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Givahton

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The summer's now a quarter gone, so fast, can you believe it?
With only six more weeks to go, is it time to start to grieve it?

Of course not, as I'm sure you know, Camp Givah's just begun,
Let's take a look at this past week, and all the crazy fun.

For me the highlight was, for sure, the camp-wide barbecue,
What a wonderful way to celebrate the day of red, white, and blue.

Up at camp, (yes, I was there, I've never been so lucky),
Those dogs and burgers cooked by Gregg, were certainly not yucky,

And I'll tell you one thing that's still true, it consumes you while you're there,
That old Camp Givah ruach still permeates the air,

The campers decorated rocks, played hard in relay races,
And those that danced with Noa had such smiles on their faces.

There was music, baseball, basketball, a photo booth and singing,
At Etz Hada'at Daphne's ukulele was heard ringing.

The Bonim worked their darnedest to lead the camp, and they were grand,
And then the week was over, as Cuties and the band

Led all of us in Oneg, Hiney Ma Tov was their song,
Do you want to feel the ruach? You're invited - come along.

~Jason Kay
Former Givah 5-6 Counselor, Music Director & Asst. Director

Save the Date!

July 12th-13th: Lake George Adventures

- Gan and 1-2 go to Magic Forest
- 3-4 and 5-6 go to Waterslide World
- The Na'arim and Bonim have a rafting and camping adventure!

July 14th 3-4 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)

This week in Gan the campers got to have a lot of fun being a part of the July 4th celebrations. We even participated in our first Eitz HaDaat with the camp. We spent a lot of time in the pool learning our front and back floats. We all love to play in the pool with our amazing lifeguard friends. It was another great week at Camp Givah.

Looking forward to another great week with Gan, Miriam, Bina and Abi

Tseirim (Grades 1-2)

1-2 had an amazing second week at Camp Givah! We explored nature physically but also emotionally with Levi as we visited different spots at camp. Levi also taught all of us the different prayers we sing at Oneg. While with Jamie at Omanut we explored the different techniques of water color such as (wash flow) and (swayeiji). 1-2 also hosted the Oneg this week which went off without a hitch. IT WAS LIT!

Shabbat Shalom!

Melissa, Leo and Dahlia



Shorashim (Grades 3-4)

The second week with 3-4 was incredible. As the most populous group in Givah, we have a unique responsibility to show the rest of the camp what ruach means (it means wind but we usually just use it as spirit). We undoubtedly lived up to that with Daphne in shira. In omanut we made amorphous, blow-paint monsters with Jamie and everyone had a blast (fortunately not from the paint). On Tuesday we celebrated Noah's 19th birthday (and America's 241st) by having a barbecue and special July 4th chugim. 1-2's oneg was amazing!

Good Shabbos,
Noah and Kira



Nitzanim (Grades 5-6)

This week was incredible. We had a great time at the 4th of July. We loved having special visitors enjoy camp with us. 1-2 did a fabulous job at their Oneg. We can't wait to see you guys next week at Waterslide World.

Jacob and Marisa



Na'arim (Grades 7-8)

Na'arim's second week was another fantastic one, with plenty of families coming up to spend the 4th of July with us! There were special chugim (electives) for parents to take part in with the campers, and we had a wonderful barbeque with the whole camp to celebrate Independence Day! The fun carried over into the rest of the week, capped off by a fantastic song and dance performed by the Chamudim (1st and 2nd graders) for their Oneg! We look forward to seeing all the campers next week!

Bonim (Grades 9-10)

This week we had a great time CITing. Jamie is so proud of us and the leadership we've shown. 4th of July was so great: filled with patriotic music, schtick, and a delicious BBQ. We also went searching for the mysterious waterfall to no avail. We can't wait for next week, with white water rafting and an overnight in Lake George

Shabbat Shalom,
Jamie and the Bonim



Specialties

Sports

This week in sports we celebrated the Fourth of July with a series of American games such as home run derby, kickball, baseball and even some football. Everyone stayed safe and had a blast during the celebration of America's birthday and throughout the week. Everyone had a great time playing classic camp sports like basketball soccer and Frisbee as well.



Briut (Health)

This week in our Mirpa'ah (Health Office), our campers brought many smiling faces to our health and safety director. They brought him flowers, and even made a special Fourth of July rock for him. (Thank You Little Freya.) Everyone is doing such a great job at staying safe, let's keep it up! This week's statement from our H+S director is: "The summer is getting hot, and the mosquitos are getting hungry; lots of water, sunscreen, and bug spray for all! Stay cool out there!"

~James Collins, Health Director



Brecha (Pool)

This week at the waterfront we did sock relay races to celebrate the 4th of July. The 5th -8th graders insisted they could beat the waterfront staff in a relay, good thing the staff members are better swimmers than the campers ☺. We had a blast canoeing and kayaking and made sure we told Caitlin how much fun she would be missing since she is leaving us after this week. Overall it was a great week and we can't wait for more water fun next week.



Rikud (Dance)

Today 1-2 danced Hineh Ma-Tov for their oneg dance. Hineh Ma-Tov is a song about being good and having peaceful times while everyone sits together. Here at Givah instead of sitting together we dance together which is of course more fun. All of the groups are working on perfecting their Oneg dances and adding in some moves of their own.

~Noa Bahir

Shira (Song)

Shira was so fun this week! Spending the Fourth of July together and singing patriotic songs with campers and parents was extra special. The first group that hosted Oneg was 1-2. Their singing of Hineh Ma Tov was incredible. Can't wait for next week!
~Daphne



Omanut (Art)

This week in omanut we had a great time exploring our creative side with blow paint monsters, planning to repaint the "welcome to Givah" sign and of course lots of lanyards. I hope you have a wonderful and creative Shabbat!
Shabbat Shalom,
Jamie Berger



Limud (Education)

Limud was soooooo fun this week. We learned a lot. In this week's parsha Balak, the king of Moab tries to curse the Jewish people but thanks to G-d he blesses them instead. His blessing to them is a popular prayer that we say daily "how good are your tents Jacob, the places you live, Israel!"

"מה טובו אהליך יעקב משכנותיך ישראל!"

Levi



Teva (Nature)

For the second week of Teva, we went on many great and exciting hikes through camp's many acres of woods. I took the campers on a difficult adventure up Fishers Creek. Overall this week was awesome. ;)



Levi

SAY WHAT???

Madison (3-4 Camper): Oh no my sandwich is bleeding!

Abe (1-2 Camper): Where's my lantern? (Talking about lanyard)

Avi (1-2 Camper): This does not look like a circle. Daphne (Shira): No this looks like a blob.

Sam W (1-2 Camper): My dad said I was ordered on Ebay.

Leo D (Gan Camper): If I spin this flower really fast, it's going to grow into a tree.

Isaac (5-6 Camper to Rachael): You're getting married! I wish I could attend but I think I'm busy that day.

Sam W (1-2 Camper) : I want to be the USS Slater.

