



Hello Tavor Families!

As the Winter warms into Spring, I've been thinking a lot about camp. Specifically, about the lessons I've learned about the importance of community. Camp taught me that we are only as powerful as we make each other. However, beyond that, my childhood spent with my *kvutseh* taught me how powerful we already are. Whether sharing a laugh, telling a story, or playing a game, there are small interactions that happen between the community at camp that go a long way.

Our current situation is no different. The same way that different people come together at camp to care for each other, love each other, and miss each other when they aren't together, so too must we strive for connection in the times ahead of us. It is easy to look out for just yourself, or your family, in the weeks and months ahead. But at Tavor we also learn of the value of *Tikkun Olam*, of repairing the world. And we know that it is our responsibility to be there for those that need help, regardless of who they may be or our familiarity with them. Our community is strong, and it is both brave and compassionate, two of the most radical and necessary traits to have right now.

In times of fear, and in times of drastic uncertainty such as the type we are faced with today, despair is an easy choice. When it is hard to envision a way in which things improve, despair wins. My challenge to you is to combat despair with hope: To be dreamers; to find the things in your lives, whatever this evolving situation may make it, that you can improve, and that you can fill with optimism. I believe that there is no obstacle that cannot be overcome if we hold on to the hope that things will be better. Look out for each other, help each other, and remember, at the end of the day, the sun continues to rise with the same amount of certainty that we will fight for the better future we know we can create. Remember: the smallest act of kindness can make all the difference to someone who needs positivity.

Wishing everyone health and happiness!

Shabbat Shalom,
Nathan