

Throughout the summer in Limud (Judaic Education) we are focusing on Jewish values. This week in our classes, we learned about generosity/charity. Jamie and I taught about Maimonides' Eight Degrees of Tzedakah and the campers had an opportunity to debate the order of the eight levels. We discussed how the top level can be related to the old adage: 'if you teach a man to fish.' The next few levels include scenarios that preserve the recipient and/or giver's anonymity. Finally, the levels include how willing/kind the giver is. I was thrilled to hear lively discussions about the order of giving levels and some shares about charitable practices among our campers' families.

This week, we put the value of generosity into practice, being generous with our time. It was a pleasure to see our youngest campers sing, dance and visit with the residents of the Massry Residence. As well, it was so special to have our 3<sup>rd</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> graders help out with packing food packages for the needy at the Shalom Food Pantry. Thank you to both organizations for "hosting" us. The campers definitely earned their "rewards" (seeing a movie and rockclimbing/spelunking).





#### New Givah Babysitters!

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#### Save the Date!

#### July 24th Great Escape

-Campers will venture up to Lake George again for our annual Great Escape Trip. 7<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> will stay overnight for their yearly Lake George Overnight. All other campers will be back to TI by 5. \*There will be no afternoon buses!

#### July 27th 7-8 Oneg

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

Givah Shabbat at Temple Israel. More information attached!

#### Givah Wish List

• Empty Paper towel rolls

Camp Givah is permitted and inspected twice annually by Albany County
Department of Health. Copies of these inspections are maintained at Albany
County Dept. of Health
175 Green Street Albany, NY 12201.





#### Tseirim (Grades 1-2)

Golly gee! Another eventful week with the Tseirim! As a special activity, we had a great time going to Regal Cinema<sup>TM</sup> in Cross gates Mall © to witness the journey of a young, idealistic bull named Ferdinand who hopes to change the world one Germanic horse at a time. Let's just say they had fallen and couldn't gidee-up! After that, we took part in Tikun Olam (repairing the world) at the Massry Residence, by performing songs and dances for all the lovely folks who live there. Later in the week, we had a blast playing in the volleyball! Every week seems to top the last, so let's make next week even better!

May your Shabbos be filled with joy, Ariella J. Kovach & Noah J. Degroult-Elias



# Group Articles

Find out some highlights from this past week:

### Gan (3-5 year olds)

Wow! We had such an amazing week helping out our community. It felt awesome being able to visit the Massry to sing and dance, and put a smile on the residents' faces. Before we went there, we got to see Ferdinand the Bull at Crossgates Mall and enjoy a delicious treat of popcorn! We are LOVING camp thus far. It is hard to believe we are already halfway through the summer. We have become professional swimmers, boaters, and dancers already. We cannot wait to have an even more fun-filled second half of the summer!!!

Shabbat Shalom!

Alana, Katie, and Marisa



# Shorashim (Grades 3-4)

The 3/4 had another successful week at Machaneh Givah! We had an amazing experience at the Shalom Food Pantry, as many of the campers assembled food packages for those who don't always have food. Afterwards, we climbed over to Albany Indoor Rockgym! All of the campers had a tremendous time rock climbing and navigating through dark caves! Some of the campers also got to participate in our photography chug (elective) with a professional! We all finished the week on a high note as we celebrated a great Oneg by the 5/6! Shabbat Shalom!

- Zach Tenenbaum, Shaina Degrout-Elias, Davi Ginsburg

#### Nitzanim (Grades 5-6)

We all had an outstanding week! The 5/6'ers had a great time packing food at Shalom Food Pantry to help feed others who are less fortunate. Later they went to AIR for some awesome rock climbing, most even went spelunking in an amazing indoor cave system! Also to pile on even more fun the volleyball tournament was a blast. We were glad to end this week on a high note with 5/6 hosting this week's oneg! We hope to see all our fantastic campers next week. Shajar Gonzalez and Zak Farina





# Na'arim (Grades 7-8)

This week was a lot of fun. On Tuesday we went to the Shalom Food Pantry and helped package food for families and individuals that are less fortunate. After that we went to Albany Indoor Rock Gym for rock climbing and cave exploring. On Thursday we had a very exiting volleyball tournament. It was lit! Shabbat Shalom, Levi and Jamie

#### Bonim (Grades 9-10)

This week the Bonim had a lot of fun being a bigger group! They loved CITing to their assigned group. We started having the Bonim 101 classes to help them become better than better. They also finished learning their oneg/zim dance, they did such a good job learning it, usually it takes longer to learn it, can't wait to see them perform.

Noa and Jacob



# Specialties

#### **Sports**

This week in sports we had a great time with the volleyball tournament. Congratulations to everyone who participated! The younger campers also had a great time playing other volleyball type games. Shabbat Shalam, Jacob Stryker



## Briut (Health)

Shalom Machaneh Givah, this was a pleasantly uneventful week inside the Mirpa'ah (Health office). However the week was certainly not free of fun! Our 3-10 campers trip to serve our community at the Shalom food pantry which will help dozens of families in need with hearty and healthy meals. As a reward for their selfless service, they were brought to AIR; where they climbed, crawled, and spelunked to their hearts content. The health director was on Bilay watching our chanichim ascend to great heights. Some great ropes tips were given to all climbers and Bilayers from our health director straight from his fire department training. A more mitziunet (fantastic) time was never had! Message of the week: "Gaga is of course the greatest game of all time, but let us all keep in mind it is indeed a game; we are all friends at the end. Keep the gaga pit fun and safe for all players. Stay cool and hydrated you gaga playing maniacs!"



#### Brecha (Pool)

Week 4 was another great week at the pool! Campers worked on their swimming skills in instructional swimming periods and enjoyed free-swim in the hot afternoons. There has been lots of progress throughout the Red Cross swimming levels. We can't believe half of the summer has already gone by, but we're super excited for the rest of the season.

From the Lifeguards, Jacob and his Seahorses



Rikud (Dance)

This week is 5-6 oneg, and they couldn't wait to perform their dance. It was really nice seeing them asking me to practice their dance even whenever they had free time. The rest of the groups started to learn their zim dance, and we already have an idea of what they would be wearing for their performance.

Noa Bahir

# Shira (Song)

This week was so much fun! As a camp, we prepared for Tisha b'Av, and on Friday we had our Tisha B'Av ceremony. The 5-6 campers learned about Tisha B'Av and sang a beautiful version of Im Eshkachech as their oneg song. I was very excited as boom whackers and egg shakers were introduced to shira! The Gan and 1-2 sang so well when we visited the Massry. I wish everyone a meaningful Tisha B'Av. See you next week! -Aviva Schwartz



#### Omanut (Art)

We had a great week 4 in omanut! In the beginning of the week, the Gan and 1-2 campers created beautiful cards that they later presented to the Massry residents for our Tikkun Olam (or community service) day. We also created animal cartoon collages and funky pattern drawings. I can't believe half of the summer has already gone by! See you next week! Shabbat shalom!

#### Dahlia Earleywine



#### Limud (Education)

This week in limud, we were able to put what we were learning about to use with tikun olam day! We learned about charity and giving. Dan Scher helped lead riveting discussions on the 8 levels of giving. We also learned about the somber history of Tisha B'av leading up to our commemorating of it as a camp on Friday. I wish everyone who will be fasting an easy and meaningful fast. Can't wait to see you all next week! Shabbat Shalom, Jamie Berger





#### Teva (Nature)

Following our lockdown drill we got to go on an extra-long hike with the 1-2 campers. We found lots of salamanders and continued our work on the garden. From your beautiful nature boi Jacob Stryker!



# SAY WHAT???

Victor to Stryker (7-8 Camper) – Did you finish your first day of school yet?

Ellie S (3-4 Camper)- I'm figuring out a solution to something I was going to do.

Benjy (Gan Camper)- No we don't eat rocks Jacob (When talking about Rocky Road)

Camper to Leo (Gan Camper) - You're an ADIT (Assistant Director in Training)

Elisheva (Gan Camper when referring to artwork at TI)- This is not realism!!

Lior (1-2 Camper)- It smells like fish, Tilapia!

#### Rivi's Recipe of the week:

Biscuit Cake – Ugat Biskwitim

#### Ingredients:

3 packets of Petit biscuits (Pettit Beurre)
1 package instant vanilla pudding
16 oz heavy cream
chocolate crumbled or chocolate syrup
1 teaspoon instant coffee powder
3 cups milk - 1 for baking w/cream, 2 for wetting biscuits



Whip heavy cream with 1 cup milk and instant pudding in a mixer until uniform texture is formed.

Mix in small bowl, 2 cups of milk and the instant coffee powder.

Moisten each biscuit in milk and arrange uniformly one layer one layer in a pan.

Spread 1/3 cream mixture over the biscuits.

Place another layer of wet biscuits over cream mixture.

Continue layering biscuits with cream mixture - end with cream on top.

Sprinkle or drizzle the chocolate on top. Wrap cake and refrigerate overnight.







# **Givah Summer Shabbat**

Friday,
July 27





Services begin at 5:30 PM Appetizers and schmooze following services

\$5/ Individual

\$15/family

RSVP by 7/23 at 518-438-7858 ext 111 or programs@tialbany.org





Boating



- Sunday Brunch -August 5th, 10Am - 1PM Mini Golf



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Transportation

Available for an additional fee

Free Admission
Suggested Donation of \$5 or more

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