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Givahton

WEEK 5 SUMMER
2017 / 5777



Save the Date!

Week 6:

Maccabiah

Color War! So much fun singing cheering, sports and games! Stay tuned for more details!

August 4th Gan Oneg

Come and enjoy singing and dancing and fresh made challah as our Gan Yeladim lead us in Oneg Shabbat. The fun kicks off at 2:15 in the Beit Am.

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175 Green Street Albany, NY 12201.



I took a break from the weekly poems; another I just couldn't write,
As we gallivanted to Great Escape to 74 campers' delight.

I wouldn't, no couldn't, author any others....
wish I could; I would've if I had my druthers.

But instead I marveled at our bravest staff member
Who was scared by no one but Levi, as we all remember.

Instead I watched with eyes a-gleamin,
As chanichim tackled the Screamin Demon.

Instead I enjoyed listening as Na'arim drank from the kiddish "kos"
and sang bikol ram "Hayam Ra'ah Vayanos."

I wish I had written a poem, but time I did not allot.
Alas, as you read this, I have to head out for the Givah Shabbat.

~Dan Scher
Camp Givah Director

Group Articles

Find out some highlights from this past week:

Gan (3-5 year olds)

We had such an exciting week! We went to the Great Escape, we tie-dyed, and Na'arim hosted an amazing Oneg! On Friday we showed everyone how well we can swim at our Swimathon! Next week we look forward to another incredible week! Have a great Shabbos!

Ariella, Miriam, and Bina



Chamudim (Grades 1-2)

We had a fun filled week of many activities including The Great Escape. Everyone had a great time going to the wave pool and going on many waterslides. Later in the week Camp Givah had its annual talent show which many of our campers participated in. Lastly we had a swimathon on Friday which went great!

Shabbat Shalom!

Dahlia, Melissa, and Leo



Tseirim (Grades 3-4)

Good Shabbos,

This week was the legendary Camp Givah Great Escape trip. We got to go on all sorts of rollercoasters. The kids being more warm-blooded than expected, in 50-degree-weather, spent some time swimming and on water slides. The talent show went off without a hitch and everyone got to enjoy seeing how talented Givah really is. Naarim's Oneg was, naturally, one of the highlights of the week, nice work!

Noah Fisher, Kira Gold and Abby Pauli



Nitzanim (Grades 5-6)

This week has been super-duper fun. We started off the week at the Great Escape. We stayed together for a majority of the trip because, the more the merrier. We did many more fun activities as the week went on. We ended the week with the annual Swimathon and our group did AMAZING! We had a fun time watching the Na'arim host the Oneg and we are looking forward to next week.

Jacob and Marisa



Na'arim (Grades 7-8)

Na'arim had an incredible week 5! We were worried about the weather at first, but the Great Escape ended up being perfect. The campers enjoyed all the rides and water slides in Lake George! We followed the trip up with an amazing performance Friday at our Oneg! Our rehearsals for our song and dance paid off, as we wowed all of the parents that came to watch! We look forward to another amazing week at Givah! Shabbat Shalom!

Zach Tenenbaum and Noa Bahir

Bonim (Grades 9-10)

Week 5 was awesome! We are so grateful to have had such nice weather for The Great Escape. We zoomed on roller coasters and sped down water slides. A special thank you to Levi for accompanying us for The Great Escape. We had a fantastic time tie-dyeing with Jamie as well as CITing. We are so excited for another great week next week.

Shabbat Shalom,
Jamie & the Bonim



Specialties

Sports

During this week in sport everyone had a blast learning some new games and sports. Gan learned about the classic game of Scream-runs, and 1-2 played some GaGa and worked on their Frisbee skills. 3-4 and 5-6 learned some unconventional games like Lion Hunt and some new basketball games. The 7-8 even taught some games to the other groups.

~Noah Greenblatt



Briut (Health)

This week in our Mirpa'ah (Health Office), our campers enjoyed a fun filled outing at The Great Escape; with only a tiny scrape to finish off the day. It was an absolute pleasure to see the elated smiles on our camper's faces. This week's statement from our H+S director is: "Our crawling foes, the ticks are picking up activity in the county. Everyone be sure to check themselves often. If you spot a tick attached to yourself while on camp grounds, come to our health office. Be safe out there everyone!"

~James Collins, Health Director



Brecha (Pool)

We had a great week 5 at the pool! The week started with cooler weather on Monday, but a super toasty pool thanks to our new solar pool cover. The pool staff had a great day on Tuesday exploring the Great Escape with campers, but we were happy to be back at the pool on Wednesday. The rest of the week was spent in preparation for the Camp Givah Swim-a-thon during lessons on Friday. Congratulations to all of the swimmers who participated in the swim-a-thon, we are so proud of you!



Rikud (Dance)

This week Gan learned their Zim dance and kept working on their Oneg dance. 1-2 learned their Zim dance. 3-4 also learned their Zim dance and even some parts from other groups. 5-6 finished up their Zim dance and kept begging to perform their Oneg dance again. 7-8 perfected their dance for today's Oneg! All dances are choreographed by Noa Bahir.

Shira (Song)

Week 5 in Shira was even groovier than week 5 in Omanut, just on principle. We sang, laughed, cried, and went on magical vision quests, using only the strength of Dan Scher's leadership and hairline. The Na'arim jammed to their Oneg song, a la Pitch Perfect (or maybe Glee? There might have been some Hamilton in there too). During Kochav Nolad many campers blew our collective consciousness away with their musical talents. Good Times.



Omanut (Art)

Week 5 was a groovy week in Omanut. We had a colorful time tie-dyeing all different types of garments. As well we made sand art that can double as a candle holder. With dyed hands and a smiling heart I end this week and look forward to another great week next week.

Shabbat Shalom,
Jamie Berger



Limud (Education)

Shalom, this week was all about Shalom. The campers learned about the awesome prayer and famous Debbie Friedman song, "Shalom Rav". We talked about peace. They made a sweet art project, in which they painted plates.

Bear Jew



Teva (Nature)

This week in Teva I found an old trail map of camp. With the campers we explored some of the old trails. We also got to see the old stone walls built as borders of the camp and walked along them for a while, it was a lot of fun.

Bear Jew



SAY WHAT???

Shayne (3-4 Camper): You're not a CIT, you're a CIS (Counselor in Shorashim).

Yair (5-6 Camper): Watermelon is made from Water and Melon.

Gideon (3-4 Camper): An exciting week, we have the trip to the Great Escape this week! It has been raining a lot, so the Gaga court is a giant puddle so this is a time where the sport mud Gaga is a big popularity! The rain we've been getting has not only turned the GaGa court into one humongous puddle, but it has also drove many activities indoors.

