So whether you're a newbie,  
Or used to sing with Shraga,  
Shout out that "shooby-dooby."  
Camp is waiting. Go play Gaga!

## Save the Date!

### July 4<sup>th</sup> 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](http://campgivah.org).

### July 7<sup>th</sup> 1-2 Oneg

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

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## Group Articles

Find out some highlights from this past week:

### Gan (3-5 year olds)

This week in Gan we had a lot of fun getting to know each other. The campers excelled at swimming. We sang and danced to Israeli songs. In Teva (nature) we learned all about different trees and plants. Campers were very excited to play on the playground with their Naarim buddies. We look forward to another awesome week at camp.

### Tseirim (Grades 1-2)

1-2 had a fantastic week 1! Everyone made friends and got to know their way around camp. We played awesome games like “Giants, Wizards and Elves,” designed decorations for the brand new kitchen door, danced, boated, swam and sang. We even got to take a hike to the famous Givah waterfall! We’re looking forward to an awesome summer. Please join us for our Oneg Shabbat next week.

Shabbat Shalom!  
Melissa, Leo and Dahlia



### Shorashim (Grades 3-4)

The first day was a blast; we went hiking on the trails past the quarry to a beautiful waterfall in the woods and even got to eat our lunch there!! The 3-10 overnight was a blast. 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 Noa Bahir, our fabulous dance director, we are learning a new dance that we all love. We can’t wait to perform it at our Oneg! –Kira Gold and Noah Fisher



## Nitzanim (Grades 5-6)

We started off great this summer! The campers jumped right into the activities and are already building great relationships with each other. The campers had an awesome time on the overnight and enjoyed the bonfire and evening swim. We are looking forward to a great rest of the summer!

Jacob and Marisa



## 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 Wednesday! The Na'arim enjoyed smores by the bonfire and played glow-in-the-dark capture the flag with a lot of the other campers! Then they camped out in tents and had a great day Thursday relaxing, too! Finally, we all came together for Oneg on Friday to finish off a perfect start to the Givah summer!

## Bonim (Grades 9-10)

This week in Bonim, we had a great time CITing and learning about how to be strong leaders. We played ice breakers, and brainstormed activities we could do with the groups we were CITing for. We also had a great time at the overnight, where we lip synced, hunted for counselors, and feasted on a BBQ made by one of our favorite people at camp, Gregg. So happy the summer started off so great and we can't wait for another great week next week.

Shabbat Shalom,  
Jamie and the Bonim



## Specialties

### Sports

This week in sports the Gan kids had a blast learning the camp sport of gaga, a classic game of skill and agility. The 1-2 and 3-4 groups learned some new frisbee skills and enjoyed playing soccer together. The older groups like 5-6 and 7-8 played some basketball and learned a few new extremely fun frisbee games like d'ringo and the box game. Both focus on accuracy and speed. All in all everyone had a great time and really enjoyed learning and playing some new sports.



### Brecha (Pool)

Week 1 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. We are looking forward to the rest of the summer.



### Briut (Health)

This week in our Mirpa'ah (Health Office), some of our campers learned some basic health facts and useful tools; they learned about how to take a blood pressure, how to listen to a person's lungs, and what the heart does to keep us all healthy. This week's statement from our health and safety director is: "I am very pleased with the performance of our counselors thus far; I am enjoying meeting all of our wonderful campers. Stay safe everyone!" ~James Collins, Health Director



### Rikud (Dance)

This week we learned new dances that are combined with Israeli dancing, Jazz, and Hip-hop. Gan was dancing a very popular dance for Gan kids called Uga Uga. Most of the 1-2 kids learned a new dance called Hinei Ma-Tov. 3-4 danced a very popular song called Stam, meaning "No reason". 5-6 danced Mesiba Be'Haifa, meaning "Party In Haifa." 7-8 learned how to dance a song called Silsulim which means "Frills." All dances except for Gan and 1-2 were choreographed by Noa Bahir.



## Shira (Song)

Week 1 was amazing! It has been such an amazing experience to learn songs along with the other campers. 5/6 spent the period singing Hebrew songs and bus songs on the blacktop on a sunny day. Playing games and other instruments has also been a fun experience and I can't wait for the rest of the summer!



## Omanut (Art)

This week in omanut, everyone had a great time exploring their creative sides. From kitchen door decorations to lanyard galore, it was only smiles in the omanut building. I can't wait for another creative week next week!

Shabbat Shalom,  
Jamie Berger



## Limud (Education)

This week in limud we discussed the importance of knowledge and wisdom. We learned the story of king Shlomo requesting wisdom from G-d instead of riches. The kids came to the conclusion that wisdom is good.  
Love,  
Levi



## Teva (Nature)

For the first week of Teva, we went on many great and exciting hikes through camp's many acres of woods. On the first day of camp I took the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders on a difficult adventure to the camp's waterfall. We brought our lunches so we could eat there. With some of the other groups we went into the woods and played awesome games that taught them hiking safety. Overall this week was awesome. ;)





# SAY WHAT???

Izzy (Gan camper) – Zach attack has a magic backpack!

Nadav (1-2 camper) - Raining is when it rains water. Snowing is when it rains snow. Hailing is when it rains *really* hard.

Eva: (1-2 camper) - We're crossing the river! Ariella (Counselor) - Just like Moses!

Addie (1-2 camper) - Don't you shrink when you grow?

Eva (1-2 camper)-Waterfalls are kind of sassy. It's a sassy waterfall. Sassy means "eh, I'm beautiful, but don't step on me."

Jamie (omanut director) - Can I get a verbal ok? Gan campers: PURPLE OK!

