



The GIVAHTON

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Scher Shares

In this week's Torah portion, Pinchas, Moshe and Eleazar took a census of all male Israelites over age 20 and counted 601,730. At Camp Givah, we have done our own count and got all the way to 117!

In fact, it has been such a pleasure for me to say Boker Tovs to 83 campers, 31 staff and 3 bus drivers each day this week! I wanted to take this moment to thank our dedicated staff for working so hard to make this week a success. I know how tiring and meaningful being a counselor can be and am so appreciative for their hard work.

We had a wonderful visit from Caitlin Horgan and her silkies. They were so cute and I even got to hold one! Also, camp neighbor Tom Spargo came by to share with us the process for making maple syrup!

We look forward to more adventures next week including a birds of prey show and a beekeeper coming to visit!

Shabbat Shalom,
Dan Scher

What's Up?

Monday, July 5th

Camp Independence Day Celebration!
Due to COVID regulations we can't have guests come this year. We will have a BBQ for campers and staff.

July 9th 1-2 Oneg

Parents of 1-2 are invited to join our Oneg. Come and watch your child dance and sing as they lead us in Oneg Shabbat. Please remember to complete the Oneg Guest Form.

We want to extend our deepest thanks

to an anonymous donor who has helped underwrite Weeks 1 & 2 of the 2021 Machaneh Givah season. This institution's generosity is making it possible for us to run the great program our campers deserve. Thank you!!

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Group Articles

Gan (3-5 Years olds)

We had an egg-spllosion of fun this week at Givah! Along with a fun boating adventure on the lake and and learning new skills in the pool, our Gan group met some pretty cool chickens called Silkies! Everyone got to pet the chickens, pick them up, and see what their eggs look like. We can't wait to see what next week brings!

- Jazzmyn, Ben, and Marah



Tseirim (Grade 1-2)

This week we had so much fun! We learned everyone's names, made chocolate balls, met silkies, swam, boated and so much more! We are all excited to see how the rest of the summer goes and to make even more friends! We had so much fun and are looking forward to having so much more fun for the next seven weeks!

- Kate, Chloe, and Matthew

Shorashim (Grade 3-4)

The 3-4 campers had a wonderful week 1 and a fantastic start to the summer. On Monday we went out to the lake for many campers' first time boating. Tuesday we played a lot of Gaga and swam. Wednesday we hiked through the woods to see the waterfall and played with cute silkie chicks. Thursday we had maple syrup with pancakes which were super delicious.

- Susan, Briana, Tani, and Autumn



Group Articles

Nitzanim (Grade 5-6)

This week 5-6 had a wonderful time getting to know each other and exploring Camp Givah. We had a fun time playing around with a soapy slip-n-slide, petting Silkies, and tapping maple trees. The campers loved free-swim during this very hot week. We enjoyed lots of basketball, soccer, and gaga. We are looking forward to seven more amazing weeks!

- Elijah and Limor



Na'arim (Grade 7-8)

Na'arim had a great time this week bonding and getting to know each other! We had a blast enjoying everything camp has to offer. We especially had fun petting and playing with Silkies, and even had a chicken whisperer in our group! We are always extremely excited to jump in the pool and we can't wait to see what next week has for us! :)

- Shajar Gonzalez

Bonim (Grade 9-10)

Bonim had such an awesome start to Camp! We started the week by learning about different leadership styles and how to be strong leaders at Camp Givah! The campers then finished off the week by beginning their CIT training with other groups. With all of the hikes, games, and everything else, this has been an awesome start to Summer 2021!

- Shore Goldberg



Specialties

Sport

This week the kids played basketball, soccer and gaga. They learned the fundamentals of each one of the games. We played multiple games of basketball including counselors versus campers in all sports. Soccer was fun, too. I also learned that the campers are very good at gaga and the chances of winning a game are very slim.

Ami Drucker



Breicha (Pool)

We had a great time swimming this week! After not being at camp for an extra year, we were impressed with how well everyone was doing. It was very warm this week so the campers really enjoyed being able to get in the water and cool off. We look forward to seeing the progress everyone's making and continuing to have an amazing time in the pool with all of you. See you next week. - The Lifeguards.



Briut (Health)

We have hit our heat quota of hot days already this summer. This leads to ample sunscreen application (often finding out quickly if we missed a spot) as well as lots of water intake in both the form of drinking and cooling down in the pool. We have had our fair share of band-aid visits after the pool as new toes get used to the pool bottom, but it doesn't slow anyone down. We look forward to more fun and healthy weeks!

- Caitlin Overholt



Rikud (Dance)

This week Bina and I had the privilege to dance with the campers this week! We taught some Oneg dances and also danced to some classics like Cotton Eyed Joe and Cha Cha slide! Naarim and Bonim played Shake and Pop, a great dance game, and taught me some new moves. Noa is in for a treat!!

Aviva and Bina <3



Specialties

Shira (Song)

Wow! What a fun first week at camp! All of the groups refreshed their memories with two songs from past years, and relearned the Camp Givah bus song. It is so nice to see everyone's smiley faces again. Looking forward to another great next week!

Shabbat Shalom,
Aviva Schwartz



Limud (Education)

This week in Limud, we learned together about the legacy of Moshe, and we discussed the importance of creating our own legacies. In addition, we learned about Mezuzahs and had the opportunity to make our own to bring home. I would love to see photographs of them hanging on door posts in your homes and I am excited to continue learning next week!

- Bina Kovach



Omanut (Art)

In Omanut this week we learned about facial expressions and drew emojis on round pieces of wood. Everyone drew their favorite emoji and added a magnet to the back so you can attach it to the fridge. :-) We created friendship bracelets and bracelets from lanyard strings. Gan made a bee from recycled egg cartons and they enjoyed painting very much. We added black antennas, wings, and googly eyes. :-)

Enjoy the weekend
& see you next week!

Rivi Bahir



Teva (Nature)

This week the kids took multiple hikes including 2 hikes to the waterfall. We played multiple games of hide and seek and taught them all about maps and compasses. We also looked for many sticks to help with an art project for Rivi.

Ami Drucker



Say What???

"I really like free swim. It's like a giant party."

Maddy
(5-6 Camper)

"So what are we doing?"
Bina (teaching dance)

"Rikud-ing!"

Judah (1-2 Camper)

"This is one small step for Ethan kind, one large leap for Arnie hitting his head on the ceiling."

Ethan (1-2 Camper)

Mom: "What was your favorite part of the first day?"
Olivia said: "Well, everything except going home."
Olivia (Gan)

"Aviva, do you speak English?"
"Yes... do you?"
"Mmm no."

Ravi (Gan)

Israeli Chocolate balls

300 grams of crushed tea biscuits
50 grams of chocolate chips
Half stick of butter
3 tablespoons chocolate spread
3 tablespoons sugar
1/4 cup of milk

For coating:

Dry shredded coconut, sprinkles, cocoa powder

Melt the butter and chocolate chips in a glass bowl in the microwave.
Add all the other ingredients and mix everything well.
After mixing if the consistency is too liquid add more biscuits and if the consistency is too crumbly add more milk.
Shape to balls in a size of a little less than a golf ball. Coat with shredded coconut, sprinkles, or cocoa powder.

B'te'avon, Rivi :-)

