



Hello Tavor Families!

Wishing you all a lovely and air-conditioned Shabbat in this dastardly hot and humid week! I hope that you are all having easy times and are finding ways to make your summers meaningful and exciting! I know for me, having a summer to focus on spending time with family has been very nice, especially knowing that I'm going to be facing a fairly strenuous graduate school program in the Fall.

While this summer surely isn't what anyone expected or hoped for, I believe that there are still ways to make it great. One of the common themes that always comes up at the end of the summer from our *chanichimot* (campers) is feeling unsure of how to bring the energy they feel at camp into their lives at home. While it certainly is sad and not at all ideal that camp couldn't happen in person this summer, I do think that this summer can somewhat remedy that anxiety. We have amazing online programming happening, that is both enriching and created with an atmosphere of love and care, and that extends its roots to reach our *chanichimot* in those outside lives. We may not connect as we normally would over a summer, but we do have the opportunity to blur the line between where camp ends and where the outside world begins.

If we can't be together physically, we can certainly be together spiritually. While we may be experiencing struggles that look different as the pandemic rages and impacts us all in various ways, we are united in our need to feel the pull of camp in our lives. Whether it's a feature as a guest chef on Facebook, participating in one of our online *chuggim* (clubs), or even just calling a friend to reminisce about the good ole days at Tavor (even if the good ole days were just last summer), there are so many ways to camp near our hearts, even if it is far from our bodies.

In the coming weeks, my hope for us as a community is that we can focus on the little things we can do to welcome camp into our homes. Maybe it's having a zoom shabbat with our *Kvutsah* (age group), or maybe it's calling someone we were on *Tzevet* (staff) with years ago, but if we seize the individual moments as they come, we will see we are closer together than we realize.

Shabbat Shalom,
Nathan