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**Save the Date!**

**January 5, 2018**

*Winter Givah Shabbat  
Stay tuned for more info!*

**March 10, 2018**

*Givah Night Out  
Stay tuned for more info!*

**June 25, 2018**

*First day of Givah 2018!!*

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## There's Life After Givah

There's life after Givah. It's hard to envision  
the world going on without Gaga's precision,  
or overnights, undernights, catchable flags,  
or lanyards or rock art or bugs in your bags.  
In time, the displacement won't feel quite as strange.  
But some distant day, when you're thirty-and- change,  
you'll think of a place with a name meaning hill.  
You'll remember a song, use a leadership skill  
(or the nagging a newsletter taught you to do)  
and you'll realize that Givah still lives within you.  
And meantime, the pictures are recent and clear  
from all the best moments of this very year.  
Community service, and waterslide trips,  
and dancing and spinning and swinging your hips.  
Maccabiah cheering, and getting your bets in,  
and rooting for fun, every Flintstone or Jetson.  
Vermonsters, and guests, and a fundraising swim,  
topped off with a joyful and resonant Zim.  
Your feet know the dances. You hear every tune  
you've learned since the camp came together in June.  
It's August, so go! Live the months in between.  
Here's hoping we'll see you in 2018!

~Shoshana Flax  
Former Givah Counselor

Find out some highlights from this past week:

### Gan (3-5 year olds)

This week has been a blast! We worked so hard all summer to prepare for the Zim and we were so proud of all of our Gan who did an incredible job! We had a great time watching our friends in the gaga tournament and enjoyed getting our first ever (for some of us) Givah yearbook! Our last week was truly special and we will miss being with our friends at Machaneh Givah. So long *Ganzilla!*

Have a great Shabbos!  
Noah, Miriam, Bina, and Ariella



### Chamudim (Grades 1-2)

The Givah Patch Kids had a wonderful week 8 and a fantastic summer at Camp Givah! Our awesome group got to show off amazing singing and dancing skills at our annual Zim. Everyone did great! We also got to do our usual camp activities. We had fun hiking, swimming and playing sports. We're so sad to see this summer end but we can't wait to see everyone next year! Shabbat Shalom!

Dahlia, Leo and Melissa



### Tseirim (Grades 3-4)

3-4 had a jam packed week. On Tuesday, we did a scavenger hunt in the morning and of course, Tuesday evening we had our amazing Zimriah Rikudiah where the 3-4 kids sang and danced beautifully. On Thursday, we had the Gaga tournament and on Friday we said goodbye until next year!

Kira Gold, Noah Fisher and Abby Pauli



## Nitzanim (Grades 5-6)

It was a bitter sweet week. The Zim was incredible and the Bonim Oneg was awesome. While we hate to see our campers go we can't wait to see them next summer and hear all about the great things they did during their school year!

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Jacob and Marisa



## Na'arim (Grades 7-8)

The Na'arim finished this summer up with a fantastic week! On Tuesday, we joined the whole camp at Temple Israel for our annual Zimriyah Rikudiah, full of dances and songs! Then, on Thursday, we held our very own Gaga tournament, full of teams competing to be the best in Givah! Finally, we all came together for Oneg on Friday hosted by the Bonim, who did a masterful job. We truly can't wait to see familiar faces next summer. Thank you for an unbelievable experience! Shabbat Shalom!

-Zach Tenenbaum and Noa Bahir



## Bonim (Grades 9-10)

The Bonim finished the summer strong. On Tuesday we had a fabulous time at the Zim performing and watching all of the other groups performing. Tuesday night we rang in our final overnight of the summer and, for some of us, the last overnight as campers at Temple Israel. It was such a bittersweet night for all of us. The Gaga tournament brought us back to our roots at Givah, with teams from every group and age competing to see who is the best at Camp Givah. Our oneg brought lots of happy memories as well as some sadness. A huge congratulations goes to our graduating Bonim. I cannot wait to see what you do as staff members, and to all others, we cannot wait to see you next summer! The Bonim should be only proud of the hard work and fabulous jobs they have done this summer. Have a great end of your summer and a fabulous school year!

Shabbat Shalom,  
Jamie Berger and the Bonim



## Specialties

### Sports

This week in the world of Camp Givah sports we had an action packed week featuring our annual Ga-Ga tournament and we even had a new Kan-Jam tournament. Everyone had a blast with both exciting events. Even the spectators had a great time cheering on their friends and group mates.  
~Noah Greenblatt



### Briut (Health)

This week in our health office, our H+S director along with Sir Gregg marched to battle against the horde of evil wasps that plagued our fair, and tranquil Givah trail. After a heroic and steadfast display of bravery, Sir Gregg slew the wasp queen; and freed our beloved trail of the pestilence that brought a shadow over our beautiful woods. All hail Sir Gregg!

~James Collins, Health Director



### Brecha (Pool)

We had a great last week of camp at the pool. The 5/6 and 7/8 campers had a chance to play deep-end water polo, and some even learned some basic lifeguarding skills. The 3/4 and 1/2 campers spent the week hard at work practicing new skills and improving swimming endurance. Lastly, Gan continued to show how much fun they have swimming with many campers now able to go under water and swim a few strokes on their own! From all of the pool staff at Camp Givah, we want to thank our campers for an amazing summer and remind our camp families to always practice water



### Rikud (Dance)

This week we worked so hard for practicing the Zim dances for each group. On Tuesday, the day of the Zim, I wasn't at camp to teach the new kids the dance. So kids would got together to teach the rest of their group. When they got to Temple Israel they were ready with the dances and knew them perfectly. It was surprising and also made me very proud to know that the campers loved dance so much to a point where they taught the rest of the group without me!



## Shira (Song)

Shira this summer has been truly amazing. On Tuesday of this week, everyone sounded fantastic at the Zim. The Bonim also sang great at the last oneg of the summer. Thank you so much for another memorable summer. See you next summer, Daphne



## Limud (Education)

Limud this week has been awesome. We dove deep into the awesome prayer, *Shema Kolanu*, which is part of the Amidah. We discussed how even if God doesn't grant your prayers the way you wanted, he is always right.



## Omanut (Art)

Omanut this summer has blown me away. The creativity that has been exhibited this summer from every group and every camper has filled my heart with only joy. This week we have all done projects that remind us that our camp family will be with us forever (talking from experience). From friendship spider webs to friendship beads, everyone has had a creative and wonderful week. Can't wait to see you all next summer in the omanut building!

Shabbat shalom,  
Jamie Berger



## Teva (Nature)

In *Teva* this week, Gan became explorers and followed the "blue arrows" to the treasure. While on our trek, we acted like pirates. Then with the other groups we went berry picking and found blueberries and blackberries. We will miss everyone this year but cannot wait for more adventures next summer!





57<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Zim





# SAY WHAT???

Madison (3-4 camper): Shayne, look at this! \*Lifts up her shirt to reveal the tiger on her bathing suit\*

Shayne (3-4 camper): Wow, a tiger on your belly! My belly is only brown.

Izzy (Gan camper): Smell my hair it's so fresh and so clean.

Sara (1-2 camper to counselor): Is there poison ivy here? **NO**. What about poison yolk?

Etai (Gan camper): I am only going to eat dinosaur eggs today.

Noah (3-4 counselor): I love the Iliad. Kira (3-4 counselor): I love the Odyssey. Hannah (3-4 camper) What about Wyoming??

Abby (3-4 counselor): What are you doing? Miri (3-4 camper): I'm feeding the grass because the grass has to eat, too.

Simone (3-4 Camper): But I don't want to break my leg (after being told to break a leg during the performance).



**Jewish Heritage Night**

ValleyCats vs. Brooklyn Cyclones

August 20, 2017  
Vaad Approved Kosher Food Offerings  
Gates Open at 3pm  
Summer Reading at 3:30pm  
On Field Catch at 4pm  
First Pitch at 5pm  
**FIREWORKS!!!**

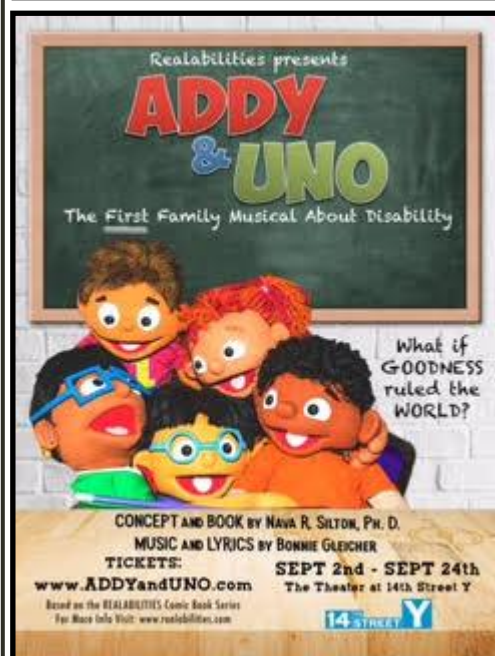
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Dear Chanichim/ot at Machaneh Givah,

I hope you are all having an INCREDIBLE summer!! How I miss Machaneh Givah and can't wait to come visit soon!! I wanted to let you all know about a brand-new comic book series and Off-Broadway Musical that I created, in case you wanted to check out our Comic Book website, [www.realabilities.com](http://www.realabilities.com) or our Musical website, [www.addyanduno.com](http://www.addyanduno.com).

The show is based on my *Realabilities Educational Comic Book Series*, which includes 10 distinct comic books and instructional manuals for teachers. Iterations of the Comic Book Series have been used in over a dozen classrooms across the U.S.

If you happen to be in Manhattan between Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup> -24<sup>th</sup> or would like to take a look the comic book series, please check out our websites and please always be in touch!!

Have a wonderful rest of summer!!  
Much Ahava,  
Nava (Camp Director, Summer 2008)