



Summer 2026, Week 5

ROCKS RUNDOWN



DIRECTOR'S CORNER

There are very few places in life where 35 years can feel like both the blink of an eye and a lifetime all at once. As we celebrate Camp Yachad's 35th anniversary this week, I've found myself thinking less about the number and more about the moments. The first day anticipation. The smell of sunscreen and freshly cut grass. The sound of hundreds of campers singing together at Boker Tov. The cheers echoing across the campsite. The tears on the last day that somehow turn into excitement for next summer before the buses have even left the parking lot.

Some things have changed over the last 35 years. Camp shirts look different. Traditions evolved. We've added new programs, embraced new activities, and continued to grow.

But the feeling has never changed.

That's because camp has always been about people. It's about belonging before you've had a chance to introduce yourself. It's about counselors who become role models, campers who become lifelong friends, and families who return summer after summer because Camp Yachad becomes part of their story. As Director, one of my greatest responsibilities is protecting what makes Camp Yachad, Camp Yachad. That doesn't mean standing still. It means honoring our traditions while continuing to dream bigger, always grounded in our ROCKS values—Ruach, Opportunity, Community, Kindness, and Strength. Those values have guided us for 35 years and continue to shape every experience we create. Thirty-five years later, I can say with complete confidence that camp is still doing what it has always done best: building confidence and sparking connection. What a privilege it is to be part of something that has impacted thousands of campers, families, and staff members over three and a half decades. Whether this is your first summer at Camp Yachad or your thirty-fifth, thank you for being part of our story. Thank you for trusting us with your children, your traditions, and your summers.

The past 35 years of Camp Yachad have been extraordinary. And if history has taught us anything, it's that the very best chapters are still waiting to be written. Here's to the next 35.



Shira

CAMP YACHAD - THEN & NOW!



If you're not already following **@campyachad** on Instagram - make sure to check us out for all the non-stop action, excitement & magic moments!

This week we were proud to feature **SOMETHINGS DON'T CHANGE** - highlighting all the ways we've stayed true to who we are after 35 years!

CAMP YACHAD C.O.W.S

Shout Out to our MOOvelous Week 5 COWS
(counselors-of-the-week!)

- Rachel Orgel (445)
- Virginia Nanton (S3G / Late Stay)
- Izzy Gracefo (T1B)
- Brendan Xavier (N2)
- Tyler Jachera (C1)
- Ethan Composto (C2)



LET'S TALK 2027!

2027 "Early Bird" enrollment opens
SUNDAY, AUGUST 9 AT 10AM!

All currently (2026) enrolled families have
the opportunity to register for next
summer before anyone else!

We anticipate camp will fill up quickly; so
set a reminder on your calendar for this
important date & time!

Stay tuned for more details!

*(Enrollment opens up to all NEW camp families
beginning Wednesday, August 12.)*



NEXT WEEK SNEAK PEEK!

Chaverim, Onsite, & Specialty

- Tie-Dye Dress Up, Yachad's Got Talent, Tournament Day

Travel:

- **Olim:** NJY Overnight, Jenkinson's Aquarium
- **Tiyulim:** Bronx Zoo & JCC Overnight, Rock 'N Air, Splashplex (T1) / iPlay America (T2)
- **Na'arim:** 4 Days @ Boston
- **Chalutzim:** 5 Days @ Disney World!
- **LIT:** Onsite Week

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