## CAMP JUDAEA

# **Developing Our Future**



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#### To Our CJ Family,

We are so excited to be embarking on Camp Judaea's 56<sup>th</sup> summer. This season, CJ will be home to more than 600 campers, our highest enrollment ever. We are thrilled that so many campers will experience the magic and beauty of a CJ summer and the life-long friendships that follow.

In order to balance this growth while ensuring that CJ remains the special place we know and love, we are hard at work planning for Camp Judaea's future and needs. Inside this pamphlet, you will see several of the projects we are developing to make this special place even better. CJ's upcoming projects include:

Building a new, larger Chadar Ochel
Creating a modernized Art Center
Enhancing the Aquatics Center with a Teaching and Sports Pool
Constructing another Cabin Village
Expanding our Beit Knesset

Each of these projects is designed to facilitate and continue the feelings of connection, belonging, and strong Jewish identity that makes CJ so special. As members of the Board of Directors, we are committed to immersing campers in a vibrant Jewish, Israel-focused environment where they learn the values of respect, teamwork, leadership, and community. Everything we do—from building new cabin villages to providing more scholarships—is driven by this mission.

If you should ever have any questions about our work, or if you would like to help spread the message of all the great things happening at CJ, please do not hesitate to contact us. We can be reached via email at <a href="mailto:antbinx2@gmail.com">antbinx2@gmail.com</a> (Robin Mendelson) or at <a href="mailto:civiagerber@yahoo.com">civiagerber@yahoo.com</a> (Civia Lieb Gerber).

Sincerely,

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#### What's New for Summer 2016

Migrash Kadur Sal (Basketball Courts): Our newly resurfaced basketball courts are done just in time for everyone to enjoy this summer! Make sure you stop by to see how nice they look before you leave today!



#### What's on the Horizon

You will see pictures and drawings of the capital improvements we have made at Camp Judaea in the past year and will do in the years ahead. As CJ grows and becomes more enriched with history, we will expand and improve upon the resources available to our campers. You will also notice formal recognition in the new cabin village to thank everyone who participated in helping make that dream a reality three summers ago. Thank you to all of our donors!

Ask how you can join current campers and their families, CJ alumni, grantmakers, and other supporters in offering your time, talent, and treasure to benefit Camp Judaea.

## Brand New Chadar Ochel (Dining Hall) – SUMMER 2017!!!!



We are excited to announce that we've received a \$2.6 million grant to build a new *chadar ochel* to better accommodate more campers and staff in one seating. As camp expands, we need the capacity to make sure everyone is always well fed! The new building, which will be completed in time for next summer, will also feature a culinary arts classroom. We are excited that you will be able to see us break ground today on this exciting new facility.

#### Coming Soon!

#### MERKAZ OMANUT (ART CENTER)



Our envisioned Arts Center will feature four art studios as well as a woodshop, a pottery shop and a digital photography lab. We have already begun raising funds for this amazing project, thanks to early donations from the June Baumgardner Gelbart Foundation, the Robert Russell Memorial Foundation, and Liz Schmier. The Art Center will be located where the *Moadon Madrachim* is now and will allow for more in depth experiences in a variety of artistic mediums.

## EXPANDED BRICHA (POOL)



Last summer, we debuted our new swimming pool, which was Phase 1 of our new aquatics center. Our next major phase of the aquatics center will include adding pool amenities as well as a teaching and sports pool. We want our campers to have plenty of opportunities to have fun in the water and to have time to improve their strokes. As camp grows, having an expanded aquatics area is important so that we can ensure every camper gets to go in the water every day.

### FIVE MORE TSRIFIM (CABINS)



We are planning to raise the funds to build our second new village of five cabins directly across from the existing new village. Another necessity of a growing camp is expanding and improving housing as enrollment increases. A third and fourth village of cabins is envisioned on the hay field behind the *ampikol* in the years to follow. We envision the center of camp in the future to be near the pool and these new villages.

### EXPANDED BEIT KNESSET (SYNAGOGUE)



An expanded Zwerner Family Beit Knesset will accommodate more campers and staff. As pictured above, the current space that we have is too small to accommodate all of the campers that we serve (although this means it is always full of plenty of ruach!) As more and more campers and their families decide that Camp Judaea is the place they want to be, it is critical we enhance this space for activities, such as morning tefilah.