



Hello Tavor families!

Well, here it is. The last few days of the summer have arrived. For both tzevet (staff) and chanichimot (campers) alike, it's hard to not feel emotional about it. In the end, many pool parties were had. Many bedtimes were protested (both successfully and unsuccessfully). Many dances were danced. And, most importantly, many kids had a blast.

Some events to note from this week were the Amelimots' (3-5th graders) aforementioned bedtime protest, which succeeded in getting their bedtime restored to 9:10 after "being moved up to 8:00". After a deeply moving letter, Naomi was convinced that they deserved their original bedtime, which led to a chorus of cheers from the group.



Elsewhere, the Bogrimot (post-9th grade), dazzled the crowd with their Friday Night Oneg (play), centered around one of their tzevet members looking desperately for a missing cow, only to discover a dark truth...

While the Garinimot (Post-8th grade) and Bogrimot (10th-grade) also had the opportunity to travel to Detroit this past week to attend a rally with the Sunrise Movement, an anti-climate change advocacy group, which they will be highlighting in the newsletter.

For those who didn't know, everything that we did at camp this summer was tied together by the theme of Curiosity.



Labelled as the Summer of Lamah (why, in Hebrew), the crux of this summer was about exploration and asking questions. I'm not sure if you know this or not, but kids generally ask a lot of questions. They ask many easy ones, such as "can I go to the bathroom?", and also many difficult ones, like "what can I do to make change?"

Our job as tzevet is to direct those questions, no matter how small or simple, and to give them purpose. While a simple ask for the bathroom can be solved with a simpler yes, the questions that the chanichimot ask about engaging with the world take time to figure out.

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Each answer may be different for each child. Questioning their environment, and being empowered to change it, is one of the greatest gifts that we can give to our campers. Any change will begin with curiosity; with wondering what could be different, or why things exist in the manner that they do.

From my perspective, it's been a wildly curious summer, and one that has gotten me thinking in ways that I haven't in a long time.

Letting the chanichimot take the lead and ask the questions that they want to know the answers to is radical. It is powerful. I can't even count how many questions blew my mind this summer, and I urge everyone to encourage their child to continue to ask questions once the summer ends.

Curiosity drives us all, and whether we left camp last week, last session, last year, or if we leave in just a few short days, we all answer one question together: what comes next?

Shabbat Shalom,
Nathan

What is my kid talking about now?

Moadon (often shorted to Mo)- clubhouse
Shira- after meal singing
Ohel- Tent
Tzrif- Cabin