

# ROCKS RUNDOWN

Summer 2025, Week 4 Edition

## DIRECTOR'S CORNER



What an incredible Week 4 it has been here at camp! As the summer continues to unfold, our pride in being a JCC camp grows stronger each day. We are rooted in tradition, community, and values—and this week truly embodied the *ruach* (spirit) that makes our camp so special. The highlight of the week was undoubtedly Israel Day. The entire camp was buzzing with energy, music, and joy! From a spirited Israeli dance show performed by the *Tzofim* (scouts) caravan to putting our IDF strength to the test through a bootcamp style obstacle course—everyone had an awesome day! What made this week even more meaningful was the arrival of a cohort of Israeli teens, who brought fresh energy and authentic Israeli spirit to camp. Their presence reminded us that we are part of something larger—a global Jewish community—and it was inspiring to see our campers & staff embrace this living connection to Israel. Every day, our campers bring their hearts, their curiosity, and their laughter. And every day, our staff brings their dedication, creativity, and a deep commitment to our ROCKS values. That is how we put the R in *Ruach*! Thank you for being part of this journey with us. We can't wait to see what the rest of the summer brings!

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



## 2026 ENROLLMENT!

### SAVE THE DATE!

**2026 Early Bird enrollment opens**  
**SUNDAY, AUGUST 3 AT 10AM!**

Returning camp families (currently enrolled this summer) have the opportunity to register for next summer before anyone else! We anticipate camp will fill up quickly; don't miss out on your chance to lock in the best prices for Summer 2026!



## WEEK 4 COWS

Congrats to our amazing COWS (counselors-of-the-week) for Week 4!

- Irene Mitossis (442)
- Casey Engel (Y2)
- Connor Nartowicz (M3B)
- Andrew Acosta (Y4)
- Gerard Lang (O2B)
- Harrison Weiss (T1B)

**YOU ARE MOOVELOUS!**



## YACHAD SPOTLIGHT: OUR STAFF

At Camp Yachad, our staff are the soul of our community. With over 350 individuals ranging in age from 15 to 70, our team is a beautiful blend of experience, energy, and heart; bringing a unique spark that makes Yachad feel like home. Their passion for working with children, their unwavering commitment to our mission, and their dedication to making every camper feel seen, supported, and celebrated is what truly sets our camp apart.

From year round training to late summer nights, our staff work tirelessly creating unforgettable memories, modeling kindness and inclusion, and bringing our camp spirit to life every single day. Camp Yachad simply wouldn't be the same without them. We are endlessly grateful for the love, effort, and joy they pour into everything they do. Because of them, Camp Yachad is more than just a camp —it's a family.

## JUST KEEP SWIMMING!

Can't get enough of the pools? Want to see your camper reach that next swim level? Reach out to [aquatics@jccnj.org](mailto:aquatics@jccnj.org) for more information & to sign up for our 2<sup>nd</sup> session summer group lessons!



# NEXT WEEK SNEAK PEEK!

## Chaverim, Onsite, & Specialty Camps:

- Neon Dress-Up, Yachad's Got Talent, + Dinosaurs Alive

## Travel Camps:

- **Olim:** Overnight @ NJY, + Somerset Patriots (O1) / Chocolate Works (O2)
- **Tiyulim:** Splashplex, Splatter Craze, + Somerset Patriots (T1) / Sky Zone (T2)
- **Na'arim:** 3 Days @ Wildwood/Cape May + Madame Tussauds
- **Chalutzim:** 5 Days @ Chicago
- **LIT:** 5 Days @ Cape Cod



## CONTACT US!

*We love hearing from our camp community!*

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