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calendar for week 5

	SUN 23
	MON 24
	TUE 25
bunk photo day for all campers enrolled and present today; wear your camp t-shirt	WED 26
	THU 27
israel day	FRI 28
	SAT 29

calendar for week 6

	SUN 30
	MON 31
camp is closed in observance of tisha b'av	TUE 1
	WED 2
	THU 3
variety show	FRI 4
	SAT 5

BETH TFILOH CAMPS

We thank everyone for their interest in the 75th Summer Spectacular, however, due to unforeseen circumstances, we regretfully cancel the event. All those registered will receive a full refund in the coming weeks.

from the assistant directors, ryan and melissa

Taps microphone IS THIS THING ON? Wow... we had the volume turned way up there. Hi Folks, its the dynamic duo of Assistant Directors. The boss let us take control of his article this week so here it goes!

It was a HOT week! A little wet, a couple of storms, and a TON of happy faces. Mother Nature can try, but when you have the Best. Camp. Ever. You can't stop the good times. Carnival was AMAZING as campers played on amusements, rode mechanical rides, played games, and ate snowballs and popcorn.

One of our favorite moments from this week was a pair of siblings getting off of their bus in the morning and as the pair parted ways, the younger brother gave his sister an adorable peck on the cheek and told her to have a great day. How adorable is that!?

Campers in Sports Camp went crazy when Trey Mancini came and spoke with them, signed autographs, and posed for some photos. Trey was AWESOME and even gave a shoutout to David and his family; what a great guy! In Art Camp, the campers worked with glass fusion and also made a Tree of Life mirror. If you've never worked with glass fusion and don't have a camper in Art Camp, search the internet for glass fusion. It's REALLY amazing. We both love artistic and creative projects so believe us when we tell you that these kids really made stunning pieces.

Theatre Campers continue rehearsing for next week's production of, "Into The Woods, Jr." performed with a special arrangement with Music Theatre International. The set is coming together and the technical aspects

had bugs worked out. We've peeked in a few times and you won't believe... well.. we won't spoil it.

One of our favorite moments off the week was walking by Ruach and see all of the campers and counselors participating in Carpool Karaoke. There they were, arm in arm, hand in hand all singing, "Let it Go". It's this type of moment that makes every ounce of sweat worth it.

A few quick notes. **First, the 75th Anniversary Spectacular is canceled.** We appreciate the response to the event. Second, Variety Show is Friday of week 6. For Variety Show, we do not allow visitors to camp to view the show. We do record the show and have it available to view a couple weeks after the show. We've seen some of the acts audition and we can attest there certainly is variety.

Many of you have asked when Color War will take place. Always expect the unexpected.

Melissa: Ryan, let's just tell them. What's the harm?
 Ryan: David and Doug would get pretty ticked at us.
 Melissa: Just tell them.
 Ryan: Are you sure?
 Melissa: Yes, it's week... HEY DON'T STEAL THE KEYBOARD.
 Ryan: We can't tell them. Nope.

Have a wonderful Shabbat and as always, if you have any feedback for us at all, please do call us at 410.517.3451. We love feedback; the good and the not-so-good.

siyum in the morning and in the afternoon

Next week marks the beginning of a period of mourning on the Jewish calendar known as the Nine Days. These nine days lead up to the fast of Tisha B'av (the 9th day of the Jewish month of Av), a day commemorating the destruction of the Temples in Jerusalem. There are various customs that people have during these days, including refraining from listening to live music, having a wedding, and buying new clothes. Another custom involves not eating meat during this time.

A siyum is a special celebration marking the completion of a period of study of a Jewish text. During the Nine Days, one can eat meat at a Siyum. To that end, next week at camp, we will have a special Siyum on Tuesday and Thursday before our chicken nugget lunch. Brian Singer, who is well-known at camp and the synagogue and who leads our Friday afternoon Kabbalat Shabbat, will lead the campers in age-appropriate, interesting, and fun study of a Jewish text. This will be a short addition to the campers' days, and will not interfere with their regular activities.

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Wow! Can you believe we are half way through the summer? This week was one of the best yet. In arts and crafts, the campers created memory boxes. Each child used scrapbook paper to design a collage on their box. Inside they drew a picture of themselves with their friends at camp. During nature the campers enjoyed looking at the mammals and reptiles while discussing the difference between the two. The children loved petting the animals and seemed to learn a lot.

Being that we had a warm week, the campers really had a blast in the pool, splash pad and lake. Many of them have gained swim skills and they love showing off, going under the water, floating and swimming. We call them our little "fishies."

In athletics this week, we played wiffle ball, tumbled and played basketball. It is amazing to see the kids' skills improving and they love to show Coach Jen and Coach Jon what they can do.

On Friday, we had our carnival, which is always a highlight of camp. Our kids enjoyed yummy traditional carnival treats. They also played games and had a chance to try and dunk the LTs! Many of them loved the rides and bounce houses as well. Carnival at BT Camps doesn't get much better.

Thank you so much for sending us your adorable children each day. We absolutely love seeing them come off of the buses each morning as they come running towards the bunkhouse. We look forward to an amazing week 5! Shabbat Shalom- Jessica and Stacy

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Games, rides, prizes, and food galore... these can only mean that today was the carnival!! Unit Bet campers had such a great time ending their week at our amazing carnival. Walking around with their friends, they had a chance to play many fun games created by our wonderful LTs, go on awesome rides and eat delicious snowballs, cotton candy, and popcorn. A fabulous day was had by all!

During this week, Unit Bet campers continued to have fun at all of their regular activities. We learned about sounds in Science, and experimented with making various sounds with different objects. In Ruach, campers had a great time singing karaoke.

Even with the rain this week, most of our activities continued as normal. When there is a threat of thunderstorms, we keep the campers entertained in the safety of our bunkhouse. The counselors work together to play games and do special projects with them during those times.

A couple of friendly reminders: Please be sure to sunscreen your child before camp each morning, even though we reapply throughout the day. Many campers are running low on sunscreen. Please check if your child needs a new supply. In addition, please label all clothes, towels and hats that you send to camp. It makes it much easier to return lost items when there is a name.

See you for a wonderful week 5! -Rivka

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What a HOT wonderful week in Unit Gimmel. The kids have all been staying cool by playing in the splash pad, going in the lake, swimming, and drinking lots of water. I was so proud of all the campers as they stayed calm during the rain!

The kids are weaving in Art while making various sounds out of different materials in Science.

In Nature the campers picked worms and then fed the animals (turtles, bearded dragons, and other lizards). The campers really enjoyed this activity.

On Friday, the campers had a blast at the carnival. They went on multiple slides and did a fun obstacle courses. The campers also had the opportunity to many carnival games like can toss, corn hole, ring toss, and etc. They were even able to get tattoos. The campers stayed cooled by eating snowballs!

Have a wonderful weekend and Shabbat Shalom!

Sent from my iPhone (*editor's note: the Sent from iPhone made me laugh, so I left it in the article.*)

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Units Daled and Hay had a great week 4. Everyone was able to enjoy extra time at the Lake on Tuesday. We all took advantage of the slide and the boats. In Arts and Crafts, Unit Hay used looms to make pot holders while Unit Daled created foosball tables. At Campcraft, campers continued to learn how to make knots.

For many of the campers, the zip line over the Lake was a definite high point of the week. At Nature, bunks were able to go fishing and take a stream walk. Some bunks will be stream walking next week. Be sure to look through your camper's backpack for any slips.

For Sports, Unit Daled practiced their skills in hockey, newcomb, or tennis, while Unit Hay had several options for electives. Ropes is always a favorite because everyone wants to be able to test themselves as they climb the Alpine Tower. If Nature was a chosen elective, the campers were able to fish at the lake. Of course, Ga Ga is always popular, but TRB has become a favorite sport with our campers.

Today, everyone was able to have an amazing time at the carnival. Our LTs designed games for everyone! Cotton candy, popcorn, and snowballs were enjoyed by everyone. Of course, the rides and slides were the favorite activities. The campers really enjoyed getting tattoos and getting prizes at the games. If anyone got too hot, they took advantage of the Splash Pad.

We ended our day together with other units to celebrate Shabbat and enjoy some delicious challah. Next week, we will continue to improve our swimming skills and are looking forward to Israel Day on the 28th. Tryouts for the Variety Show continued this week and will still be occurring during week 5.

I hope everyone has a wonderful Shabbat and a great weekend.

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Despite afternoon rains this week, senior campers managed to overcome thunder, lightning, wind, rain, and dark skies in the safety of the Ulam and under the watchful eyes of all of their counselors enjoyed games of 4-square and string art. But before Mother Nature made her presence known, senior campers spent the week relishing in all types of camp activities.

This week, bunks Tiberias, Tel Aviv, and Afula had the opportunity to ride the zip line during their stay at ropes. Soaring high above the lake in a sea of blue skies is the best way for senior campers to gain first-hand experience as to what it would be like to be Batman or Wonder Woman as they securely savor a 20 second ride among the clear skies of BT Camp. Zip line is the summer highlight at Ropes. All remaining bunks will receive the same opportunity later this summer.

In Nature, campers in the older bunks took a hike! No, literally, they took a hike to the cemetery. Along the way they learn the history of this quaint, eternal resting place. The younger bunks went to the lake and did some fishing. At the end of the period, all fish are returned to the water. During Athletics, campers played cordial games of soccer, TRB, kickball, Newcomb and hockey.

Campers ended their week at the BT carnival. Among some of the major attractions was the Fire Rescue Obstacle Course, Jokers Wild, Rain Forest Slide, Minder Winder and a dunk tank filled with LTs. There was also the Kongo Crazy Slide and the Circus Playland. Once campers had their fill of carnival rides, they

could try their luck at a variety of carnival games. They could throw a ball in to a ring at the Floating Target game, take a puzzle challenger, or three tries to get a disc into the target at the Nerf Disc Challenge, or have three tries to throw a football into the hanging hoop at the Hula Hoop Football Toss. And no carnival would be complete without a variety of yummy carnival snacks and treats. Campers could have their fill of snow cones, cotton candy or popcorn. As always, the carnival made for a very fun end to the week.

I would like to end this week with two important reminders. I will first remind you that BT Variety Show is week 6. Campers still have the opportunity to audition for the show during lunch on Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday. Participating in Variety Show is a way for campers to display their special talent to their peers at camp. However, due to time limitations and number of campers, not all acts that audition will be cast. I encourage all senior campers to be as original as possible - sing an original song, recite poetry, demonstrate Karate, perform magic, do imitations, juggle, play a musical instrument, and all that jazz! My second reminder is for campers in bunks Afula and Ashkelon. Since these are the oldest bunks, they will have Canteen, on Monday, during last period of the day. Canteen gives campers the opportunity to purchase Kosher snacks ranging in price from .50 to \$3.00. It is not necessary for campers to bring money, it is your discretion as the parent, which is why we are providing popcorn free of charge.

Until next week, this is Unit Head, Doug, wishing you a wonderful weekend!



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- stream walks -

Next week the following bunks have stream walks: Monday - Esther, Yosef; Tuesday - Eve, Orah, Tamar; Wednesday - Ben Gurion, Rebecca, Yaakov; Friday - Moshe, Golda.

- shoes at ropes -

In order to use the ropes course and participate in ropes activities, campers must be wearing proper shoes. In the parent manual we review the acceptable types of shoes that can be worn at camp. At the ropes course, we must be very strict on enforcing the proper footwear policy. Campers in open-toed shoes or shoes that do not provide proper support will not be allowed on any of the course elements.

- electronics -

Campers are not permitted to have electronic devices at camp. Should campers bring devices to camp and they become a distraction, devices will be confiscated. Also, should devices be lost, camp is not responsible for, nor will search for said devices. More information on this policy is available in the Parent Manual that was included in the Camper Confirmation Packet.

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Wow it's hard to believe that we are halfway through the 2017 camp season. This week in varsity we focused on baseball.

Due to the carnival on Friday and losing access to our fields we jumped right into games Monday morning and spent the next few days playing games. The weather threw a few "curveballs" at us this week, but we were able to keep the fields playable when the storms had moved out. Baseball week is a little different as we award individuals as opposed to teams. Awards were given to the campers in each bunk that had the most runs batted in, home runs, and average.

The highlight of the week for most of our camp was a visit from Baltimore Orioles rookie sensation Trey Mancini. The kids enjoyed the Q & A session and really enjoyed playing wiffle ball with Trey! Friday we played basketball on the sports court in the am until it was time for carnival!!!

Next week we will revisit Tennis with campers heading to Green Valley or staying on campus and completing football.

Also, on Monday, July 24th, Ronnie Stanley will be visiting camp to meet all of the Sports Campers. We're really excited!

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Welcome to week 4 of J.V. Sports! This week featured one of our most decorated summer events, Carnival Day. In addition, our campers had the opportunity to meet with Orioles first basemen, and outfielder, Trey Mancini. This week was packed full of exciting sports, and special events.

Our featured sport of the week was base-sports, which included tennis racquet baseball, and kickball. Base-sports is one of the most popular weeks amongst J.V. Sports since so many of our campers enjoy baseball and softball. On Monday, there was no need to teach our campers the basics about base-sports because many of the campers have had so much exposure to one or more base-sports in the past. Many of our campers were making sensational play after play. There were many occasions when campers were catching deep outfield hits from fellow campers, as well as counselors! Furthermore, our campers can really hit the ball deep. This group of campers is extremely athletic, and have very bright futures ahead of them.

As mentioned earlier, J.V. Sports had the opportunity to meet Trey Mancini from the Orioles. Mancini was very nice, and answered every question that our sports campers threw at him. He stuck around to autograph memorabilia, and even played catch with a few campers. Lastly, Mancini took pictures with bunks Braun, Luckman, and Greenberg. To view these amazing photos, please visit the BT Camps website, and check under week 4, Thursday photos.

Our week ended in spectacular fashion with our annual Carnival Day. J.V. Sports spent the greater part of Friday afternoon playing carnival games, and enjoying rides. There was also a popcorn booth, and various snacks to enjoy. Finally, our campers wrapped up the week as we typically do, with a fun-filled Shabbat.

Please check out our week 5 newsletter for important updates regarding J.V. Sports!

bunk photo day

On Wednesday of next week, week 5, July 26, all campers registered for camp and present that day will have their photo taken with the bunk they are assigned to that day. We are unable to take "make-up" photos and also cannot hold or reschedule a bunk due to late arrival to camp. Please dress your camper in their 2017 camp T-Shirt. The bunk photos, as with all of our photos, will be posted to our Gallery and free of charge for you to view and download. All bunk photos will be posted later in the summer.

variety show

On Friday of week 6, August 4, camp will hold its annual Variety Show. There are different shows for the younger and older campers. Many acts have auditioned. Should your camper be participating in Variety Show, please know that we understand you'd love to see them, but we do not allow visitors to the show. We do record the show and post the videos later in the summer.