



Summer 2026, Week 1

ROCKS RUNDOWN



DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Welcome Summer 2026! Our summer home is once again filled with laughter, cheering, dancing, smiling faces, ROCKS and the incredible energy that makes camp so special. This week, we've watched friendships form, confidence grow, challenges conquered, and countless memories already being made. Whether here on our great new expanded campsite or out on a travel adventure, our campers are fully immersed in camp life with our awesome staff working together to create the safe, caring, and fun environment that makes Camp Yachad feel like home. One of my favorite things about the first week of camp is watching everyone experience that 'camp magic' in their own way. Campers who walked in a little unsure on Monday came in Tuesday rushing to greet their counselors and friends. New routines are becoming second nature, inside jokes are forming, & camp cheers are getting louder! Those moments may seem small, but they're the foundation of what camp is. And for Summer 2026 - one thing is for sure: The foundation is stronger than ever! Thank you for allowing us to be part of your child's summer story. We don't take that responsibility lightly, and we're grateful to share these unforgettable moments with your family.

Here's to lots more Yachad magic!



Shira

LET'S DANCE!

It's official ... our CAMP DANCE this summer is
ZOO by Shakira!

Special **YACHAD APPRECIATION** to counselors Sadie P & Lila S for choreographing this awesome routine
(and keeping it a secret for months!)

Campers have been practicing the dance at Boker Tov throughout the week and now here's their chance to practice it at home!

[Here are the step-by-step video instructions to our Summer 2026 Camp Dance!](#)



JUST KEEP SWIMMING!

Interested in enhancing your campers swim skills? Extend their day with a post-camp lesson! The JCC Aquatics Staff will even pick up your camper at the end of the camp day to bring them to the pool!

[Click here for more info!](#)



CAMP YACHAD C.O.W.S

Shout Out to our MOOvelous Week 1 COWS
(counselors-of-the-week!)

- Torie Ball, 447
- Gavin Deutsch, S1B
- Jake Stolz, S3B
- Mordy Gershen, MSC Head Coach



REMINDERS FROM THE OFFICE

We're off to a great start! We need your help to keep it going!

- The hours for camper's to get dropped off late or picked up early are 9:30am-3:15pm. We are unable to accommodate camper pickup between 3:15-4:15pm.
- LABEL LABEL LABEL everything!
- If you need to reach someone in camp urgently, please call the office (x234), if you're reaching out with a non urgent matter - [email us](mailto:campyachad@jccnj.org) and we'll get back to you ASAP!



NEXT WEEK SNEAK PEEK!

Chaverim, Onsite, & Specialty

- Brain Game Show, Tournament Day, Neon Dress Up, The Bubble Guy!

Travel:

- **Olim:** Runaway Rapids & Planetarium
- **Tiyulim:** NJY Overnight, Chocolate Works, & Alstede Farms (T1 Only)
- **Na'arim:** 4 Days in Philly
- **Chalutzim:** 5 Days in Maine
- **LIT:** Onsite Week



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