



# The Centerland Chronicle

## WEEK 7 IS HEAVEN!

The best word to describe Week 7 at Camp Centerland is "epic". Campers and counselors were treated to a week of interesting happenings.

First, our guests at camp were the NFCJ. This group added some terrific atmosphere, not the least of which was a very cool visit from the Sheriff's helicopter.

Our other guests to Camp this week were our friends from the Heritage

Center. These campers joined our Yehuda and Atid groups for part of the day on Wednesday.

On Friday, our Shabbat festivities were awesome as the Senior Discovery group held a Carnival (which has been in the plans for weeks). Kids were playing carnival games, jumping in the Bounce House, winning prizes, having their faces painted, and generally just having a blast.

We're all a bit sad since we know that the publication of the Week 7 edition of the Chronicle means there is only 1 week left at camp. Let's make the most of it!



Checking out the helicopter!

## LETTER FROM THE DIRECTORS

Dear Parents,

As the summer winds down, it is difficult not to start thinking about back-to-school. Did you know that the Directors of Camp Centerland also direct The Kids Place After School programs at our Buffalo Holland Building and our Getzville Benderson Building?

Just like Camp Centerland, Kids Place welcomes families of all ethnicities, religions, and backgrounds and does not require JCC membership to participate. You can choose 1 to 5 days per

week and pick your child up as late as 6:00pm.

Many JCC staff work at both our afterschool and summer camp programs so there will always be familiar faces. Kids Place offers children the opportunity to eat nutritious snacks; spend 30 dedicated minutes to homework, quiet reading or play everyday, up to 2 group American Red Cross Learn to Swim lessons, free Children's Recreation classes, as well as discounts on enrichment programs like martial arts, private piano lessons, chess club, dance, and our

Storm Swim Team, not to mention nurturing staff and counselor led daily activities.

The JCC also runs Vacation Camps whenever Buffalo Public and/or Williamsville Central School Districts are closed. These programs typically include a field trip, swim and gym, arts & crafts, and activities.

The JCC would love to offer you the continuity of care that we are known for, so if interested please contact Christine Dusher, [cdusher@jccbuffalo.org](mailto:cdusher@jccbuffalo.org) for Buffalo and Lauren Cohen, [lcohen@jccbuffalo.org](mailto:lcohen@jccbuffalo.org) for our Getzville program.

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### Special points of interest:

- ☺ Visit our website at [www.campcenterland.org](http://www.campcenterland.org). You can also "like" us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter!
- ☺ Order candid Camp photos at [izonproductions.com](http://izonproductions.com). Password: camp2011
- ☺ Label EVERYTHING!
- ☺ Campers must wear sneakers to camp.

### Nurse Doug's Tip of the Week

Curious what ointments to use for various ailments? Here's Nurse Doug's recommendations:

**Hydrocortisone** for inflammation

**Antibiotic ointment** to prevent infection

**Zinc Oxide** for burns

**Zanfel** for poison ivy

# COUNSELOR ENCOUNTERS WITH LIZ

## Meet Matt

Hometown: Buffalo, NY  
 Position: Yehuda  
 Years at Camp: 2nd  
 Place You'd Like to Visit: Europe  
 Superhero Power You'd Like to Have: Fly  
 Favorite Ice Cream: Piece of Cake  
 Favorite Activity at Camp: Water Balloon War  
 Your Spirit Animal: Cheetah



Above: Matt from Yehuda



Below: Ellen from many groups!

## Meet Ellen

Hometown: Buffalo, NY  
 Position: Floater  
 Years at Camp: 1st  
 Place You'd Like to Visit: Russia  
 Superhero Power You'd Like to Have: Read Minds  
 Favorite Color: Pink  
 Favorite Activity at Camp: Swim  
 Your Spirit Animal: Rabbit

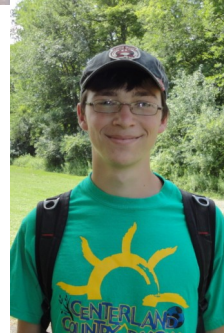


Above: Shea of SRD gets pied!

Left: Tamara of Yehuda  
 Right: Jeremy of Yehuda

## Meet Shea

Hometown: Williamsville, NY  
 Position: Sr. Discovery  
 Years at Camp: 1st  
 Place You'd Like to Visit: Slovakia  
 Superhero Power You'd Like to Have: Wizard Abilities  
 Favorite Sports Team: Sabres  
 Favorite Activity at Camp: Pool  
 Your Spirit Animal: Coyote



## Meet Jeremy

Hometown: Haymarket, VA  
 Position: Yehuda  
 Years at Camp: 2nd  
 Place You'd Like to Visit: Thailand  
 Superhero Power You'd Like to Have: Invisibility  
 Favorite Movie: Battle Los Angeles  
 Favorite Activity at Camp: Water Wars  
 Your Spirit Animal: Seagull

## Meet Tamara B.

Hometown: Guatemala  
 Position: Yehuda  
 Years at Camp: 1st Year  
 Place You'd Like to Visit: Wales, England  
 Superhero Power You'd Like to Have: Fly  
 Favorite Movie: Casanova  
 Favorite Activity at Camp: Swim  
 Your Spirit Animal: Seal



## THE PICTURE PLACE

THE PICTURE PLACE TAKES A LOOK AT SOME OF THE MOST MEMORABLE MOMENTS FROM THE PAST 7 WEEKS AT CAMP CENTERLAND



Negev talk Jewish Culture with "Limmud Dude" Jonah



Discovery exploring nature on their weekly field trips.



Kiddie Camp comes to visit Centerland!

# THE LIFEGUARDS PRESENT: THE SWIMMING CORNER

Aquatics have been making great strides with the campers swimming techniques. Both pools have moved all campers out of the bubble-belt phase of swimming, which means everyone has advanced to at least the Level One in Red Cross standards.

Yehuda and Atid campers have been improving and refining their stroke techniques. Both groups have begun learning flip turns underwater. Discovery campers have been "lapping" it up at the pool as well.

And we've been beating some bad weather days by doing rain dances in the water to keep the sun shining!



## Swimming Levels Explained:

**BASIC SKILLS 1&2:** Children who swim with the assistance of a noodle or bubble.

**LEVEL 1:** Learn floating, gliding, early stroke development, and treading with teacher assistance and a floatation device.

**LEVEL 2:** Front crawl, backstroke, and treading continue to develop, as well as jumping in. Children must submerge head fully before entering this level.

**LEVEL 3:** Advanced swim techniques needed for strokes learned in Level 4 & above.

**LEVEL 4:** Introduction & development of breaststroke, butterfly, backstroke, front crawl, sidestroke & elementary backstroke.

**LEVEL 5:** Display aptitude in butterfly, backstroke, breaststroke, front crawl, sidestroke, and elementary backstroke.

## OVERNIGHT EXCITEMENT

### "A COMING OF AGE STORY" BY CENTERLAND CORRESPONDANT BEN CHARLTON

Your wedding, college graduation, birth of your first child, and the Discovery Banquet are all equally significant events in one's life. Just last night, over thirty campers had their lives forever changed. For most, a day at Darien Lake is a successful day; but our Discovery campers did not take the easy way out. After a long, fun-filled day at Darien Lake, our campers returned

to camp ready to start a new camp tradition. The first annual Discovery Banquet began with a celebrity themed dinner. Among those in attendance were Barak Obama, Dwight and Jim from the Office, and Herbie Fully Loaded star Lindsay Lohan.

Counselor Justin cooked a hearty Italian meal for the campers that one camper could only describe as "heavenly." Following dinner was an award ceremony for campers and counselors. Although each and every award was heartfelt, Caroline F. smiled as she claimed they were "corny." The fun continued into the night with casino games, a Chinese auction, and a dance. But all good things must come to an end, and when they did the campers all slept in tents under the stars. Renee S summed it up well when she said "we had about as much fun today as you can physically fit into one day!"

## Overnight Schedule 2011

- Week 7: Discovery
- Week 8: Atid



Color War battle of the Sock Game.



Atid show some skills on the basketball court



Yehuda Girls make a Camp Mascot



Raising the flag.

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# LOST AND FOUND

We don't like "Lost". Please label EVERYTHING with your child's name, so all missing items can be considered "Found"!

## Missing

(Items our campers are missing... have you seen it?)

No missing items were reported this week!

## Lost

(Items we have found at camp with no name on it...)

White Towel with Decorative White Trim

Blue Towel with Pink Fish

Pink, Green, Blue Beach Towel with Aquatic Designs

Mauve, Blue & Green Striped "Wamsutta" Towel

Blue & White Pajama Shirt with Butterfly Design and matching Blue Bottoms

Yellow "Brockport College" Water Bottle

Red "Habasit" Water Bottle

"Diesel" Khaki Bucket Hat with Scorpion Design

Red "Cherokee" Swim Trunks with Grey Side Stripe (6/7)

"Pirates of the Caribbean" Orange Swim Trunks (S)

White "Soccer Girl Ft. Lauderdale" Tee with Puppy & Soccer Ball Graphic

Light Blue & White Hawaiian Print Men's "Old Navy" Swim Trunks (M)

Yellow Frisbee

Navy Blue "Full Throttle" Racing Car Tee (8)

Brown, Pink & White Hawaiian Print Women's Swim Bottoms (18)

Red Sunglasses

## THE SPECIALIST SPOT

### THIS WEEK'S REPORT COMES FROM JONAH, THE *LIMMUD* (JEWISH CULTURAL ARTS) SPECIALIST

Hello, I am Jonah Hurst. At Camp Centerland, I teach young and energetic campers everything there is to know about Judaism. Campers learn about the Jewish lifestyle through various art projects, games, interactive discussions, and team-building activities. Mind you, not everyone at camp is Jewish, and this is exactly where my creative abilities step in. With every lesson I teach, there are values and important lessons that anyone of any shape, size or color can take home. For example, the first week of camp I talked about the Ten Commandments and Mitzvot (the Hebrew word for commands; otherwise known as good deeds, Jews have 613 Mitzvot). In this week, I taught everyone at camp the importance of good deeds and how the Ten Commandments can be applied to their every-

day lives.

Judaism teaches values and lessons about the world around us. On some weeks, I have taught about important themes that affect all of us such as Environmental Awareness or Cultural Tolerance. In week five, I discussed the Jewish value of "Tikkun Olam", making the world a better place. I had younger campers play Recycling Memory Match in order to make the world a better place on a more realistic and smaller scale. In week three, I taught older campers about the Jewish history of persecution through Musical Chairs. After removing each chair with a different country on it, we discussed how xenophobia (the fear of the unknown) plays a big role in the history of persecution amongst Jews as well many other groups.

Campers at Centerland also learned about the cultural importance of the Jewish state of Israel. In week six, I ran Mock Boot Camp in order for the kids to understand the hardships taken and sacrifices made by Israelis to defend their state and their beliefs. Campers rose through the ranks of my drill instructions to become Maccabis, otherwise known as Jewish warriors. They played a variety of games such as Camouflage, King of the Hill, Tug of War, and an Obstacle Course.

Overall, campers go home at the end of everyday with some value or lesson from Judaism in which they can apply in their own lives. As the Limmud Dude, I aspire to steer all the campers in the right direction with enthusiasm and favorite camp activities.