





Dear CYJ Families and Friends,

November 14th 2022 will always be a special day in my heart, the day I started my dream job of Camp Director of CYJ Midwest. My Judaeen journey started in 1996, when I spent time with Year Coursers on kibbutz Keturah from my Habonim Dror Kibbutz Grofit, down the road. In 2000, I led a YJ Machon trip to Israel. I spent the summer learning about Young Judaea and comparing the Zionist movement of Habonim and Young Judaea, finding much more in common than different. A particular common element of great importance to me is youth empowerment. Young Judaea knows the potential of young people to exhibit creative leadership, and challenges our campers and staff to reach their full potential.

Perhaps an even more important page in my Judaeen journey was sending my daughter to CYJ Midwest. After her first summer, she came home after two weeks only to cry about what she had missed in the second two weeks of the session. I felt powerless as a parent to help her, but we certainly sent her back for four weeks the next summer!

Since November, I have been hard at work getting camp ready for the summer - making sure our facilities run at peak performance, expressing gratitude for grant and donor funding, filling our camp with amazing campers like the ones you see in this yearbook, and most importantly, getting to know all of you. I can't wait to learn all of your CYJ Midwest stories and truly cannot wait to open up the arms of camp to this community in summer 2023.

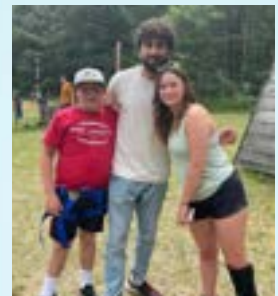
I want to express gratitude to Robin Anderson for her many years of service to make CYJ Midwest the amazing place it is today, our board chair Barbara Baumann and the amazing board of directors who work tirelessly behind the scenes to make sure their love for and memories of CYJ Midwest inspire future generations. I am grateful for our staff team - our Associate Director Rachel Ruskin brings a lifetime of CYJ Midwest passion and experience to our camp as she builds and trains our summer staff and Marketing and Communications Manager Kevin Friduss whose caring and creativity is behind our incredible online presence and scholarship process.

Together with all of you, we will go from strength to strength and make every day a special day at CYJ.

With gratitude and excitement,  
Rabbi Hannah Wallick



# FIRST





# SESSION





# 1st session OF ARIM

## bunk 5



(Front left to right)

Matthew Blair, Eitan Mann, Judah Kass, Mark Geister, Zach Barash,  
Isaac Kalinovsky, Asher Lax, Max Barash, Philip Petrov, Henry Baum,  
Noah Goodman, Aaron Blair



## bunk 6



Back Row: Mark Dean, Yair Ashkenazi

Front Row: John Kirschner, Gabe Shayne, Isaac Goodman,  
Kai Hogan



# 1st session OF ARIM



*Back Row: Emma Pervan, Aya Frankel, Aliza Berks  
Middle Row: Rebecca Mutchler, Lital Anderson, Orit Shulman,  
Abby Schwartz, Danya Dessler  
Front Row: Ellie Shayne, Emily Blair, Maya Ser*



*Back Row: Yllana Olivia, Leah Nozick, Marina Inzelbuch,  
Eloise Treister  
Middle Row: Sydney Silver-Schack, Emma Levin, Emma  
Goodman, Haddie Schwartz, Sara Shulman, Miriam Mutchler  
Front Row: Dahlia Heller, Lila Keningsberg, Noa Joseph*



# 1st session ARAZIM

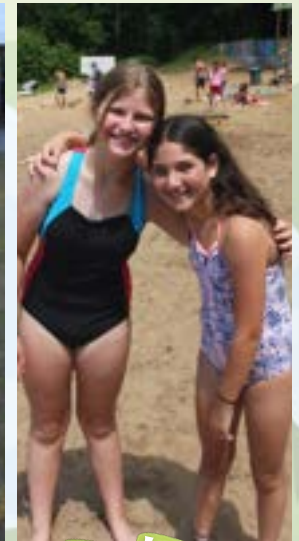
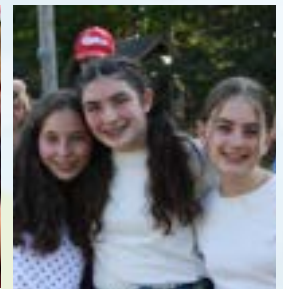
## bunk 1



*Back Row:* Daniel Nozick

*Middle Row:* Nathan Oler, Roei Tamir, Ari Lipsett, Adam Sikorav, Reuben Goldberg, Avi Joseph, Simon Shapiro

*Front Row:* Noah Anderson, Sam Singer      *Not Pictured:* Matan Cohen



## bunk 2

*Back Row:* Sam Berkooz, Jamie Gradel

*Middle Row:* Lev Shulman, Ezra Mann, Ilan Elliott, Zev Strickler

*Front Row:* Byron Himebaugh-Feuer, Gavi Nessel, Pele Kushner



# 1st session ARAZIM



*Back Row:* Ariel Desser, Nitzan Ornan, Hannah Sumner, Basya Silverman, Emily Adler, Zoe Strickler, Shoshana Bernstein  
*Front Row:* Leo Himebaugh-Feuer, Shara Coltoff, Perla Seidner, Talia Jaffe, Noa Shakham



*Back Row:* Eva Fischer, Hannah Fritts  
*Front Row:* Sophie Kushner, Lital Anderson, Natalie Coxon, Noa Joseph, Sara Shulman, Campbell Reese, Maya Ser  
 Not Pictured: Eloise Treister



# 1st session MACHON

## bunk 3



*Back Row: Matan Rieger, Omer Borochovit, Simon Aizenstein  
Middle Row: Elijah Goldstone, Jaden Livshutz, Micah Humes,  
Lior Gottlieb, Eran Tamir, Yaron Eisenstein, Yonatan Ser  
Front Row: Adam Ury*





# 1st session MACHON



bunk 8

*Back Row: Charlotte Hogan, Ella Mellman, Reed Greenfield,  
Nir Horev, Shira Desser  
Front Row: Eliyah Hammel, Noa Shaked, Ayelet Klein,  
Yuval Shperling*

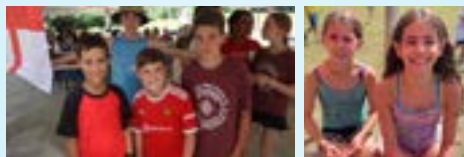


# SECOND





# SESSION





# CAMPERS REPRESENT!

Akiba Schechter



Alumni



Chicagoland



Michigan



Pitt



Solomon Schechter



Cinci



Wisconsin



Indiana





# 2nd session OF ARIM



bunk 3

Back Row: Judah Kass, Matan Cohen  
Front Row: Jacob Leedle, Ori Korneff, Abe McKee, Dan Bielak, Joel Motto



bunk 4



Back Row: Matan Rieger, Shai Ohana  
Middle Row: Eytan Alpert, Matan Gafni-Kane, Gideon Rose, Carter Friedberg, Tommy Chesler, Gabriel Knafo, Daniel Nozick, Jamie Gradel  
Front Row: Adi Weinkle, Alex Steinberg, Eli Polansky, Natanel Fischbach



bunk 7



Back Row: Aliza Berks, Yael Rieger, Emma Pervan, Layla Hirschman, Aya Frankel, Yona Stein  
Front Row: Talia Primus, Rebecca Mutchler, Sophie Hirschman, Eve McKee, Nessa Gafni-Pappas, Miriam Mutchler





# 2nd session ARAZIM

## bunk 5



*Back Row:* Tim Mellman, Noah Goodman, Philip Petrov, Yair Ashkenazi  
*Middle Row:* Sam Broverman, Cole Rago, Judah Arnold, Ezra Braasch, Toby Freddolino  
*Front Row:* Simon Copeland



## bunk 6

*Back Row:* Nadav Ben-David, Roei Tamir, Mark Dean  
*Front Row:* Liam Rosenberg, Milo Fogel, Ezra Mann, Yoav Shemesh, Myer McKee, Jonathan Primus



# 2nd session ARAZIM



*Back Row:* Tamar Bransky, Nava Kass, Yllana Olivia, Basya Silverman, Noa Shakham, Noa Rapport, Alia Arnold, Sydney Monk  
*Front Row:* Abigail Amos, Noga Shalev, Yaara Arbely, Ruby Burger, Noga Shemesh, Shaked Filo, Ella Shooter



**bunk 9**



*Back Row:* Makayla Katz, Lital Cohen, Naor Aaron, Noa Ofer, Farrah Flamenbaum, Julia Eisenstadt  
*Front Row:* Hazel Ellis, Yael Steigmann, Shiri Hirshtritt, Olive Motto, Elizabeth Graves



**bunk 10**



*Back Row:* Serena Marks, Avital Ohana, Maya Schondorf, Arianna Remes, Jocelyn Friedman, Gabby Chesler  
*Front Row:* Ila Gabrielle Sklar, Pearl Copeland, Noam Babayev, Kayla Mozes  
Not Pictured: Marina Inzelbuch





# 2nd session BOGRIM

## bunk 1



*Back Row:* Sam Berkooz, Omer Borochovit  
*Middle Row:* Jacob Fischbach, Oliver Ellis, Coby Silverman, Ezra Forrest,  
 Gavri Gilboa, Joshua Zaff, Isaac Faier  
*Front Row:* Ari Broverman, Yehudah Braasch



## bunk 2

*Back Row:* Simon Aizenstein, James Copeland, Ari Silvers, Jacob  
 Slawsky, Roy Kedem  
*Front Row:* Noah Polansky, Eylon Van Spier, Zachary Schanzer,  
 Jake Stern, Eran Tamir



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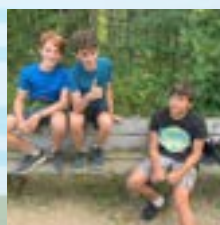
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**Back Row:** Nitzan Ornan, Ella Weinberger, Sivan Knafo, Shira Lerner, Yuval Shperling, Jessica Primus, Emmy Burger, Bar Van Spier, Cassie Tucker, Sonia Freddolino, Eloise Treister  
**Front Row:** Mia Rodzynek, Zohar Gafni-Kane, Ruth Glaser, Rory Friedberg, Aya Gafni-Pappas, Noa Jaffee



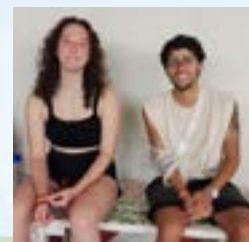
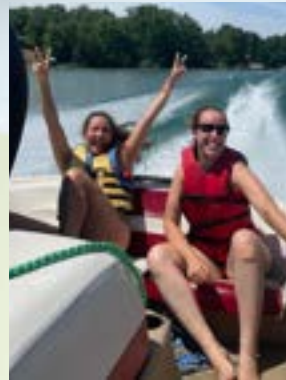
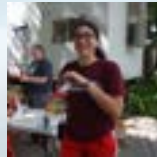
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**Back Row:** Lily Devir, Talia Bielak, Ella Marks, Golda Rubenstein, Zeva Guman, Namah Horton, Noa Rieger, Talia Zuckerman, Leora Robinson, June Gasson, Nurit Cohen  
**Front Row:** Elizabeth Benson, Danielle Arbely, Nir Horev, Calanit Kram, Noa Shaked, Hannah Berk





# TZEVET





Dear CYJ Families and Friends,

CYJ has been at the heart of my personal and professional journey for the past 20 years. I have had the ability to meet thousands of remarkable families and hear their personal stories of how they connect with CYJ Midwest. My story started in the spring of 1999 when I had the opportunity to join Sharsheret (a former Young Judeaea program) while studying at Hebrew University during my junior year of college. After that, I knew I wanted to work for an organization that builds relationships with people, Israel, and Judaism. This is what I have been doing for two decades.

The stories and memories flood me as I think back to when I experienced CYJ for the first time. It was the summer of 2000, when a now CYJ parent (former staff member) said they needed an extra counselor for the season. I jumped in and learned the ropes from some of the best mentors I could have asked for. I watched as people put their blood, sweat and tears into this place in Waupaca. Each summer was exhausting, exhilarating and meaningful; but I was hooked.

Camp staff work year round for 10 magical weeks, and then we have to wait for the next summer to see those smiles, fist bumps, tears, and hugs all over again. Over the years, I have had the opportunity to see campers travel all over the country to each other's Bar and Bat Mitzvahs, former bunkmates stand up in their friend's weddings, and many more build life-long relationships that go far beyond the summer months.

I had the privilege of meeting campers, staff and alumni from all over the world and bringing them to Waupaca each summer. I had the privilege of making sure no matter what, financial resources were not a deterrent for campers to experience this special place. I had the privilege of helping campers - regardless of background or needs - find a place that will welcome them with open arms.

Thank you to the parents who entrusted me with their most prized possessions and became part of our CYJ family.

Thank you to the campers who laughed and cried with me over the years, who sang at the top of their lungs during Pizza Man at Shabbat lunch shira and who gave it their all each summer.

Thank you to the staff members who spent hours sitting under a tree comforting their camper, giving a hug to their co-counselor who needed a little boost, or creating an incredibly special moment for the CYJ family.

Thank you to the CYJ board and donors who saw the vision and beauty of the CYJ community and supported it through a pandemic.

AND thank you to my family - my children, whom have never known a summer without CYJ and had some of the best caregivers in the world; and my husband - who never said no when I asked him to give even more of his time to drive a speedboat, pick up supplies in Chicago or even spend time working in Manderson's kitchen.

I was able to build on the shoulders of the fantastic former directors and board members who came before me. I have no doubt that CYJ Midwest will continue to build on the successes of the past and present. The future of CYJ Midwest and this extraordinary community is bright, and I look forward to seeing the light burn brighter for years to come.

Sincerely,  
Robin Anderson





CAN'T WAIT FOR SUMMER 2023!  
SEE YOU THEN!









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