



BLOG ALL ABOUT IT!

Hi! I'm Tali Deaner and I live in Grand Rapids, Michigan. I'm going to be a madatz (counselor-in-training) this summer.

I've been coming to machaneh (camp) since 2012, and my favorite camp meal is bagels for breakfast.

I've always loved how at camp we do lots of fun things like swimming in the chof (lake) while also learning important things about social justice and what role we can play as young Jewish activists in this world that's in need of a lot of change.

At camp, we have always been encouraged to protest and fight for whatever we think is important, whether that's later bedtimes, new candy policies, or learning about things we're interested in, which then helps us understand real movements going on in the US and around the world that are fighting for a more just and equitable world. I'm so glad that I've learned that tikkun olam (healing the world) isn't just tzedakah, but it's showing up for the things that need to be changed in the world like climate change.



Over the past few months I have seen the [Sunrise movement](#) and other climate organizations like ["This is Zero Hour"](#), ["US Youth Climate Strike"](#), ["Fridays For Future"](#), and ["International Indigenous Youth Council"](#) around the country working for a Green New Deal and a better future for everyone and I thought that was something that I wanted to get involved in.

I looked online for a Sunrise group near me and I attended a local meeting and when I got there it felt just like being back at machaneh talking about the things that we want to change in the world. Over the next few months, I helped with applying for grants for our strike, recruiting people to come, making art for the day of, and eventually spoke at my local strike.

I'm so glad that machaneh has given me the passion and the tools to fight for what's right in this world and I can't wait to be back this summer to learn and grow!

If any parents or chanichimot (campers) are interested in getting involved with future climate strikes or learning more about broader movements in your area please feel free to reach out to [Naomi Goldman-Nagel](#), Bonimot Tzedek Coordinator for more guidance.

