

## Reflections on Maccabiah 2019 Camp Ramah in California

As Machshav this week, we have learned a lot about independence along with leadership skills and teamwork. When planning Maccabiah, we really understood the crucial balance of planning ahead and thinking purely on our feet. Each color (Adom, Tzahov, Yarok, and Kachol) had *midot* (values) that they exemplified (bravery, kindness, ambition, and intellect). Each Machonie had a crucial role involving the chanichim in Maccabiah.

The *Shoftim* (judges) had the entire Maccabathon event in their hands. They planned and executed games designed to encourage chanichim to work hard with lots of sportsmanship. The banner & lip sync captains helped the chanichim embrace their artistic abilities and present the art in front of the entire *machaneh*. The *edah* and head captains worked tirelessly ensuring that the *chanichim* felt comfortable with the song and entrances that displayed each *tzevah*'s *midah*. The *Tzvaim* and their captains learned how to reach ultimate amounts of fun and *ruach*.

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