MATZIV MIDWEST

Yearbook 2026



The Camp Rav, Rabbi Binyomin Weinrib Shlita

Dear Campers and Staff,

As the summer comes to an end, I want to take a moment to thank each of you for a truly special summer.

Chazal teach us: הרבה למדתי מרבותי, ומחבירי יותר מרבותי, ומתלמידי יותר מכולם "I learned much from my teachers, more from my friends, and from my students more than from them all."

This summer, I felt the truth of these words again and again. I gained so much from the many conversations, questions, comments, and interactions I had with both campers and staff. Some took place during a shiur or after davening, while others happened while walking around camp or simply sitting and talking. Each one added something to my summer, and many of them gave me a great deal to think about. I came to camp hoping to be able to give, but I am leaving feeling that I received even more.

One of the most beautiful things about camp is that it gives a person the opportunity to discover who he really is. During the year, it is easy to become caught up in our regular routines and in what everyone around us expects us to be. Camp gives us room to breathe, to open up, and to bring out parts of ourselves that may not always have the chance to come through.

Over the summer, many of you discovered strengths that you may not have realized you possessed. You showed that you could be a good friend, make someone else feel included, lead, help, learn, daven, and push yourself beyond what you thought you could do. I was fortunate to see so much goodness, sincerity, and tremendous potential in each of you.

The challenge now is to take that person home with you.

The person you became in camp was not just your "camp self." It was the real you. Camp simply gave you the space to see it more clearly. Take that energy home. Take along the friendships, the growth, the laughter, the lessons, and all the good moments we shared. Bring them with you into your home, your classroom, your school, and your yeshivah.

I want to offer my heartfelt thanks to Mr. Weiss for everything he does to make Camp Matziv the warm and special place that it is. Thank you to Rabbi Klein, our devoted head counselor, and to all the head staff for the endless work, thought, patience, and heart that you invested in every camper and in every part of the summer. It was a privilege to work alongside you and to see firsthand how much you care.

My brachah to every camper and staff member is that you should always recognize the special kochos Hashem has placed within you. May you have the strength and confidence to bring those kochos into actuality, continue growing into the person you are capable of becoming, and have tremendous hatzlachah in school and yeshivah throughout the coming year.

Thank you for the conversations, the questions, the smiles, and the memories. Thank you for allowing

me to be part of your summer. It was truly a privilege to get to know you, to learn with you, and especially to learn from you.

With much warmth and heartfelt brachos,

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A Final Word From Rabbi Klein

As I sit down to write this at the end of another incredible summer at Matziv Midwest, I just have one main feeling: happy.

So, so happy.

My biggest nachas this summer was just watching you grow.

Watching you walk in on day one, some of you a little shy, some of you nervous, some of you already bouncing off the walls with more energy than the entire camp has on the last night of the summer, and watching what you became by the end.

Watching you become the best version of yourself.

That's it. That's the whole point of Matziv. That's the ultimate thing we want from you. Not to be the best player, or the best learner, or the funniest kid in the bunk. Just to be the BEST YOU.

And you did it. I saw it every single day.

This summer our theme was fire. And it's no accident we chose it.

Chazal teach us that fire is the most powerful thing in the world. A tiny spark, if it's left alone, can fade out in seconds. But if you protect it, if you feed it, if you give it oxygen, that same tiny spark can light up an entire dark forest.

Every one of you came here as a spark. And my job, our staff's job, was not to give you a new fire. It was just to help you find your OWN fire and let it burn bright.

The Torah calls us a "Eish Das" - a fiery Torah. The Nesivos Shalom says the whole avodah of a Yid is to find that inner fire and never let it go out. The Yetzer Hara doesn't care if you keep Shabbos, if you learn - he just wants you to do it cold. Without fire. Without excitement.

You boys this summer did the opposite. You davened with fire. You learned with fire. You did chessed with fire. You played ball with... maybe a little too much fire. But that's okay too.

I saw it when you helped a younger camper carry his bags without anyone telling you to. I saw it when you pushed yourself to learn a little extra when you were already tired. I saw it when you danced at the melava malka and concert like there was no one watching, even though everyone was watching.

That fire is who you really are. That is the best version of you.

And now the real avodah begins. Because it's easy to have fire in Matziv. The whole place is on fire. The question is, what happens in November? In February? When it's cold outside and it's hard to get

up for minyan and no one is cheering you on?
My bracha to you is: Don't let it go out.
Take a little of this Matziv Midwest fire home with you. Light up your yeshiva. Light up your Shabbos table. Light up your friends. Be the one who brings the energy, who brings the simcha, who brings the warmth. Be a Matziv - a landmark - of fire wherever you go.
To my amazing head staff, counselors, and attached staff - you were that match that lit the flame. You lived on no sleep, just tons of fun, and you gave these boys your heart. I couldn't have done it without you and I will never forget what you did this summer.
To my incredible campers - thank you. Thank you for an unforgettable summer. Thank you for letting me be a small part of your growth. I am so proud of every single one of you, and I love you all so much.
Go home, keep growing, keep that fire burning bright all winter long.
Already counting down to next summer.

With a lot of love, fire, and pride,

Rabbi Klein
Feel free to call me whenever.
I look forward to hearing from you!!
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Rabbi Eisemann

Wow!! I can't believe the summer is coming to an end. Baruch Hashem it has been an incredible season and I feel so proud to have been your assistant head counselor. Special shout out to my learning group, you are the best! MASSIVE THANK YOU TO REB YITZY WEISS!! Once again you brought us all together and continuously gave us to ensure the best summer possible! Reb Eli Klein it has been a zechus to work alongside you once aging and watching the campers continue to shteig! Side note as of now there has been no AI used for this article.
A special thank you to those guys who made this summer so smooth and successful. Thank you "those guys". Shuey Parnes and Avrumi Blech you guys make a great tema and really know how to get things done. It was amazing having you onboard.
The division Heads you are such a hard working dedicated group! It may not be mentioned enough but it is noticed and appreciated!
The ops you guys are amazing and I should probably write something funny so you feel super chal with your shout out!
To our unattached staff who sleep in the lodge, Wakeup!!!
The counselors you are so amazing and I feel like I keep on looking for different words to say the

same thing so my letter won't be boring.
Shua Jeger good times
Nosson Tzi Levi Sorry the NiTime Legend didn't stick but you really are an alla round legend!
Avrohom Berry thank you for doing my job your job and basically every job applicable to be done! It is incredible how dedicated you are how talented and capable you are and how you do everything so casually as if it's no big deal! You really carried the camp from the back end forever necessary. It better not be your last year!

Basically everyone in camp Matziv is super awesome, amazing, spectacular and GOOD!!

The campers are the best there are and I can't wait to see you next year!
Have a great year of shteiging and don't forget to take what you gained from camp and keep it going at home! Teach your family the songs and zemerios Leil Shabbos. (don't jump on the table or chairs at home)!

Please keep in touch!
Rabbi Eisemann
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Rabbi Aboud, Learning Director

Wow! What a summer! Literally on FIRE! Camp Matziv continues reaching new levels! The beautiful Kol Torah echoing throughout the camp in the morning and at night seder was inspirational. The two-hour learning program on Shabbos was truly a sight to see! Hundreds of boys were so involved in learning bechavrusa, and others joined a shiur! Sounds of music to my ears. Our Matziv Masmid program was a real hit! Boys who came on time to davening and davened beautifully earned amazing prizes for their bunks. Without exaggeration, I handed out over ten thousand tickets for Shabbos learning and the Chinese Auction. The boys looked forward to the Motzei Shabbos raffles, with many prizes every week. We even auctioned off some personalized Shabbos learning fans and thermoses! Thank you, Rabbi Klein! This year's Chinese auction prizes were fantastic, with over $2000 worth of prizes. Some lucky boys left with a 3D Printer, drone, set of Chumashim, Slushie Machine, and many other prizes! As every year, many boys came to me to share how much they had grown in camp. They learned more than they thought possible and are hopeful to shteig better than ever throughout the school year.
The Rabbeim this year were truly outstanding! We had a lineup of enthusiastic and warm Rebbeim. Rabbi Goldwag's Juniors class learned Meseches Bikurim. With his funny and dynamic personality, Rabbi Goldwag's boys not only enjoyed the learning but also grew in hashkafa and middos. Rabbi

Yachnes inspired the Junior division to learn Mesechta Makkos in depth. He connected with his talmidim in a way they will remember forever. Rabbi Kier taught the 6th-grade division Keitzad Mevorchim. Rabbi Kier's extensive yediyos in Torah and Mussar helped the boys grow far beyond the Gemara they studied. We were zocheh to have Rabbi Hecht and Rabbi Eismann teach the other seventh-grade shiurim. Rabbi Hecht's professionalism and enthusiasm for learning inspired his talmidim to grow in yiras shamayim and avodas Hashem. With his humor, love, and excitement, Rabbi Eismann connected with his shiur in a special way that's hard to describe. Juggling so much this season, he still made his learning group a priority. The 8th grade was extremely fortunate to have Rabbi Mittler, Rabbi Krasnow, and Rabbi Adler as their rebbeim. With his multi-talented personality, besides efficiently running the pool and lake activities, Rabbi Adler skillfully taught his seventh-graders with great enthusiasm. What a great addition Rabbi Mittler is to our staff! He ventured on teaching Shiluavh Hakein in Meseches Chulin. Rabbi Mittler gave his talmidim the tools needed to tackle some very complex sugyos. R' Krasnow's boys connected with his soft yet engaging personality.The Mesivta program run by Rabbi Orloff and Rabbi Levine was a huge success! Along with Rabbi Biron and Rabbi Parnes, they elevated the Mesivta to new heights.

We are zocheh to have the camp Rav, Rabbi Weinrib, learning with the staff. Rabbi Weinrib not only teaches numerous shiurim during camp but is also available 24/7 to discuss halacha or hashkafa with anyone in need.

Many have grown tremendously in ruchniyos through the loving guidance of the Rebbyem in Camp Matziv. It is a true zechus for me to work alongside such outstanding manhigim.

Thank you, R' Yitzy Weiss, for ensuring that Camp Matziv truly reflects the Malchus we aim for! You pay attention to every detail in improving the camp, from the stunning ballfields and football field goals to the mesivta chill room and shuk—you've considered everything! Thank you to Rabbi Klein and Rabbi Eismann for creating exciting activities that added fun and an uplifting atmosphere to help us grow in ruchniyus and malchus as well. Much appreciation to Nosson Tzvi for giving such a geshmake to the daily activities in camp!

Thank you, Rabbi Shuey Parnes and Rabbi Blech, for taking care of all the fine details of camp, always with a smile. I appreciate everything you do; I know so much is behind the scenes and often unseen or unrecognized. Thank you for the tremendous amount that I see and everything I may not have noticed.

A special thank you to Chef Pesach. Besides preparing unbelievable food and ensuring every boy and family has what they need, he also helped with all our siyumim, onegs, and parties throughout the summer. Pesach is easygoing, relaxed, and a pleasure to work with! (And a great friend!)

Special thanks to Avrumi Murry, Moshe Hilsenrath, and Yitzy Rabinowitz for your amazing work in the woodworking shop. It was a pleasure working with you. Your woodworking and organization skills made this summer's woodworking bunk activities and power tools electives a great success!

Rabbi Shmuel Aboud

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Rabbi Kier, 4th-5th Grade Division Head

Dear Junior Division,

WOW!

What an amazing summer we just had together. From the moment you arrived in camp until you got home, everything was so on FIRE!!!
Cocoa club was delish!, followed by davening - even what you don't do yet in yeshiva!
Hot breakfast and ICE COFFEE SLUSH!!!
Shteiging in learning groups!!!
Leagues were twice a day - from baseball to basketball and football and hockey and soccer (shout out to Bobon). A different league did fun stuff daily with Rabbi Biron and Yanky - sushi making, fishing, tefillin knot making...
We then had a great lunch and fun activity from R' Eisemann.
The canteen was over the top!
Slushy and hot food - don't forget the candy!
Mincha and supper/dinner
and then NIGHT ACTIVITY with Nosson Tzvi!!!
Followed by night canteen - fleish! And curfew and showers and stories!
The trips were awesome-especially slick city!!
The super cool coach buses and the trip to DEEP RIVER WATERPARK!!!
and color war and the alma mater - tears flowing! Mazal tov to the winning team of...

We had the Best counselors in camp!!!
Thank you to Shuey and Yaakov, Yaakov and Yossi, and Tuvia and Meir!!!
Thank you for being the best division in camp!
Looking forward to hearing how you are growing in Torah and Middos this year!
Can't wait to see you in Matziv 27'

Rabbi Ezra Kier

Rabbi Yachnes, 6th Grade Division Head

6th Grade,
They say good things come in small packages. If that's true, then 6th Grade at Camp Matziv this summer may have been the greatest package of all.
We weren't the biggest division in camp, but what we lacked in numbers, we more than made up for in personality, noise, and, of course... breaks.
Lots and lots of breaks.

It all started near the beginning of camp with what quickly became known as the famous "Shel Tzu Speech." I stood in front of the boys, confidently giving over what I was sure would become the motto and inspiration for our summer.
There was just one small problem.
Nobody had any idea what "Shel Tzu" meant.
Honestly, I'm still not completely sure everyone does. But somehow, that speech marked the beginning of what 6th Grade would become.
And then there were the breaks.
Apparently, being a 6th grader is exhausting.
Breakfast required a break. Shacharis definitely required a break. Somehow, even lunch itself occasionally required a break from lunch. If an activity lasted for more than a few minutes, somebody was already negotiating when the next break would be.
And while we were on break, there were a few questions that could be counted on to come up.
"Can I have a ride?"
A ride where?
It really didn't matter.
Across camp. Back to the bunk. To the dining room. Down the road. Sometimes to a place that was approximately a three-minute walk away. And sometimes, it seemed, they would have gladly accepted a ride just to move an inch.
Of course, even while all of this was happening, there was always another critically important matter that needed attention:
"What's the score in the game?"
Which game?
Again, not important.
There was apparently always a game happening somewhere, always a score that needed to be checked, and always at least one member of 6th Grade who needed an update immediately.
By the time Maariv arrived, naturally, someone would ask about another break.
And by then, they all knew the answer:
"There are no breaks at Maariv!".
Looking back, though, those little moments are exactly what made the summer what it was. The breaks, the rides, the score updates, The running around, the joking, and all the classic 6th Grade craziness became part of the personality of our division.
But underneath all of that was something much more important.
We had a really special group of boys. We had great memories together. From our bus rides to our mini bunk kumzitzim.
But by the end of the summer, we definitely knew what it meant to be part of 6th Grade at Camp Matziv.
We may have been small.
But we were awesome.
I want to thank the our amazing counselors that made this a great success!
I"h everyone should have a wonderfull year ahead!
Feel free to keep in touch!
Rabbi Yachnes

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Bunk Reuven!!! Best bunk in camp!!!

That was the most EPIC summer ever!! We did so many AWESOME stuff!!! I think we can all agree that the highlight was SLICK CITY!!!!! Wait, that wasn't your favorite part? Ohhh, you guys wanted a waterpark, which we got (and c'mon, we all know that everyone really had fun at Slick City :) But for real to name just a few things that we did, we had a BLAST going BANANA BOATING, we totally COOKED in Pay Day (we won R' Eisemann the Hypnotist!), we built our very own COOLEST looking basketball hoop and the Eli Marcus concert was UNREAL!! Congrats to whoever won Color War because I'm writing before it's over...

But more important than all the AWESOME things we did, is the awesome people who we did everything with. And of course that is, all our adopted counselors like Moishy Ellenberg, Ahron Goldenberg, Levi Simon, Yosef Cooper, Benny Seligson, R' Levine, Elchonon Apt and all Yaakov's friends who sat at our table!!

Ohh, I forgot to mention the BEST CAMPERS EVER!! Each one of you added so much in your own way. It's only fair to start with our esteemed Malchus Award Winner, **Nachum Tarcia-Lecher**, or, the only guy competing with Nosson Tzvi Levy for best NTL in camp. Your consistency in doing the right thing and being a good influence is what made you truly deserve the Malchus Award. You really showed us how a true role model lives out of town (Neighborhood Day Win!!). Speaking of out of town, we need to mention **Pinchas Biron**, all the way from Houston, Texas. Pinchas, you're a great friend to all; so thoughtful, kind and considerate to all the people you spend time with, even though most of that time is spent playing baseball with your fellow bungalow resident. **Eli Eisemann**. Eli, your playful energy brings fun and excitement wherever you go and to whoever you're with and that makes people want to be around you and be your friend. Someone else who seems to be everyone's friend is **Shua Matzliach**. I don't think there's a Mesivta guy that you haven't spoken to, or a Head Staff that you haven't gotten a golf cart ride with :) But seriously, your confidence, friendliness, and unlimited energy is what makes everyone realize that you're such a great guy to be around. Besides Shua, there's one guy who spent more time on R' Klein's golf cart and that's **Avi Klein** (duh). Some people get homesick in camp, but I think Avi gets campsick at home :) Avi, your excitement and cheerfulness to be in camp is super contagious! You share your excitement with everyone and it lifts up everyone around you. One other that's lifted up is **Gavriel Wasser** doing his bedtime sit-ups every night. Gavriel, the positive energy you give off constantly, pumps up every situation to be the very best that it could be. Keep up that fire energy! Speaking of people named Gavriel, **Gav Dauber** is the owner of the world's largest collection of Chicago Cubs jerseys. Gav, you're super strong minded which means when you put your mind to something, you have the determination and resilience to get done, no matter what gets in your way (even if it's your counselors :) But Gav isn't the only Cubs fan around. **Ariel Abromowitz** doesn't own anything that doesn't have the Cubs logo on it. Ariel, your passionate and competitive nature makes you a true hard-worker. You never back down from a challenge, and that fierceness makes you a real leader. Ariel also leads the oh-I-didn't-shower-yet-can-you-leave-the-lights-on club, and he's, of course, joined by **Zevy Berman**. Zevy, your straightforward thinking makes you an honest and real friend. You're super ambitious and there's so much you can accomplish if you put your mind to it. But most importantly, you totally had a blast this summer with Different League!!!!, along with... Rabbi Biron and Yanky!!! Oh, right I meant **Dovi Katz**!!! Dovi, you have a very well deserved Davening Award. Your davening was really something special to watch and it's truly something that people could strive for. Your overall positivity and cleverness makes you such an amazing friend to talk to. Along with your shtender, there was another incredible project made this summer by **Dovid Brody** - the basketball hoop!! (Ariel, we know you did a lot also, please don't crash out) Your cheerful and excitable nature makes you someone that people love being around. You also get an honorary mention in the oh-I-didn't-shower-yet-can-you-leave-the-lights-on club, but it's not because you didn't shower, but because you can't find something. Keep on rocking with your fellow Boca Ratonian, **Yechiel Hecht**!! Yechiel, you always know what the right thing to do is, and you always do it, unless it's the rule of no brain rot in the bunkhouse :) But honestly, you have a good heart and you're always willing to help out whenever it's needed.

Keep in touch, we'd love to hear from you!!!! See you all in Matziv '27!!!!!!!!!!!

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Wow! Bunk Shimon the summer went by in the blink of an eye, and as we sit here writing this, we can't help but feel a longing for just one more week with all of you. It was such an amazing opportunity being your counselors, from the moment wake up started, to the last shower after curfew. Every single one of you are absolute rock-stars, and the bunk would not be a fraction of how awesome it was if even one of you was missing. From leagues, to banana boating, to learning and zemiros on shabbos, we'll never forget the memories we've shared. Seeing a group of 5th graders from completely different backgrounds come together for just a month, yet become such powerful friends is truly beautiful for us. Our hope that at least some of you will keep up with us during the year. But just like the summer went by in a blink, we guarantee, the school-year will too, and then we'll be able to see eachother once again.

In ten years from now:

Hudi will be starting PG on the Mavs but play edge rusher for the steelers every Sunday.
Zev will be the Rav of Ann Arbor.
Shua will be a N.Y. Times best selling author of horror stories.
Alex will be a rare Pokeman collector, and Dudi Kallish's assistant on the side.
Yosef Goldwag will be the owner of a high-class restaurant.
Fry will be a manager at Romanian, and invent an Indian salami.
Meir will be an internationally recognized drummer, and Yossi will be the guitarist in his band.
Jacobi will have more jerseys than Boban and will play for Man City, and break dance into a pool of Guarana after every goal.
Zach will be on time to bed (JK, he'll run the night shift where he works)
Reuven will show his true colors, and admit he is actually a Spurs fan, and Brunson is bad. Shout out to Rabbi Kier, for being the best division head we can ask for, and we thank you guys each and every one of you for making our summer special we wish you much hatzlacha in the coming school year please feel free to reach out to us during the year. Best regards.

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WOW!! What an unbelievable summer that was!! Can you believe that just three weeks ago we were hanging up Max's 1,000 hangers and now we're on the plane (or bus) ride home? We just spent twenty-five crazy, epic, action-packed days picking up hundreds of little sour twists and gumballs (thanks to Ezzy and Asher) from the freshly mopped floor (ahem... thank you, Tuvia!), playing five different variations of baseball (unfortunately, none of them actually included a baseball), and shielding ourselves from the miserable aim and wrath of the Orbee sniper. Who would've thought that it's possible for such a summer to end? And yet... here we are.
From the incredible trip to ~~Three Rivers Waterpark~~ Slick City to the other incredible trip to Three Rivers Waterpark (#thankyouHashem #daveningworks), Neighborhood Day, Pay Day, Where's Carlos?, The Witness, and of course, the incredible grand sing 😭 - this summer was totally ON FIRE!! But you guys were legit the absolute best part, I mean like seriously...
Abi, not a day went by without you filling the bunkhouse at least once with the sound of uncontrollable laughter! Your natural good humor and outgoing personality was an awesome addition to the bunk! Keep leading and keep smiling!
Asher, who doesn't enjoy spending time with you??? Seriously! You've always got some smart or funny line to say - keeping the boys on their toes. Low key, one of the easiest guys to put to sleep (#bestpartofcamp)! It was an absolute pleasure being your counselors this summer and we'll hopefully see you back next year!
Ezzy, you are a seriously good guy! Competitive by sports (and really good at them!), and at the same time, caring for another, standing up for them when they need a tough guy to help out. Qualities like these are the reason why you're able to build such strong friendships. You've got a ton to offer, so keep on using your strengths for the right stuff!
Meir- Thanks for playing hard this season, it was great having you on the team!
Max, throughout the summer you came up with a bunch of different random games and ideas to keep the boys entertained at all times. Your creativity and boundless energy kept the bunk in a bright and lively atmosphere no matter the time of day (ahem!). Keep on going! #Ilovethiscamp! (Since your parents might see this, we'll make sure not to write about the night 2 liter soda bottles 🤫).
Mordy, you added a tremendous amount to the bunk in such a special way. You're relaxed but humorous personality kept the bunk light and fun at all times. And even when somehow you gave up your glasses halfway through the summer, you still managed to see the good in everyone ;) - keep at it! (Just wondering if your clothing ever ended up making it to the bunkhouse 😂).
Moshe, a true Malchus Camper! We can't remember you ever missing a single mealtime the entire summer! No matter the activity, you were always there pumping up yourself and the boys, and even when they didn't listen, you came back the next day and tried again. Your enthusiasm and refusal to give in to negativity is a lesson for all! Stay strong!
Tuvia- LET'S GO EUROS!! As of this printing we're the last ones in and soon-to-be champs! It was great having you on the team!
Shloime, it's funny how sometimes things literally got done on their own. Like the nights you were showered well before we began the lights-out routine. It's because of your uncanny ability to understand a situation and act accordingly, no matter what it is! This is one of the things that made it super easy to be your counselors this summer, and it will definitely gonna come in handy as you get older! Keep knocking!
Shua - Your indescribable determination is something incredible to watch. You literally came to camp this summer all by yourself, and in just a few short weeks you made a million friends! It's also unbelievable how well you kept up the tefillos even though mincha and maariv were things you weren't used to! It was a wonderful opportunity to watch you grow this summer! Keep it up!
Meir- I got double the luck this summer having you on my team too. Good job!
Yechiel, we don't think you missed a single cocoa club morning the whole summer! You truly deserved the Best in Davening award! Your positive outlook and caring personality are a killer combo that makes you into the amazing person you are. Thanks for making things easy for us and keep on shteiging!
Yisrael, it's so impressive that although you didn't sleep in the bunkhouse, you were always ready to help during cleanup. Thank you! You have a knack for helping without being asked, which when coupled with your pleasant personality makes you an indispensable addition to the bunk! Keep on striving to be that chashuve bachur that you're gonna be! (We'd be remiss to not mention your cutest little brothers - send our regards!)
Meir- it was a pleasure having you on my team!! GO POUNDS!
You guys are awesome and made this the absolute BEST SUMMER EVER!!! We could not have asked for a better bunk! You'd better all call during the year because we're gonna miss you guys a ton! Waiting to see you all next year, MATZIV 2027 in Yerushalayim!!!!
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P.S. If we don't answer it's because we're shteiging away in Yeshiva, so please leave a message.
P.P.S. Shoutout to all the visitors we had in the bunkhouse throughout the summer (you know who you are) - it was great having you around at the most random times! Thank you for giving us the opportunity to do Hachnasas Orchim every single day!
P.P.P.S. Just wanted to give a shoutout to the rest of my incredible team! You guys played incredible and your attitudes were phenomenal- I'm gonna miss having you all on my team. Keep on pounding! #NUMBERONESEED!! -Meir

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Wowwwww!!!! Bunk YEHUDAH!!! What a summer!!!!

Just thinking back is scaring us how fast it went and how awesome it was!!! Really, you guys are the best bunk we could've asked for. With every single one of you adding your own personal spice to create a fire environment for us as counselors and for the bunk as a whole. Starting off from the first night activity, we saw how you guys can work together to the point that we won it and even got popcorn first 😀😡. We just can't forget that first baseball game when we asked who could pitch, and the whole bunk piped up, and when we asked who could play first base, the whole bunk again chimed in to claim it, and the same for shortstop. And as the summer progressed, we actually realized that you all have the amazing capabilities to perform all of those positions, and trust us, it didn't stop with baseball; in all other areas of the day, you guys have proven to us that whatever challenge or task comes your way, you're the most responsible, capable group ever. Whether it was the amazing attitude when the banana boat or the waaaaaaater park got cancelled or when the bunk house got flooded and bunk Yehuda "chaveirim" came to the rescue, making ditches and clogging up the door. But on a better note - winning the cookie contest - the payday competition (thank g-d no counselors were around, so you guys were able to check off the checklist nice and smooth lol 😂) AND EVERY SINGLE BUNK GAME!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Starting off with our best in tefilla:

YOSSI KORNEYEV (aka Korn): Always looking to shteig in all areas. Taking Shabbos really seriously by welcoming it in just about 4 hours beforehand. Watching you during tefillos is truly awe-inspiring. #R'GershonRibner #differentleaguedropout #R'NussiMullersatalmid

YOSSI OBODYANIK (aka OBJ): Just such a fire, amazing camper all around. You are truly a counselor's dream from your intensity on the court through curfew, just so easy going. #heritage #proudrussian #sittinginbedfordaysb4shachris #latesecondsupper

GAVRIEL CWEIBER (aka Gavvy): Your absolutely insane creativity when it comes to literally everything whether wood working, basketball, rapping, singing and everything else in between. #cornhole #iwillwinya..... #biggestlebronfan #proudlakewood #justputitonmybed

CHANAN FELDMAN: The amount of positive energy and the hype is just epic to be around. The over-exciting, dramatic side to you gets the entire bunk involved in everything. #unlimitedamountofblankets #cominginclutchwiththesmall water bottles #totalaccesstomesivtasgrill #therambamsaysyouneedtodrink #dontsteponmymat

JONAH CHEPLOWITZ: Wow what an all-around beast! Your leadership capabilities really play out in an amazing way. Your feelings to your friends are a lesson to all. #hockeystick #eyebrowlifting #birdseyeviewintocounselorroom #underarmourcompressionshorts #naturalcurls

YISROEL ABRAHAMSON: What an epic legend, what an amazing role model for all your surroundings, never getting into trouble's way, and always willing to help literally anyone at any time. #fireshtender #riddlemaster #THEROCHESTERBOY #numberoneshortstop

ARI GOODWIN: Oh my our Malchus award winner, so well deserved - never a negative word no matter what goes wrong just the peak camp boy, always there by meals even though we are not sure if you ever ate. #Makingerevshabboscleanupseasy, always there with your helping hand #sleepwithrocks.

ASHER WIENEGER: The learner of the week, in every situation you have a comment that puts everyone rolling on the floor, and your independence really pulled you through to be able to have such an epic summer. #firstbaseman #legend

YOSEF SPIEGLER: All around just a great guy to be around, whether it's walking past you back from Cocoa Club to change your shoes or watching your epic football skills. You always stay positive and have a good word. #athlete #sicklistener #thecrocking

MORDACHAI HECHT: The guy who knows everything that's going on, whether its leagues or schedule we can always rely on you. Your energy (especially in the morning 😀) really added a lot to the bunk. #nonstaffbratt #firsttosleep #footballgenius

RAFI NEWMAN: What dedication to every thing you do davening, sick game of monopoly deal (which actually looked like sick games) or swim you really added a ton to the bunk and you are a great friend to be around. #motownstrong #crazyswimmer

MOSHE ALCEBEZ: Last but definitely not least, watching you daven is a real lesson to all of us, you have amazing excitement and unlimited energy really keeps the bunk rocking. #sickviewfromyourbed #longesthairaward

Guys keep it up youre all awesome, please please keep in touch-

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Wow what an amazing summer we just had!!! Within the first few minutes of Matziv '26, comes into the bunkhouse the Cardinals roster with **Menachem** leading off. And boy did he know that if he strikes out **Tzvi** will be down his back! Right then on the first night we realized that **Dubi's** favorite thing was not sleeping! And on the very first lunch day we had **Ezri** blasting us with a FIRE 12 year old birthday party! **Yaakov/Jacob** turned 12 three days later! On that same day we saw him draining in those 3's! #9for9! (Hilsteins are part of bunk Yissachar family by now #bestChavrusah) That night at night activity we saw **Max** on stage popping soda balloons on his own head! Pretty quickly did we find out that **Ari Zuber** was the only kid in camp from Maryland! (If the whole Baltimore davens like you, we might even move there!) Now let's fast forward to visiting day, when to **Momo's** delight his bros completely took over our bunkhouse! And of course he was wearing his Jose shirt! A few days later on the EXCLUSIVE bike ride, we were so excited that **Ahron's** bike broke down! He of course just continued smiling as usual! **Ezra** throughout the summer showed up to every single activity showing his fullest! **Ari Friedman** decided he needed to chill in a different room so he went to chill IN the roof! (Bunk hockey game TOMORROW) #6thgradehockeyGOAT! Without **Duvi** this bunk would literally NOT BE! He would literally always have another thing to say and rock up! Making sure there was always friendliness around! We look up to your "bringing everyone togetherness" skills!

FAQ's and the REAL answers:
Tzvi - Can I please have a Danish now? Of course! Here's 2!
Ari Z - Do you want to have a baseball catch with me now? Of course just give me 2 minutes.
Momo - Do you think Rabbi Yachnes will tell me anything if I don't wear long pants to davening? I don't know! Today's a new day, you gotta try it out.
Ezri - What's today's schedule? Let me check my phone.
Jacob - Are we having night leagues tonight? Hopefully tomorrow night!
Menachem - Did the Cardinals win today? Obviously!
Dubi - What was the problem with giving the broom to the other bunk, they need it as well? Well we missed a piece of dust under Momo's bed so we still need it.
Moshe Chaim (Max) - Can I go out to chill, it's only 12:00? Why not?! Just make sure Rabbi Yachnes doesn't see you!
Ezra - Do you have a Siddur I can say Shema from? Use Menachem's.
Ari Friedman - Do you have any jerseys to add to the jersey wall? I have a fake one. Do you want it?!
Duvi - Is everything all right over here? No, we could use some security. #alwaykeepingtheboystogether!
Aaron - where in Lakewood do you live?? When you come visit we'll show you.

In a nutshell:
Max Bergida: You're a drop too mature and chilled for your age. It was a pleasure shmoozing with you and having you around! Have you ever gotten into a bad mood in your life?! #3rdyearback (like me). Yanky Frankel sends regards.
Menachem Bregman: You are always SHOUTING positive things and vibing hard! Shabbos midnight Oneg arranged by you every week!
Ari Freedman: You always jump up and down bringing our bunk to life! What a jolly guy you are! You never stop rolling positivity! You're just too easy-going! #laughinginyourmancave
Tzvi Gewirtz: Your chilled vibe always helped us stay cool! You always hype us up! Always chilling on your extra low chair filling us in on the latest. Continue fighting nicely with Menachem!
Yaakov/Jacob Hellstein: You always had something cool to share with tons of details! ALWAYS good mooded!
Momo Cohen: Your endless vibing didn't stop once! (Even on visiting day) anyone think Yitzy is better than Momo at 9 square??
Ezry Lehrer: Always up till the end of the night time stories! His brother clearly showed him how to vibe in Matziv! Continue pumping good vibes!
Dubi Markel: Always UP doing a different fun activity! Enjoy and have a good time in school this year!!
Ezra Robbins: Always doing what he's supposed to be doing and very easy to get along with! Always with an intellectual thought on his tongue!
Aron Weinfeld: Always smiling excited to do literally anything! You had way TOO MUCH fun in camp! Some people get homesick in camp, knowing you... you will probably get camp sick at home!
Duvie Worch: FUN FUN and more FUN! There was not even one day or night that you didn't rock up our bunk (camp)! We saw the true love you have for Mitzvos clearly brought out through those Shabbos Seudos! #ROCKSTAR Endless positive energy you've got!!
Ari Zuber: You showed us how to be a real Yid! We can't wait to see you in your OWN Tefillin! Determined and resilient individual that you are!

Thank you Hashem for allowing us to have the most amazing fun and fulfilling summer ever!!!
Rabbi Klein, we have no words to explain how grateful we are to you for giving us the opportunity of our lifetime!!! And of course the biggest shoutout goes to the one who made this summer for 6th grade so amazing, the individualized care he gave everyone is astounding... "Rabbi Rabbi Rabbi Yachnes, oo oo oo"!!! You are the man that every counselor wishes to have as their division head!!! Our bunk took a vote, and majority said that NTL is not normal! Crazy how you did Nad and NTL at the same time! To Shmully Weiss (canteen) Klal Yisrael needs you in Chinuch! Yitzchak Zehnwirth I don't want to think about what would happen if you wouldn't be here! #kayaking... IYKYK AJ (O.D.) did not need to step into our bunkhouse even once! ATM keep going higher!

It's hard, but it's real, the summer is now over. The most amazing summer ever will B'ezras Hashem lead you to a most amazing and wonderful year in 7th grade!!! How lucky you guys are to become Bar Mitzvah!!! We can't wait to see you all in Matziv 2027!!!

Fun facts about your counselors:~: Yaakov Zell 1) I never actually went swimming in the pool this year. (I've gotten pushed in) 2) My record in bowling is 206. 3) The reason I never did banana boating is because I once slipped on a banana. 4) My dorm room is even cleaner than our bunkhouse. 5) After curfew every night I went straight to the canteen.

Yaakov Ziskind 1) I DID fast on Tisha B'av. 2) All the scary stories I said at night about myself are true. 3) I actually never TASTED a hamburger in my life. 4) This was my 7th year in sleepaway camp. 5) I think about camp 365 days a year!

Please keep in touch!
We'd love to hear your voices!
If you happen to be in Lakewood, make sure to stop by!

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Shout out to our league teams Shekel and roaches! You guys rock!

SENIORS



















Rabbi Krasnow, 7th Grade Division Head

Attention seventh graders, it was an amazing experience having such a fun awesome and amazing summer together. I'm crashing out about thinking of saying goodbye. Hope you have an amazing year in eighth grade looking forward to seeing you next summer bigger and better then ever.
Rabbi Krasnow

Rabbi Hecht, 8th Grade Division Head

It took five summers, but my Camp Matziv song finally grew up.
After 5 years of *Baby Shark*, (Shua Jeger's first attempt at a head staff member song - he's come a long way Rabbi Nakdimen...) my song finally made it out of nursery and graduated to 8th Grade:
Let's look at some of the new lyrics, shall we?
"He doesn't need a mic..."
That might be true most of the time. But the real reason I didn't need one this summer is because **8th Grade spoke for itself**.
The energy, the Achdus, the cheering, the trips and activities, bunk chills, Friday night Oneg, Q&A's, and even the special *Junior Division curfew times* somehow earned by a select few bunkhouses...
You guys brought it.
Now let's talk about those bunkhouses:
8th grade division ROCKED cleanup this summer.
It was so nice seeing everyone actually rolling around on those floors and licking them because of just how sparkling clean they were.
Wait... what's that on the bathroom floor?!
You call THAT a neat cubby?!
Okay, maybe we didn't *always* reach the standard.
But some of those bunkhouses looked incredible. And for anyone who thought I was a little too invested in cleaning up, especially with cleaning your floors: **you're welcome** for helping you clean out your own chill space so you could actually enjoy your bunkhouse time.
Underneath the jokes was something I really did want you to learn this summer:
I held you to a higher standard because I wanted you to see that you could reach it.
Nowhere was that more meaningful than Davening. As the oldest campers in the main Shul, I pushed you to recognize that you had a responsibility to carry yourselves differently. One small but meaningful example was elevating the way you came dressed for davening.
And you did.
My challenge to you now is: **don't go backward. Build on it**.
Which brings us to:
"8th Grade has all the hype..."
Yes. We absolutely did.
But what made me most proud was that the hype wasn't only there when everything was going our way.
When the water park trip was suddenly cancelled and our entire itinerary had to change on the fly, there was plenty of opportunity to complain and let it ruin the day. Instead, you guys rose to the

occasion. You rolled with it, stayed positive, and brought the energy to whatever came next.
That is hype worth being proud of.
Because real hype isn't just noise in fun times. It's positivity in all situations. It's Achdus. It's making the guy next to you feel part of something. It's choosing to jump in instead of standing on the side. It's making something great because you decided to bring greatness to it.
"He's the one and only..."
Nope. Sorry guys, but that lyric you got wrong. It's not me- it's our division's **incredible** counselors:
Guys- **thank you. Truly.**
Thank you for the nonstop pump. Thank you for the positive energy. Thank you for jumping in and making things happen without waiting to be asked.
But most importantly, thank you for **caring about your campers**.
You noticed them. You knew them. You paid attention to who needed some extra encouragement, who needed to be pulled in, and who just needed a counselor to be there for him.
You made my job easy because I knew I had a group of counselors who genuinely cared about giving every camper an incredible summer. I saw it throughout the summer, I appreciated it tremendously, and I am genuinely grateful to each of you.
8th Graders - there's a lesson in that for you too.
Camp has this incredible ability to bring things out of us that we sometimes didn't even know were there.
Maybe you Davened a little better. Maybe you became more responsible. Maybe you stepped outside your comfort zone. Maybe you were more positive, made a new friend, showed leadership, or discovered that when someone pushed you to give a little more—you actually had a lot more to give.
That wasn't just your "camp self." That's you.
And now, as you begin your high school journey, that may be the most important thing I can leave you with.
I pushed you this summer because I wanted you to see what you're capable of when you push yourselves.
So keep pushing.
Take the standard you reached in davening and elevate it again. Take the achdus and friendships and build on them. Take the positivity you showed when plans changed and bring it when life doesn't go according to *your* itinerary. Take the confidence, the responsibility and the leadership—and bring it with you on the next step of your journey.
Don't leave the best version of yourself at Camp Matziv.
Camp gave you a glimpse of how much is inside of you.
Now go find out how much more there is.
And remember:
You don't need a mic.
Your actions, especially the quiet ones in moments of personal growth and triumph, will speak plenty loud.
Wishing everyone the most incredible year of personal growth ahead, and I can't wait to see you all back here for Matziv '27!
-Rabbi Hecht

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To The Best and Most Amazing Bunk Zevulen

WOW, what a summer it's been! From the first day of camp, we knew that this summer would be a summer like no other! You guys were truly the most amazing bunk, filled with ruach, pump, and tons of personality! With a very diverse crowd (from Florida to, Detroit and Chicago), the way that you all got along (for the most part) was truly inspiring!

And now as the summer comes to an end, we would like to write something that we saw special in each and every one of you.

Yehuda Askirinum - Always laughing in every conversation. Meir- even when complaining and tired. Akiva- BTW that creepy Shabbat shalom umivorach, will never leave my head.

Moshe Cywiak - The legendary bar mitzvah bachur, whose always looking for trouble. Meir- you're somehow always innocent. Akiva- you creaped out every parent on visiting day. #lucky you made it out of your hideout alive.

Eli Deitsch - A real Lakewood kid, #UnderArmourCap #I'm done!!! Meir- you are a real athlete (who never gets Charlie Horse). Akiva- you're a brick, rolling between the rocks.

Efraim Meir Meisel - Early to bed early to rise, makes a great jolley camper who we all enjoy and look up to. Akiva - #CUBSTOTHEWORLDSERIES. Meir - #wetpantsrock.

Shlomo Rube - Enjoying diff. league, never getting out of bed, #showering every night without a fight. Meir- get out of bed now!! Akiva- the under my covers cuz I'm putting on my pants excuse, never worked!!, we were just nice counselors.

Dovi Kanter - Knows every song on 24six, #rockin those dances. Meir- always listening to instructions to the tee. Akiva- a real great sport (pun intended) and at every moment finding the good and sharing it with others.

Yehoshua Dovid Kopel - Always playing rafter baseball at the wrong time. You supplied the whole camp with all your candy. Akiva- I don't remember seeing you by the silent crash out lesson. Just kidding really mature fellow. Meir- we can truly see how much you grew from coming to camp.

Yaakov Hauser - Your positive vibe really set the tone in our bunk. Those stories (you probably made up) had the whole bunk mesmerized. Akiva- go see the nurse since your geribineh foot is acting chush because it's not fest. Meir- make sure Eli does not bother you too much.

Juda Marmer - A real Israeli, always fishing or playing with cats. Meir- #best league team ever. Akiva- I may not look tough without my beard but I'm still a scary man, don't tell me you really put a cat on my bed, cuz I"ll crash out.

Binyamin Millman - Send us your footage were really pumped to see it. You rocked different league (pizza with Mr. Weiss shhhh) Meir- I love that you are a proud Detroit boy. Akiva- meal neighbor and chiller I hope you got some close-up shots of my nose! Ha ha ha!!!

Ephraim Klein - First impression "10 dollars for whoever puts on my sheet" kidding your great. Meir- no more pajamas because you don't reuse, #bang. Akiva- how do you know when lights out is? When the lights shut! No, when Ephraim starts saying shema with his flashlight.

It's hard, but it's real, the summer is now over. The most amazing summer ever will B'ezras Hashem lead you to a most amazing and

Wonderful year in 8th grade!!! We will really really miss you!!! It's so hard to part when you have such bond!!! And we can't wait to see you all in Matziv 2027!!!

Please keep in touch!

We'd love to hear your voices, we really wanna hear from you.

If you happen to be in Monsey or Lakewood, make sure to stop by!

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Wow Wow Wow bunk Don… It feels like just yesterday that we were all introducing and getting to know each other, and now between all the hype and excitement, camps already over. We never imagined how awesome this summer could turn out to be and it's all because of the best bunk ever …bunk DON!!!! All of you guys brought your own personality and talents to the bunk but now we're gonna give a regular curfew scene… **Avrumi** - the legend with the buzz getting ready to blow up the speaker playing the stories. **Naftali** - Super nice guy and by FAR the smoothest in the bunk… hiding in the bushes somewhere around camp from us, division heads, head staff, the cops, the army, and anyone else that breathes. **Avraham** - rolling in from soccer 30 minutes late but smiles at you till you forget. **Izzie** - always laughing and cracking jokes even while having his head stuck in a bed frame. **Moshe** - going all commando with his orby gun ready to take on the world (or bunk) (#MoisheuGucci?). **Akiva** - always keeping it new and fresh even switching casts after a week…doing the most insane athletic ways to get into bed. **Ilan** - nowhere to be found… most likely to be found on line by the canteen or in the ER (the nurse is self-explanatory). **Eli** - either working in the canteen or folding Zevi's gartel while solving world peace (we know your grandmothers famous…relax). **Nathan** - attempting to get those 15 hours of sleep after rocking all day #pjsallday #underratedineverything. **Azi** - getting in as much sugar as possible before lights out… and always making sure that us counselors are behaving and doing our job right… (#detroitfanforlife). **Momo**- Getting ready to go to sleep because he always showered early… except for the fact that there's no way he didn't sleep in his suitcase (like Momo, how on earth did u manage to do it) (#wehatethedodgers). **CJ**- laughing in the hour shower (12 CJ minutes) as he boils frogs. **Shlomo** - the bunk chiller… you name it… you could find him by curfew either reading books or schmoozing with anything that moves, (#strongest12yearoldever). But in all seriousness you guys were the most amazing awesome bunk and the best we could've asked for… the energy and hype you guys brought (except for night activities lol) will definitely be missed. You have all really grown in your own ways and it has really inspired us and helped us grow. So thanks to each and every one of you for the best summer ever and PLEASE keep in touch .

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(P.S. This is Zevi speaking… HUGE shoutout to the best team ever… the (hopefully) league champions team BOOM!!! I'm so sorry I had to leave early but you guys are awesome and the most hyped upbeat team ever!!!! Thanks to all of you for trying your best every single game… and shoutout my co-league coach Aryeh… your energy and hype (and my megaphone) and plain craziness was awesome… please keep in touch.)

(P.S. it's Tuvia… Crazy shoutout to the team of BUZZ!!!! the best team by far at sports but also in the attitude!!!! … #buzzemlikeabee… we had an awesome and upbeat and INSANE summer together… and shoutout to my co-coach DAVE Levine… you were a real (actual) coach… so thanks so much Buzz for being an amazing team.)

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Wow wow wow!!!!!! Bunk Naftali, what a summer!!!! You guys from the very beginning till the very end of camp were always pumping and hyped, especially when it came to curfew you guys just kept on getting better and better!!!!!!! We can't thank you guys enough for being the BEST CAMPERS EVER!!!

To remember every camper we will pose the following question... If _____ would not be by a meal where would he be:

Yosef would either be playing baseball catch with anyone in camp #sickpitcher and shortstop and server etc. etc. Or would be practicing his sick lines like "my fault my fault" or "yo wasup" #onlypositivevibes!!! **Chezzy** would be in his bungalow eating more tradition soups or listening to his favorite singers on his 24/6 #MOSThappiestsongs #AJisbecomingafan!! **Kessi** #TZVI would "FOR SURE" be practicing for every one of camp plays #BESTACTORINCAMP'SHISTORY!! **Yeshaya** would be either with Shaul catching frogs or in his bed waiting to give his favorite counselors the BEST time of their lives by letting them wake him up in the early hours of the morning #stopit LOL LOL!! **Double A** would be listening to his 24/6 that no one was supposed to know about and waiting for cocoa club #nevermissedaday KEEP ON SHTIEGIN!! **Kovi** would be in the bunk crashing out that in his league game he only made 44 touchdowns instead of 45 #SICKatsports!! Or following in his families footsteps and becoming chassidish #REBBISHEHVIBES by zemiros on Shabbos!! **Meir** would be chilling on his ABSOLUTELY STUNNING BED #don'tlookunderthebed!!! And with being able to somehow accomplish anything without moving; like eating, reading or taking the best photos and videos and getting all his clothes #BESTATCLEANUP!! But with **Yaakov** this scenario ISN'T POSSIBLE to be, because Yaakov is always "where he's supposed to be when he's supposed to be there" #tefilahstar! Keep it up!!! **Noam** would be creaming everyone in basketball #champofthegame!! And somehow always on the LAST inning #Bestatdelayingcurfew, cleanup, and MEALS!! (P.S. Mazel tov again on your EPIC Bar Mitzvah!!) **Shaul** would be getting rid of all the bugs by our bunkhouse and catching frogs or getting ready for bed because as the whole bunk knows, Shaul is the first one in bed #BIGGESTCHILLER by curfew!! **Shlomo** would be busy measuring the cups of soda of how much everyone could have enough to be chilling WAY PAST curfew and still make it to coca club #kingofthemorning!! **Yonah** will be preparing his excuses why he's not going to bed #brushinghisteethoutside, OR he'll be preparing to become the best baal koreh in THE ENTIRE WORLD #AJ's favorite 2-hour-seder chavrusa, KEEP IT UP!!!!

BUNK NAFTALI, it's IMPOSSIBLE for us to say goodbye. PLEASE keep in touch and call!! HATZLACHA in 8th grade and fahers! "STAY ON FIRE!!"

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Wow what an amazing summer that was!!! The hype and the energy was there from day 1 from davening to learning to bunk activities, leagues, electives, shabbosim (winning most of the raffles), trips, curfew, nighttime stories, payday, neighborhood day, the concert, colorwar and everything else in between. The one thing we would like to emphasize is the achdus of the bunk and how every one got along so well is what really matters and what you should all take home.

Before we say goodbye we would like to bring out something special about every one of you and how you added to form the best bunk in camp:

Avichai Stern - Enthusiasm in every part of the day. Obviously known by every person in camp that asked him for his number #tuff123chickenfingers.

Yakov Hiller - The toughest guy in the bunk, a true athlete for his size and even not for his size. Always listening to his counselors and bringing in a great vibe.

Aryeh Tzvi Munk (ATM) - The vice president of the wood shop, spending over $6000 in the canteen, and the guitar added so much to the bunk.

Daniel Weil - His smile bringing light to the bunk and making a matziv, always on time to everything, wins first place for being out of the shower every night, by coco club everyday.

Chaviv Malul - New to camp, still becoming one of the boys on the first day, never complaining and always chilled about everything.

Yosef Neumann - Always involved in camp, bringing a positive energy, the best camper a counselor could ask for, bringing the whole bunk up with his middos.

Bari Lampert -Wow those legs could go every where, the most hooked up guy in camp, has a beautiful voice, listened to the whole pickle boy.

Aaron Baktari - Always looking to grow, knowing what to do and say at the right time, almost better then us at 9 squire, .both of us had the zechus to learn with you and see your simcha in being a yid.

Shalom Levy - The best magician in camp, had the most money in payday and by find corlos by far, always nice to everybody and filled everybody in with the scoop.

Shmuel Lehrer - Very passionate about leagues, taking a shower last and still expecting a story, always enjoying every moment of camp.

Elisha Wiengartan- From day one full energy and getting everyone in the camp spirit even if they were not so down, davening for the amud, bringing the vibes to camp, always with a smile.

As the summer comes to a close we would like to sincerely thank every one of you for being the best campers in camp and allowing us to give you the best summer of your life, we enjoyed every moment with you and we ask to please keep in touch.

Wishing you all a great year and hatzlacha with mesivtas hope to see you in matziv 2027.

Sining off as you counselors of matziv 2026

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Gooooooooooood morning Bunk Asher! Wow, Camp Matziv 2026… this summer flew by so fast. I can't believe we're already writing the bunk letter (tear drop)… 💧
Who remembers the first day when we all arrived at camp and walked into the bunkhouse? Most of us didn't know each other! We had the South Bend crew, the Phoenix crew, Vegas, Rochester, and some out-of-town Monsey, Lakewood, and Borough Park.
We started the summer with a full week of cocoa club #**slurpees**, went 2-for-2 on night activities when we dominated those basketball tournaments, and made the most insane Choshen cookie.
Let's not forget about the Bunk Asher cleaning crew with our stunning clean floor #**avraham** rolling on it! We had the cleanest bunkhouse in all of Cassopolis #**suitcases**.
I want to take a moment and give a shout-out to our beloved zookeeper! Thank you for making our bunkhouse the most hyped snake zoo, where at all times of the day kids from 4th grade through 11th grade could just walk in and pet the snake. 🐍
And now for the most chilled bunk: let's not forget about our night chill by the pool with poppers, chips, candy, slurpies, and a small Q&A with the Rabbi (who doesn't need a mic). Thank you guys for the best, most well-behaved nights; we loved the chill after curfew, #**wings** for the boyz. And let's not forget about our nightly presidential debates! Thank you so much for showering on time and getting into bed right when Rabbi Hecht walked into the bunkhouse.
When it came to wakeup… wow! We can't thank you enough for making it so easy for us - jumping out of bed right away, going to Shacharis right away, davening so nicely, never talking in the middle of davening, and never playing with Rubik's Cubes during davening. We actually got the most Davening Masmidim Dollars! #**WeRock**

Now let's get a little personal…
Avraham Milstein – First place in different league, first place shtender maker, first place stickman, first place at the Q&A (#bestquestions), first place chavrusa (#**Dirshu**), first place raincoat (#**raincoatBekeshe**), first place cameraman… (and last place in our nightly presidential elections 😂). Thank you!
Azriel Cucher – First of all, our star davener! Never talking to anyone, saying every word with proper kavana, and didn't miss a cocoa club for any money in the world keeping us going with the Masmidim Dollars (#**daveningaward**). You're so enjoyable to be around, always ready to chill and shmooze with the boyz quietly after curfew. Thank you!
Binyamin (Benny) Briskman – Wow, most popular guy in camp! We were the lucky counselors to get you in our bunk. Always happy, bringing simcha into the bunk, and teaching us all the new Yeshivish words (#**masimtoivim**, antchulticks, kreech, etc.). Thanks to you, Bunk Asher had the most amazing hockey player in the league. Thank you!
Chananya Flink – Our Rubik's Cube master! Always ready to teach anyone and everyone how to solve any shape, form, or anything that could possibly look like a Rubik's Cube. Your davening inspires us all (#**keepitup**). The snake keeper with love and care for each and every snake. Thanks for keeping us entertained with your rafter-climbing flips, pull-ups, chin-ups, etc. Thank you!
Meir Rovinsky – Our pride Malchus Award winner! Inspiring each and every camper with your true malchus, never missing a cocoa club, and keeping the boyz smiling (#**dimples**, #**Hershey**). We would advise you to get your own bekeshe next year—you look so malchusdig in it, it's the final touch to your malchusnis vibe! And your EpiPen fights with Cucher were so entertaining (#**FTB** - maybe it was just a practice one 😉). Jokes aside, you rock, keep it up. Thank you!
Mordechai (Hershi) Friedman – Biggest legend Camp Matziv has ever seen! You rock, you keep the spirit in the bunkhouse going, and you're the elected Bunk Asher President - from your dancing to your powerful speeches. We're so impressed with your goal to shteig and grow (#**learn8hoursaday**). We see it in you, you have the power inside, and we believe that you will exceed your expectations. Even when you're golfing (#**best** sport created), you're going to golf like a ben Torah and hit the ball as far as you're going to hit it in high school. Thank you!
Nachi Rudin – All we can tell you is keep it up! You mamish made us feel at home. You're the camper that all the counselors know and wish to have in their bunk. Your white shirt by davening - no matter when, no matter what - really inspired us. Keep it up and keep on inspiring everyone. Your nonstop fun energy kept us going, always being where you were supposed to be and having the right mindset for everything. Thank you!
Nachshon Kramer – The camper everyone enjoys being around; you just make everyone enjoy themselves. You actually rock! You exceeded our expectations, hit your limits, and keep it up, Red Bull master! We all realized how your athleticism grew so much through the past year - you became top of the league! (Your noodle soups for breakfast crack us up!). You won the award for most bowls of soup, cholent, etc. eaten in the entire camp! Jokes aside, you are epic, just keep it up. Thank you!
Shlomo Ihm – The nicest camper around, always with a smile keeping the spirit in the air. Thank you for keeping the snakes and the bunkhouse under control! Your attendance at Tefilos was out of this world, doing what's right without caring what anyone thinks. We loved the Kampa playlist, it kept the music spirit high. Thank you!
Yehoshua (Shuie) Markel – First of all, thank you for keeping the bunkhouse spotlessly clean - where you could actually roll on the sparkling floors! Always with a smile from ear to ear, being such a good friend to every kid, and always having something nice to say. Always doing what's right, bringing the Vegas hype into the bunkhouse, being a real good older brother, and just an enjoyable kid to have as a camper. Thank you!

We are so sorry that we're actually the last bunk in camp to submit our letter… but the truth is, we just couldn't bring ourselves to stop writing. How do you summarize a summer that meant this much to us into just a few paragraphs? You boys deserve **all** the credit for the unforgettable summer we had. Without your warmth, your constant energy, your humor, and your giant hearts, Bunk Asher wouldn't have been half as special. Truthfully, we even loved the nights you gave us a bit of a hard time after curfew! The soul of a bunkhouse always comes from its campers, and after a summer like this one, we walk away with full hearts, wanting nothing more than to do it all over again next year. With real tears in our eyes, we are going to miss every single one of you more than words can say. Please, let's make sure this isn't a goodbye – let's stay in touch. You boys are the absolute best crew of guys we could have ever asked for, and being your counselors was the single greatest privilege of our summer. We want to wish each and every one of you a transformative year of shteiging, learning, and growing in every area of your lives. As you step into high school, know that we believe in you completely. You have everything inside you to succeed, to break in smoothly, and to reach the absolute highest heights!

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P.S. Please, please keep in touch! We won't have our phones on us in Yeshiva, so leave us voice messages or texts and we promise to get back to you as soon as we can!
P.P.S. Whatever happened with our late-night curfew fries? Maybe next year… 🍟❤️
P.P.P.S. **#WELOVEYOUGUYS – #KEEPITUP #BUNKASHERFOREVER**

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Hey guys!!!

Us counselors want to start off by saying that this was MAMESH the best summer ever. There was tons of hype and chill (#poker), from wake up, to DAVENING (not sure what took so long to get there), from meals to activities, and of course CURFEW #hedoesn'tneedamike! As you know, we have a shprach (language), the super yeshivish shprach, and we wanted to bring out the awesomeness of each dude in yeshivish and maybe even help you out gen-z style.

We'll start off with **Ezzie**, so FULL OF TOICHEN 🤔, so deeeeeep, #aryeharyeharyehbinyominbinyominbinyomin. Then **Tzvi** 🤪, GESHMAK, legit lit, #floorcracks #goldbond. Off to **Yisroel Chaim** 🤸, mamesh LECHTIG, full of hype #YC!! YC!! And of course **Tzion** 🏋️, FRISH, or in gen-z fresh and pumping, #penpineappleapplepen. Then goes **Yisroel Zions** 🎽, mamish a TZADDIK, which needs no gen-z, #jerseys #parafanelia. Aaaaaand **Yochi** 😮, straight out FEST, full of aura, #karaoke. What, I can't hear you! Oh, **Yosef** 🤫, SHTULTZY, tuff, #selectivehearing. On to **Shmueli** 😇 who's TZIM ZACH, or in your shprach sooo peak! #pinkyoverkill. Moving right along, to **Yoel** 😝, GERIBIN, which means geshikt IYKYK (YANKY MERMELSTEIN). #pinny #yoeli. And last but certainly not least 😂😜 **Yisroel Winter**, so CHAAAL, he's him, #honestabe.

So, to cap off this letter we want to say thank you and SHKOYACH, for an awesome summer and great experience being your counselors, and wish you guys success in your new yeshivos. Have an awesome year, see you next summer, and keep in touch!

With ahava atzuma,

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Hockey rink workout gym hair salon or begun shooting range deodorant war zone Library Romanian salami hanging headquarters Biggest bunk hangout in Camp matziv, I could Literally go on for days we seriously rocked it this summer we really couldn't ask for any other bunk in the world!!!!

Since you guys are going home and we won't be able to say bedtime curfew stories we decided to write you one up just in case you're running crazy around your room and you need some way to fall asleep, Here it is.....

The sky over Otis Pech headquarters turned scary as Maradon's shadow fell across the grounds. At his side sat the Kirk Eggs, snorkeling with dark, cosmic energy and plotting total global domination. Inside the barracks, chaos reigned, but the Otis Pechs were ready.
Otis MORDY Pech sat calmly on his trunk, casually spinning a 3x3. "Remember, if Maradon attacks from the left, we'll use the rubix cube to counter," he advised, as Otis COOKIE Pech agreed, repeating his favorite saying: "Ooooooooh aaaaaaah."
Outside, – Otis OSHER Pech the original creator of Otis Pech–stood alongside Otis GEDALYA Pech, Who was loudly chanting YAAKOV NEWMAN HE'S SO..." while pointing at the incoming aerial fleet of Kirk Eggs. "Action stations!" Otis OSHER Pech barked.
Otis NATE Pech immediately smoothed his bedsheets, ensuring every single corner was tucked so perfectly that not a single crease remained. Across the room, Otis ARIEL Pech snapped a crisp salute. "Yethhhh thir, yethhhhhh thir!" he shouted, diving toward the armory.
To boost morale for the frontlines, Otis TEDDY Pech ran down the aisle of bunks, generously distributing strips of prime beef jerky and salami to every Otis Pech. Otis AVI Pech tested his weaponry, taking aim and shooting a snorkeling Kirk Egg scout dead in the eye with his Orbee gun.
"Wait, where's my gun?" Otis DANIEL Pech yelled, running over to his bed, only to find his entire mattress mysteriously sprayed with water gun blast marks from an unknown morning phantom.
While the alarm blared, Otis YITZCHAK Pech locked in a fierce, high-stakes tissue fight right over the bathroom stalls, throwing crumpled paper wads back and forth over the divider. Nearby, Otis YO-YO Pech emerged from the washroom, having woken up early enough to craft a flawless, fully sculptured hairdo and still arrive completely on time for Shachris
"Focus!" Otis AARON Pech yelled, dodging a stray Kirk Egg. But mid-charge, Yaakov intercepted him at the perimeter's 9 Square court, rising up and brutally dunking a rubber ball straight over Otis Aaron Pechs head.
Rebounding from the dunk, the Otis Pechs aligned as one united force. With Otis OSHER Pechs foundational wisdom, Otis NATE Pechs crisp discipline, and Otis AVI Pechs Orbee cover fire, they charged outward, driving Maradon and the Kirk Eggs off the grounds and saving the world before morning inspection. Yes, yes, yes. (Aaron I think we did a better job than you.)

In all seriousness, though, each and every one of you grew and shteiged tremendously over the summer. Seriously, from the moment you stepped off the bus to the final moment it pulled out, you are literally different people and you all have so much to be proud of.
It started with our simple "Thank You Hashem's" every night, where each one of you brought something really meaningful to the table. It might have seemed like a small nightly thing, but taking that quiet moment to recognize Hashem's goodness truly made the biggest difference in life, keep it up throughout the year.
Our FIRE kept burning when whole bunk came together as one unified force to wear tzitzis every single moment of the day. For every guy to commit to this special mitzva that the Rav constantly talked about, wasn't just impressive–it showed the incredible strength of our bunk to really all come together to do the ratzon Hashem. Keep that fire burning!
And then came that unforgettable Oneg on the last Friday night of camp. Seeing every single one of you open up and speak straight from the heart, sharing real, raw reflections, was nothing short of inspiring. You showed real maturity way beyond your years.

As you start high school next year, look back at camp and remember how much you grew:

- **Aaron**: The big bro who's always got his friends' backs. Your perseverance and ability to push yourself in Avodas Hashem–especially in Davening–is unbelievable.
- **Yo-Yo**: Your maturity and independence to do what is right is a true inspiration to everyone around you.
- **Cookie**: Your zest for life and positivity spilling onto others is seriously out of control.
- **Avi**: The world's number one chiller. With your light personality and sense of humor, you uplift every conversation in the bunkhouse.
- **Nate**: When you put your mind to something, boy does it get done! You were clearly blessed with tremendous talents–from the way you make your bed in the morning to the beautiful red team banner. Keep being awesome!
- **Ariel**: Your energy is insane–never a dull moment. You literally have everyone around you laughing from your amazing, lively personality.
- **Daniel**: Your persistence and ability to not back down for anything you want to do is unbelievable. Keep using it for only good things in life.
- **Morty**: Your sweet, easy-going nature and always being there for everyone (#cleanup) is amazing.
- **Gedalya**: A real sweetie pie. Your incredible ability to appreciate everyone around you and become a friend in a second is remarkable.
- **Yitzchak**: Your generosity truly shows, from your massive salamis to bedtime candies. A true asset to the bunk and everyone around you.
- **Osher**: Rising above nature and the way you step up for what's right is unbelievable, and it'll take you a long way in life.
- **Teddy**: A real heart of gold, always striving to be the best you can. A real legend–no wonder the entire camp knows your name!

Guys keep Growing Shteiging and being Awesome guys you are!!
PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE KEEP IN TOUCH, WERE GONNA MISS YOU GUYS TONS!

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Good morning bunk Menashe!! Good morning Shimmy, good morning Frankie, Now look up to the heavens and open your eyes is it is it is it is it possible? BUNK MENASHE CAN WE WAKE UP???!!!! Uumm, probably not!! Menachem Appel is already out the door, Levi started to shuffle (pre-Mountain Dew), "Hey Zalmy, could you tell me what are we playing in leagues today" says Jordan.
Well in all seriousness, we really can't believe that we're sitting down to write this letter (#FACTS), but lets not go down that path cuz that would just sound like a stereotypical bunk letter #BUNK MENASHE ARE WE SPECIAL!!!
So let's take a moment to flash back, it was MUMISH fire from the start. Jordan opens things up with a wicked step-back three-pointer over-uhum-benny, (#checkoutthereplayintheweeklyvideo, #malchuspoints!!). At this time we would like to pause and honor the coronation of our bunk mascot CHOPPER (preferably pronounced chaawwwper), by the way I really think there was a little power struggle this summer, I think Shimmy wanted to be the bunk mascot thereby attempting to send chopper into exile every single day with out fail 🥷. Then there's **Izaki**, I have to admit I was kinda baffled when I saw a huge PICKLE in the bunkhouse, (immediately called Rabbi Klein "hi rebbi my camper just pulled out a huge pickle on me what should I do"? "Well, is it dangerous"? I don't think so, (spoke too quickly)" okay so just monitor the situation and give me updates".) #watchoutonthefootballfieldIzaki. Moving over to spooderman - I mean **Levi**, you're definitely the hero the world gets, you bring so much energy and liveliness to the bunk. Speaking about bringing energy to the bunk, **Eli Aronov** - your constant hype was a huge asset to the bunk. BTW, Who could forget the moment when Jordan was being attacked by Rabbi Hecht on curfew related issues, turned out that Eli is a double agent completely on Rabbi Hecht's side, #c'monmyyaaaanwherewereyou? #yesthiryesthir, **Benny** (#JAY) our proud TTI bachur, we're almost at the two minute warning and I'm not sure if Doncic can make the buzzer over here!! But jokes aside you're the heartbeat of the epic bunk Menashe ruach. **Eli Cohen** (also) our proud TTI bachur, so normal yet so energetic, so impressed how you handled your league team, 'u da man'-man, **Zach**, aka Zichaws (still unsure the meaning of that, maybe some chinese curseword!), our comeback player of the year, thank you for adding some strong stability to the bunk!! (ehem, ehem),
Now a commercial break; looking for an experienced baal tefilla for mincha on shabbos we have just the guy. You now higher singer of the year **Jordan Light** with amazing hit songs, with millions of views such as tiferes gedula etc. SKIP AD➡️
Menachem Apple The cocoa club king, our tefilla awardee, setting a true example of an MTI bachur, your involvement in every single activity (#pickleball), showed true loyalty to bunk Menashe. **Shimmy Jacob**, the biggest morning water gun victim, oih nebach, the G.O.A.T in banana boating, literally unbelievable. **Frankie**, you're just a beast, proud green bay fan in a bunk full of Chicagoans, definitely had a special relationship with Rabbi Hecht (ehem, ehem)

Wow, just catching our breaths from a crazy summer, all we can say is thank you. Thank you for all the great times. From the cleanup to bunk activities #shimmy'sbananaboating #signout, from night activity #wegotscammedinpayday #isfrankiehypnotized? to the epic late curfew with Rabbi Hecht #jordanandEli, an amazing pizza bake with Mr. Weiss #alexaturnonthefan, bunk picture #justbenormal #noflexing, Dance party with Rabbi Hecht waaay after curfew, he was just feelin' that vibe #jungle #itsajungleinhere - in bunkhouse 11,

All in all it was the greatest summer we could have asked for and we thank each one of you for just being your awesome selves!!! Wishing you all much hatzlacha in mesivta.

KEEP ROCKING!!!
SEE YOU NEXT YEAR IN MATZIV 27!!!!!!!
Love your counslers,

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P.S. keep in touch! Really!!!!! #Bunk Chat

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Hey bunk Efraim, first off, just saying you guys are the best bunk in the universe. We know some bunks are going to be writing something to do with a penny every day or a mouse in the bunkhouse etc. etc. but we will just get straight to the point:

Chaim Dovid Alcabes: Our well-deserved malchus awardee you keep us and the whole camp entertained with your magic tricks, and we bless you that your only failures in life should be your pranks.
Avremel Galinsky: Also known as Shmerel Freidman is the life of our bunk. We know you are always full for shacharis but it's of course only for the Ribono Shel Olam.
Elisha Simcha Gerstein: Always with a smile keeping our bunk together, a professional photographer as well, and no one in camp deserves the tefillah award more than you.
Moshe Leib Goldenberg: Your learning and general behavior is amazing and much to be admired. You're a great camper to have around, and always listening as soon as he's told to do something. You also daven like a malach.
Dovid Goldner: Thank you for making our lights out the easiest from any other bunks and making a trend to go to sleep early. You also do a great job by making sure Lionel Messi is never forgotten from this world.
Eliezer Greenspan: A great guy to shmuz with, due to his mature listening ear. Always comes to all activities on time which includes everything from wakeup to lights out.
Nosson Gruber: Your spunk and genuinity lights up the bunk and the rest of camp. It's no wonder that you're the freshest looking guy in camp every Shabbat.
Akiva Mandel: You sing beautifully and sound like an upcoming chess master and chazzan. That's beside for the finger game that you're unbeatable against besides for our very own NTL.
Chananya Sherizon: Used to be called Noni, who is an awesome camper and is constantly making strides in all areas of life especially in yiddishkeit. Your FOOTball playing is something to be admired by all including Messi.
Mendy Shteirman:
Makes a great representative for the great town of Waterbury. Makes chilling in the bunkhouse fun with your outgoing personality.
Yaakov Moshe Silverman: Otherwise known as Yaakov Mo, otherwise known as just plain Mo, otherwise known as a role model to the entire bunk and camp. Your sportsmanship is unmitigated and you have a heart of gold to include everyone.

Alright now for real, we still didn't mention the great HARRY POTTER who came to more bunk activities than anyone else in my bunk but I'm sure he did it "for the greater good"!
We also low key had the cleanest bunkhouse in camp which we may still get a reward for, it will come about the same time as oooops coming to fix our shower\pool\pond.
Another shoutout to Lionel Messi and Harry Potter for being such good campers. Shoutout to our third counselor Chezzie Lichtman and the best division head possible (be proactive and chevra get hyped and vild)!
Anyway you guys are really the best and we will keep in touch be"H we would love to hear from you!

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MESIVTA













Rabbi Orloff, Rosh Mesivta

Dear Matziv Mesivta,

Wow! What an exciting and enjoyable summer we had together. The davening, learning groups, trivial questions, shabbos learning, and of course the shabbos singing and dancing together was unbelievable. It was a true uplifting experience for me and I hope for you too. A special thanks to Rabbi Levin for making sure all the special parts of camp for Mesivta work out smoothly, and for giving you boys the best summer of your lives. Thanks to Rabbi Biron and Rabbi Parnes for helping each בחור grow in his learning and השקפהת, I personally feel I gained tremendously from watching every camper grow in so many different areas. Special shout out to our amazing group of counselors for being there for each and every camper.
Rabbi Orloff

PS. Please keep in touch over the year and let me know how you are shtieging in Yeshiva. My number is 323 828 1586. הצלחה רבה!

Rabbi Levin, Mesivta Division Head

Dear Camp Matziv,

Baruch Hashem another successful and accomplishing summer has been had by us all. A month truly well spent making worthwhile memories and lasting friendships. I am personally grateful to have spent the summer with all of you.
First and foremost a massive thank you to our dear R' Yitzy Weiss for creating this amazing Kiddush Hashem and beautiful camp. May you continue to have hatzlacha and nachas and keep on actualizing your great dreams for Klal Yisrael.
Thank you Rabbi Weinrib Shlita for joining and uplifting us. I gain from your hadracha and insights every year and appreciate your listening ear and hosafos to my divrei torah. May we be zoche to follow you in greeting mashiach bimheira mamash.
To my chashuve shutef R' Yanky Orloff Shlita. It's a pleasure working together and I appreciate all your encouragement and advice. May you be zoche to an amazing year of Aliyah and Hatzlacha in your yeshiva and I look forward to the new Siddur Iy"h! Thank you to R' Parnes and R' Biron for being great rabbeim and great friends.
Thank you to R' Klein, R' Eisenman and all my fellow head staff members. I personally gain from working with all of you and deeply admire all your sincere hard work and care for all of camps' hatzlacha.
Thank you to Director Shuey Parnes and Abe Blech. Was a pleasure working with you and even better getting a few good games in together!

To my amazing assistant Shua Jeger and to the best mesivta counselors I can ask for. It was such a pleasure (working) spending the summer together. I thank you all for making my job more enjoyable and for being such a great team. If there's anything we forgot to hock about make sure to let me know! Check it when? Check it now!

Thank you to all the hardworking staff in camp. Our dear NTL, Chef and kitchen crew, Nurse and Tzvi, chosson Yanky, ops, sports staff, lifeguards, waiters, video guys, office berry, Chaim Lichtman everything man, counselors and canteen men. Camp wouldn't happen without you all and you guys are the best. Thank you!

And finally to my dear mesivta bacherim. Thank you guys for a truly incredible summer! I enjoyed getting to know all of you and hope all of you have an incredible year shteiging in yeshiva! Please feel free to reach out even to just say hello.

Yours truly,
R' Shua Levin 773-360-4377

Shua Jeger, Assistant Division Head

Mesivta!!!!!!!!!

You guys are the best!!!!!! Thanks so much for giving me the most amazing summer of my life!! From vekking for shacharis to vekking for mincha to vekking for leagues to vekking for meals, you guys kept me busy :-) OK Rabbi Levin, I didn't always vek for Shacharis :-). But seriously, getting to know all 70+ of you (or at least your names) was an AWESOME experience. I hope you guys had at least half as much fun as I did. And to all the fantastic counselors in Mesivta, I had a blast working for you guys - you really made our division the biggest vibe in camp. To Rabbi Orloff, Rabbi Biron, and Rabbi Parnes, it was such a zchus to be around such chashuv rebbeim over this month. Having such great kesharim with all of you is NOT something I take for granted!! Shout out R Yachnes, R Kier, R Klein, R Eisemann, NTL, Yitzy Zehnwirth (#ROOM103!!!!!) and all of the Head Staff for letting me wear a head staff polo and feel chal. All the fun hock gets me through the year :-) And Acharon Acharon Chaviv, Rabbi Levin, thank you for taking me (as second pick) as your assistant, your chilled-outness and chinuch takes are one of a kind! It was so enjoyable working with you!!!

Everyone - campers, counselors, Head Staff - pls keep in touch!!!!!!!!!

B'Ahava,
Shua Jeger - 786-241-2670

P.S. Mincha in 5 minutes. Pls put on pants. Now. Yes I know you're sick, it will give you something to daven for.

P.P.S. Rabbi Nakdimon. Enough said. Ok fine I'll say more. You are the glue that keeps this camp running! Can't wait to see you next year as Head Counselor!! (Don't worry Rabbi Klein, I think the Director position is available.)

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WOW!!!!! What an incredible summer, every day felt like a dream sitting here trying to write this letter seems impossible, so much to cover on just one small piece of paper, so with that being said lets get started. First of all we would like to thank you guys for the most awesome! Incredible! Epic! Tuff!! Summer ever we could not have gotten a more awesome group than you guys. First of all we were by far the most active bunk and entertaining bunk in camp although we had the unity sometimes we faced off against each other on stage to compete in some epic twister games #shoutout**Avi**and**Issac** #avihowwastheNTLconcoction of course we have to mention our podium metals we won like our super tuff!! Music skit #**YosefAri**spotlightdancingperformance #secondplace🤔🧐 and of course our world famous BLACKBLOB! Which was designed carefully by our one and only **Yoni Berenberg** which exceeded everyone's expectations by far #provethedoubterswrong moving along we were also go-to for camp plays/skits for star actors though still not sure what happened to **Michoel** on stage during neighborhood day, and of course lets not forget that our bunk put on the show against the Agudah boys on steroids #**Dondon**puttingonashow #lookinglikearealtotty and lets not not underestimate our #1shortstop in camp **Aryeh** and don't sleep on his volleyball skills and of course we've got **Henoch** our #1 server in camp who also tied with Aryeh as the #1 snub in the staff vs. campers baseball game and lets not forget about **Ariel** who is our bunkhouse baseball pro and and thumb war champion. Speaking about Ariel has anyone seen him? Oh yeah sorry he's a little hard to spot but once you spot him you'll be hooked (just ask Rabbi Levin). Speaking of Levin I think there's a Levine that's better than Rabbi Levin at sports and that's **Eli** (for sure in hockey) #letsgopanthers. Sitting here writing this letter it's a shame that we don't have all year to keep writing this letter because thats how long it will take if we were to write everything that makes you guys so amazing and special!!! Last but not least we would like to thank our most amazing super chilled division heads Rabbi Levin leading the pack. Always there for us whether you need someone to chill with, learn with, play ball with, Rabbi Levin is always there for us and of course Shua Jeger as well always there for us in the morning and and at night constantly pumping us with his amazing personality, thank you guys so much. Truth be told no words can describe how much we enjoyed being your counselors this year and we'll never take for granted the opportunity we had being with you guys this summer we wish you all hatzlacha on the upcoming year we hope you all shtieg away!! We hope to see you again MATZIV 27! Oh sorry gotta go I think Avi just got back on stage...

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Perhaps the only way to describe this summer is shocking. For the good, the bad and the ugly (remember our cleanup score week one). We were a bunk of champions. Winning in the cookie competition, the music skit and the boat race. Hey, who says first place makes you a winner, we by far had the nicest looking boat in the water (excluding boats that were ordered from the department of naval affairs). And not to mention our cleanup scores as we closed out the summer strong, earning soda and shabbos party the last two weeks of camp. When you guys walked in we honestly thought you all already knew each other, the way you all instantly meshed together despite the mix. A chunk of Chicago, a dash of Houston, a sprinkling of Detroit, a bit of Baltimore and a bit of Toms River. The achdus was inspiring. **Meshulam "Bob" Myers** was always hilarious to be around and wakeup was never dull because of him (hey, where is your mattress). **Elchonon Mollot** our lovely song writer and with the voice to match, it wouldn't be a day in Camp Matziv if Elchonon wasn't seen air walking somewhere around the campus. **Noam Zev Levender**... Always up to no good... Kidding... Maybe... A little, but props to him he definitely came across as the most responsible of the bunk, well listen somebody needed to keep an eye on Bob. We loved your fun energy all summer long. **Rafi Rendler**, Rafi bot not responding shutting down, his jokes were never ending and always with a big smile but it would've been nice if we knew how to program Rafi bot to get up right away but hey Polly market has him as best bot in bunk. **Aron Shabat**, Mr. Cub himself, our baseball star and he made the Mesivta team! Won't be surprised if we see him on the side of a cereal box. **Effy Elbaum** the lone tri state representative always brought the hype (except for wake up of course) his big energy he brought to every situation always made us smile. **Asher Goldman** representing bunk barley as the ninth grade point guard, we can't wait to see you come back jacked (get on that creatine!). **Yitzchak Binyaminov** is always happy and a true friend to those around him. **JJ Donovan** is the best book worm we have met, with loads of knowledge and some really good looking books and finished the summer with a a strong kollel boker showing. **Benny Aaronson**, get a load of this guy a Steelers fan from Chicago? He always has a friendly word for you and probably gave out the most high fives of the summer. Last but not least, **Gavi Klein**, Aussie! Aussie! Aussie! the real cookie champion, always has a smile on his face, even when he's being woken up in the morning. This summer was incredible. We can't believe it's over, what a group you guys were please stay in touch, call often, we want to hear from you guys. BUNK BUNK BARLEY BUNK BUNK BUNK BARLEY!!!!

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Bunk Gefen '26 (#Boat Race Winners)

As we walked into camp this summer, we were legit sweating our brains out! We kinda got a little nervous. Who's gonna be in our bunk? What are the guys gonna be like? Are we doomed for a long boring summer filled with **negative aura**? But once all ya guys started roll'en in, we weren't nervous anymore! The smiles on your faces and the joy in the air was the way we started off this amazing, fantastic, super, monumental and **lit** summer!
We started off with a small crew of 10 (In bunk GEFEN), but the numbers kept grow'n again and again (**#infiniteaura**). With 14 of the camp's most awesome guys, a true **fam**; we truly rocked on a legit high. Down with the shyness and up with the hype; bunk GEFEN was filled up with a big bright light. You guys kept on asking us why get paid so little but when you love what you do and especially who its with (**#bestcampers**) it's not called working. Now our memories recall something great, a drone goes flying in front of our face (**#Zaitschek**). Oh! Maybe that drone was videoing our music video!(**#Abbott'sdaughter**). What was the actual fun part: building the boat or demolishing the pallets? (**#TheVineyard**).

Moshe Askarinam ("*Mosseh*"): It's really crazy how you wakeup every day for kollel/Davening [IYKYK]. The genuine simchas hachaim that radiates from your pure face is truly admirable. Your incredible serenity is truly something to learn from.
Asher Breskin: You are the epitome of when *Chazal* say "Say little and do a lot". Your quiet first impression is truly deceiving, but your inner spark is glowing bright. Your architecture is evidently outstanding when you put us on the lake @first place (<<<The rapped canoe>>>). Your refined personality is something we all definitely learnt from. **#minidrums**
Effy Cowen ("sheffy"): Your maturity level is **peak**! Sometimes you looked like a counselor! Always in the **hock** looking like a yeshiva bachur ready to ***knock***.
Brooklyn, Lakewood and O.O.T your astounding knowledge is crazy cool.
Yair Efron: **Rage-baiting** you in the morning saying **Gen-Z** until you would **crash-out** was truly a highlight of the summer. The only moment that possibly beats, was making us spit out all that water trying not to laugh (IYKYK). #benormal!
Dovid Frankel: If we received a nickel every time you gave us a hug, we'd most definitely be millionaires! Your positive attitude (except when you were playing *The Victim*) was outstanding. **We were waking up everyone! (#skyhigh)**
David Gatenyo ("*Daaaaaveeeed*"): The little man does it again! Always comparing camp to Agudah. Who had better food, which bunkhouses were nicer ("But Agudah did it that way!!!!!"... But after the "*Alma Mater*" it was pretty clear; we'll see ya next year! The excitement you have for learning is truly special. **#PsychoBunnymodel**
Nehori Gatenyo ("Cory"): Everything you do is crisp. Your clothing, vibes and especially that salami! (IYKYK). Your presence truly fills the room with **aura**. (except for "I'm soooo not down to....".)
Levi Khvilovsky: Wrestling with you was a crazy blast (even though it wasn't really a fair fight). Your priceless laugh is still ringing in our ears. Your fashaw part of the OG CC kids with that brim down by davening. Your elite levels of **rage-baiting** skills are truly astounding. **#justkidding**
Yoni Kleinman: The first glance of you showed it all. Your confidence and simchas hachaim is outstanding! You're always super positive and have what to add to the conversation (even in the middle of a comic book). Hearing about your father in the US Navy was legitimately fascinating. The brilliance of each sentence is astounding. Your incredible character trait is surely what to learn from and will take you very far in life. #big Nate
Chaim Tzvi Kramer ("CT"): Splish, Splash, Sploosh! Water is whizzing by and your in bed whooping a war cry. We shpritz ya with a 98¢ water gun and out comes that SUPER SOAKER. From under the pillow with a gleaming eye, you pull out feeling alive inside. JUST KIDDING! We got you outa bed anyways. **#WE WON AGAIN**🎶
Dovid Moskowitz: Your definitely on team early bed time. You get a HUGE shout-out for your Kollel Boker attendance was impressive.Your enthusiasm for singing camp songs (go see the nurse) is sky high! With your endless energy you'll accomplish many great things in your life. It was true pleasure and honor getting to know you.
Eitan Rubin: It's so awesome that you give us "personal" reminders to wake up for Kollel Boker. Your sincere concern that each guy will be up is astonishing. ("Why didn't you wake me up...") It's awesome how you made us regret staying in bed.**#bananaboating**
Nussy Weinstein: Our final addition to the crew you are a true legend! You came in with such a pump that your positive and easy-going personality was felt by all. We're not sure if we EVER needed to wake you up for shachris! Your generosity is mind-boggling (Salami, steak, candy and more). A true ben torah you are with your white shirt, black pants and dress shoes. Keep shtieging! **#kollelbokergang**
Yehudah Zaitschek: Leaving us a few days into camp was definitely a bummer. (Especially because you are the third yehuda) Anyways, at least we got you back with your drone (**so tough**) which is super aura. Your laid back and generous personality was definitely enjoyable.**#snooper**
And now certain stuff deserve a special shout out of its own so....
I think the shower rod for all the adversity it faced and even when it fell down again and again it still got up in order to ensure our privacy so thank you
And also we would like to give a special shout out to gen-z slang so stop glazing you negative aura farming rage baiter before i crash out and start mogging you
But really guys we had an amazing summer and cant wait to see all you back next year!!!!!!

BUNK TE'ENA



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Wow!!!! What a summer that was!!! It feels like it was just a few days ago when we were just getting to know each other, and now it's all over. After getting started we went straight into an uplifting Tisha B'av followed by the first most HYPED shabbos with beautiful zemiros and a memorable SHELO ASANI GOY!!!. Then came motzai shabbos and the real hype came in with the bunkhouse rave till 2:40am with shirts & skins. Next came the first attempted waterpark trip which ended being an amazing trip to SLICK CITY and a one inning baseball game in a rented-out stadium. From here we lost track from real waterpark trip to Aguda intercamp, boat race, Meijers, bowling with no counselors, and an AWESOME Eli Marcus concert. By the way, anyone know who he is? Then we had the grand play, spontaneous kumzits with Rabbi Klein, mesivta paintball, playoffs (too bad both of the counselors got out in the play-in), color war, the absolutely most INSANE COLOR WAR AND GRAND SING EVER!!! And probably many other fun things we can't remember right now.

All this was experienced by the MOST HYPED BUNK IN CAMP PERIOD. You guys were absolutely phenomenal campers bringing nonstop energy and ruach to the table all summer long!!! Whether it was by zemiros, in sports, or random hype by one of our famous bunkhouse raves. We enjoyed having every single one of you with all your unique personalities and vibes!!!

Here is just a little about all the guys:
Noam Lurie: The OG Dallas guy thanks for bringing the rest of the guys and being the most positive and easy going guy in the bunk. #baruchHashembaruchHashem #vehinoam
Jack Weisbord: Most popular and hyped guy in camp PERIOD. You legit carried the bunk with your boundless energy and genuine enthusiasm throughout the whole summer! Not sure if we'll ever actually hear your real voice!! #jeeaaackk #pulledoutajack
Yakir Feldman: The most energetic and wild guy, expert at getting under everyone's skin with the help of your 18 celsiuses. #wannafightaboutit #oh,rabbilevine!!!
Akiva Gunzburg: Always in the right place at the right time. The ultimate wannabe Lakewood kid, and our most trusty resistance against Yakir. #LBA #mike'schicken #customsuit
Yaakov Meir Katz: Just an amazingly mature, straight, talented, and confident kid that's really well liked by everyone, and a true example for us all. #ymk #infiniteaura
Dovid Brea: Our perfect kollel boker goer unless the counselors overslept. Really well behaved guy that was pleasant to deal with. Everyone really enjoyed having you around! #rochester
Chaim Strassman: Probably the most dominant all-around sports player in the entire 9th grade, and an extremely enjoyable guy to be around. Basically just a really great kid. #shloimy #iceland
Yosef Honigsfeld: This guy literally learned for two and a half hours straight with Yisroel on the last shabbos in camp to finish the entire mesectas gittin for the second time!!! We appreciated your constant intensity and confidence on and off the court. #ohdavid!!!
Last but not least, the one and only **Shlomo Hanson**: Feisty and always ready for action. Little but tough. It's not the size of the Shlomo in the fight, it's the size of the fight in the Shlomo. #scattegories #KITES (my bad, that's a typo. Wink, wink).

Massive thank you to Rabbi Levine, our legendary division head who led the best division in Camp Matziv to the best summer we could have ever asked for!!!

Once again, all you guys made up the craziest hyped bunk te'ena ever. Thanks so much, and utilize this summer to have an amazing year of aliyah in all areas. Looking forward to stay in touch with each and every one of you. Please call!!!

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Wow!!!!!!! wow!!!!!! wow!!!!! What an incredible summer!!! Thanks so much to every one of you for giving me the most AMAZING Camp Matziv experience ever!!!!! Bunk Rimon will go down in history as THE BEST BUNK EVER, and that is only because of you guys!!!!! Couldn't have asked for a better group of campers to spend a month with. At first I was nervous on the first day when you all came off the buses, but I realized that there was nothing to be nervous about - because you guys ROCK!!!! From the first curfew to our last, bunk Rimon stood out to be the best!! Every morning at 8:05 ALL of you, wink wink, were up quickly with a big smile on your face, obviously not looking like a meis mitzvah. The achdus and kindness in bunkhouse 4 was a thing of LEGENDS. I cant believe we now have to say goodbye. I am ligit crying now as I type this article. I wanna stay with you guys forever!!! Cant wait to be ALL of you guys counselor again next year!

Shimmy - The way you always tried to stay involved, even when it wasn't always easy, is something super inspiring. Your learning on Shabbos afternoon was so chashuv!! Keep growing and keep being you! (And maybe return to your basketball "prime")

Yaakov - From the bottom of my 300 pound heart I love you bro!!!! Somehow you became the MATZIV MASCOT OF 2026,which is solely because of your amazing persistent energy and humor. #YAAKOVYAAKOVCHEKENOWISTHEBIGGESTLEGEND, thanks for getting Eli Marcus. Camp wouldn't have ran the same without you,from the infirmary to director

Benny - You are our representative when it comes to sports, your talent in that area is immense. Your positivity adds to the bunk tremendously!!! Thanks for being such an amazing camper!!

Shua - What stands out from all your amazing talents is your famous one-of-a-kind chat, which puts on display your incredible vibes you add to the ENTIRE camp! I hope we can chill one day soon!! (Shout out to your homerun!!!)

Sruli - For the land of the freehand the home of the BBBBBRRRRRRAAAAAVVVVVEEEEE!!!! From davening for the amud to having such hype to asking the best questions at Q&A, you don't stop being awesome!!!!! You are also KOLLEL BOKER KING!!I'm gonna miss you so much this year!

Zev - We are proud to have you as our malchus winner. Your middos and constant positivity is what makes our bunk so amazing. Do you ever do anything wrong???? Hope to see you soon!!!!!

Moshe - Your consistency in all areas and your drive for growth is mamish unreal. Your basketball bunk rafter game talent is unmatched! I'm gonna miss you!!

Shlomo - You are the G.O.A.T.! Your crazy knowledge in all areas and your crazy public speaking abilities shone this year! You are the best chameleon player on the globe!!!

Shoutout to 11th grade, my second bunk!! You guys are amazing, the funniest room ever, thanks to Daniel and Jim!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

To my league team, CHICHIWAWAS for a great season. Best team ever!!!! I had the time of my life, we miss you Benny and Rafi!!!!!! Avi Setton, Moshe, Levi, Benjy, Red Hot Chummus, Beer For The Boys, Basch, Zaytchik, Yitzy, Yehada, Shimmy, you guys are the best, I'm so so sad we lost!!!!! Moshe and Benny you really deserved our sportsmanship award, gonna miss you guys.

Shoutout to the amazing co-10th grade bunk you guys are unreal, Tzvi you are the best co-10th grade counselor I could've asked for, may you see much brachah in the next chapter in your life.

Thanks so much to all my Mesivta counselors, we created a sick vibe this year! LOVE you guys!!!

And it all is thanks to RABBI LEVIN!!!!Thanks so much for everything!

I am so lucky to get to know you. Please Keep in touch!

B'Ahava,

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Z-A-Y-I-S! Zayis, we are the best!!!

WHAT! A! SUMMER! From the buses pulling up to the buses pulling out, we just didn't stop this year. From our broadway style music skit, to our awesome boat that totally should have won first place, from our epic shacharis program (shoutout Yossi and Avi), to the crazy vibes around the campfire, and all the great bunk chills in between, this summer was truly one for the books, and each of you really added so much. A-A-Avi-**Avi Aboud**, our tefillah award winner, you are such an amazing guy to hang around with. You are so easy to talk to, and always have a funny comment for the boys. Thank you for letting us all chill on your bed, it really is just so much more comfortable. **Benny Seligson**, truly everyone's best friend, you really know how to make everyone feel so special. I can personally say that there were multiple times this summer that I looked to you for inspiration, and I'm sure that everyone else feels the same way. And sorry for knocking you out of your chair that shabbos. **Tzvi Lampert**, I think I'm going to come to you whenever I am feeling stressed. You have such a calming personality, and it makes you a very enjoyable person to hang out with. I don't know if we've won leagues yet, but it really means a lot to me that you put your all into every game. **Noam Berger**, you are just so stubborn, refusing to get out of bed, no matter how many times I pulled your blanket! All kidding aside, your sweet personality and creativity make you a great friend, and it was so cool to see you lead all of those bonfires and deodorant art. (BTW, your color war hats totally rocked!) **Tzvi Meir Stern**, you are probably one of the funniest guys I have met. You are such a friendly guy, and always wanted to do things for the boys, especially if it involved getting special goodies ;). I really enjoyed our wakeup conversations, hope you're able to stay warm in Houston. **Moshe Klein**, or Brother Moe, you are such a cool guy. Always with a smile, and always eager to get involved in whatever's going on. Your dance moves were always spot on, even if the music wasn't your speed. Also, I'm still waiting for you to come to shacharis by barchu. **Yehuda Levitt**, our Israeli representative, thank you for adding your foreign flair to the bunk. You were always willing to learn new things, and really added so much to the vibes and chills that we had. But that motza'ei shabbos was just... epic. Last but not least, **Yossi Warum**, a real ben melech, you are truly a role model for us all. With perfect attendance in kollel boker and shacharis, and even my non-existent shemiras halashon chabura, you are every counselor's dream. Don't tell this to Bentzy, but you are hands down my favorite Warum.

L'maaseh, you guys all rocked it up this summer, and I am sure that you will continue to rock it up this year. Keep shteiging away in yeshiva, and making me, your families (both home and matziv), and Hashem proud. Thank you for making my last summer in camp the best one!

Your counselor,

Tzvi
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P.S. Just wanted to give a quick shoutout to Avraham Keren, you'll always be a part of the Bunk 5 crew

P.P.S. If any of you happen to be in Baltimore on October 22, please please please pull up to my wedding, I'd love to dance with each one of you

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To my dearest campers,
I DON'T KNOW JIIIIIIM.... There's a guy who's pretty sad that the summer is coming to an end and that's me. Honestly, it feels like it was just yesterday when I stole Meir's so-called 24/6 :) Anyhow, before we all split ways I want to take this opportunity to say THANK YOU! I want to thank each one of you for giving me the BEST SUMMER OF MY LIFE!!! You guys were literally the best bunk I could've ever asked for (don't tell my campers from last year but you guys were way better!). It was amazing to see how you all came together to form one united and hysterical bunk. Man, there are so many memories that I will never forget. Whether it was our Daddy Come Home skit, Shmak's legendary boat that unfortunately sank or boycotting the Shabbat Shalom chant. You guys managed to keep me laughing at all times ;) Wait! What about that fire kickball game? Lemaisah, everyone can agree that we had by far the best bunk in camp, and yes, even BOBO (shoutout to BOBO for being my unofficial co-counselor)! On a serious note, I am extremely impressed by the tremendous strides each one of you made this summer. I feel very comfortable saying that every one of you, on their own level, are leaving this summer as a very different person than when the summer began. Embrace that growth and use it as a stepping-stool to start the new zman with a BANG! And now for some personal shoutouts... **Shlomo**: What can I say? Having you back in my bunk was one of G-d's greatest gifts to me. You are hysterical! Whether it was jokes about shkib, Mister Dooov and Doitch or your legendary ballerina moves, you are so fun to be around. Your impeccable attendance at every kollel boker and shacharis is a sight to see. You rocked the color war commercial! I will miss hocking Kesuvos with you. Lmk when you have a shidduch for me ;) **Uri**: "Uri the trainer, who trains" to some and "Stroocky bear" to others. You are the life of the party! You are one of the most hype people I ever met. It's rare for a new camper to accomplish what you accomplished in the span of 3 weeks (besides for Chekanow :). The way you led your team in color war was impressive to watch (mazel tov to the blue team). Your smile is priceless! I'm sorry for torturing you during wakeup ;) Pls lmk when "we be running the summer..." makes it to 24/6. I'm looking forward to your mother's food when I come to Dallas ;) **Avi**: I'm sincerely nervous that as I'm writing this article you're probably running around with nothing but your undies and a durag. Avi, you are drop dead hilarious! I gotta say, I was a little nervous when camp started that you would be a shy & quiet kid. Boy was I wrong! Whether it was your Tony Romo impressions (thanks for agreeing to do the color war commercial!) or our Daddy come home skit, you always had us laughing (especially David Langsam). Your jogging moves are legendary! I will miss our shabbos chavrusa learning. **Eliyahu**: A true R' Ringelheim talmid and the commissioner himself! I really enjoyed shmuzing with you about Dallas and R' Harris' grandkids on a unicycle. Your positivity was contagious, and honestly, I don't think I ever saw you get upset. Your persistence is unmatched! Whether it was coming to kollel boker despite being extremely tired or continuing to play leagues after the 2nd or 3rd time you got injured, you never let anything stop you. Do me a favor though, please let your injuries heal. Your Trump impression is spot-on! Who knows, maybe I'll actually branch in Dallas this year. **Meir**: Meir, you are by far the most talented guy in the bunk. Whether it's your skills on the court or your beautiful voice, you're an all-around legend. You put your heart into everything you do and that will take you a long way in life. I really enjoyed dancing with you during the zemiros. I'm sorry for confiscating your alleged 24/6, but admit it, I gave you the best summer ever! Relax, your haircut is totally fine ;) **Mordechai**: What can I say? You truly earned the Malchus award this year. You are the epitome of a true ben Torah. Your unwavering commitment to your ruchniyus amazes me. But it doesn't stop there. You're a real legend in pretty much every sport! You are a true example of what it means to learn hard & play hard. You are my true Chofetz Chaim buddy (sorry guys!). I really enjoyed shmuzing with you about Vegas and lots of other Chofetz Chaim hock. In case you haven't realized I am literally obsessed with your father ;) **Yosef**: The grill master himself! Have you been fleishigs the entire summer? The amount of meat you ate this summer is crazy! You are an amazing Ba'al Chesed. Whether it was giving up some of your meat to a fellow hungry camper or letting people use your grill, you showed true dedication and loyalty to your friends. Your talents in guitar and fishing are really impressive. You were also my Chicago buddy this summer. I will really miss shmuzing with you about our Chicago & Kayitz connections. I'm gonna miss your sarcastic humor ;) Thanks for the Romanian order. **Shmuel**: Shmak, or according to David Langsam Shmek!!! What can I say? You are one of the biggest legends that has stepped foot in this camp. Your basketball skills took the league by storm! You are an unbelievable masmid! The way you chapped every second you had to learn and to complete your chazara on Horios, despite your busy lifeguarding schedule, was a sight to see. Your ahavas haTorah is contagious! I really enjoyed learning with you on Shabbos. Please forgive me for not joining your soccer game ;) Also, thank you for all your efforts in building our bunk's boat, despite the fact that it ended up sinking. We tried ;) **David**: ACHI!!! CHUMMUS & TECHINA!!! What can I say? You are an unreal role model. The way you daven is truly inspiring! You truly earned yourself the tefillah award. Your commitment to your growth in every area amazes me! You are probably the most consistent person I have ever met. You were at every kollel boker, shacharis and activity without fail. The way you led your team in color war was impressive to watch (we'll win them next time). Thank you for cleaning up the bunk ;) **Mair**: What do you go by these days? Mair or Shmaryahu? To be honest, when camp started I was afraid that you would be really quiet and shy. Boy did things change! You quickly became a popular guy in the bunk. Your positivity and your go with the flow personality made it so enjoyable to have you in the bunk. Your commitment to waking up for kollel boker & shacharis was a sight to see. Sorry for not slapping you during wakeup ;) **Gavi**: I'm gonna be honest. Your hibernating skills are unmatched. Also, when are you gonna stop reading! On a serious note, your simchas hachaim is a sight to see. You are one of the most popular guys in the bunk and you're so enjoyable to be around. I really enjoyed shmuzing with you about Minneapolis and I have to thank you for bringing out the cat within me ;) **Yaakov Zev**: The drummer himself! First things first, I gotta admit that you did catch me snooping around. But honestly, would you get over it already?! The achdus you brought to the bunk was amazing to see. You truly bonded with the guys and created lasting friendships. Your drumming skills are off the charts! Keep at it and you'll be big one day. Thanks for pushing me to make hoodies. I'm sorry you couldn't get me to partake in the gameshow night activity, even after you tackled me ;) **Menachem**: Menachem, your middos are golden! Although you weren't always in the bunk with us you took advantage of every opportunity to chill with the boys, your positivity made it so enjoyable to have you in the bunk. I really wish I would've had more of a chance to hangout with you. Thanks for letting me have some of your BBQ sauce ;)
That was long.... Be it as it may, you guys are the greatest bunk I could've ever asked for. Keep shteiging and have an amazing year! I will really miss y'all! Keep in touch. Best wishes,

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DIFFERENT LEAGUE

"DIFFERENT LEAGUE! DIFFERENT LEAGUE!!" This prestigious chant was first uttered this season by a precious group of campers headed on a spectacular outing: Erev Shabbos Dollar General Scavenger Hunt! No, it isn't easy to find something that rhymes with our awesome counselor the Chosson Yanky- but monkey in the cat toy aisle was definitely a great find. Of course it was awesome to bring back our Shabbos treats, but does anyone know why someone bumped their head on the trunk? Wood-working projects would follow. Thank you to Rabbi Aboud for guiding us on that one. True we didn't complete our important work, but there's always DL27! On to other awesome activities, like bread fishing- it was more like we were fishing for bread, but the attitudes remained stellar, nonetheless. We had many delicious activities, starting with smore-caking, which came with a story, filmed of course by our ready and able square camera videographer. And who could forget our delicious sushi making with Chef Ahron Yamomoto!! You were really rice about it Ahron. (for some strange reason, attendance that day swelled to nearly double the size..) You boys made eye-popping California rolls! And of course, our delectable pizza production with Mr. Weiss- not easy to just have one slice. But we truly learned what a perfect launch was, sliding that corn-starched pie, into the ooni. We mastered so many amazing skills, and feats, like Magic-thanks to Magic Murry, and lhavdil tefillin kesher adjusting thanks to Rabbi Aboud. But perhaps the highlight of all, was seeing Rabbi Kier racing down that inflatable, to be beaten only by Zvi Wakzhal, Elijah, Jesse, and then King of the Slide-ARI ORT! The entire camp couldn't help but stop what they were doing, and come race and bounce with us. Miracles amazing wonders, even Nosson Tzvi found the time to alight from his golf cart, and get up and down. Boys we could go on forever, hiking, kumzitzing, baseball game star spangled banner and ice cream, and some many other rich experiences and memories. Alas, we must say goodbye and count our rich blessings. If we could say our final message, it would be how proud we are of your attitude and achdus, your willingness to try new things, and how beautiful it was to watch you experience the amazing incredible feeling of mastering something you thought you never could. The sky's the limit for you boys! Have a wonderful year and be sure to be back for DL27!!!!





Head Lifegaurds

Dear Camp Matziv Lifeguards,

As we come to the end of another incredible summer at Camp Matziv, we want to take a moment to express our heartfelt appreciation to our outstanding lifeguard staff: Azzie Behr, Shmuel Ackerman, Naftali Darabaner, Yosef Cohen, Yaakov Golding, Sruli Goldwag, Zev Hofstadter, and AY Zenwirth. Your dedication, responsibility, alertness, and positive energy helped make the summer safe, enjoyable, and memorable for everyone at the pool and the lake. Being a lifeguard is a tremendous responsibility, and you handled that responsibility with maturity, teamwork, and genuine care for others. We are especially proud of the lifeguards who stepped up to assist a distressed couple on the lake. Your quick thinking, calm response, and willingness to help went far beyond simply doing your job - it was a true Kiddush Hashem and a beautiful reflection of the values we strive to instill at Camp Matziv.

Thank you for giving your time, energy, and effort to make this summer such a success. You should all be proud of the way you conducted yourselves and the example you set for the campers and for one another. May you continue to carry that same sense of responsibility, leadership, and care with you throughout the year. Have a great year in learning, and see you next year at Camp Matziv 2027!

With tremendous appreciation,

Rabbi Adler

Rabbi Goldwag

From the whole team at Matziv Medical, it was our pleasure to be there for every scrape, bruise, and headache. Whether you needed a Band-Aid, an ice pack, some medicine, or just a little reassurance, we were always happy to help. We're leaving this summer with amazing memories. Wishing everyone a healthy, happy, and amazing year ahead. Stay safe, stay healthy, and we can't wait to see you all next summer!

Head Waiter, Ari Ort

Being the Head Waiter in Camp Matziv this summer was an experience I'll never forget. The long meals, crazy rushes, late nights, and everything in between made for a summer full of hard work, laughs, and great memories. A special shoutout to all the waiters – you guys are the legends of Matziv! You really understand what it means to serve a camp three times a day while still showing up with a smile. I couldn't have asked for a better crew – you guys absolutely crushed it! From running around during meals to helping each other out when things got crazy, I'll definitely miss the good times, the inside jokes, and all the crazy moments we had together. And of course, a huge shoutout to Chef Pesach and the entire kitchen crew for serving the best food all summer! I'm really grateful for an amazing summer. Wishing everyone an awesome year ahead!

From the big yellow hat of NTL

What is up camp Matziv!! ARE YOU READY
AYY OOEW -evrrrrbody starts a-singin
AYY OOEW -when the music starts a-ringin
AYY OOEW -evrrrrrbody say it with me
WHATS!!!! FOR NIGHT!!!!! ACTIVITY -crazy music
Now that was a lot of fun, a summer that I will never forget this year and not forever.I truly feel like the summer just started yesterday, and it's already over?? Thank you all for making this summer the best summer that camp matziv has ever had. The hard work put in by each and every staff member really created an amazing vibe this year. First of all a major shout out to the entire head staff for your dedication and commitment to every single camper and staff member in camp.
But the biggest THANK YOU goes to every single camper here, who made my job the most fun and amazing opportunity of my life. From drinking sriracha and mustard to collecting random keychains and Mexican flags to epic musical skits and night leagues, and so so much more.
Who would ever forget Neighborhood day , PayDay, Eli Marcus concert, Crazy grand plays, an emotional grand sing, there was never a dull moment!!! Even the trips we will never forget (wink,wink)!!!
A tremendous shoutout to two people in particular who made camp run so smoothly, my incredible assistant Yehuda Wolf and Chaim Lichtman. I legit dont understand how you guys do so much every day, always with a smile and (chaim) a golf cart. And all this with literally no sleep!!!
Yehuda - Your understanding of my brain is better than mine. Your ability to execute my crazy ideas into real fun-filled activities is insane. THANK YOU!
Chaim - You are the definition of a workaholic, you legit dont stop!! I don't know how I would have done this without you!!!
Shoutout to Meir Weiss (and Rover) , and of course Yitzi Weiss, for everything you do for this camp!!
Shoutout to ops for doing everything!!!!
Special thank you to Avi Hewitt for all your artistic help!! You are crazy talented!!!
Please keep in touch!!
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From the window of the canteen (which will iy"h be bigger next year)

Thank you to every camper and staff for an amazing summer and patiently waiting for your loaded fries and slurpees.
We didn't always have the exact sauces you wanted or the ice cream flavor you needed but we've made hundreds of pounds of chicken, fries and brisket, sold thousands of soda cans and slurpees, and way too many tangy hairs.
For all those who didn't get a chance to work we are extremely sorry. We tried to give as many people a chance but had limited slots and many stressful times.
Huge shout out and a thank you to Mrs. Goldwag, Jenn, Shloime Daum, Yanky Mermelstein, Yossie Friedman, Eli Storch, Jonah Cheplowitz, Mordy Levi, Yosef Goldwag and last but definitely not least Chef Pesach for always helping us with whatever we needed.

Menashe Weiss Shmuly Weiss Yosef Cooper

Dvar Torah From Chef Pesach

Why do we say Dan L'caf (spoon) Zechus? Why don't we say Dan L'fork?
When you take the cholent you want to take everything, the meat, potato, barely, so you use a spoon. If you use a fork you only get a piece of meat or a potato, you don't get everything.
So too we should be judging our fellow yidden with a "spoon", taking in everything.

Videography Team

Dearest Camp Matziv,

Three and a half weeks ago, we were nearly at the finish line. After a year of waiting, an entire year, it was finally happening. Camp Matziv Midwest Summer 2026 was about to begin. We waited an entire year for this moment. Maybe some waited for the sports, some for the trips, some for the night activities, some for the camp teen, some for the chance just to get away from the daily grind and the opportunity to just literally be in this bubble of happiness we call camp, and we're sure there are plenty of reasons to love camp that we missed. Then it was over. The summer is at its close, the weather will start getting cooler, the days shorter, and a new year awaits. Oh boy, will we miss camp. The feeling that if only we could have seen the end coming up so soon, we would have appreciated it more lingers... Maybe this is what the end of camp teaches us, everything eventually comes to an end. Before you know it, the scene around you will change, and you will be looking in the rearview mirror thinking, "If only I would have done it!" So don't wait!The time to make those changes is now! Go ahead and live your best year ever! We'll be waiting for you at Camp Matziv Midwest for Summer 2027 (we can't release the theme just yet;)

Good news is that there are lots of great videos with which to relive the highlights of camp (and there will be lots more coming, stay tuned=]).

If your name is mentioned in this yearbook we have to thank you for something, so thank you. However an extra special thank you to Mr Weiss for the best summer ever, Rabbi Parnes, Rabbi Klein, and Rabbi Eisman for everything you did for us this summer.

Shoutout to our morning seder chavrusas Bari Lampert and Yehoshua Kopel for rocking seder with us.

Shoutout to canteen staff for keeping the engines running. And last but not least Betzalel Abrams for sharing his superb talents (and gear) with us!

Please feel free to call with questions, comments, concerns, or just to say hi!

Signing off till next time!

Shloimy Daum(848)-240-9718

Yossie Friedman

Ops:

The most frequent question asked in camp CAN I HAVE A RIDE? I'm sure every single person in this camp that does not drive a golf cart has asked ops at least three times for a ride this summer.

Now let's explain how it works the staff are just lazy and they want to get from point a to point b so they ask us and we say no (either because we are not going where they want to go or we are taking a small break or because we are busy) and they just make a grumpy face as we drive off. And when the campers ask us it's a whole different story this is how it goes: camper: can you give me a ride to my bunkhouse? ops: I am not going to the bunkhouses I am going to the gym. Camper: okay fine give me a ride to the gym. Ops: I thought you have to go to your bunkhouse. Camper: I was joking I really have to go to the gym can you just pleeeeaaaase give me a ride. Ops: I'm so sorry I can't give you a ride. Camper: why? Ops: because the camp director Rabbi Parnes doesn't let us give out rides unless it's a medical emergency. Camper: oh I forgot to tell you my foot is killing can you please take me to the infirmary.....

Does this conversation sound familiar to any of you. Because ops has this conversation about ten times a day throughout the summer.

Well everyone reading this should just know we would really love giving rides the whole day to every single staff member and camper that asks us it's just not possible as we are busy trying our best to make this camp run the way it does. We really enjoyed working around you and for you. You guys are awesome! Giving us the summer of a lifetime we will miss you dearly. Stay strong!!! Maybe you should pitch a transportation system in camp next year by shtark tank:)

Big thank you for the choson Yanky Mermelstein for being a part of ops this year (we even gave you your own golf cart Iykyk)



From The Desk Of The Highly Overtired But Very Grateful Commissioner:

To the PLAYERS:
REFS ARE ALWAYS RIGHT. ALWAYS. EVEN WHEN YOU YELL AT THEM AND THEN MAKE SNIDE COMMENTS IN THEIR EAR AND THEN HOPE THEY CHANGE THEIR CALL FOR THE FIRST TIME THE WHOLE SUMMER. Which they might. Altz it being you sheboi. But it shows you have such energy, which you can definitely use in your life, just maybe try to use them under different circumstances ;) For those of you who don't know what I'm talking about, thank you. AND TO ALL OF THE CAMPERS, MY SUMMER WAS AN INCREDBLY GROWING EXPERIENCE FOR ME. IT COULD NOT HAVE HAPPENED WITHOUT YOU. THANK YOU SPECIFICALLY TO ALL THOSE WHO STAYED POSITIVE AND FLEXIBLE ;) have an amazing year and know that I saw in every single camper that I interacted with something that made them stand out, something that they could bring to the table, that no one else was able to, whether it was a great talent, a laugh, or even just the persistent reminders (ie persistence) that you already played football 3 times in 3 days (vhameivin yavin), YOU, YES YOU, has something incredible to bring to the table. Remember that for your whole life. You guys are awesome, keep it up, and have an incredible year!!!

To The REFS:
OH BABY. WHAT A SUMMER! Incredible working with you guys, each and every one of you added an incredible amount to the sportstaff. Maybe now that you are leaving camp you can try to go swimming and actually succeed ;) (#ELECTRIC.) I HAVE NEVER SEEN A MORE DEDICATED TALENTED PERSISTENT ADAPTABLE HAPPY CHEERFUL (different then happy but dont ask me what the diff is) POSITIVE MATURE HELPFUL CONTRIBUTING REFS EVER!!!!! *raucous applause.* From every difficult situation that you have been through this summer, I, who met a lot of you for the first time, have seen TREMENDOUS NOTICABLE GROWTH from each and every one of you. If you can ref a rowdy mesivta game, YOU CAN DO ANYTHING. LIKE LAND ON MARS. BUT PROLLY EVEN MORE. It was really a special group of guys this year who took the job very seriously and gave it their all. Even when there was no water. Or breaks. Or clips. Not that that stopped me from yelling at you to bring your own clips. Politely. Altz Meedois Sheboi. Now, lets go back to 6th grade and I'll write something individually about all of you because even though I'm real lazy you guys each individually deserve a special shout out. And I quote "90% of camp comes to camp 90% for sports" (-the genius director rabbi). Meaning you were vital and really even the full driving force behind the most IMPORTANT thing in camp. Other than learning groups. And other ruchniyus stuff. Here goes nothing, in no particular order:
In 20 years from now:
EA will be beating his talmidim in basketball. Thoroughly. Like won't even be close.
EG will still be available to help out every time you ask no matter what. And he'll even smile so you don't feel so bad even though you should.
SC will be in chofetz Chaim QUEENS. Giving Chaburas regularly. Thoroughly hooked. Hehehe.
SS will live in tzfas. Just because. Lets be real, thats a great call.
BG will have bought WITS a new building from his company's massive revenue.
ZS will own a SEEDLESS watermelon farm. And learn the whole day.
AL will own the Mets. And Yankees. And will not let any nival peh in the dugout.
BW will be the guy all the bochurim want to go to for the off shabbos. #heavychiller
CL will have finished his peirush. And have MASSIVE peyos. Cause why not ;)
Really you guys Rocked it. UNREAL. INSPIRED ME. THANK U THANK U THANK U.
And also, next time, bring clips from the shack. Or else. ;)

To LEVI SIMON:
Can you plz give me a pickup from the lodge and finish all the games for tomorrow and get me dinner and pass me a waterbottle and open the shack and stop inventing mistakes and put on zusha who

apparently is the only one who sings songs yeah and listen to me vent and pick up food for me from the canteen and get every single game result when none of the coaches are texting you the info that you need and every kid is somehow upset at you for someone elses mistake and please paste a smile on your face? Thanks. Even when people ask VERY RUDELY: "do you even do anything in camp?" Oh, and heres a red filled twizzler. FOR THE BEST ASST COMMISH I HAVE EVER SEEN IN MY LIFE. WHO STAYS HAPPY AND POSITIVE AND HELPFUL AND WILL ONE DAY FINISH SHAS AND BE MAKING MILLIONS OF DOLLARS FROM A SIDE HUSTLE AND HAVING HIS OWN ASSISTANTS THAT WILL: give YOU a pickup from the lodge and finish all the games for tomorrow and get YOU dinner and pass YOU a waterbottle and open the shack and stop inventing mistakes and put on zusha who apparently is the only one who sings songs yeah and listen to YOU vent and pick up food for YOU from the canteen and get every single game result when none of the coaches are texting THEM the info that THEY need and every kid is somehow upset at THEM for someone elses mistake and please paste a smile on THEIR face. THE END. ENJOY ISRAEL AND KEEP BEING THE AWESOME PERSON YOU ARE. #zussmans ;)

To The HEAD STAFF (yes, you count as head staff too. Yes, you. And ops. And Berry. Yup. and Yanky. And Tzvi. Ari. Yes yes yes you're all being addressed now): WAS AN ABSOLUTE PLEASURE WORKING WITH EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU. YOUR SUPPORT WAS UNMATCHED. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR ALL OF YOU HELP AND EVERYTHING ELSE. HATZLACHA IN THE COMING YEAR!!!

To NTL: you Rock. You're, like, GROSS dude, like totally gross bro. And grip. And Shua too. But he thinks its an insult so explain it to him plz. Thanks. The end.

TO EL CHEFE: THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING. YOU ARE INCREDIBLE. AND ALSO MAKE REALLY GOOD FOOD. GRACIAS. ;)

-Yitzy



TEAM OF BLUE:

HONORABLE GENERAL:

Isaac Ziemba

HONORABLE LIEUTENANT:

Menachem Murray

HONORABLE CAPTAIN:

Uri Stroock

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TEAM OF RED:

HONORABLE GENERAL:

Yaakov Newman

HONORABLE LIEUTENANT:

Binyomin Weinberger

HONORABLE CAPTAIN:

David Langsam

Blue Team Alma Mater

TTTO: : Modim (Levine)

Low 1:
I watch him pack his bags, unsure how to begin
In search of a fresh start, a long year it has been
A chance to leave it all behind, in camp he's sure to grow
But how to change, he cannot truly know

Low 2:
I hear of grand activities, like sports and water park
Delectable canteen, and fun games after dark
Yet as he talks, excitedly, 'bout what camp has in store
I start to wonder, is there something more?

High:
Reflecting here tonight, our fire burning bright
Impacting how I have grown
The special times we've had, they make me who I am
Matziv, you are truly home

Memories so dear, a special staff that cares
Seeing all the good in me
Friends I hold so tight, I cannot say goodbye
To my Matziv family

Low 3:
As the summer passes by, his mood is not the same
I still hear of the fun, but something else has changed
Learning groups sound interesting, torah taught with love
Questions answered kindly by the rav

Low 4:
In playing sports, I always thought, that winning's the best part
But turns out you enjoy , by playing just with heart
Trips are always lots of fun, right from the big reveal
And now we know that tefillah is so real

Back to High

Low 5:
Shabbos is a special day, where we all feel like kings
Peaceful and serene, the whole world waits to sing
Zemiros feel so magical, they just can't be described
Learn two hours, feeling so alive

Low 6:
I hear feet charging up the steps, it seems that he's returned
A better person now, there's so much he has learned
And I know how this all will end, he'll thrive so much this fall
For I am this boy's mirror on the wall

Back to High

Low 7:
Standing now, on grand sing night, there's nothing that compares
Friends linked to my arms, I wipe away my tears
Cherishing these moments, as they begin to wane
But I feel proud in all that I have gained

New High
Matziv, can it be, there's no way I can leave
A piece of me is always here
The best four weeks I've spent, but this is not the end
Matziv, I'll see you next year
Back to High

Red Team Alma Mater

TTTO: The Next Gadol Hador by Baruch Levine

Low 1

Walking down the long dirt path, last night of the summer
Lost in thought- reflecting, holding on to the last hours
Can't believe we're at the end, the days, the weeks flown by
Oh how the last month's changed me, let me tell you why

Low 2

Throughout the whole winter, I was nervous for the summer
Not a starting shortstop, a singer or an actor
How would I enjoy myself, oh where would be my place
Stepping off the busses, these questions seemed to fade

High 1

Matziv oh, how much I've grown, I begin to cry
Surrounded by those who care, how can I say goodbye
Moments that I'll treasure, ingrained so deep in me
I look back and I smile, you are my family

High 2

Matziv your the place where dreams turn to memories
The friendships that I built this year, last for eternity
Close your eyes, think back on, the four weeks that have past
- How can this be ending, I just found my home at last

Low 3

Davening on a whole new level, learning with a fire
Leagues exciting and intense, what more could I desire
Trips so fun and action packed, electives just for me
Night activities to remember led by Nosson Tzvi

Low 4

But then there is one day a week,the שבת queen ascends
Swimming leagues electives, they all come to an end
Two hours just fly by, before I even glance
Zemiros so uplifting, together we sing and dance

BACK TO HIGH 1 AND 2

Low 5

I get back to the bunkhouse, the tears begin to flow
How can I ever thank you, How can I ever go
But I know that I'm leaving, better than I came
I'm a different person now, in Matziv I have change

BACK TO HIGH 1 AND 2

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