

# ROCKS RUNDOWN

Summer 2025, Week 1 Edition

## DIRECTOR'S CORNER



**WHAT A WEEK!** There truly is no greater feeling than watching our campers and staff embrace familiar faces and welcome new friends into the fold. From the moment the first busses rolled in; we hit the ground running! Programming was in full swing & our travel campers headed off on their adventures; it's as if no time passed at all! My favorite part of this week is rekindling our favorite Yachad traditions while welcoming in some new ones! This summer is all about embracing who we are while adding some more of that 'camp magic' to the mix. It's been incredible to see our campers jumping right in — trying to conquer the rockwall for the first time, learning new skills at gymnastics, exploring their creativity at discovery, and above all — finding their place within our amazing camp family. The energy and enthusiasm surrounding week 1 has already shaped new memories that we'll carry with us for years to come. Whether you've been part of our camp family for years or you're experiencing your first summer with us, thank you for being here. Week 1 has been full of joy, growth, and laughter — and we're only just getting started.

**850 campers, 350 staff, 34 magical summer days... Let's go Camp Yachad!**



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## LEARN THE CAMP DANCE!

THIS YEAR'S CAMP DANCE IS APT  
by ROSE & Bruno Mars.

Special shoutout to Sadie Pizzella (Y2) and Lila Salzman (Y1) - two of our incredible counselors who choreographed the whole thing!

### CHECK OUT THIS VIDEO

to learn all the moves  
to the 2025 camp dance!

## REMINDERS FROM THE OFFICE

- Please remember to label EVERYTHING that comes to camp!
- Please remember to send your camper in with a reusable water bottle.
- Campers arriving after 9am or being picked up early MUST be signed in and out through the camp office.

THANKS FOR YOUR COOPERATION!

## WEEK 1 COWS

Congrats to our amazing COWS (counselors-of-the-week) for Week 1!

- Nikkol Boateng (446)
- Jake Stolz (S1B)
- Izzy Gracefo (O1G)

**YOU ARE MOOVELOUS!**



## DIVISION SPOTLIGHT: CHAVERIM

Week 1 in Chaverim is off to our best start ever! From making playdoh in Discovery, to creating self portraits in Art, zooming around on bikes, and learning new strokes in the pool - Chaverim has rocked week 1! Our mini campsite is alive with laughter, fun, & friends. Boker Tov has been an exciting start to our day learning new songs, the camp dance, & even practicing the camp pledge. We can't wait to see all the amazing things we discover and learn for the next 6 weeks!

## PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT: ARTS

Our art spaces are bursting with creativity, imagination, and excitement! Our theme for art this summer is "Oh, the places you'll go!"

Tammi and Jackie are guiding campers of all ages to experiment with a variety of materials including beads, clay, wood, mosaics and felt.

Next door to the art studio is JValues, an art-based program about Jewish concepts. Where campers of all ages making Judaic jewelry, suncatchers, Shabbat and Star of David plaques and learning about Jewish core values in a fun and engaging way.

Out on Wonderscape, Chaverim campers are exploring primary colors, experimenting with different textures and practicing both fine and gross motor skills through fun, hands-on projects.

Wherever our campers are creating art this summer, we believe that the process of creating is just as meaningful as the finished masterpieces themselves!





# NEXT WEEK SNEAK PEEK!

## Chaverim, Onsite, & Specialty Camps:

- Crazy Hat & Hair Day (Tues) + Circus Experience (Thurs)

## Travel Camps:

- **Olim:** Turtle Back Zoo + Pirate Adventure
- **Tiyulim:** Alstede Farms, Diggerland (overnight) + Bowlero
- **Na'arim:** 3 Days @ NJY & Beast Ride in New York
- **Chalutzim:** 5 Days @ Lake Placid
- **LIT:** 5 Days @ Myrtle Beach



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*We love hearing from our camp community!*

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