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# Givahton

WEEK 1 | Friday June 2, 2019 | כו' בסיון 5779



## Scher Shares

When planning for this summer back in September 2018, Rachael and I discussed whether camp should start this week (on 6/24) or next. We still wanted a full 8 weeks of Givah and decided on launching Givah this past Monday to ensure that was the case. We made this decision, even though some schools were still to be in session, including my own. Rachael stepped up to the plate and agreed to take the helm for the first four days of Givah.

Similar to this week's Torah portion, Shelach, (in which Moshe sent spies to the land of Canaan to seek status reports), I've been checking in with Rachael, counselors and campers to see how the first week has been going. I have been thrilled to hear of happy campers (pun intended) and the return of nose jousting, gaga, instructional swim, Lima/Pinto and Kidney beans at Eitz Hada'at and so much more! It is with a deep gratitude that I express my thanks to Rachael for her leadership of camp in my absence. Thank you to all madrichim (counselors/staff) for a great first week). It was so nice to return to high fives/"**boker tovs**" off the bus on Friday morning!

Shabbat Shalom, Dan Scher

Save the Date!

### July 4<sup>th</sup>

Join in the Givah fun at 11:30am. We will start the day off with a BBQ followed by some camp activities. Hot dogs and burgers will be sold to guests for \$2.00 each. Sides and drinks will be available at no charge. Please register on our website at [campgivah.org](http://campgivah.org).

### July 5<sup>th</sup> 1-2 Oneg

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

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Find out some highlights from this past week...

## Gan [3-5 Years olds]

This week Gan had a blast doing so many different activities, from boating in the lake to painting/drawing nature from Camp Givah. We did it with a smile and lots of laughs!!

On Wednesday, we explored the Adirondack Animal Land and saw so many different animals and took lots of fun that you can see on class Dojo! Can't wait to see so many friends next week!!

Miriam Rosenberg



## Tseirim [Grade 1-2]

The first week at camp for this 1-2 group was nothing short of amazing. On Monday we learned everyone's name and favorite animal sound to make, as well as boated in the afternoon. Then on Wednesday we went to a zoo where we all almost got spit on by a lama during a safari ride. Lastly during the first *Oneg* we were able to show off our spectacular singing voices to all when we sang at *Oneg Shabbat*.

Shabbat Shalom,  
The 1-2 Counselors



## Shorashim [Grade 3-4]

3-4 had an amazingly fun first week at camp! We spent our days swimming, boating, dancing, singing, playing Gaga and Four Square in the air! On Wednesday, we had a blast at Adirondack Animal Land, especially while feeding the goats! This week was a great first of eight!

A for the rest of the summer –  
we simply cannot wait!

Samson & Shajar





## Nitzanim (Grade 5-6)

This week in 5-6, we started off the summer on a high note. Everyone had a blast seeing all their friends again and making some new ones. On Wednesday we went to the zoo and had a blast on the safari ride and feeding the animals. We also had a great time learning about the Parshat Hashavuah and writing our D'var Torah for Oneg. We're super excited for the rest of the summer.

Shabbat Shalom,  
Bina Kovach and Noah Greenblatt

## Na'arim (Grade 7-8)

This week was amazing!  
We were so excited to see so many familiar faces. We were happy to see each other after such a long school year!  
We had such an amazing time at the zoo,  
We can't wait for next week.

-Marisa, Shore and Jacob!



## Bonim (Grade 9-10)

In Bonim we have been having a great time!! Getting to know all the groups and CITing for them. We had a blast at the Adirondack Animal Land.

Shaina

## Sport

Sport this week was awesome every one of all ages had a great time playing a whole bunch of different games from Basket to Frisbee golf, Sport Chug was also a big hit with Kick ball and Gaga creating some good fun and competition.

Noah Greenblatt



## Breicha (Pool)

We had so much fun in the pooly pool this week. We went boating & swimming in the lake and it was so warm!!

We can't wait for the rest of the summer and to see the progress in each camper.

Life Guards

## Briut (Health)

Hello from the new health director, Kristin. We've had a great week one and it's been so much fun to getting to know everyone! I'm loving how prepared for camp everyone is - coming off the bus in the morning with sunscreen, bug spray, water bottles and smiles on their faces!

Message for the week - Ticks are sneaky! Make sure you're doing daily tick checks and looking in hair, ears, belly buttons, etc.

Kristin Blick



## Rikud (Dance)

This week 3-4 worked really hard on their dance for Oneg. The rest of the groups learned their Oneg dance and next week all the groups will be introduced to a new type of dance, instead of only Israeli dance it is mixed with modern and hip-hop. The kids love the idea that it is traditional and not traditional at the same time.

Noa Bahir



## Shira (Song)

Singing at Givah is so much fun! Whether we are singing *Mah Rabu*, the Jellyfish Song, or our favorite songs at *Eitz Haadat*, the whole camp has so much “*Ruach*.” Gan is ready to do their song at Oneg, and I’m so excited to end the week with more Shira! Shabbat Shalom! Sawyer



## Limud (Education)

This week in Limud we learned all about the Parshah of the week! We had all kinds of fun activities like coloring, crosswords and skits! 5-6 gave an amazing D’var Torah at Oneg and Na’arim helped with the Shabbat blessings. It was a great start to the summer, can’t wait for the rest of the summer! Shore Goldberg

## Omanut (Art)

What a fun way to start the week!! Painting tree’s with our fingers, Making our mark at Machaneh Givah with chalk and getting a little messy.

Shaina Degroult- Elias



## Teva (Nature)

This week in Teva we had a great start to the Summer. We started the garden and took lots of nature walks. Looking forward to next week’s Nature.

Jacob Stryker

# SAY WHAT???

“It looks like we’re in Massachusetts (on our way back from Adirondack Animal land)!”

Izzy (1-2 Camper)

How did you get so big and I’m so small (to another Gan camper)?

Roni (Gan Camper) –

I don’t want to be a fish I want to be a chicken nugget with ketchup!

Lior (1-2 camper)

“These windows are so cute because they are so small”

Liam (Gan)

Houston we have a problem here (in referencing not having a spoon at lunch).

Leo (1-2 Camper)

