# **FALL 2025** NEWSLETTE

## A note from our Directors

Summer 2025 was truly one of the best yet. Campers, staff, and their families came together to make it a season full of laughter, growth, and connection. High Point Camp had its strongest summer to date, and the energy across both camps was unreal. Thank you to everyone who showed up, supported, cheered us on, or simply trusted us with your kids. It really does take a village, and we're SO proud to be leading this one. Looking ahead, Summer 2026 is already off to an incredible start, over 850 campers registered and more staff returning than ever before. It's the best retention we've seen, and the excitement is contagious. But let's be clear, this doesn't mean we're slowing down. There's always work to do: new programs to roll out and old favorites to keep fresh.

As the Jewish New Year begins, we're reminded that camp isn't just about the summer, it's about being part of something bigger. With Israel so present in our hearts right now, it feels even more powerful to see our kids growing up proud and connected to our community.

Here's to a sweet year ahead. We can't wait to do it all again in 2026. With so much excitement,

Josh, Dayna, Jarred & (helsea



## **SHANA TOVA 5786**

Wishing everyone in our camp family and our whole community a year filled with health, happiness, and all things sweet!











# **OUR 2025**

Summer Team



Chelsea

Sculnick

Dayna Schwartz

Associate Director Camp Director Executive Director

Josh **Pepin**  **Associate Director** 

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Director of Programming

Ryan Issenman

Director of Registration

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**Must Mention** 

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Amanda Toledano Deena Fremeth

Karen Migdal Paige Crystal









## **STORIES**

What a summer it's been with our **Pioneers!** From the very first night when paint twister turned into an all-out paint fight, we knew this unit was something special! Between late-night cookies and grilled cheese made by our amazing staff, our unforgettable Toronto trip where Pio truly became a family, and the joy of welcoming our Israeli friends in second month, our group continuously grew closer! We worked hard to prepare for our canoe trip, and it paid offcanoeing, cooking over the fire, hiking, and bonding together in the wilderness was a highlight we'll never forget. And of course, we ended camp in the most perfect way: having our last program, sending lanterns ont our beautiful lake, and listening to our staff sing our culmination song.

Michael

This summer was full of laughter, growth, and connection. We'll carry it with us always.







This summer I had the absolute privilege of leading the SITs, and I couldn't have asked for a more amazing group to mentor. From cozy nights around the fire, to epic trips to New York City and Lake George, to welcoming new faces during second month through the Beyachad program—and everything in between—it was nonstop fun and unforgettable memories.

Of course, every summer has its ups and downs, but this group faced every challenge with energy, humor, and determination. I can't wait to see them step into staff roles next summer, ready to pass on the same fun, guidance, and support that their own staff gave them growing up.

What a summer—it truly was one for the books!











My favourite moment pre-camp and during camp was creating the camp dance for summer 2025. It felt like a full circle moment having these Pio campers (Sophie Lederer and Brianna Fuks) who grew up with me since they were in Junior Girls help me take on this important task. Watching them grow throughout their CBB journey to now having them by my side as wonderful leaders continues to make me incredibly happy each day. This is one of many cherished moments I look back to when I think about Summer 2025!













## **UPDATES!**

## Save the Dates!

**bbyo** 

September 30 - BBYO Open House

Come meet our Regional Director, ask questions, play some games, and get a taste of what BBYO is all about!

October 5 - Connect Program Launch

Grades 7-8 are invited to experience BBYO before fully joining the program. A perfect way to try it out and meet new friends!

October 16 - Fall Kickoff Party

Our biggest event of the semester! For grades 8-12 - join us for music, games, dancing, and more. Don't miss it!

Stay tuned to socials — more details about these and future events will be announced soon.



In addition to our annual Day of Giving, we are so lucky to have major donors, without who, we could not continue to add important and exciting enhancements at camp.

This summer, with **security** on the top of everyone's mind, we were very lucky to receive grant funding from the Government of Canada and the Gutherz Family. These funds are being used to overhaul our networking, PA, camera and entire security systems.

A very exciting addition to our facilities this summer was the all new **Baazov Family Fitness Centre**, where our kids enjoyed supervised workouts. Thanks to the Baazov family, we had all new equipment to work out with! It was staffed by two university fitness students, who loved teaching the kids about proper form and fitness. It was used all summer by many very eager campers and staff!

We would like to wish everyone a Shana Tovah, and remember to think of us whenever you would like to send a card in someone's honor or memory. You can do that by going to our website, and navigating to General Donations or by calling or emailing our office, and our staff will give you a hand!

#### You asked? We're on it!

We are so happy to share that we had less Lost & Found in Summer 2025, than in previous summers! With lots of diligence & organization, we worked hard to keep everyone connected with all their stuff! That said, as always, we did have some things that were left behind...

All of it is being laundered, and will soon make its way back to our City Office. Once we've had a chance to sort it, we will be in touch so you can either pick up, or we an arrange delivery...

> Keep your eyes on our social channels for exciting announcements!!!





Rookie Weekend Registration

Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> - 12pm

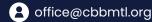
don't wait - spaces **WILL** be limited!











## Welcome!

# BBYO @ CBB

#### Camp B'nai B'rith and **BBYO Montreal**

In an exciting development for the Jewish youth community in Montreal, **BBYO Montreal** has officially formed a partnership with Camp B'nai B'rith! This combines the strengths and resources of both organizations, promising even more vibrant programming for local teens!

BBYO Montreal has a proud history dating back to 1924 and has experienced significant growth in the past decade.

In 2018, the organization celebrated a 20% increase in membership across Canada, with Montreal playing a key role in that success.

Over the past year, BBYO Montreal has hosted exciting events such as a Yom Ha'atzmaut party, a pottery workshop, puppy yoga, and many other engaging activities. In addition to social programming, members also take part in meaningful volunteer opportunities, giving back to the community while strengthening leadership and teamwork skills.

The new merged office will continue to serve the community with enhanced programs and events, marking an exciting new chapter for both BBYO and Camp B'nai B'rith.

Moreover, we are so excited to welcome **Nat Soussan** into our home, as the Regional Director - BBYO Montreal. We know he'll do amazing things with this role, and with the future of BBYO!

Mazal Tov, Nat!







Growing up in the Camp B'nai Brith system, I always felt so lucky to go to Sleepaway camp summer after summer. Honestly, as a camper, I didn't fully appreciate just how special that was. It wasn't until I became staff that I really understood the incredible community that makes it all possible—without it, I might never have had the chance to go myself. Seeing siblings and friends who didn't have the same opportunities made me realize how important it is that every Jewish teen has the chance to build meaningful, lasting relationships with like-minded peers.

When I learned about the Regional Director role at BBYO, I knew it was something I had to go for. Working with a strong, historic organization and in partnership with the camp that shaped so much of who I am, felt like the perfect way to give back. I was beyond thrilled to receive and step into this role.

As the school year kicks off, I'm really excited to grow BBYO Montreal and work alongside the amazing CBB team. I can't wait to see what this year has in store and to help more teens experience the same sense of community that made such a difference in my life.

Be on the lookout for what's coming next-you won't want to miss out!!













## **MEMORIES**



















































## **CBB 2025 OBSERVES**

## **SHABBAT**









Spending a summer at CBB is a magical adventure that includes meeting new friends; learning skills like waterskiing, paddleboarding and pickleball; participating in Colour War and Theme Day; and roasting marshmallows around a campfire.

So it's really special that Shabbat at CBB has become such a meaningful and fun part of camp life.

One of the highlights at camp is when over 500 campers and staff join together at Flagpole on Friday afternoon dressed in white tops, and look forward with anticipation as the weekly "Jewish Value of the Week" is introduced with a creative skit, followed by the lighting of the Shabbat candles, and the blessings of the grape juice and the challahs.

A beautiful tradition that was introduced several years ago is when campers and counsellors write "Shabbat-O-Grams" to one another – short notes that pass on messages of friendship wishes for a wonderful Shabbat and a great summer.

And after a traditional Friday night dinner – where the tables are decorated with flowers for Shabbat – our camp community is treated by the 30 year-old custom of Yaacov Sassi leading Israeli singing and dancing, something our campers' parents and grandparents did at CBB not so long ago.

The Saturday morning 'short and sweet' Tephillah services include participatory prayers, arm-in-arm singing of "Shema Yisrael", the relevant creative story that originates from the weekly Torah reading, and the "kotel moments" - magical personal camp moments that campers and staff share with one another.

Shabbat comes to a magical conclusion on Saturday night as the entire camp gathers at Flagpole to celebrate "havdallah" - the blessings on the twisted candle, the grape juice, and the aromatic spices that signify the end of Shabbat.

And finally, the beginning of a new week is celebrated by the unique CBB cheers of "Shavua Tov" - have a great week!

Shabbat at CBB - such a special part of camp that our campers and staff will always remember!









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## LET'S GET

## SOCIAL

Hi Everyone

I'm Olivia, and this past summer I had the privilege of working as the **Head of Social Media at CBB.** 

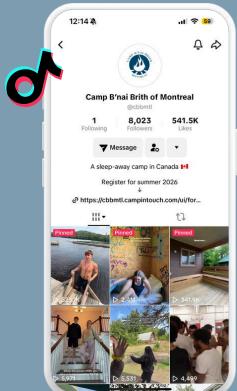
This role was very **special** to me, as it allowed me to capture and share the joy, energy, and community spirit that make camp so **special**!

Over the summer, our **social media** presence grew rapidly, and I'm proud to share that we've now surpassed **8,000 followers on TikTok**!! This is a true testament to the enthusiasm and engagement of our amazing camp community. The **primary** goal of our account is to create a digital diary for campers, a place where they can visit, to relive their favourite memories and of course, to **celebrate** the unforgettable moments they experienced together.

Although this was my first summer in the role, it's been an exciting journey, and I'm looking forward to continuing to growing our platform and showcasing everything that makes **CBB** such a **unique** and **cherished** place.







## **Follow Our Social Channels!**

- @cbbmtl
- @cbbmtl
- Camp B'nai Brith of Montreal











## **ROOKIE WEEKEND!**











































**REGISTER NOW FOR SUMMER 2026!!** 

SPACES ARE LIMITED

Rookie Weekend 2026

Opens Nov 3!









## ROSH HASHANAH

## PERFECT HONEY COOKIES

#### Step 1

In a large bowl, add eggs, oil, and honey and whisk to combine. (Pour the oil from your measuring cup before the honey, so the honey glides out smoothly.) In a second large bowl, add flour, both sugars, baking powder, baking soda, salt, cinnamon, and nutmeg and whisk to combine. Add the dry ingredients slowly to the wet, whisking at the start, then switching to a rubber spatula to combine as the dough thickens.

#### Step 2

Refrigerate dough for 30 minutes (so the flour fully hydrates).

#### Step 3

Meanwhile, preheat oven to 350° with racks positioned in the middle and top half of the oven.

#### Step 4

Line two baking sheets with parchment paper. Once dough has thickened and is slightly firm, scoop 55 cookies with a 1 tablespoon measure. With slightly moistened hands, roll each cookie into a ball and place on parchment-lined sheet with about 2 inches in between each dough ball.

#### Step 5

Bake cookies until domed and golden brown, 7 to 9 minutes, rotating pans in the oven halfway through.

## **FUN FACTS**

- 1. It's traditional to eat a fruit you haven't eaten for a long time on the second night of Rosh Hashanah.
- 2. Apples and honey (and pomegranates) aren't the only symbolic foods traditionally enjoyed on Rosh Hashanah Other foods traditionally eaten to symbolize wishes for prosperity and health in the new year include dates, string beans, beets, pumpkins & leeks.
- 3. The shofar, the traditional ram's horn blown on Rosh Hashanah, is actually stinky!



## **INGREDIENTS**

#### **Ingredients**

4 large eggs

3/4 cup honey

3/4 cup vegetable oil

4 cups all-purpose flour

1/2 cup granulated sugar

1/4 cup brown sugar

1 tsp. baking powder

1 tsp. baking soda

3/4 tsp. kosher salt

1/2 tsp. ground cinnamon

1/4 tsp. freshly grated nutmeg











**SEPTEMBER** 

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## BIRTHDAYS

#### 9/22/2011 Sophie Jesion 9/22/2011 Samantha Leonard 9/23/2009 Hannah Berson-Klein 9/24/2010 Micah Caminsky 9/26/2011 Yaacov Edery 9/27/2011 Gabriel Abitan 9/27/2011 Elyssa Calabretta 9/27/2013 Ivy Ungar 9/29/2017 Jonah Dobie

## **OCTOBER**

10/2/2014 Levi Billick 10/2/2016 Gabriel Palma 10/2/2010 Ethan Schwartz 10/3/2018 Alon Kabilow 10/4/2016 Alexander Small 10/5/2014 Nicole Hasson 10/6/2018 Levi Pepin 10/6/2011 Brooke Zwikler 10/7/2016 Koby Schwartz 10/10/2016 Taylor Berke 10/10/2012 Emma Bohbot 10/11/2017 Sophie Tevel 10/13/2015 Mia Castiel 10/14/2010 Jonah Dym 10/14/2014 Sadie Rapps 10/15/2016 Alexis Petersen 10/16/2015 Ava Silver 10/18/2015 Brody Hersh 10/19/2012 Carly Billick 10/19/2017 Alexia Hasson 10/20/2014 Micah Grunberg 10/20/2017 Ezri Zigman 10/21/2015 Ryan Azoulay 10/21/2015 Audrey Greenberg 10/22/2014 Cassie Maislin 10/22/2017 Mila Mauer 10/22/2009 Miles Pepin 10/23/2012 Spencer Kaufman 10/23/2016 Summer Silver 10/23/2016 Lilly Watchorn 10/24/2013 Michael Jakubovic 10/24/2018 Dallas Silver 10/26/2016 Maya Bar-siman-tov 10/26/2015 Kathryn Watchorn 10/27/2015 Lauren Isenberg 10/28/2015 Lydia Mocanu 10/28/2013 Itay Segalovich 10/29/2015 Ariella Ahdoot 10/29/2018 Izzy Balaila 10/29/2012 Harlow Ellbogen 10/30/2013 Lia Banon

10/31/2013 Harry Geller

## **NOVEMBER**

11/1/2010 Noah Benizri

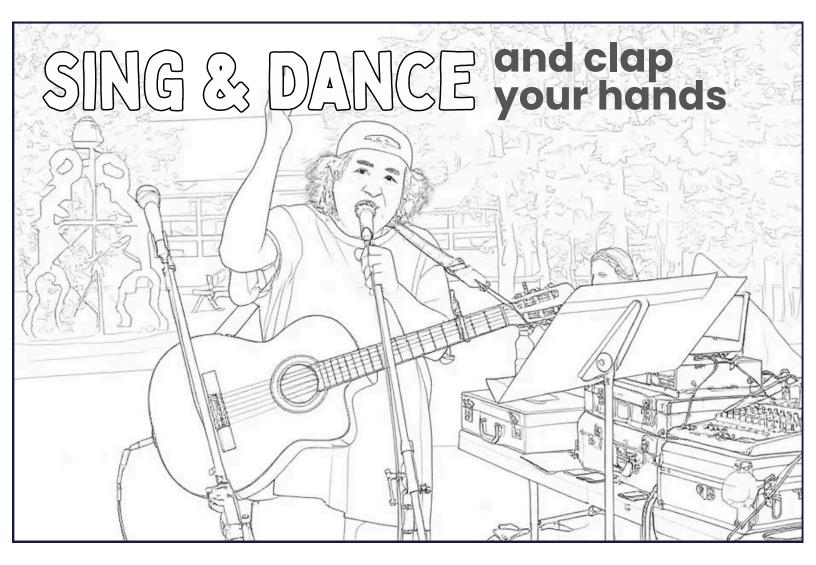
**DECEMBER** 11/1/2010 Jacob Peters 11/1/2012 Aubrey Rotchin 11/1/2010 Michaela Vallings-Eiley 12/3/2016 Chloe Levine 11/3/2015 Noah Benchimol 12/3/2012 Sofia Rotschild 11/4/2008 Rebecca Azoulay 12/3/2009 Dean Shuster 11/4/2016 Riley Bloomfield 12/4/2015 Lior Bitton 11/5/2011 Alexandre Lawi 12/4/2015 Desmond Szwarcok 11/6/2013 Jack Victor 12/5/2008 Beniamin Goodz 11/10/2011 Noah Laing 12/5/2015 Abby Victor 11/11/2015 Spencer Carin-Spunt 12/5/2011 Avery Wolch 11/12/2013 Nathan Lubin 12/6/2017 Sadie Selvin 11/12/2015 Seth Rosenberg 12/8/2016 Dani Greenstone 11/13/2017 Tali Kuczer 12/8/2016 Aaron Steinberg 11/13/2017 Hannah Martel 12/10/2010 Jonah Garonce 11/14/2015 Zachary Sacks 12/10/2010 Shiloh Garonce 11/14/2010 Ivy White 12/11/2015 Jack Bilmes 11/15/2013 Derek Kozlick 12/12/2013 Ethan Holtzberg 11/15/2015 Zoe Lubin 12/12/2013 Mason Holtzberg 11/16/2014 Ethan Rosenshein 12/12/2016 Mylo Rotchin 11/17/2917 Lily Smajovits 12/14/2012 Jaya Sawhney 11/19/2009 Gabriel Knecht 12/15/2011 Emma Szlak 11/20/2009 Maya Lacey Charszan 12/16/2011 Kyle Fellen 11/22/2012 Abigail Kashetsky 12/16/2009 David Finkel 11/23/2016 Maya Gurman 12/17/2015 Zachary Rothstein 11/23/2010 Liam Moyal 12/18/2012 Adam Edery 11/24/2017 Griffin Ansel 12/18/2018 Liam Rosenfeld 11/24/2016 Noah Barza 12/19/2008 Sean Rosen 11/24/2009 Shani Ben Ezra 12/20/2009 Asher Grunbaum 11/25/2014 Winston Brenhouse-McGarr 12/20/2012 Jake Nakache 11/26/2012 Emma Assouline 12/20/2017 Charlie Wiseman 11/26/2013 Henry Carin-Spunt 12/21/2011 Yaël axelrad 11/27/2009 Megan Morganstein 12/21/2009 Madison Bassal 11/28/2017 Rory Cohen 12/21/2008 Mikayla garfield 11/28/2017 Lev McHugh 12/21/2009 Benjamin Serour 11/29/2018 Romi Dery 12/21/2013 Mila Stark 11/29/2015 Chloe Roter 12/22/2011 Ashley Chaimberg 11/30/2012 Gabrielle Amar 12/22/2010 Matthew McCrory 11/30/2011 Haley Meles 12/22/2010 Kaylee Pekofsky

## **CRAFTS**



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**CBB Shabbat Rockstar!** 













# CAMP B'NAI BRITH 5445

# GUIDED TOURS AVAILABLE 10:00AM & 11:00AM

registration required; https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/fallOH25

SELF GUIDED TOURS 10:00AM - 12:00PM

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