

THE MICAH UPDATE

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MESSAGE FROM MARK

MAY 2017

Memorial Day Weekend is behind us, the 2017 Pre-Camp Crew and maintenance staff are already hard at work getting camp ready, and summer will be here before you know it!

As we put the finishing touches on our plans for the upcoming summer, we wanted to share some wonderful simchas in the lives of our former campers and staff (page 2), as well as exciting news about this year's social action focus (**World of Change - page 3**). Please read the following pages to get up to speed on all that's been happening in the lives of the Micah community and what's to come this summer.

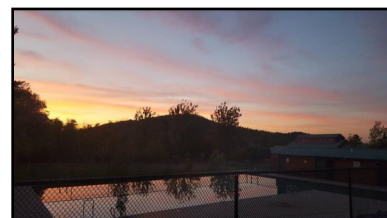
We'd also like to share with you information about what Micah is doing to help protect our campers and staff from ticks and tick-borne diseases this summer. With the topic being prevalent in the news recently, please know that we take the subject seriously and are being proactive in our approach (page 4).

As we are preparing for camp, we ask that you take time today to submit any outstanding forms that 2017 campers and staff have not yet submitted. It is so important that we receive all the important information we need to make this summer successful for each camper and staff member.

We look forward to welcoming our 2017 campers and staff to Maine again this summer.

Enjoy the newsletter!

Mark



Be sure to "like" Camp Micah on Facebook so you can be one of the first to hear exciting news!



MAZEL TOV, MICAH!

ENGAGEMENTS

We're excited to announce the engagements of the following former campers and staff. Stay tuned for their wedding pictures in the future!



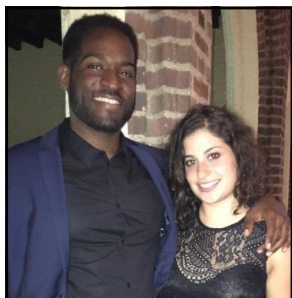
Another "Micah Match!" In the summer of 2014, **Meryl Cherner** (2013 hiking staff, 2014 Critter Unit Leader, 2015 Prowler Unit Leader, 2016 Micah in Israel staff) and **James Wheeler** (2014 & 2015 boat driver) met during staff orientation and their lives would never be the same. A beloved camp couple, we've all be waiting for the

day to finally come when we could add them to the every-growing list of happy couples that have met at Micah. Since last summer, Meryl has relocated to the UK to pursue a masters degree...and to, perhaps, be closer to James. On May 13, 2017, James proposed atop Snowdon, the highest mountain in Wales - where else would you expect to find this adventurous couple? We hope they add Bridgton, Maine to their itinerary the next time they fly over to The States!



Sarah Slotnick (former camper - G14 2006, CIT 2008, dance staff 2009 - 2011) said, "yes!" when Matt Rubin proposed in February 2017 as they closed on their new house. After getting her degree in public relations at the University of Maryland, Sarah is now the Digital Marketing Specialist for the New England Region of

Fairway Independent Mortgage Corporation. She and Matt are planning their wedding for September 2018.



There must have been something about those G14 2006 ladies because during the same week, **Dina Tyson** (former camper - G14 2006, CIT 2008, 2009 - 2010 boating/sailing staff, 2011 Timber Unit Leader, 2012 Summit Unit Leader) became engaged to Tauran Johnson.

After her time at Barnard, Dina now lives in Atlanta, GA and works at the High Museum of Art.

BABIES

We are so excited to introduce you all to the newest members of the Micah family.



Rachel (Shea) Pastoriza (2002 - 2003 staff, 2009 Prowler Unit Leader) and her husband, Jason, became parents to baby Will in April 2017.



While Rachel was welcoming baby #1 into her family, her close friend and former bridesmaid, **Andrea (Hanssen) Olitsky** (former Summit Unit Leader and 2006 Micah in Israel staff member), was just settling into having another newborn in her family. Andrea, her husband Jesse, big sister Cayla, and big brother Noah, welcomed baby Hannah in March.



Another Micah in Israel 2006 staff member welcomed a baby this spring! **Pete Arsenault** (hiking staff, Micah in Israel 2006, Summit Unit Leader 2007) and his wife, Danielle met their son, Cayden Bryce on May 5, 2017. Pete, Danielle, and Cayden now live in Vermont and former Micah staff members **Annie (Arsenault) Ryan** and **Mary (Arsenault) Kriger** are such proud aunties!



Just when you thought two Micah in Israel 2006 staff members having babies was a coincidence, we have a third to announce! **Jaimee (Feinberg) Greitzer** and her husband, Adam, welcomed their third daughter, Eliana, to the family on May 11, 2017. Big sisters Brooklyn and Shayla are beyond thrilled.



Nick Cooper (2012 waterski staff) and his wife, Michelle, welcomed Bethany Grace to the family in March 2017. With one-year-old big brother Joshua, we're sure Nick and Michelle have their hands (and hearts) full!

WHAT SHOULD YOU BRING TO CAMP?

Camp Micah is excited to join forces with 18 other Maine Camp Experience member camps to support World of Change - a new nonprofit with plans for harnessing the \$10 billion in loose change sitting idle in households across the US. The approach is simple - use experiential engagement to empower kids and communities to dream of and create wide scale change.

Between now and the start of camp, kids can start collecting change to bring with them. Campers will then have the opportunity to learn more about World of Change during the summer, and choose from specific programs in six focus areas (housing, childhood literacy, food security, health and wellness, financial literacy, and children's play). Campers may choose to pool their change and elect, as a group, one or more programs to invest in together, or each of the children may decide where to individually invest their change. Campers will see how their change adds up with others in a big way - so big in fact, a Guinness World Record attempt is being planned for October in Maine. First and full session parents can get in on the action when we participate in a change collection on Visiting Day!

This partnership with World of Change is consistent with our commitment to social action, Tikkun Olam, and giving back. As founding partners and first adopters, we have the opportunity to help lead this new movement for change. Imagine years from now, as World of Change becomes known nationally and worldwide for its unique approach and deep impact, your children looking back with pride knowing they were among the pioneers - the first change makers.

Start gathering up your loose change now and send it along to camp this summer!



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There's an estimated \$10 billion in loose change sitting idle in American households - that's \$90 per household! World of Change is on a mission to put that change to good use.

- 100% of collected change goes to established programs and partners supporting housing, food security, financial literacy, childhood literacy, health and wellness, and children's play.
- All operating costs are covered by private donors, foundations and sponsors, ensuring that 100% of your change can make change.
- The benefits extend far beyond the recipients of change; World of Change engages youth in understanding citizenship, the powers they have as individual change agents, and their capacities for local and global impact.



Be a change maker.

Inspire kids and adults alike to make change with our Change Kits.

Schools: Classrooms, sports teams and clubs are great ways to engage students in friendly coin collection competitions.

Summer Camps: Incorporate change collection into athletic events, arts & crafts activities or as part of a camp kick off/welcome event.

Businesses + Community Groups: Play up your industry/focus and remind customers that spare change is everywhere. Offer to match their contribution or provide a special gift/discount for donating their coins. Co-branded kits can be given as gifts to employees, members and customers as a feel-good way to say thanks.

Donate

- Contribute to a matching challenge
- Sponsor a matching challenge
- Choose your own amount to donate
- Sponsor a Change Kit
- Sponsor our kiosk at the Portland, ME Jetport



ADMIN WEEKEND



Every spring, the Unit Leaders, Team Leaders, Programming Team, and Upper Administrators gather together for a weekend in Maine to train, bond, and plan for the upcoming summer. While the weather is often chilly, it's always worth the trip north and gets us all in the mindset of camp.

The April weekend began with a delicious Shabbat dinner, made by Chef Will. Sharing delicious food and challah together reminded us of everything we love about Friday nights at Micah. On Saturday, we took a surprise break from our meetings to play games orchestrated by the Team Leaders. They taught us how to play some new, creative, indoor games that will come in handy if it rains this summer! A vital part of the weekend, the annual Roundtable Discussion, let everyone weigh in on how to make the upcoming summer even better than the past.



After havdallah and singing the Micah Alma Mater on Saturday night, our Evening Activity consisted of more games and bonding as we got to know a new member of the Micah community, our Timber Girls' Unit Leader, Fallon! On Sunday, we wrapped up the weekend and headed back to Boston. All of the administrators loved being back up at camp and we are very excited and prepared to make this summer our best yet!



TICK PREVENTION



IVY OAKS ANALYTICS

Each year, we go through a very thorough review process which includes analyzing every aspect of the Camp Micah experience. It has always been and will continue to be our commitment to improve on our already high standards and make the next year better than the last.

With this in mind, we have partnered with Ivy Oaks Analytics, a public health company based out of Virginia that specializes in the control of ticks, mosquitoes, and poison ivy at large campgrounds, parks, and summer camps. Ivy Oaks works with over 40 premier summer camps in the northeast.

Although this has never been a major issue at Camp Micah, we feel very strongly that we have an obligation to our camp community to do everything in our power to reduce the risks associated with ticks, mosquitoes, and poison ivy.

Their process includes ongoing tick population measurements, landscape modification, natural control methods, and more. Micah is proud to be one of the few camps nationally with an advanced public health standards certification by implementing this program.

As always, should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out.

RABBI NEWS



At a beautiful event on April 27, 2017, Temple Ohabei Shalom of Brookline, MA honored "Pillars of our Jewish Heritage." The synagogue's 175th Anniversary Gala honored four outstanding members of the Boston community, including

our own Rabbi Lipof. The entire Lipof family, along with the Churwins, Monges, Alexa Roos, and Alex Brodsky, were present to hear her speak and receive her much deserved award.

CAMP COUNTDOWN

With less than a month until the start of first session 2017, the Micah summer office is busy preparing for our 17th summer, and that includes countless hours planning for our staff orientation. We can't wait to welcome new and returning staff to Bridgton, Maine in just a few weeks! See how many of the names you can find below. We couldn't fit ALL the amazing staff members that are coming back to Micah for the summer of 2017 but here's a sneak preview of who you can expect to see back in 04009!

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Find these names vertically, horizontally, diagonally, forwards, or backwards. Good luck!

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 Caleb Esrig
 Charlie Foster

Chef Will
 Chloe Fishman
 COB
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 Dandy
 Daniel Garber
 Denica

Eliot Crawford
 Emily Silver
 Hannah Levinson
 Ian
 Jon Halpern
 Kaylin
 Kenny

Noah Adler
 Noah Stanton
 Shae
 Suuue
 The Great Joellinis
 The Grosswalds
 The Safrans

The Temples
 Toma
 Zac Gottschall
 Zak Schwartz



H-A-DOUBLE P-Y...YOUR BIRTHDAY'S HERE SO DON'T BE SHY!

April: Ike Bauman-Bardy, Louie Bauman-Bardy, Katie Bogdanow, Danny Boyarsky, Jake Boyarsky, Max Boyarsky, Matthew Cheifetz, Hannah Fidler, Sophie Finkelstein, Andrew Finkelstein, Mitchell Finkelstein, Lucy Forde, Erin Frederick, Daniel Garber, Josh Gefen, Julia Gershowitz, Max Glick, Emilia Glinkowska, Julia Goodwin, Matt Grosswald, Benji Harris, Bode Iris, Ryan Jones, Lilly Kabat, Alexa Kalish, Daniel Katz, Daniel King, Jessica Korotkin, Benjamin Levi, Jodi "JB" Levine, Oliver Levitt, Daniella Lipof, Josh London, Noah Morgan, Eliza Morton, Ella Moss, Ellery Nistler, Andrew Pollock, Cedric Quackenbush, Daniel Rabinovitz, Alison Rice, Julia Rifkin, Avery Rosensweig, Hannah Rossow, Alexa Rotert, Rebecca Samuels, Douglas Sandler, Natalie Scher, Josh Seidman, William Shabecoff, Jaden Sher, Brad Silver, Rachel Talcoff, Zachary Taubman, Jonah Weinberg, Thea Woolnough, and Marc Zollinger.

May: Isaac Akrongold, Dalya Amouyal, Alex Arovas, Catherine Ashley, Jonah Barer, Austin Berman, Elana Bershtein, Rachel Bindman, Mitchell Breakstone, Bao "Terry" Cao, Jeremy Caplan, Talia Chase, Riley Chickering, Max Cohen, Eliot Crawford, Broderick Disick, Aaron Ego, Harrison Farber, Emma Finkelstein, Emma Franklin, Jake Franklin, Aden Garf, Jacob Gerrie, Matthew Gladstone, Taylor Goodwin, Livi Gottschall, Zac Gottschall, Jacob Hershenow, Noah Holden, Tanner "Flynn" Jorgensen, Olivia Kaplan, Ari Katz, Jacob Krugman, Jeremy Krugman, Dylan Levine, Benjamin Levinson, Dylan Lipof, Talya Liwerant, Zeke Liwerant, Nick Masters, Michelle McPadden, Davi Mukamal, Ellie Mukamal, Ellie Ofer, Alexa Oriel, Forest Pollard, Sophie Quentzel, Spencer Reith, Natalie Ripps, Olivia Ripps, Elena Rosenzweig, Eli Rotter, Asa Routledge, Leo Samuels, Jason Schwartz, Carl Shapiro, Julia Siegel, Rachel Snyder, Jodi Sokoloff, Calman Stolls, Maddie Weinstein, Katie Wilmot, Zach Wolkon, and Nathaniel Zitner.

June: Daniel Alepa, Daniel Anderson, Izzy Bard, Miles Bauman-Bardy, Zachary Belfort, Chloe Berg, Charlotte Berney, Alex Brodsky, Ruby Brooks, Lily Caplan, Daniel Cheifetz, Coco Cohen, Eugene Constandaki, Gabby D'Angelo, Sam Disick, Maja Dziakiewicz, Reed Effenson, Caleb Esrig, Nathaniel Finn, Mike Fusco, Samantha Gefen, Eliza Gerrie, Will Gladstone, Rachel Goldman, Sadie Goldman, Asher Grossman, Cole Hitter, Jill Hoydick, Dan Jones, Jacob Joseph, Averi Kaplowitch, Zoe Katz, Ella Klebaner, David Korn, Monika Lampert, Sydney Lipof, Hannah Liwerant, Connor Luginbill, Fia MacDonald, Kate Monge, Taylor Morris, Sarah Moskowitz, Avery Moss, Mia Novak, Jorja Odorcuk, Isaac Popell, Gabe Raley, Alex Rao, Emma Rao, Maya Rottenberg, Mia Russman, Mike Safran, Cole Sapphire, Sophia Schneider, Benny Schuchat, Sandy Schuchat, Jonah Schwartz, Emily Shamshak, Vanessa Shipley, Rachel Siegel, Rebecca Smits, Chase Stempel, Ella Talmanson, Toma Wadness, and Marty Winshall.

STAY CONNECTED



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Follow @campmicah on Twitter during the off-season and throughout the whole summer.



Follow @campmicah04009 for great throwback pics and amazing shots throughout the year.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS FOR 2017 CAMP FAMILIES & STAFF

- For current camp families and staff, forms are now past due! In order to adequately prepare for everyone's arrival, log onto the Micah website today and submit any outstanding information. Please contact the office with any questions.
- Be sure to take a look at your checklist of everything that needs to be done before camp begins.
- Want to be mentioned in our next newsletter? Send updates on your own social action projects, lifecycle events, and other newsworthy items to kate@campmicah.com. Don't forget to include some pictures!
- Collect all the change in your house and bring it to camp! (see page 3)