



newsletter

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calendar for week 3

	SUN 5
	MON 6
	TUE 7
	WED 8
	THU 9
carnival	FRI 10
	SAT 11

calendar for week 4

	SUN 12
	MON 13
	TUE 14
	WED 15
theatre camp production #1 unit hay late stay, 7:30 p.m. 7 th and 8 th survival overnight	THU 16
israel day	FRI 17
	SAT 18

from the director, david schimmel

Two weeks already... It's amazing how fast a summer moves! Especially when we are having SO MUCH FUN!

This was quite a week. Sports Camp had a visit to Camp Airy for a baseball challenge and we also had a visit from YOUR Baltimore Orioles, catcher Caleb Joseph! Theatre Camp is well on their way gearing up for their production of Little Mermaid that takes place week 4. Survival Campers had their first overnight at camp and it was AMAZING! Art Camp's projects have to be seen to be believed! And our Day Campers have an amazing time at camp every single day of the week!

Next week is our annual Camp Carnival. We have MORE inflatables than ever and it will be fantastic! As always, we ask for parents' cooperation to not visit on that day and we are unable to have campers leave early from the carnival as we are unable to bring children up early

from the event. A note will be going home explaining more next week.

Next week Travel Camp will head to Hershey Park and we are thrilled to announce that our Travel Camp is completely filled with over 35 campers. This camp has exploded over the last year and we have HUGE plans for the camp for 2016!

Lastly, we are thrilled with all of the positive responses we have gotten from parents on all of our new changes at camp, such as hot lunch, solar heat at the big pools and the SLIDE AT THE LAKE. Beth Tfiloh Congregation and our camp committee are committed to making the camp a wonderful place for our families and campers. We hope to have exciting new announcements upcoming later this summer and we could not do it without the support of our B.T. community and our camp families.

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rebecca siegel | l.t. program

Week 2 is in the books! This week, we welcomed a few new L.T.s. They jumped right into the fun-filled activities at camp! Despite a little rain, camp continued on like normal...swimming, crafting, running, singing, and so much more!

The L.T.s focused on determining what kind of leader we are using the True Colors Personality Test. From various activities with all of the L.T.s to paying attention to how we communicate with others, it was interesting to discover how our personality interacts with all different types of people. Learning about ourselves as leaders will really help us develop skills

that will allow us to grow as individuals and work well with others.

One way we are recognizing leaders within our program is through "Leadership Shows." This is a system that allows counselors and staff around camp to acknowledge the L.T.s for going above and beyond their responsibilities. Once a BT Camps staff member completes the "Leadership Shows" form, the L.T. is recognized during our daily gathering. Each L.T. works to receive as many Leadership Shows as possible, for many, resulting in an enormous collection of bracelets, usually displayed on their name tags.

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dex miller | j.v. sports

This week we continued our two-sport theme from last week, which included football and soccer. Our second grade bunks Koufax and Greenberg spent the week learning football. Throughout the week our campers learned how to properly hold and secure the football while running. In addition, our campers also learned how to run different wide receiver routes while focusing on catching the ball. By mid-week, bunks Koufax and Greenberg were playing one another in tournament-style games. Nothing could stop the intensity and fun that the campers were having as they were competing against one another. Each team demonstrated great sportsmanship.

always our campers were practicing hard on their passing, trapping, and shooting skills. Like Koufax and Greenberg, by mid-week the third graders were playing each other in tournament-style games. The campers even thought it would be a great idea to take their skills to the counselors, and gave them a hard-fought match!

Our week ended with a world cup match between the two best teams in soccer, and a super bowl, which matched our two best football teams against each other. At times I thought I was watching a professional game as the campers sprinted to make plays, always giving 100%. It really appears as though both the second and third grade bunks incorporated the weekly skills and drills in their game play!

The third grade bunks Alzado, Luckman, and Braun spent the week learning soccer skills and drills. As



- late stays and overnights -

Throughout the summer campers in Units Daled, Hay, and Senior Camp each have a "late stay." A late stay gives campers an extended day of activities in a more personal environment.

Campers in our Survival Camp programs participate in "Overnights." An overnight is a camp-out experience where campers pitch tents and cook their own meals.

Keep a lookout for a separate notice sent home on the bus explaining your camper's late stay or overnight, typically three days in advance.

~~unit daled~~
Wednesday, July 1
 late stay

~~unit hay~~
Thursday, July 16
 late stay

~~senior camp~~
Thursday, July 30
 late stay

~~5th and 6th survival~~
Wednesday, July 1
 in-camp overnight
Thursday, July 30
 in-camp overnight

~~7th and 8th survival~~
Thursday, July 16
 in-camp overnight
Wednesday, August 5
 3 day out-of-camp trip begins

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stacy crain | kinder camp

We had a wonderful second week of camp, the campers had a blast; Camp is so much fun, I can't believe the second week has already past.

I wanted to take some time to introduce our wonderful KC staff to you; They truly love being at camp and are amazing at what they do!

In bunk Adom, the counselors are Ali and Aviva, they are the dynamic pair; They make sure their girls at happy and prepared.

Ali enjoys seeing the girls in her bunk smile each day, "Eat your lunch!", "Don't forget your towel." is some things you can hear her say;-)

Aviva will be going to BT in the fall; She loves swimming with her bunk and they always have a ball.

In bunk Lavan, Emma, Jamie, and Shaina show the campers their way; They make sure your children are happy and hydrated throughout the hot days! Emma will teach first grade next year and her favorite thing to do at camp is go with her campers to the lake, She enjoys watching them get comfortable in the water and playing with all of their new friends that they make.

Jamie and Shaina will both go back to high school in the fall, They enjoy going to the Splash Pad with their bunk where they play and have a ball!

In bunk Kachol there is Lisa and Kathia, the dynamic duo; They make sure their girls are happy and drink lots of water no matter where they go.

Lisa is a Media Para Assistant in a Howard County School; Kathia is in high school and her sister Karla is our L.T., how cool!

Lisa and Kathia enjoy playing with the girls in her bunk throughout the day; Kathia likes being with her campers outside and watching them have fun and play.

We are also very lucky to have three LT's work in our unit with us; Karla, Alison, and Daniella do whatever we need and NEVER make a fuss!

This week at camp we had lots of fun and got ready for Independence Day; We made jewelry in art, heard stories, and races in the pool we did play.

Have a great Fourth of July! Thank you for choosing Kindercamp and entrusting us with making sure your campers are having the MOST fun possible while at camp!

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jessica layman | unit aleph

Unit Aleph had an amazing second week at camp! We welcomed several new friends to camp and celebrated several birthdays! All the campers and counselors are becoming familiar with our daily schedules and routines. We are all making new friends and having lots of fun at camp! The days at camp go by so fast and are filled with lots of awesome activities that keep us busy from the time we get off the buses in the morning to the time we get back on at the end of the day.

This week we had a blast in arts and crafts making an Uncle Sam project with Popsicle sticks as we got ready to celebrate the 4th of July! We also got a chance to practice our fine motor skills stringing beads to make cool red, white and blue bracelets.

In nature many of our bunks went down to the mineral pit to dig for interesting rocks! A few bunks went hunting for insects and digging for worms. We even had a bunk that got to meet some of the cool mammals that live in the nature building. Lots of kids were excited about getting to pet the bunny! They could not stop talking to me about all the cool things that were happening at Nature this week.

Everyone loves to go to Music (it is in an air conditioned building) and sing songs and play games with their friends. This week at music we sang lots of silly songs with Elaine! The boys and girls loved learning the Swimming Pool song! Ask your kids to sing it to you at home.

We also had a lot of fun swimming in the pool. On Thursday during our instructional swim we played games and had fun relay races in the pool. All the kids are doing a wonderful job during instructional swim as they learn how to blow bubbles and float on their backs. This week at lake all the kids had a chance to put on life jackets and go out in the canoes. They loved being paddled around the lake by their counselors!

Everyone loved going to the playground and was super excited to play on the new monster truck slide!

It is hard to believe that our second week of camp is over. I am having such a great time getting to know all of your kids and watching them grow as they learn new things at camp. I hope you have a wonderful 4th of July weekend!

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What a great second week of camp. Whether it is hot or cold, or sunny or rainy, we always have fun in Unit Bet. Even with a short week of camp, we did so many exciting activities to keep us busy all day. In Teva (Nature), some bunks have gone on nature hikes and learned about various kinds of leaves. They then had the opportunity to feed the leaves to our goat. Other bunks have trekked down to our mineral pit, where they dug for shark teeth. Teva is always fun and educational for Unit Bet.

In Ruach, the bunks have learned our camp song, and other Jewish and modern songs. The campers have

also had the chance to practice their rhythm using various instruments. Everyone always has a smile on their face during Ruach. During Funtime, Carol has been teaching the boys bunks about the letter Bet and about their bunk name. The girls love going to Zumba, where they have a chance to exercise in a really fun and hip way. I hope that everyone is enjoying the beautiful art projects that your campers are bringing home. The campers have a lot of fun making them and work very hard on them. Enjoy your long weekend. I look forward to seeing everyone next week!

gimmel@btccamps.org | stacy lunenfeld | unit gimmel

It's hard to believe that week two has come and gone so quickly. In unit Gimmel we have had so much fun. Our campers are excited each day and are loving the activities. At our playground we now have a monster truck which the children love to climb on and play in. Of course Gaga is always a highlight, especially for the boys bunks. The kids are doing great in instructional swim and are very motivated to get their red bands. As your children may have told you, each morning I give out awards for the previous day. The campers receive award stickers for being a good sport, having a

good attitude, being a good friend, a huge help and the coveted clean table award. The kids put their stickers on their paper plates in the bunk house and will come home with plates full of award stickers at the end of the summer. It is a great way to instill good values in our campers and be sure that they are trying their best each day. We love our campers and we love seeing their smiles each day. Wishing all of you a very happy Fourth of July and looking forward to seeing all of our campers next week.

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As week two began, everyone showed their competitive spirit during sports. Whether playing basketball, soccer or tumbling in the pavilion, everyone improved their skills. That spirit was evident at Unit Daled's late stay on Wednesday. Everyone had an AWESOME time running through the camp playing Mr. Staff Potato Head! Don't worry Unit Hay!! Your late stay will be Thursday, July 16th.

Our patriotic spirit was displayed as Unit Daled created American flag pins while Unit Hay campers created patriotic themed key chains. During elective period, Unit Hay campers were able to create beautiful sun-catchers while others focused on learning Israeli games. Other campers were able to learn about amphibians and reptiles at Nature or Firecrafting at

Campcraft. There were screams of joy as many tried the swing at ropes and achieved bulls-eyes at Archery.

The fun continued during our Israel periods when Haggai came dressed as a bedouin and taught the campers how to make flat bread over the campfire. Next door at Nature, campers were able to learn about and interact with the mice, rabbits, and hamsters. While at ropes, many attempted the "Wobbly Log" where the bunks were able to work together to problem-solve. Real adventure was seen at the lake as everyone was able to go down the new slide and ride canoes while trying to chase the turtles.

Next week we are all looking forward to excitement of Carnival. We wish everyone a happy Fourth of July and a wonderful Shabbat.

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- hot lunch -

We're thrilled with the number of campers who wish to add Hot Lunch! Not enrolled for Hot Lunch but wish to be? Phone the office no later than noon on the Monday prior to the week you'd like Hot Lunch. It's that simple.

- bus changes -

Is your camper sleeping over a friend's house? Perhaps your camper is having a root canal and must be picked up early. No matter what the reason, we can handle that. Simply phone the office at 410.517.3451 before 2:30 p.m., 2:00 p.m. for Kinder Camp, and we'll make the necessary arrangements.

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doug kotula | senior camp

We last found the campers of Senior Camp in perils atop the mountainous Alpine Tower at Ropes. Huddled together, as there is safety in numbers, contemplatively figuring out how to maneuver around the limited space of the highest platform and gingerly lower themselves to the safety we like to call the ground before being victim to the thunderous clouds and pellets of rain. Quickly reality sets in and the campers are actually discovered securely harnessed in to their safety lines as they scale the climbing wall with the graciousness of Spiderman and achieve the Alpine Tower with ease and confidence. The same confidence the campers take to the sports field, or, in some instances, the sport court. This week campers competed in games of wiffle ball, hockey and kickball. Teams took to their prospective sides with the look of hunger in their eyes. The kind of hunger that tells their opponent they are in it to win it. With the crash of the sticks, the wisp of the bat or the swish of a small foot to a red rubber ball, these friendly games were played with fiery determination that sweltered with the player's love for the game; that, or the kids were just sweating a lot from the humidity that filled the air as

they courageously played their sport. Following an intense game, campers might enjoy relaxing in the shade, but not Senior Camp, we relax by challenging ourselves using our creative mindset. With a different type of fierce determination, campers manipulate, twist, bend, and combine plastic, multi-colored strings to create key chains and necklaces out of gimp during Arts and Crafts. Carefully, drawing (Get it? "Drawing" and I'm writing about Arts and Crafts) on their inner Da Vinci, or Picasso campers skillfully create plastic works of art. Before campers can enjoy their Fourth of July, they make a final stop at Nature where a snapping turtle maliciously devours a small worm. Campers intent on watching, twitch and squirm as the turtle entertains the helpless worm prior to sinking his... razor blade-like tooth into its purple... ringed flesh. Much like a firework, that worm crackled and popped in a sea of red, white and blue. OK, not really, but what a gruesome way to wish everyone, Happy 4th of July! Stay tuned to next week when Senior Camp boldly crosses the zip line... or Goldfish in the lake take over the art building.

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andy bloom | varsity sports

Baseball was our focus in Varsity Sports this week. Monday, the campers were divided into groups and participated in a variety of baseball related drills: batting cage, soft-toss, hitting off a tee, infield drills, outfield drills. However, the favorite for most campers was our newest addition for this year, a radar gun so campers can see how fast they are able to throw the ball. Monday afternoon, the campers completed bunk games. Even though baseball is a team sport, we rewarded individual performances this week with your camper trying to win a medal for most homeruns, most r.b.i's, best average, and fastest thrower. On Tuesday, our fourth and fifth grader campers took an off campus trip to Camp Airy and competed against their campers of the same age in games of baseball. The fourth graders were able to pull out a victory but the 5th graders fell short by one run in their game. The sixth through eighth graders that stayed behind got to

continue playing bunk games, archery tag, and go down the slide into the lake which has been a huge hit among our sports campers. Wednesday we had a visit from Caleb Joseph. Caleb was able to talk to the campers about some of the adversity faced coming up through the minor league system and is a true testament to the thought that you should never give up on your dream. Wednesday afternoon the campers continued playing bunk games and some of the campers who visited Camp Airy the day previously were allowed to go down the giant slide while the rest of the campers completed a game of battle ball. Thursday the campers spent the entire day trying to "pad their stats" so that they could be recognized for one of the awards stated above. Next week we will be lacing up our shoes and hitting the courts as we focus on basketball. Have a great weekend!

carnival

On Friday, July 10th, Camp will host the incredible, amazing, fantastically fun, annual Carnival. Carnival is a unique day like no other at camp. As such there are some changes to our normal early pickup and visitation procedures. Should you need to pick your camper up early from camp, there are two times available, during lunch around 12:15 and at the end of

the day, 3:45. Though we can try to be flexible if an unexpected situation arises, please understand it could take as much as 30 minutes to retrieve a camper from the carnival and bring them to the front gate. Unfortunately, we are unable to accommodate any visitors to the camp on Friday. We apologize for any inconvenience.