

# CAMP JAYCEE 2015

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## FROM THE DIRECTOR

Director: Sandy Siperstein Rafner

Here it is – the end of the regular sessions of Camp Jaycee 2015. What an amazing summer this has been. This last week, all of our theatre camps put on brilliant productions in the theatre. We ended the week with an amazing all-camp teambuilding day, a BBQ and a very special Shabbat. What a great way to close out the summer! We have had a great time with your children, and we hope to see each and every one of them throughout the year in our many programs, and, of course, next summer back at Camp Jaycee. However the camp experience doesn't have to end right away. We offer a wide array of post camps for all interests. Please take the time to check out the post camp offerings and call the office for more information. You can sign up online or by paper. We also offer a large number of youth programs during the year, so we would love to see all of our campers smiling faces throughout the year. Please contact us at (858) 362-1132 to find out more about our youth programs. We want to thank everyone who helped make this year's camp special and exciting. Our staff was incredible, the Youth & Camp committee and volunteers went above and beyond in making this a memorable experience! THANK YOU!

## CAMP JAYCEE CHAIRS

Co-Chairs Camp Committee: Gayle Blatt & Meryl Flam

Summer camp has been wonderful and amazing. We can't believe it has come to an end. We encourage you to sign-up for post camp so your kids can keep making memories here at Camp Jaycee. Our final camp survey should be in your email box today. We would appreciate it if you would give us your feedback. Thank you for being a part of our summer camp and part of the Camp Jaycee family. Thank you to our great staff for making camp such a special experience.

## CAMP MEDICAL

Certified Medical Assistant: Amiee Albright

Hello Campers and Parents, I can't believe how fast this summer has gone by! It has been an amazing summer. I have enjoyed taking care of your children this year. This being my third year as the camp medical assistant, it was great to see familiar faces, as well as making new camper friends. I look forward to next summer. I hope to see you all throughout the school year.

## INCLUSION

Director: Lori Kauffman Faison

We look forward to including more kids and teens next summer in all of our camps, from preschool to CIT/LIT. Enjoy the rest of your summer and we'll see you in 2016!

## KESHET

Directors: Judi & Nataliya

What an awesome, cool, groovy neat summer we have had! It has been a blast watching the children grow at Camp Keshet. Between singing, swimming, arts and crafts and making new friends, we couldn't have had a greater time! We can't wait to see you all next summer! XOXOXO

## GESHER K

Unit Leader: Taryn Wilmers

Hello Geshet K families! What an amazing time we've had these past weeks. Our Geshet K staff has gotten the pleasure of working with your amazing campers and watching them grow as tiny humans. It's truly been a blast expressing our artistic selves in arts and crafts as well as showing off our talents in our sports times. We wish you all an awesome rest of the summer and school year to come, hope to see you next year!

## GESHER K-1 PREP

Unit Leader: Lauren Ribner

Our extraordinary community of learners had such a fabulous 4 weeks in K-1 prep! Learning social skills, educational skills, classroom routines and being a respectful, responsible part of a class is what K-1 prep was all about! Meeting new lifelong friends, going on wonderful field trips, creating awesome pieces of art, dancing and rocking out to the amazing music & Shabbat and of course swimming made Camp Jaycee the best place to be! Good luck in Kindergarten/1st grade!

## GESHER 1

Unit Leader: Melissa Overland-McKey

Wow campers what a great summer we have had! I am so glad we got to spend so much time with each of you and we hope you had as much fun this summer as we did. We made such great memories with all of you, from field trips to Balboa Park, the beach, and Pump It Up, to eating hotdogs, racing in minute to win it games and crazy dress up days. Thank you all for such a great summer and we hope to see you all throughout the year and hopefully next summer! Shabbat Shalom!

## GESHER 2/3

Head Counselors: Hannah & Jackie

Shabbat shalom Geshet 2-3 families! We can't believe our summer is over. We had such an amazing summer with our campers playing gaga, going on amazing field trips, singing camp songs, and swimming every day. We are so sad to see the campers go and we hope to see you all next summer! Thank you for coming to camp with the biggest smiles and the best attitudes. We will miss you all so much!

THANK YOU TO ALL OF THE JCC STAFF WHO HELPED MAKE THE CAMP SO INCREDIBLE, THANKS TO OUR AMAZING CAMP STAFF, VOLUNTEERS AND CAMP COMMITTEE, WE COULDN'T HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT YOU!

## GESHER THEATRE

*Unit Leader: Quinn Mayfield     Assistant Unit Leader: Kimberly Marron*

Wow what an exciting and fun filled summer we had here in Geshher Theatre! It sure went fast. We are so proud of the kids and their performance. They did awesome! It was also a ton of fun celebrating at Nickel City on Wednesday. These kids amazed us everyday with their talent and spirit and it has been a pleasure working with them this summer. Have a great school year and we can't wait to see you next year!

## GESHER SPORTS

*Unit Leader: Bridgette Souza*

Shalom Geshher Sports! Can you believe that we are at the end of the summer already?! Where did the time go?! Eight weeks of straight fun in the sun, with our late nights, splashing around in the pool, field trips every week and our crazy dress up days. You guys really rocked our socks off this summer and we hope we rocked yours! As always hanging out with our campers everyday was the best part of the summer! Thank you for being so amazing this summer, we are already counting the days till Camp Jaycee 2k16 starts!! Have a great school year!!!

## KOCHAVIM

*Unit Leader: Elisa*

We could not have asked for a better way to end an amazing second session! Our campers gave stellar performances in TWO shows: Habima's Shrek on Tuesday, and our show on Wednesday! We are so proud of all of their hard work. We would also like to thank the parents for everything from practicing lines at home to gathering costumes to driving back and forth from the JCC. We had a great field trip to Pump It Up on Thursday, and ended the week with a fantastic all-camp spirit day. This session has been filled with swimming, Judaica, sports, set-painting, cheers, late-nights, and many more fun memories. We will miss this amazing group of campers. Have a wonderful rest of your summer, and we hope to see you back next year!

## KADIMA

*Unit Leader: Abby Glenn*

Shabbat Shalom! We kicked off the week with a fantastic trip to Nickel City where they had a blast with whack-a-mole, video-car races, air hockey, and most importantly showing off their ribbons of tickets on the way to the prize counter! Bright green tennis balls flew across the court this week as we learned how to master a forehand and backhand from awesome tennis instructor Ken! Also, we were so lucky to see Geshher Theater's show on Thursday; they did an awesome job! We're so sad it's the last week of camp and hope that all of our campers had a blast with Kadima this summer. We can't wait to see you next summer, either back in Kadima or in Maccabiah!

## BIDUR

*Unit Leader: Evan Bramberg*

Bidurians, it is with a heavy heart that I wish you a final farewell. This week has been the culmination of all of your hard work and dedication to our show. The reviews are in and critics are calling Into The Woods one of the best Bidur shows in recent memory! With such a successful Monday, the rest of the week was non stop fun. From laser tag to capture the flag to watching all the other stunning performances, we had a total blast. Our last day of camp was fun filled and emotional, but I cannot wait to see everyone next summer! You have been the best group of campers I could have ever asked for. Have amazing school years and I'll see you back next year!

## HABIMA

*Unit Leader: Michael Mizerany*

*SHREK* is a hit! So proud of our Habima campers for their amazing singing, dancing and acting! If you missed it, you missed an incredible cast giving it their all. As a special reward, the campers went to Mirimar Speed Circuit for a spirited game of laser tag! Fun was had by all! Sorry to say goodbye, but we will always have awesome memories and anticipation for next summer at camp.

## HEVRA

*Unit Leader: Matt Marney*

This summer has been crazy fun, with all of our amazing themed weeks, be it from visiting Shamu at SeaWorld to learning that we had magic up our sleeves. This past week we had a SUPER time making our super hero masks and ending summer in our Hevra tradition, a trip to the beach. It has been an amazing summer and I am so glad to have had all of the campers that found their way to Hevra even if just for a week. Thank you so much for a great summer, best of luck in your school year and hope to see you next summer!

## MACCABIAH

*Co-Unit Leaders: Alexa & Jordan Grossman*

What an AMAZING 8 weeks we have had in Maccabiah this summer. Between the dress-up days, field trips, sports weeks and overnights, we have truly grown to be such a close Maccabiah family. We learned so much in Judaica this summer, had such a great time in art and rocked music all summer long – we even sang at Shabbat! We are so sad that this summer is ending and we can't wait for next summer. Have an amazing school year. Thank you for a PHENOMENAL summer. We have loved being your Unit Leaders!!

## TSOFIM CARAVAN

*Unit Leaders: Breanna Furlong*

Tsofim brought the Caravan home this week for surf sessions in Del Mar! We learned how to hold the board, battle the tide out to the best waves, and of course, how to paddle for our lives and jump up at just the right moment. Every day was a picnic on the beach, with time to chillax (chill + relax) on the sand while watching our campers catch the waves. Tsofim dominated the rest of camp in our final competition of the summer, building our fort, flying our flag, completing stations and salutations amidst all the celebration beads our campers could desire. We wound things down with a final BBQ and emotional Shabbat as the sun set on session four. Summer may be over but the best adventures are yet to come, so we hope to see our Tsofim campers throughout the school year for some middle school and teen activities! Keep in touch campers and remember to cherish all the memories we made. A secret from me to you? Each and every one of you changed my life this summer. It was an honor to be your guide. With mad Camp Jaycee Love, Bree (Queen of Tsofim)

## AQUATICS

*Specialists: Andrea & Mary*

What a great summer we had here at the pool. We had so many campers improve in their swimming skills, and even had some campers participate in swim lessons and swim team. If any campers wish to participate in aquatics programs throughout the school year, please visit the aquatics webpage for all of the aquatics programs we offer. Have a great school year.

## JUDAICA

*The "Schlichim" Guy, Shir & Shaked*

Shalom everyone! This week we made mezuzahs with the campers, so they'll have a souvenir from Judaica this summer. On that note, it's been our pleasure being your Schlichim for the summer, and becoming a part of your wonderful community. Camp Jaycee is the best! Thank you everyone!

## ARTS

*Specialist: Stacie & Serena*

This was an amazingly creative summer and we can't believe it's over already! This week the campers created beautiful beads and fun monsters. We will miss the campers and hope to see them again next summer.

## THOUGHTSTEM COMPUTER PROGRAMMING

*Unit Leader: Julian*

Well it has been an AWESOME summer here at Camp Jaycee. These past two weeks have been unreal! To all our new friends and old friends: it's been awesome guys! We have had such a fun time together, and I'm sure none of us will soon forget it. We have learned so much about the basics of computer programming that will pave the way for future creative projects. Hope to see everyone around, and have a great school year!!!

## SPORTS SPECIALIST

*Specialist: Scott Bitterman & Eli Parnes-Katz*

This week we played a variety of games and sports. We played frisbee, gaga, football, tunnel tag, blob tag, and other camper favorites. We had a great time this and can't wait to see all of the campers smiling faces next summer!

## MUSIC SPECIALIST

*Specialist: Cara*

This has been a fantastic musical summer! With camp coming to a close, I would like to take a moment to say a few thank yous. Thank you to all of the parents who came to Camp Shabbat to participate in the incredible RUACH

We want your feedback! Look for our end of camp evaluation in your email.

## Camp Jaycee, Be a Part of It Create a Jewish Legacy!

Anyone of any age and any stage of life is welcome to join The Joan & Irwin Jacobs JCC Jewish Legacy Society. We invite you to sign a "letter of intent" that indicates your commitment to formalize a plan providing a financial gift to Camp Jaycee in your estate. Your support will help sustain the future of our camp - the only criteria for a Legacy commitment is your deep love and connection to Camp Jaycee. In addition, with your commitment we are one step closer to a generous gift to Camp Jaycee from the Grinspoon Foundation, encouraging legacy support.

**For more information and to complete a pledge, visit [lfcc.org/CampJayceeLegacy](http://lfcc.org/CampJayceeLegacy) or contact Paige Pick, Director of Development at (858) 362-1355 or [paigep@lfcc.org](mailto:paigep@lfcc.org).**



**LOST AND FOUND ITEMS**  
Please come to the table behind the pool labeled "LOST AND FOUND" to claim your campers' belongings! Most of the items are not labeled with names, so we have no way of knowing who they belong to!



**LET THE GOOD TIMES ROLL!**  
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