

THE MICAH UPDATE

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MESSAGE FROM MARK

OCTOBER 2017

Welcome to the Fall Newsletter! As I write this, I am sitting at camp looking at the colors of all the leaves changing. It is really beautiful, and a little surreal, to be at Micah alone. The quietness is different from the buzz of the Micah community during the summer. And this past summer we did so much, including raising over five thousand dollars for World of Change. Check out more information about World of Change and their attempt to beat a Guinness World Record on page 4. Thanks to all who brought change and made donations this summer. We look forward to participating again next summer so keep collecting that spare change to bring to camp. Every cent raised goes directly to help combat hunger, literacy, housing, and so much more.

In the next few pages, you can see so many wonderful things happening in the Micah community. Engagements, births, all the social action done this summer, and so much more. Micah really does make a difference with all that we do at camp and all that we do in our hometowns. Everyone can make a difference if we all "be the change we want to see in the world." - Mahatma Gandhi

As we move towards Camp Micah's 18th summer, we look forward to celebrating the summer of יג (chai). As we look back at the "life" of our camp we are thankful for all those who have added their unique talents and personalities that make up who we are as a community. We thank all of our campers, staff, and parents for truly striving to live the Micah philosophy in 04009 and beyond. That is really what makes Micah special!

We look forward to seeing everyone who can make it to the 2017 camp reunion on January 7, 2018. Details with the time and location will be emailed to 2017 families. Enjoy the newsletter and please send us updates on what is going on in your life so that we can include it in our next newsletter.

Enjoy!

Mark



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Be sure to "like" Camp Micah on Facebook and follow @campmicah04009 on Instagram so you can be one of the first to see pictures and hear exciting news!



MAZEL TOV, MICAH!

ENGAGEMENTS

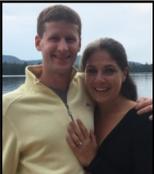
We're excited to announce the engagements of the following former campers and staff. Stay tuned for their wedding pictures in the future!



Evan Friedler (B15 2006) proposed to Arielle Levenson in June 2017. Mazel tov to the whole Friedler family, especially Micah siblings **Haley** and **Drew**!



Sophie Handrahan (2015 - 2017 office staff) became engaged to Luke Erickson in June 2017! We're so excited for our neighbors down the road.



Sarah Ferraro (founding camper, G14 2003, CIT 2004, 2005 - 2007 waterfront staff) said "yes" to Nick Stanton in August 2017.



McKenna Corlis (2011 office staff) became engaged to David Sottile in August 2017.



When **Patrycja "Patka" Nowak** (2016 & 2017 dining hall staff) left Bridgton, Maine after Camp Northbound this August, she had big plans for weeks of traveling with her boyfriend, Mateusz Galik. Mateusz flew to the states from Poland to meet up with Patka but had another motive for the trip - a proposal!



Katie Pease (2008 & 2009 head of basketball, 2010 Prowler Unit Leader) is engaged! Katie, Angela, and one-year-old Ellington are living happily ever after in New Hampshire.

WEDDINGS

Mazel tov to these Micah newlyweds!



Jen Levy, former camper and staff member (G14 2005, Art Staff 2008 & 2010), married Sam Jasinski in July 2017.



Matt Crosby (2006 - 2008 basketball staff) married Nicole Deveau in Nova Scotia on September 9, 2017



A few members of the administrative team were lucky enough to be able to sneak away from camp for a few hours this past summer to attend the wedding of **Sarah Conroy** (Athletic Director 2013 - 2015, Assistant Program Director 2016). Sarah and her husband, Chris Golden, threw quite the bash in Kennebunkport, Maine. Aside from spending time with Sarah and Chris, it was great to see one of our favorite pups, Meara!



Rosalie Waxman (2008 - 2010 waterski staff) married Andy Rougeot in Maine in June 2017. We're sure that she and her many Camp Micah



guests could feel us cheering so close by!



Suzanne Bruen (2011 Nurse) married John Lundquist over Memorial Day Weekend in May 2017. The beautiful wedding ceremony took place in Portland, Maine.



Michalina Wojcik (2012 & 2013 dining hall staff) got married in June 2017 to Krysstof Czapura in Poland.



Sarah Donohoe (2009 Babysitter) married Brian Despres in September 2017. They enjoyed some adventure and relaxation while honeymooning at Acadia National Park in Maine.



Laura Fehrman (2007 instructional swim staff) married Kyle in a beautiful barn in Illinois.



Alex Tolliver (2012 tennis staff) married his Norwegian bride, Sara Kristine Sætre, in July 2017.

MAZEL TOV, MICAH!

BABIES

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



Scott "Flick" Flickinger, longtime staff member from 2005 - 2012 who held the positions of Boys' Head Counselor, CIT Coordinator, and Head of Basketball and Fencing, and his wife, Laura Eierman, are new parents! Flick, who still spends a week with us each summer during Camp Northbound, was eagerly awaiting William Timothy's arrival at the end of the camp season. We've been glued to social media waiting for the big announcement and were so happy and excited to see the good news of William's arrival on October 3, 2017.



Maria Gillis (2013 softball staff) and Brandon Isakov welcomed their second son, Jude Chester, on September 5, 2017. We're sure that Jude and big brother James will be recruited to play in the MLB soon enough.



Adrienne (Bamberger) Brown (G14 2002 and former waterski staff) and her husband, Harley, welcomed baby boy Axel Lucas on June 7, 2017.



Jason Pressberg (2010 Boys' Head Counselor) and his wife, Casey Topol Pressberg, announced the birth of their second son, Ethan Kaleb, on July 2, 2017. Jason, Casey, Ethan, and big brother, Logan, recently made a big move from NY down to Charlotte, NC. Mazel tov and good luck on the next adventure!



Liron (Grinberg) Kapash (2012 art staff) and her husband, Tamir, welcomed their first son, Arel, to the family in February 2017. Liron, Tamir, and Arel live in Israel and send their love to the Micah family!

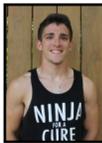
Do you have big news or a lifecycle event you want to share with the Micah Community? Email Kate Monge (kate@campmicah.com) and send pictures!

MICAH NEWS

SAVE THE DATE!

2017 Micah campers and staff are invited to join us on Sunday, January 7, 2018 to reconnect and reminisce about the wonderful summer we shared in Bridgton, Maine. Mark your calendars now for the event which will take place in the Boston area. Specific location details will be emailed directly to 2017 parents and staff. We hope to see you all there!

STAFF SPOTLIGHT



Christian DeRubeis (2017 Ninja Warrior staff) is at it again! Christian will be participating in a National Ninja League competition on November 11 at New Era Ninjas in Hamden, CT. We'll all be rooting for you, Christian!

2017 YEARBOOK

We're hard at work collaborating with **Avi Cohen** to get the yearbook ready to be sent out before Thanksgiving. For those that attended or worked at camp in 2017, please let us know if your mailing address has changed so your yearbook can be sent to the correct location. Changes can be emailed to mike@campmicah.com.

If you didn't get a chance to submit a memory from the summer or a writing for the yearbook, you can still do so until October 20. Email memories and writings to kate@campmicah.com and you may see them in the 2017 yearbook!

ALUMNI

If you're not yet a part of our "Official Camp Micah Alumni Group" on Facebook, take a moment to join to stay up to date on camp news and to reconnect with your Micah family!

STORIES TO GROW BY

For those that were at camp this summer, you may have noticed a new sign on Rabbi Lipof's cabin. A welcome sign let campers and staff know that she was available to receive guests. The other side of the sign, however, let us know that "the Rabbi is Writing" and she needed some privacy. Just what was she working on these past few months? Rabbi Lipof is in the final stages of completing a book filled with many of the stories she has shared with the camp community on Shabbat. We look forward to letting you all know when the book is complete!

MICAH IN ACTION, SOCIAL ACTION!

In keeping with the Camp Micah philosophy, our camp community supports a social action focus each summer. This past summer, Camp Micah and our Summit Mitzvah Makers focused on an organization called World of Change. As we do every year, we asked that our families pack an item for us to collect and this year, we received bags full of spare change from so many of our Micah families. After counting up all the change brought to camp and the donations received on Visiting Day in our World of Change tent and through our Premier Parking Auction, Camp Micah collected over \$5,000 to support this amazing organization!

A big thank you to our very enthusiastic and creative group of Summit Mitzvah makers who helped take the lead on so many of our community service projects - and continuing with our second annual parking auction for Visiting Day. This auction raised \$1,800 for our World of Change donation!



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World of Change WorldOfChange-World

Maine ChangeFest

When: October 28th 12-6PM Where: L.L.Bean Freeport, ME

Headline Event: October 28th 9-3pm Where: L.L.Bean - 554 Stillwater Ave., Bangor

Join volunteers, sponsors and your neighbors as we attempt to break the **World Record** for the most change collected for charity!

LIVE MUSIC
PERFORMANCES BY CIRCUS MAINE
ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS
FOOD VENDORS

Admission is FREE to all, but change is welcome. Together we can achieve something extraordinary.



If you'll be in Maine on October 28, make your way to Freeport for the Maine ChangeFest! World of Change, the organization Camp Micah partnered with for this summer's social action project, will attempt to break the World Record for the most change on display, \$180,000 set by Portugal in 1998. 100% of the

change collected and displayed at ChangeFest will support specific programs in six focus areas (housing, childhood literacy, food security, health and wellness, financial literacy, and children's play). Several of the nonprofit partners will be at the event to offer onsite volunteer projects and opportunities for festival goers to roll-up their sleeves and make a difference in the world. Make your way to Freeport, Maine for fun, live music, children's activities, and all sorts of volunteer opportunities.



In addition to supporting World of Change this summer, Camp Micah's commitment to making the world a better place continues throughout the year as well. This fall, we continued our support of Dana-Farber by creating a team to participate in their September Boston Marathon Jimmy Fund Walk. Team Micah raised just shy of \$5,000 for this year's walk. Dana-Farber is still accepting donations through October 31 so visit jimmyfundwalk.org/2017/campmicah if you'd still like to make a contribution. We plan to walk again in 2018 and hope you'll join us!

At Camp Micah, we don't just talk about doing our part to repair the world - we go out there and do it! Below is a recap of some of the projects that our community took on this summer.

Alex's Lemonade Stand



Alex would be very happy to know that Camp Micah continues to carry on her legacy. Alex was diagnosed with neuroblastoma, a type of childhood cancer. She had a lemonade stand when she was four years old to help other sick children. She died when she was only eight years old. Her parents set up this inspirational foundation in honor of Alex who dreamed of helping doctors find a cure for cancer. Thank you for helping us with our lemonade stand on Visiting Day where we raised \$400!

Project Linus

Over the past several years, we have been making blankets for this worthy cause. There are hundreds of chapters throughout the United States that make homemade blankets and distribute them. These blankets are given to comfort children who are seriously ill, traumatized by some event in their lives, or otherwise in need. We added another 60 blankets from Camp Micah to the 6.5 million blankets that have been made nationwide. Our blankets are distributed locally in Maine.

Bridgton Health Center

Our campers have continued to volunteer to spend time with elderly residents at the local senior center in Bridgton. We share cheer and conversation. We lead Bingo, we sing with the residents, we play twister as the residents look on. Bringing smiles to the residents for the short time we are there, makes them forget about their troubles. They hear about the residents' children, lives, and they get to talk about themselves. The campers always leave with the understanding that they made a difference in the residents' lives for the time we were able to spend with them.

Other Social Action Activities



We assembled soup jars to donate to Community Kettle, the local organization that gives meals to the those in need in the area. We made cards and baked cookies for the local firefighters and police officers. We made coloring books for the emergency room in the Bridgton Hospital. We made dog biscuits for the local animal shelter.

Your hearts would fill with pride to watch our campers give some of their time to help others. As we all know from working with your children, we have an incredible, giving group of campers in our Micah community!

We would like to, once again, thank **Sondra Kaminsky** for her tireless efforts and commitment to Social Action. The amount our campers and staff gain from her each summer is truly immeasurable!



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

September: Amy Albert, Jonah Berg, Simon Berry, Kane Bryant, Ethan Burack, Hannah Churwin, Mike Churwin, Zeke Cochin, Sam Cote, Leah Farb, Zoe Federman, Samantha Fineman, Marah Goldman, Ezra Goldstein, Lea Gruen, Kenny Hillstrom, Talia Kalis, Naomi Kaplan, Jared Kaplowitch, Sammy Katz, Abby Kranis, Caro Lipsitz, Chloe Moss, Cat Perry, Merrill Peterson, Benjamin Rigney-Carroll, Jane Ripps, Julia Rothstein, Mack Rottenberg, Aaron Rotter, Daniel Ruskin, Amalia Rysman, Micah Sher, Isabelle Slootsky-Johnson, Wendy Temple, Alina Wadness.

October: Lily Abrams, Shae Aiguier, Haley Ali, Ryan Altman, Ari Andriola, Sadie Andriola, Philip Bard, Brooke Barnwell, Harrison Braver, Christian DeRubeis, Alex Effenson, Noah Farb, Sam Gallimore, Aaron Goldberg, Canaan Gootie, Noa Helmbrecht, Riley Iris, Sam Land, Ethan Levin, Tara Lucia, Nate MacDonald, Sadie MacDonald, Teresa Martinez-Laredo, Charlie Messinger, Isaac Mukamal, Beckett Neal, Rachel Needle, Caroline "COB" O'Brien, Trevor Ostfeld, Brady Payne, Lucy Pearlman, Eliana Rich, Katie Rich, Eric Rosenblum, Fallon Rubin, Georgia Ryan, Kaylin Samia, Austin Satinsky, Hallie Schneider, Hannah Sender, Josh Singer, Dylan Smits, Eli Sokoloff, Tyler Tubman, Lexi Tuch, Skylar Tuch, Sarah Vail, Jason Waldman, Sam Waldman, Jack Wolk.

November: Noah Adler, Talia Arovos, Caroline Bailen, Gideon Barer, Jadon Berkson, Brian Bernier, Millie Bond, Mark Borghesani, Lexi Bregman, Maddie Chase, Evan Dubowsky, Shaun Dubowsky, Avery Dunaisky, Sydney Finn, Samantha Frankel, Lauri Gallimore, Julia Glick, Benja Gordon, Joelle Gross, Ella Harlev, Liam Herron, Denica Hill, Will Huntress, Jake Jessup, Joely Kessel, Chase Korotkin, Sam Krugman, Lindsay Lao, Ben Lawrence, Joel Linkewer, Rabbi Emily Lipof, Ethan Littmann, Megan Maddox, Charlie Margulies, Eve Miller, Jordan "J" Moeller, Abigail Neu, Lexi Pollard, Bella Reith, Matt Rosenblum, Julia Ruskin, Mason Santos, Lexi Schwartz, Jason Schwartz, Miranda Shriver, Matt Shusterman, Charly Solomon, Josh Williamson.

STAY CONNECTED



"Like" Camp Micah on Facebook to keep up to date on exciting news and important info.



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



Follow @campmicah04009 for great pictures and witty captions throughout the year.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- We have just a few open spaces for the coming summer (specifically current 2nd through 5th graders). Enrollment changes happen regularly so if you have friends or relatives that are interested in attending Micah this summer, they should call the camp office (617-244-6540) to check on availability right away.
- We are just beginning our staff hiring season. If you know of a college-aged (or older) potential counselor that you think would be a great fit for the Micah community, please have them contact the camp office or complete an online staff application on our website.
- Calling all alumni! We'd love to reconnect. Take a moment to request to join the "Official Camp Micah Alumni Group" on Facebook.
- 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!