

This week, no matter where around camp you roam, You could see campers in kachol and katome.

Wednesday morning Bonim launched Color Wars, Teams competed fiercely to up their scores.

The ruach could be felt throughout our bones, As the Jetsons combatted the Flintstones.

We haven't yet determined which team is winning, At the time of the Givahton printing.

But that's ok; it doesn't matter if we win or lose. We relish that ruach from our pores did ooze.

At Givah, the 2nd place team is not the "rotten egg," Because we all gather together, to enjoy Oneg.

We forget about our recent contest Realizing that being one big mishpacha is best.

~Dan Scher

Week 7: Undernight/Overnight August 8th-August 9th

Campers in Gan and 1-2 are invited to join the older campers for part of their overnight. Our younger campers will enjoy an afternoon swim, a bbq and a bonfire! Parents are invited to join for the bonfire at 7 pm and then take their children home.

August 11th Staff Oneg

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

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Chamudim (Grades 1-2)

1-2 had a great week! We hiked and saw a gorgeous view near our lake, sang songs, danced and got to decorate our blacktop with chalk. We had so much fun participating in Maccabiah and we can't wait to see what next week brings.

Shabbat Shalom! Dahlia, Melissa, and Leo



Group Articles

Find out some highlights from this past week:

Gan (3-5 year olds)

This week in Gan we did a lot of fun activities. We learned new swimming skills and are getting comfortable in the pool. Campers were very excited to be able to participate in the 2017 Maccabiah. We learned the importance of sportsmanship along with being a part of a team. We had a great time preparing for our oneg which was phenomenal. We can't wait for another fantastic week.

Have a great Shabbos!
Ariella, Miriam, and Bina



Tseirim (Grades 3-4)

This week, we had Maccabiah!!!! The Orange and Blue teams fought valiantly, and after a few days of fun-filled competition, only one team prevailed. It didn't matter who won, because we all had boatloads of fun! PJ-day Friday was a huge success! All in all, week 6 has been a wild ride for the 3-4.

Kira Gold, Noah Fisher and Abby Pauli

Nitzanim (Grades 5-6)

5-6 had such an amazing week this week! A sad day on Tuesday was commemorated with the 1-2 and up. Maccabiah began on Wednesday with a splash. The Flintstones and Jetsons had some friendly competition throughout the week which finally ended with the great apache relay which featured great participation all around. We enjoyed watching the Gan host oneg and we are looking forward to another great week next week!

Jacob and Marisa



Bonim (Grades 9-10)

Week 6 was a whirlwind of a week. Maccabiah is finally upon us! The Bonim worked and worked and worked to run an amazing Maccabiah for the rest of the camp. I am so proud of the leadership and creativity they have exhibited over the past few weeks of planning as well as during Maccabiah. All of the Bonim showed how much ruach and spirit they have. Both the orange Flintstones and the blue Jetsons were winners in my book. Kol Ha Kavod to all 7 bonim this week! I'm looking forward to another fabulous week in Bonim next week! Shabbat Shalom, Jamie & the Bonim



Na'arim (Grades 7-8)

The Na'arim had a fun-filled week 6! We had a very special Tisha B'Av service on Tuesday, and followed it up on Wednesday and Thursday with our annual Maccabiah! The campers and counselors were split into two teams: The Flintstones and The Jetsons! The teams competed to win over the shoftim (judges), specifically Imperial Emperor Jacob Stryker! Only one team could win, but we all came together for Gan's Oneg on Friday! We can't wait for week 7! Shabbat Shalom!

Zach Tenenbaum and Noa Bahir



Specialties

Sports

This week in sports we all had a ton of fun in the annual Maccabiah which includes a series of sporting events and several other things. Other than Maccabiah we played gaga, soccer, basketball and some tag with Gan and 1-2. The Bonim did an excellent job of planning the events and utilizing our equipment.

~Noah Greenblatt



Briut (Health)

This week in our Mirpa'ah (Health Office), our health and safety director taught some of our campers some handy wilderness survival skills. They learned how to filter creek water with nothing more than charcoal, and a t-shirt. They also learned how to shape an arrow head from a stone. This week's statement from our H+S director is: "As the season draws to a close we tend to become more relaxed and care free. I ask all to remain vigilant. Stay safe out there!"

~James Collins, Health Director





Brecha (Pool)

We had a great week 6 at the pool! This week we had great weather so everyone loved cooling off in the pool. We had a number of great pool activities this week for Maccabiah. We can't wait to see everyone next week.



Rikud (Dance)

This week Gan learned their Zim, and worked hard on their Oneg dance which is called "Va'ani Raiti B'rosh." The 1-2 learned their Zim dance. 3-4 also learned their Zim dance, and wanted to dance different types of dances all the time. 5-6 finished up learning their Zim dance. 7-8 perfected their Zim dance, and helped teach it to other kids from their group. All dances are choreographed by Noa Bahir.

Shira (Song)

Shira during week 6 was great. We worked on our Zim songs and Gan worked on their oneg song. Gan sang amazingly at oneg! Every class and Eitz Hadaat has been filled with energy and laughter. We've been bringing back old camp songs from previous years and everyone sounds great! Can't wait for next week!



Omanut (Art)

Week 6 was a wonderful time in omanut. From chalk creations, to lots of painting, everyone had a blast. The Na'arim worked diligently on the "Welcome to Givah" sign that has been absent this summer due to repainting. Lanyard was a must as usual this week, but especially to show Maccabiah pride. Can't wait for another wonderful and creative week in the omanut building! Shabbat Shalom,

Jamie Berger



Limud (Education)

Tuesday, this week, was Tisha B'Av. I taught the campers about what we are remembering and the laws and customs we observe that day. We had a very moving camp wide service. On a happy, note this week was Gan oneg. The kids were very cute performing in front of the whole camp, and many of their parents.

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Teva (Nature)

This week, in teva, the campers and I made some awesome crossword puzzles for our amazing health director, James. Instead of the traditional clues we found things in nature for them to try and figure out. It was a lot of fun!





SAY WHAT???

Isaac C (5-6 Camper) –I don't want to chase the geese. They might poop!

Annabella (1-2 Camper)- Don't you think we should be buddies? We have the same color hair.

Abe (1-2 Camper) - (while talking about fasting) If you eat fast you will choke.

Reuben (1-2 Camper) - Do geese date? I think they are dating.

Rami (1-2 Camper) – Oh no! We are going through a wheat field out of Givah. Now we will never make it home.

Izzy (Gan Camper) - Tomorrow I am going to ride my bike to Camp Givah.

Abe (1-2 Camper) – Who are the Baby-Lions?

Julia to Annabella (1-2 campers) - (in changing room during Maccabiah) Good game!

Matan (Gan Camper) – Yeah I want you to wrap him up (when hearing about performing a rap)



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