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## Scher Shares

As I write this article, I'm witnessing smiling faces of campers and counselors as they ride down water slides and splash in wave pools. While children can get to amusement parks like Zoom Flume with their family or with other organizations, there is something magical about attending with Camp Givah. What was so special about this trip is that, prior to heading out for a fun-filled field trip, we took a moment to learn about the parsha and daven shacharit.

After gathering in Temple Israel's small sanctuary, I asked the campers if they knew the weekly Torah portion. Campers were able to correctly answer that, in fact, there were two Torah portions this week. We discussed how the Torah is split into 54 portions, but with only 50 or 51 Shabbats in a year and some cases in which a holiday falls on Shabbat so that the normal portion isn't read, there are some interesting alterations to the one-parsha-per-Shabbat plan. One of the solutions is to create double portions such as this Shabbat's Torah readings. Following this Torah trivia learning session, we began our Shacharit service. Campers sang along (and some helped lead) a rousing prayer session. During it, I told about my best friend who had visited Zoom Flume before and said the "own" sound upon seeing a huge ride and the "reesh" sound when going down the ride. Those of us who have attended Givah in the past likely know where this story is heading.....I then explained that there is a song that was crafted to honor my friend's experience: Reeshon! Emet Emet Emet.....

Thank you to all staff who made this trip (and another week at Camp Givah) so successful!

**Announcing our New Givah Babysitters! Feel free to have a night off and call one of our amazing campers!**

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## Save the Date!

### Tikkun Olam

The Gan/1-2 will visit the elderly at the Massry Residence. The campers in grades 3-10 will volunteer at the Shalom Food Pantry. In the afternoon Campers will venture off to do some fun activities.

### July 20<sup>th</sup> 5-6 Oneg

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

### Givah Wish List

- Empty Paper towel rolls

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## Group Articles

Find out some highlights from this past week:

### Gan (3-5 year olds)

This was an exciting week for us! We had a fantastic time during our first fieldtrip of the summer at Zoom Flume. We went on slides, lounged in the lazy river, and played in the childrens' water area. Gregg assisted us in making delicious pickles during the Jewish food tour. We are enthusiastic to go on our community service fieldtrip to The Massry next week and to see Beauty and the Beast!

Shabbat Shalom!

Alana, Katie, and Marisa



### Tseirim (Grades 1-2)

Holy mackrol! There goes another momentous week with the Tseirim! To begin the week, 1-2 had loads of fun making pickles. We had no idea that making pickles could be so exciting! On Tuesday, we had the honor and pleasure of going to Zoom Flume, the capital regions #1 waterslide destination. While there, everyone had a memorable time playing in the wave pool, going on daunting water slides, and even conquering "The Typhoon". Needless to say, week 3 has proven to be the best one yet. Have a wonderful evening,  
Noah J. Degroult-Elias & Ariella J. Kovach



### Shorashim (Grades 3-4)

The 3-4 had a tremendous week 3, as we did plenty of fun activities. On Tuesday, the entire camp had an extremely successful outing at Zoom Flume as we splashed around! Throughout the week, the group was tirelessly preparing for our Oneg this week, and we got to experience some tasty Jewish food too! We ended the week with a stupendous performance with a wonderful song and dance for our Oneg. We can't wait to see everyone next week!

- Zach Tenenbaum, Shaina Degroult-Elias, Davi Ginsburg



## Nitzanim (Grades 5-6)

Everyone had a fantastic time at Zoom Flume running around trying all the different slides. We've also had a fun time planting our new garden that we plan on using for ingredients to make pizza soon. We look forward to another amazing week with the kids.  
Shajar Gonzalez and Zak Farina



## Na'arim (Grades 7-8)

This week we did not play as much basketball. Instead we enjoyed cooling off and finding thrills at Zoom Flume. We had the special privilege of helping out around camp as CITs. We loved trying different Jewish foods. We found our inner farmers when we helped start the garden that will eventually help us grow a pizza! We are excited for another great week with the kids next week.  
Shabbat Shalom,  
Jamie and Levi

## Bonim (Grades 9-10)

The Bonim this week CITED for different groups and also helped the groups after their CIT time. They all loved helping the Gan campers and Jacob and I kept hearing really good compliments about how well they are doing with the younger kids. We started to think about the Maccabia games and what groups and songs they are going to have.  
We are so proud of our Bonim

Noa and Jacob





## Specialties

### Sports

Sports this week was a blast. We had a ton of fun playing Gaga and playing with bubbles with the gan. We cant wait for next week for the volleyball tournament!<! reee ooo

From your beautiful sports director,  
Jacob Stryker



### Brecha (Pool)

We had another great week of swimming at the pool. It was super-hot once again so the water felt great. Everyone showed off their swimming skills at Zoom Floom and we can't wait to see everyone back next week.

From the Lifeguards,  
Jacob and his minos

### Briut (Health)

Mah nishma Machaneh Givah, the Mirpa'ah (Health Office) is proud to report an uneventful week inside the office. Our chanichim continue to impress our health director with their tough skin, can do attitudes, and determination to let nothing stand in the way of their ruach. Our camp trip to Zoom Flume water park was full of screams of joy on the numerous attractions. A splinter and a stubbed toe were the only things brought to our health director (Much to his satisfaction). For future notice to our parents: "Please be sure to pack your campers with a nice full water bottle on our trips. It becomes very dehydrating under the hot sun, and our means to provide water without a container is very limited."

Message of the week: "A reminder to all our guests to check for ticks often, and please NEVER remove a tick yourself. James will be happy to reenact the story of David and Goliath only this time...Goliath wins.



### Rikud (Dance)

This week we worked so hard with 3-4 to teach new kids their oneg dance and do it a few times until they remembered it, but at the end it came out really nicely and they can't wait to learn their Zim dance. 1-2 started to learn their Zim dance, and the campers were a good help to come up with moves that they would love to do.

Noa Bahir

## Shira (Song)

Wow! This week was so much fun! 3-4 learned their oneg song so quickly and sang so beautifully at their oneg. We combined teva and shira on Thursday when we had some guests from Five Rivers that came to camp and taught the campers. I didn't think it was possible but our ruach is growing even stronger. Everyone is so fun to sing with and to be at camp with!

Shabbat Shalom,

-Aviva



## Limud (Education)

What a great week we had in limud. 3-4 learned their d'var torah for Matot Massei and the Shabbat blessings. This week we learned about why it is so important to protect and take care of ourselves. We delve into the value of Shmirat Haguf, speaking about different topics like nutrition, hygiene, and community. We had so much fun having insightful and thought provoking discussions under Big Bertha.

Shabbat Shalom,

Jamie Berger



## Omanut (Art)

Omanut was a blast this week! Older campers created beautiful eye designs and crazy hair paintings. The younger campers worked with letter stickers and were able to decorate colorful papers with their drawings. I remain impressed with all of the artistic talent we have here at Givah!

See you next week! Shabbat shalom!

Dahlia Earleywine

## Teva (Nature)

This week in teva we continued our work on the garden gathering dead leaves to use for mulch and going on hikes.

From your beautiful nature boi

Jacob Stryker!





# SAY WHAT???

Noah to Isaiah (5-6 Camper) - Do you want to ask a question (playing 20 questions)? Isaiah- No I want to eat!

Ben C (Gan Camper) - I'm Oneg this week (when referring to his camp days!).

Izzy (Gan Camper) - I'm Michael Jordan without the moustache.

Leo (Gan Camper) - Ummm when are we going on the dry rides?!? (While on our trip at Zoom Flume- a waterpark).

## Rivi's Recipe of the week:

Israeli Pickles - Melafeffonim Hamutzim

About 10 small cucumbers  
 1 teaspoon ground pepper  
 2 teaspoons black pepper (wholes)  
 2 teaspoons mustard seeds  
 5 garlic cloves, peeled and sliced  
 Several stalks of dill  
 3 tablespoons vinegar  
 1 Tablespoon Salt  
 1 1/2 cup Water



Rinse the cucumbers.

Put pepper and mustard seeds in a jar, place the cucumbers (densely), and between them garlic cloves and dill.

Mix water, salt and vinegar in a bowl until the salt melts (There is no need to boil the water).

Fill the jar to the edge with water, close with a sealed lid, lay on the counter and wait for three days before eating.

Shake the jar gently for a few seconds every day during the three days.

B'teavon

Rivi

