

CBB WINTER NEWSLETTER

December 2025



DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Winter gives us a chance to plan and reflect and at **Camp B'nai Brith**, it's also when we think most deeply about purpose. Camp is more than summer fun. It's a place where **Jewish life** is lived, where values are practiced, and where kids learn what it means to belong to a community that cares about them.

As we plan for **Summer 2026**, we're investing our energy into new and improved programming that strengthens not just what our campers do, but who they become. Through activities, friendships, and shared responsibility, camp builds **confidence**, pride in Jewish identity, and a sense of **connection** that lasts well beyond the summer months. Judaism at camp isn't about sitting still, it's about living our values. It shows up in how campers treat one another, in **teamwork**, and caring for the community around us. These experiences matter, especially in a world where feeling rooted and **proud** of who you are makes a real difference.

Thank you for being part of the CBB family and for trusting us. We are excited for what's ahead and can't wait to welcome everyone back to a place where we come together in the most meaningful way.

Josh, Dayna, Jarred & Chelsea

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

**LET'S ALL MAKE 2026
UNFORGETTABLE IN THE BEST
WAY POSSIBLE!**

CAMPER CARE TEAM

Each age group has an assigned dedicated social worker/educator on hand to assist our campers through any challenge they may face.

***The Camper Care Team** is your first line of communication as parents should you have any concerns or questions.*

You can expect a call from your child's Camper Care Coordinator before the summer with an introduction, and a chance to discuss any issues or concerns you may have.

JUNIORS

Megan Littman



Nat
Soussan



INTERs

Jess Welik



SENIORS

Shira Levitt



CO-EDs

Susan Marks



Our Camper Care team **partners** closely with families to ensure every camper feels **supported** and safe.

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Beat the WINTER BLUES

TIPS & TRICKS

- **Get outside daily**, even for 10–15 minutes. Natural light boosts your mood!
- **Bake** for fun and to share!

keep reading to find your
new favourite recipe!

- **Open your blinds** right away each morning to maximize daylight exposure indoors.
- **Move your body:** short walks, stretching, dancing in the kitchen – anything that gets blood moving.
- **Warm, cozy rituals:** hot tea, heated blankets, candles – simple comfort reduces stress and tension.
- **Limit doom-scrolling** and news binges, especially late in the day.
- **COUNT DOWN TO CAMP!!**



GIVING WARMS THE HEART

Raise Days 2026:

Save the Date! – May 7, 2026

We're excited to announce that our annual **Raise Days** campaign is coming up on **May 7, 2026!** Each year, this vital fundraiser helps ensure that children who might not otherwise have the means can experience the magic of **Camp B'nai Brith**. We truly count on the strength and generosity of our CBB **community** to make this possible. Last year's Raise Days was unforgettable - parents, alumni, and staff came together for our call-a-thon, reaching more donors than ever before. The energy was **incredible**, and it was deeply inspiring to see our CBB families and friends rally behind a mission we all care so deeply about. What makes CBB so **special** is our commitment to continuously innovate, support our families, and give the gift of summer to every child. Raise Days helps us do exactly that.

If you'd like to get involved this year-volunteering, spreading the word, or participating in our social media challenges (*prizes included!*) I'd love to hear from you! Please feel free to reach out at chelsea.sculnick@cbbmtl.org.

We'll be sharing more details as the campaign approaches. Looking forward to another meaningful and successful **Raise Days!**

days 'til camp!

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MEET YOUR 2026 HEAD STAFF

Our Head Staff are **leaders** first, committed to care, community, and creating the best possible camp **experience**



RICHIE ULLMANN
JUNIOR BOYS



NATHAN FOY
JUNIOR BOYS



KATY BERENBAUM
JUNIOR GIRLS



INTER GIRLS



RYAN LINDER
INTER BOYS



ILAN NEUMAN
SENIOR BOYS



LISA ROSENTHAL
SENIOR GIRLS



CHALUTZIM



PIONEERS



NORA CANDIOTTI
SITS



GABBY EZERZER
BOATING



ILANA GLUZ
SWIMMING



OLIVIA URMAN
SOCIAL MEDIA



BEN ROSENZWEIG
LOGISTICS



SACHA BENGIO
OUTDOOR ADVENTURE



MATT STARR
SPORTS

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WINTER BIRTHDAYS

December

MIKAYLA GARFIELD 21
MADISON BASSAL 21
BENJAMIN SEROUR 21
JAX TOLEDANO 21
YAËL AXELRAD 21
MILA STARK 21
MATTHEW MCCRORY 22
KAYLEE PEKOFKY 22
ASHLEY CHAIMBERG 22
ROBERT SMALL 23
LILY ZELMAN 23
MORGAN ZELMAN 23
MOISHE GARONCE 24
MASON KLIGMAN 24
CHARLIE MUROFF 24
GABRIEL IFERGAN 25
EMILIA FUKS 25
OMRI BOUGANIM 26
MADISON LEVINE SLEPP 26
MEGAN ISENBERG 27
DANIELLE WOHLMUTH 27
JORY KUCZER 28
Yael ABDoo 29
JORDAN GOLDENBERG 29
ASHER KARPfen 30
BRANDON DALFEN 30
AURÉLIA ABECASSIS 31
BRODY KRUGER 31
BLAKE SELVIN 31
DYLAN BARZILAY 31

January

SOPHIA AMAR 16
AUSTIN ABENHAIM 17
OLIVER FATTAL 17
ANITA AHDOOT 17
AVA SACKS 17
REBECCA ROKHMANKO 18
ARIELLA ISRAEL 18
EVA PERETZ 18
MYA ABISSIDAN 18
JUSTIN BILMES 18
DANIELLA ROSSDEUTSCHER 18
KOBY PEPIN 20
EVA FAROVITCH 21
LAYLA FINEBERG 22
YOAV BENHAIM 23
EDEN AMAR 23
HARRISON EISMAN 23
MILO KAMINSKI 23
BLAKE TREIBER 23
JACK SAIBIL 24
SLOAN SWIFT-BRENNAN 25
TYLER SWIFT-BRENNAN 25
ARIEL BENEDEK 26
MAYA SVETLIZA 27
SONNY SILVERSTEIN 28
HAILEY MAISLIN 29
GAVIN PERLIS 29
JONAH SMITH 29
SARA ULLMANN 30
MAYA TURNER 31
SAMANTHA KLIGMAN 31
OLIVIA ROSENFELD 31
LIAM FIGUEIRO 31

February

SHILOH WINTER LOEB 8
TEHVA CUKIER-WATTERS 8
AVA OBRAND 10
ELLA CASTIEL 11
JONATHAN KOLOFSKY 11
JACOB BAKER 11
CONNOR FLEISCHER 12
MAX ARANOFF 12
ALEXA CLARKE 12
YEHONATHAN COHEN 13
BRODY DERMER 14
SAMUEL ROCCO MARTINEZ 14
JULIETTE SASSON 14
THEODORE ZENTNER 17
MACKENZIE MIHALY 18
MYLES MAUER 18
RYDER KORMAN 19
ARIE MALEWSKI 19
OLIVIA COHEN 21
STEFANIE CYTRYNBAUM 21
ZOEY VINOKUR 22
DANIEL MOZES 22
AIDEN MUSCOTT 23
GABRIEL CARON 23
CHLOE COHEN 23
BLAKE SZWARCOK 24
ELIAV COHEN 25
SOPHIE HASSON 25
THOR WOODEN 26
BRIANNA LONDON 27
SCARLETT ARONOVITCH 27
BAILEY LITTMAN 27
TALIA GRINBLATT 28
DAVID SIMHON 28
HARLEY ZENTNER 29

March

ALEXIS HAMBURG 1
SARAH RENAUD 2
MAYA DERAi 6
REBECCA WEISS 7
STONE ROSENBERG 8
HAYLEE BAUM 8
ZACHARY KLEINERMAN 9
NITZAN BUCHNIK 10
ROMEE WAJCMAN 10
GEMMA CHAUSSE 10
TAYLOR WISEMAN 11
MIKAELA SOIFERMAN 11
MILES ABENHAIM 12
HARLEY ARANOFF 12
WILLIAM FHIMA 12
JACOB TAKEFMAN 12
LUKE KOZLICK 15
ROSE IFERGAN 16
MALLIE WENER 16
MIA POLLAK 17
SLOAN ZOLDAN 17
EMMY PINSKY 19
LILYBELLE GOLDENBERG 21

January

LiorA SOLOMON 2
TALIA ROTSCHILD 2
YAIR YIFRACH-STAV 3
KAYLEE GUREVITCH 3
GABRIELLE LEVY 3
HARRISON FEIFER 4
JAYDEN LARRY 4
HAYLEY ALTMAN 6
SKYLA PIZZOLITTO 7
JEREMY FATTAL 8
LOU KAMINSKI 8
ALYSSA GUIGUI 11
JAYME FODOR 11
ZACK MARGALITH 12
ASHTON ZUNENSHINE 12
CLARA RENAUD 14
LIAM ATLAN 15
MICHA BAAZOV 15
BENJAMIN ZILMAN 16

February

OLIVIA BYER 1
ASHER GOFFMAN 1
SARAH SEDLEZKY 1
DYLAN DUSKES 2
MAX ICKMAN 2
CHARLOTTE AMAR 2
EMMA THANASSOULIS 3
MYLA SUISSA 3
HARLEY ZUCKER 4
EMILY SEBAG 4
BENJAMIN HIRSH 5
LAUREN STOCK 6
MIRA BRETHOLZ 6
ALEC DIAZ 6
ALEXANDER FATTAL 6
SAMUEL DERAi 7
MIKAELA SUKONNIK 8



WINTER BLUES BUSTING CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIES

INGREDIENTS

10 tablespoon (140g) salted butter
1 ½ cups (215g) all-purpose flour
¾ teaspoon baking soda
¼ teaspoon salt
⅔ cup (145g) packed light brown sugar
⅓ cup (65g) granulated sugar

1 large egg at room temperature
1 tablespoon (15ml) milk
1 teaspoon (5ml) pure vanilla extract*
3 oz (85g) dark chocolate, coarsely
chopped into chunks plus extra for
topping
½ cup (85g) semisweet chocolate chips
flaky sea salt (optional for topping)

INSTRUCTIONS -

Preheat your oven to 375°F. Line two large cookie sheets with parchment paper.

- First brown the butter. Immediately pour it into a large mixing bowl, then let it cool for 20-30 minutes until it reaches a temperature just warmer than room temperature. (between 32 and 34°C or between 90 and 93°F).
- Combine flour, baking soda and salt in a medium bowl and whisk well to blend evenly.
- Combine cooled brown butter with both sugars in a large bowl and mix gently with a spatula to mix. It should look thick like thick wet sand. You can also mix it in the bowl of a stand mixer fitted with the paddle attachment and mix on medium speed for 20 seconds.
- Add the egg, milk and vanilla and mix it in until well incorporated and creamy-looking. Do not beat vigorously at this stage because if it is cold in your house, the butterfat will firm up and become stiff.
- Add flour mixture and fold it in or mix on low just until mostly combined, then add the chocolate chunks and chips before all of the flour is incorporated and continue mixing until they are evenly distributed.
- Cover the bowl and refrigerate the dough for 1-4 hours (in a pinch, you can chill for just 1 hour, but minimum 2 hours is best).
- Use a 1.35-oz cookie scoop to portion dough into 14 pieces (about 2 oz or 56g each) and roll into smooth balls. Place them onto prepared baking sheets, spacing them 3 inches apart. Press a few extra chunks of chocolate on top if you wish. Do not flatten. Bake for 8-10 minutes until golden on top, browned around the edges and soft in the middle. (Note, you can also make slightly smaller cookies using a 1 ¼-oz cookie scoop)
- Let cookies cool on baking sheet for 2 minutes before carefully transferring to a wire rack to finish cooling. Top with flaky sea salt if you wish and enjoy!

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HIGH POINT DAYCAMP



Summer 2025 at **High Point** was truly unforgettable.

From the laughter-filled moments to the new **skills** developed on the field, lake, and trails, every day brought something **special**. Campers challenged themselves with swimming, arts-and-crafts, sports, and outdoor **adventures**, all while building friendships that will last far beyond the season. Our staff created a warm, **supportive** environment where everyone felt included, **encouraged**, and excited to try new things. I was thrilled to bring back **outings** this year and to infuse even more of the CBB spirit into High Point. As we look ahead to **Summer 2026**, the excitement is already building. We're planning even MORE creative programs, **FRESH** theme days, expanded activities, and new **opportunities** for campers to discover their strengths. Most of all, we can't wait to welcome returning **campers** back home and greet new faces who will become part of the High Point **family**. If this past summer was amazing, next summer is shaping up to be even better.

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WHAT DO YOUR INTERNATIONAL STAFF DO FOR THE HOLIDAYS??

*Have you ever wondered how your **international** staff celebrate their winter holidays??*

Israel



- Hanukkah: Menorah lighting, sufganiyot, latkes, dreidels
- Hanukkah Festivals: Theater shows, children's performances
- Bakery Sufganiyah Competitions: Seasonal specialty doughnuts
- Winter Nature Hikes: Popular during school break
- Sigd (Ethiopian Jewish): Prayer, gathering, and cultural celebration

United Kingdom



- Hogmanay (Scotland): Fireworks, "first-footing," torch parades
- Winter Solstice at Stonehenge: Sunrise gatherings and celebrations
- New Year's Day Dips: Charity cold-water swims

Australia



& New Zealand



summer season during global winter!

- Beach Gatherings & Picnics: Family celebrations at the ocean
- Barbecues & Camping: Outdoor summer holiday traditions
- Sydney New Year's Fireworks: Major global celebration
- Candlelight Concerts: Outdoor music events
- Indigenous Summer Ceremonies: Storytelling, dance, and fire rituals

*"These **traditions** are part of what makes our camp community so rich and help our campers learn about the world while staying rooted in **Jewish** life."*

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SPOTLIGHT

Hey CBB Families!!

If you haven't already heard about our amazing partnership with **BBYO Montreal**, there's no better time than now! BBYO offers weekly programs, **community service** projects, leadership opportunities, Jewish experiences, and both regional and international events. Through these moments, teens build **confidence**, friendships, and skills that stay with them long after their teenage years. Our goal is simple: to help every teen feel included, empowered, and excited to be part of a strong Jewish community.

In the past four months, we've launched incredible **chapter programs** in both the city and the West Island, running biweekly. We brought teens to Toronto for Fall Convention to connect with hundreds of other BBYO members **across Canada**, hosted a meaningful Havdalah service, and so much more. All these programs are available for teens in grade 8 through their first year of CEGEP.

We also offer our Connect program, introducing BBYO to grades 7–8 with fun monthly programs designed just for them.

We can't wait to see your teen at our upcoming events!

To stay in the loop, sign up for all Montreal BBYO updates at bbyo.ca/montreal/info.



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THE FUN STUFF!!

*A little camp fun to brighten your winter,
enjoy with your campers!*

 **Why did the hot dog refuse to go to camp?**

It didn't want to ketchup on chores.

 **Why do canoes make terrible comedians?**

They always paddle their punchlines.

 **What did one tree say to the other at camp?**

"Are you stumped too, or is it just me?"

 **Why do tents make good friends?**

Because they're always pitching in.

BEACH
BEYACHAD
BOATING
BONNIE
BUBBY
BUS
CAMP
CHALUTZIM
CHELSEA
DAYNA
FARM
FLAGPOLE
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JARRED
JESS
JOSH
JUNIORS
INTERs

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MUSIC
PIONEERS
ROCKYROAD
ROOKIES
ROPES
ROUNDUP
SENIORS
SHABBAT
SHIRA
SITS
SUMMER
SUNSCREEN
THEMEDAY
TUCK
WATERSKI
WIBBIT
YAKOVSASSI