

# ROCKS RUNDOWN

Summer 2025, Week 3 Edition

## DIRECTOR'S CORNER



Week 3 has come and gone with a very powerful reminder of why YACHAD ROCKS! This week was all about showing up for each other, spreading positivity, and embracing a camp environment where everyone feels safe, supported, and seen. Kindness at camp isn't just a nice idea—it's something we live out loud. Whether it's campers cheering each other on during a crazy camper/counselor contest, or counselors helping in another group when a fellow staff member is out; we saw kindness in action every single day. One of the highlights of the week was building our ROCKS Garden on Camp Kindness Day. Led by our Assistant Specialists, everyone onsite at camp painted their own rock with pictures and words that spark kindness & happiness—a reminder that will live on long after the week is over. Our new ROCKS Garden is a space where we celebrate everything we stand for, and where we remind ourselves (and future campers) that we all have the power to make someone's day better. Our ROCKS values—*Ruach, Opportunity, Community, Kindness, Strength*—are more than words on a banner. They're the foundation of everything we do. This is what camp is all about—being our best selves, supporting one another, and showing the world who we are and what we stand for. Week 3 reminded us that kindness isn't just powerful...it's contagious. And we can't wait to see it continue to grow all summer long.

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



## SUPPORT THE JCC OPEN!

Our JCC Open Silent Auction has opened early so everyone can get in on the action! Whether you'll be at the JCC Open next Monday (and we hope you are) or not, you can start your bidding now! Great prizes in a variety of categories!

It's quick and easy to sign-up and start bidding - [JUST CLICK HERE!](#)

All silent auction proceeds go towards supporting Life at the J, so please bid aggressively! The silent auction is open through Monday, July 21 at 8:00 p.m.

Questions? Contact Nick Kapsalis, Special Events and Experiences Manager, at 908-889-8800 x217 or [nkapsalis@jccnj.org](mailto:nkapsalis@jccnj.org).



## WEEK 3 COWS

Congrats to our amazing COWS (counselors-of-the-week) for Week 3!

- Logan Sporn (CIT)
- Leanna Yaeger (T1G)
- Ethan Composto (M3B)
- David Cooper (O1B)
- Colin Rafferty (Asst. Specialist)
- Jonah Teicher (Asst. Specialist)
- Amy Levitt (Asst. Specialist)
- Ben Wancier (Asst. Specialist)
- Charlie Blau (Asst. Specialist)
- Philip Reilly (Asst. Specialist)

**YOU ARE MOOVELOUS!**

## YACHAD SPOTLIGHT: SPECIALTY CAMPS

Our SPECIALTY CAMPS are off to a phenomenal start this summer! In **TEKI**, our young tech enthusiasts are exploring all things STEM — from designing their own games in Roblox to mastering the art of Video Production. Over at **JPAC**, the spotlight is on confidence, creativity, and character! Campers are discovering their voice, learning the fundamentals of acting, dance, and stage presence. And for those who thrive on movement and competition, **Maccabi Sports Camp (MSC)** is the place to be. Campers are testing their skills, building sportsmanship, and staying active all day long. It's non-stop action, friendly competition, and tons of fun!

**Whether it's STEM, STAGE, or SPORTS - There's something for every passion!**



## YACHAD PLAYLIST!

Keep the camp tunes going even at home!

[HERE IS THE LINK](#)  
to the 2025 camp playlist!

Ready for you to blast on the road, on the beach - wherever you are!

# NEXT WEEK SNEAK PEEK!

## Chaverim, Onsite, & Specialty Camps:

- Picture Days, Israel Day (Wear Blue & White), JPAC Showcase

## Travel Camps:

- **Olim:** Club Air + Liberty Science Center
- **Tiyulim:** Tomahawk Lake + Jenkinson Boardwalk + Laser Tag
- **Na'arim:** Kayaking + NJ Battle Zone + Mets Game + Bowling
- **Chalutzim:** Iron Peak + Graffiti Tour + Mets Game + Hopewell Quarry + School of Glass



## CONTACT US!

*We love hearing from our camp community!*

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