

The Wise Times

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Update for 2008!

Even though it's winter in Cleveland, we're hard at work planning for the summer! Here are some highlights of what's going on...

1. Over 500 campers have already registered for 2008!

That's almost 100 more than we had last year at this time. Just to give you some perspective of how much we've grown, since 2004 we have 86 percent more campers! Wowza! While there are a couple age groups already filled (1st session Ohalim girls, 1st session Noar boys and girls, 1st session Solel boys and girls, Rishon II and III girls), we still have a handful of open spots everywhere else. We've had such a great time the last few months traveling around Ohio and beyond, sharing stories, photos, and our new video with kids and families at JCCs and synagogues. We even have a few new campers joining us from Phoenix, Arizona! If you'd like to host a meeting for friends to learn more about camp, just let us know and we'll come to you!

2. **Staff applications are flowing in!** That means we'll get to choose the very best returning staff and handpick new staff members from all across the U.S., and other countries like Israel, England and New Zealand! Already lined up for supervisor positions for 2008 are Ann Kravec, Jennie Post, Mara Berde, Jeff Greenwald, Beth Young, Ben Pargament, Andy Saltzman, Alon Zukerman, and Michael Bertner!

3. **Construction is underway!** See page 5 for details about the exciting projects happening for this coming summer! ★





Solel '07 girls show their camp spirit!

solel expands to 2nd session

With the creation of the Yurt Village last summer, we finally have space to accommodate all the 10th graders who want to be a part of Solel! Previously only offered as a 1st session program that shared living space with Noar, now Solel campers have their own home, and the option of two sessions, or the full summer! ★



Along with the physical improvements to camp this year, we're also making some significant changes in the way we take care of our environment as we go green!

We've made gradual steps over the last few summers, like growing our own vegetables in our camp garden, building recycling centers in each village, and teaching Leave No Trace camping skills.

This year, we've made a decision to prioritize the environment in every way possible. As we begin the construction projects at camp, we're taking extra care to ensure that the natural environment is minimally impacted by all the work. That means, for example, that before the construction workers even began, we walked around the woods with them to shift buildings around to save as many trees as possible. With the expansion of our kitchen and dining hall, we are so excited to share that we will no longer be using Styrofoam or paper products at meals! We'll also be implementing a camp-wide recycling program, working to reduce food waste, and conserving energy by reducing our electricity usage. ★

At camp, kids are often surprised to learn that environmental activism is a Jewish value – and that in the Torah it actually talks about not being wasteful and taking care of the earth! Tu B'Shevat (the Jewish Festival of the Trees) is the perfect day to learn about this, and **on January 21 at the Mandel JCC, we'll be hosting the very first Teen Tu B'shevat Festival, open to all 9-12th graders.** From 1- 4 pm, teens are invited to learn through hands-on presentations and discussions with from local and regional organizations that are making a difference. ★

be in touch!



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The new 100th Anniversary mural on the chadar, made by every 2007 camper and staff member.



Campers from the early years (1907-1940) reminisce together at a camp Shabbat dinner.

a year in review: celebrating our 100th in style

The 100th Anniversary of Camp Wise was a year-long celebration of fun, friends, and memories. Starting with the rousing Song Leaders' Concert in December and ending with the community-wide Alumni & Friends Picnic held Labor Day Weekend, we honored our past and celebrated our future, bringing hundreds of camp alumni back to the Home of Happiness.

At the Mandel JCC, song leaders from the past 50 summers came together to lead the crowd – ranging in age from infants to past campers now in their 90s – in old favorites like, "If I Had a Hammer" and "Hiney Ma Tov," and newer hits like "Salaam."

Our *Celebrating the Generations* Fundraiser brought together alumni and current campers in an unbelievable summer-long celebration of the history of camp. Each week, a different era of alumni were invited for Friday night Shabbat dinner, and even those who attended camp at its two previous locations couldn't believe how much the spirit and community of camp had stayed true to their memories. Through the stories, songs, and cheers of the alumni, our campers were given a gift – a real-time sense of the meaning of the word "tradition."

During the summer we had two gigantic birthday parties to celebrate our 100th, and both sessions included special air-drops of treats out of a plane (by Camp Wise alum Mitch Kronig and Jim Levine – a tradition from when they were at camp in the 70s and 80s!). Every 2007 camper had a part in making our giant 100th anniversary mural on the back of the chadar, designed by counselor Jessie Bruder and arts and crafts specialist Amanda Bruell (see photo).

The culminating events took place over Labor Day weekend, when nearly 100 alumni and their families partook in Alumni Camp – a weekend full of camp activities, bonfires, and reminiscing, and then another 500 alumni and friends joined us for our 100th Anniversary Alumni & Friends Picnic. Highlights from the picnic included honoring Lenny Rubin, a great BBQ cooked up by our very own chef Larry, a dedication of the new Alliwise Gateway into camp, and the Ohalim Moadon transformed into a camp museum full of old photos, movies, and memorabilia. ★



Torah Rabah to our summer volunteer doctors!

Scott Singer • Rita Cydulka • Suzanne Kominsky • Alan Kominsky • Lisa Weiss
• Jeffrey Shall • Chris Young

If you are a physician or nurse and you'd like to be a part of our 2008 summer medical team, let us know! Our paid nurses live at camp, and our volunteer doctors make themselves available to us on-call, visit for "clinics," or stay for the weekend. ★

the best of the best

Staff Scholarship is the highest honor we award our staff each summer — actually, it's the highest honor they award to each other! At the end of the summer, staff members nominate their peers who go that extra mile — always there to lend a hand, constantly full of energy and enthusiasm, and a leader amongst the group. A committee made up of previous Staff Scholarship recipients reads all the nominations and selects the summer's winners. The committee then organizes an auction of items donated by staff (this past year's items included our tennis specialist Ash's favorite racket and a night on the town in NYC with our Solel Supervisor Mara) and the money raised is awarded to the Scholarship recipients. As a way of saying, "We think you're awesome!" camp matches the scholarship amount the following year as a bonus added to the Staff Scholarship winners' salaries.

In 2007 we had five winners:

Amy Williams was a counselor in both Solel and Noar this summer — her 3rd year on staff and her 10th at camp. Amy is a junior at Syracuse University, double majoring in Television, Radio, Film and Women's Studies. Amy's favorite memory of the summer was bonding with the Noar girls over burritos and s'mores on their overnight in the woods.

Melissa Shamis is a 3rd year counselor who has worked with both Ohalim and Chalutzim. Melissa is a sophomore at the University of Michigan studying business. Her favorite memories of last summer, her 10th at camp, were hanging out with her campers at bedtime and planning Chalutzim "Domination" Night.

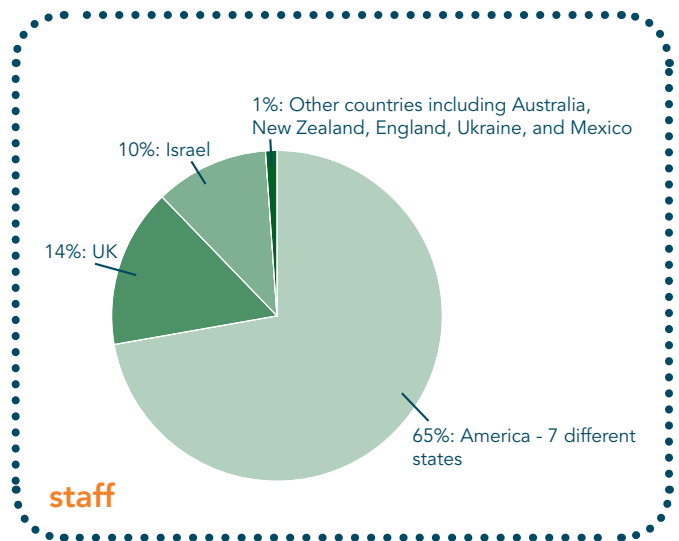
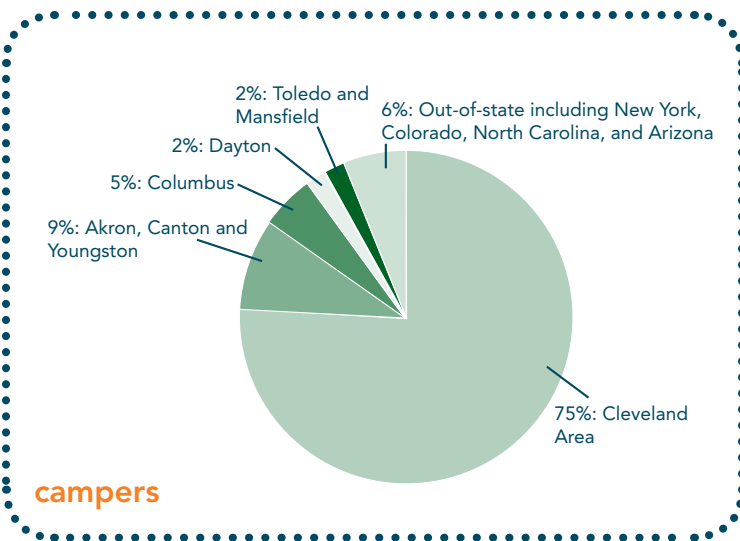
Adam Klein was our Pool Supervisor in 2007, his 4th year on staff and his 10th summer at camp. Adam is

a junior at Boston University studying molecular biology and biochemistry. Adam's favorite memory of last summer was receiving a standing ovation from the entire camp after performing onstage.

Lily Rumsey was our dance specialist for her 2nd summer at Wise. Lily has taken dance to new levels at camp, and can always be found with a smile on her face and a group of campers surrounding her. Lily lives in England and is studying at Liverpool John Moores University to become a dance instructor.

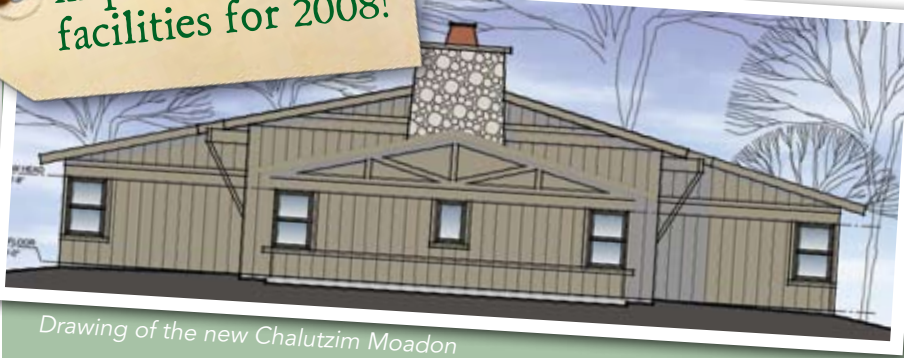
Adam Josephson completed his 12th summer at camp and his 4th on staff in 2007 as the head counselor of Noar. Adam has been a counselor in almost every village in camp and loved being in Noar this year. Adam is currently a junior at Emory University studying finance. ★

where we come from



new & improved facilities for 2008!

Check out photo updates of the construction throughout the winter at www.campwise.org



Drawing of the new Chalutzim Moadon

We are so excited to share our plans for all the amazing projects underway at camp this winter! If the weather cooperates, by the time camp opens in June we will have some incredible new facilities, improvements and renovations! As with all the renovations we do out at camp, our goal is to bring our facilities up to the first-rate quality of our program, without changing the “feel” of Camp Wise. We think this year’s projects will make camp even better than it’s been so far! At the end of this year’s renovations, we’ll also have winterized camp facilities! What does that mean? Well, imagine cross-country skiing from Chalutzim to the Chadar! That’s right. Our new winterized facilities means that we will be expanding our own programming to include winter camps, school programs and new family weekends, and we’ll also be partnering with the Retreat Institute here in Cleveland to create a year-round retreat center at Camp Wise!

Here’s are the projects underway at camp:

- **New Ohalim shower house!** That’s right, we’re knocking down the current shower house and building a larger one in its place.
- **Renovated and winterized Chalutzim cabins!** Chalutzim campers will no longer have to walk to the shower house...the

showers are moving to the cabins! In addition, the cabins are being rearranged so that each building will become two separate cabins with separate entrances, sharing a bathroom and a back porch.

- **New pottery studio and renovations to Arts & Crafts!** We’ll be renovating the inside of our current Art Shack, building a new pottery studio next to it, and connecting the two buildings with a new covered outdoor program space so that kids can still work outside in the rain or hot sun!
- **A new winterized Chalutzim Moadon (rec hall) and Staff Lodge!** That’s right, Chalutzimers, you finally get your own moadon, and not just a shared room off the Chadar Ochel (dining hall)! How cool is that? We’ll also have six new staff rooms to house our summer senior staff, medical team, and visiting educators.
- **Expanded, renovated, and winterized Chadar Ochel (dining hall)!** Not only will we have a much larger kitchen with full dairy and meat sides, but we’ll have a larger dining hall with new bathrooms! By taking down the wall around the fireplace we’ll have plenty of room to eat without leaning again the person sitting behind you! (Don’t worry, the fireplace is staying put – how else could we do CW Night without a fire!?) ★

We’re planning for the next 100 years at the Home of Happiness

Now that we’ve passed the 100-summer milestone, we’re ready to start planning for the future to ensure that Camp Wise is around when our campers are bubbies and zaydies themselves! In August, a committee comprised of camp alumni, Mandel JCC Board members, camp parents, and current staff embarked on a process to write a Strategic Plan for Camp Wise. The committee is charged with developing a vision for the future of camp and creating the plan to get us there.

We’re excited to be working with a professional consultant from the Grinspoon Foundation to write the plan. Camp Wise is one of the Jewish overnight camps from across the country selected to be a part of the Grinspoon Institute, a program of the Harold Grinspoon Foundation dedicated to strengthening Jewish overnight camps by committing funds to the areas of strategic planning, board development, fundraising, facility development and alumni outreach. Harold Grinspoon, one of the most generous Jewish philanthropists in the country, believes Jewish camping is a key to Jewish continuity and has dedicated millions of dollars to the field in recent years.

“It all goes back to ‘I love the Jewish people, but I think we’re in trouble,’” Grinspoon says. “My thesis is, ‘What’s the best way to invest money and get a return on the investment?’ The more you can gather Jewish kids around a campfire for a Jewish experience,” he says, “the more you can keep the tribe together.”

We couldn’t agree more! A huge Todah Rabah to our Strategic Planning Committee members:

**Bob Allenick
Scott Brown
Terry Pollack
Enid Rosenberg
Bennett Rubin
Bill Schonberg
Cathy Sebo
Alan Semel
Elizabeth Sherman
Jon Steiger
Steve Willensky
Darrell Young**

camp wise receives tikkun olam grant for second year

In 2007, we were proud to be selected as a recipient of the Coca Cola/JCC Association Day of Caring/Day of Sharing grant.

Designed to fund activities in JCC camps focused on making the world a better place, the Day of Caring/Day of Sharing grant enabled us to further develop Project Tikkun, our camp-wide community service initiative we started with the same grant in 2006. Project Tikkun, now a meaningful part of our camp program, gives campers of every age group the opportunity to live the values of *tzedakah* and *tikkun olam*. Campers in Chalutzim and Ohalim focused their efforts within camp with projects like a village herb and flower garden while our older villages learned about the needs of the larger community. Noar teamed up



Campers Luke Shawlson and Arielle Miller get to know one of the visually-impaired campers at Highbrook Lodge for the Noar Project Tikkun program.

with Highbrook Lodge, the overnight camp of the Cleveland Sight Center, and Solel spent time at Menorah Park, bringing camp activities to the residents in honor of our elder camp alumni to celebrate our 100th anniversary. ★

celebrating in Israel

By Mitch Neides and Evan Wahl
(Ohalim '07...Noar '08!)

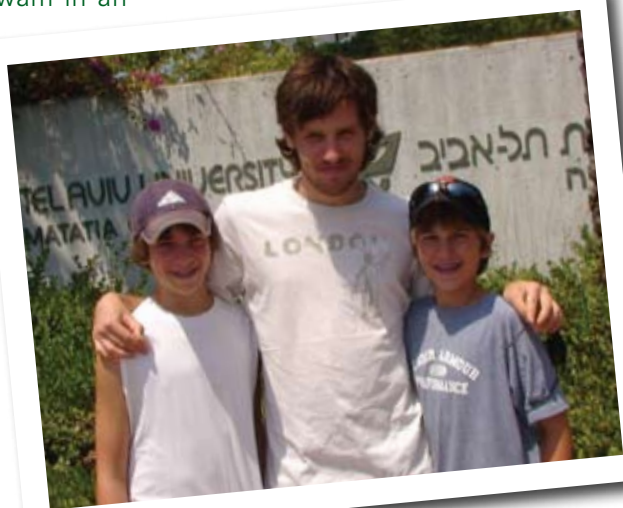
This past summer after camp, we had an amazing experience with our families visiting Israel. We visited important historical sites and had many adventures. We hiked through the Golan Heights and swam in an

oasis in the South. We repelled into caves, took water tunnel excursions, floated in the Dead Sea, rafted down the Jordan River, rode a zip line down a mountain bordering Lebanon, and participated in an archaeological dig.

The two highlights of our trip were our B'nai Mitzvah service overlooking the Western Wall and the Old City of Jerusalem, and getting together with one of our favorite counselors from the summer, Eyal Bigal. Eyal was not just a counselor to us, he was a close friend. He came all the way to Tel Aviv to spend time with us and made what was already an awesome trip even better. It was great to introduce Eyal to our families because he was one of the staff members we couldn't stop talking about after Camp Wise ended.

It was also so special to do the Camp Wise Shabbat service with our families at the Western Wall. We brought copies of the camp service with us and showed our families how we celebrate Shabbat at camp.

We are so grateful we are to our parents for taking us on this trip. This was a trip of a lifetime that we will never forget. ★



Campers Mitch Neides and Evan Wahl reconnect with '07 horseback riding specialist Eyal Bigal in Tel Aviv.

camp wise goes to Israel with JCC Maccabbi Israel!

By Evan Meles, '07 SIT

This past summer I was a part of a new program with four other Camp Wise Staff-In-Training (SIT) participants - Matt Zuckerman, Sarah Minkin, Ethan Goodman, and Dori Levy. We came to camp for the first week as SITs, then traveled to Israel for four weeks, and then returned to camp for the last two weeks. We explored all the different regions and cultures of a truly amazing country with kids from all across the United States. We had a unique opportunity to spend a week living with Israeli teens from the Kinneret region in their homes, learning what it was like to be an Israeli teen.

While the entire trip was amazing, my favorite part was when we were in the Negev. It was a lot of physical activity and group-building and felt a lot like camp. We were in the middle of the desert, sleeping under the stars, having a really great time without the distractions of cities, technology, and the commotion of everyday life. ★



Going to Israel was absolutely incredible. I took away new life experiences I would have never gotten in America. I expanded my Jewish identity and made

some really good friends from the States and from Israel. I can't wait to go back, and am happy this first adventure to Israel was with friends from Camp Wise.

**for 2008 we will be offering
this trip again!**

Co-sponsored by Camp Wise and JCC Maccabi Israel (experts in the teen Israel experience), this trip is specially designed for JCC overnight camp teens, bringing together teens from JCC camps across the country. The trip begins and ends with time at camp, with the four weeks in Israel including Shabbat at the Western Wall, climbing Masada, floating in the Dead Sea, touring Jerusalem and Tel Aviv, hiking in the Negev, and living with an Israeli teen. Entering 11th and 12th grade are eligible to participate. Please be in touch if you'd like to be a part of a special conference call in February to learn more about the program. ★



top 10 lists of 2007

At the end of the summer, we survey our campers to see what they loved about camp and what we can do to make it even better! Straight from the campers, here's the best of Camp Wise 2007!

Top 10 Favorite Chugs

1. Horseback Riding
2. Outdoor Cooking
3. Boating
4. Climbing Tower
5. Basketball
6. Archery
7. Radio
8. Dance
9. Video
10. Soccer

Top 10 Favorite Evening Programs

1. Crazy Go Nuts
2. Iron Chef
3. Alpaca Night
4. Beauty and the Beast
5. Wild West Night
6. Pickle Night
7. 80's Prom
8. Chalutzim Domination
9. Survivor
10. Clue

Top 10 Favorite Cabin Activities

1. Jet skiing
2. Tie-dying
3. High Ropes
4. Giant Swing
5. Drama
6. Climbing Tower
7. Hockey
8. Horseback Riding
9. Archery
10. Mountain Biking

Lenny Rubin Israel Center open in '08



On April 18, 2007, Lenny Rubin, Camp Wise director from 1972-75, passed away after a long and courageous battle with brain cancer. Originally from Cleveland, Lenny began his life-long career with the Jewish Community Center movement at Camp Wise, and was regarded by many as the "soul" of the JCC world because of his warmth, compassion and spirit.

In his years at Camp Wise he touched the lives of countless campers and staff members and is remembered fondly.

In his memory, we are building The Lenny Rubin Israel Center, part of the new Chalutzim moadon (recreation hall for our youngest village) that will be built for this coming summer. Informal Jewish education and Israel education were passions of Lenny's, and this room will enable future campers to connect to Israel in that personal and meaningful way that Lenny understood was unique to camp. The space will be the dedicated home of our "Israeli Culture" program area, and will be a resource room for all campers and staff.

Donations made in memory of Lenny will go toward the Lenny Rubin Israel Center. ★

from generation to generation

With 100 summers under our belt, it's no wonder that alumni are excited to share camp with their kids! In fact, this past summer, in addition to the 80+ second generation campers and staff, and the 50+ third generation campers and staff, we even had a handful of 4th generation campers!

We think every CW alum should send their kids to Camp Wise, and thanks to a new special fund, we'll be able to help. The L'Dor V'Dor Scholarship Fund has been established to enable out-of-town alumni to share Camp Wise with their children. Funds raised this summer through the 100th Anniversary *Shabbat at Camp: Celebrating the Generations* fundraiser were used to start the fund, and we are still seeking donations toward this fund to make more scholarships available. ★

We appreciate the kindness of those who have honored a Bar/Bat Mitzvah, birthday, achievement, recovery or the memory of someone special with a gift to Camp Wise. Please fill out and send back the card below to make a gift to Camp Wise.

"Todah Rabah"

Enclosed please accept my donation of:

- \$18
- \$50
- \$100
- \$500
- Other \$ _____

Name of Contributor: _____

Telephone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Given: In honor of: _____

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Occasion: _____

Please send my acknowledgement to:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

camp chai

For one week each August, we invite a very special group of people to Camp Wise. This program, called Camp Chai, is an opportunity for adults with special needs to have a full camp experience. In 2007, seven campers – several of whom attended Camp Wise as kids themselves - enjoyed a week full of campfires, s'mores, smiles and fun. They partook in all of our camp activities, including jet skiing, swimming,

arts and crafts, the climbing tower, sports and boating. Directed by Camp Wise alumni Marla Klein (who directed the program this year with a two-month old baby in tow!) and Jeremy Piloff, Camp Chai has become a beloved end-of-summer tradition. From Shabbat dinner to the last night campfire, it is an exciting, fun and rewarding week, and puts meaning to the phrase, "the magic of Camp Wise." ★



Camp Chai participants and staff after an afternoon of boating at the lake.

New to our camp family? Mark your calendars!

Spring New Family Orientation for campers and their parents.
Thursday, April 30 at 7 pm
Mandel JCC of Cleveland

Last year, over 90 new camp families came to the Mandel JCC for our Spring New Family Orientation Night! The evening will provide you with an opportunity to have all your questions answered and hear tips for how to best prepare for your first summer with us. Topics include summer communication, ways you can help your child work through homesickness before the summer, pointers from previous first-time camp parents and the first 24 hours of camp. ★



Family Camp 2008 Registration opens soon!

This year we're excited to be offering two fabulous Family Camp weekends...

Friday, August 22 – Sunday, August 24

Or

Labor Day Weekend, Friday, August 29 – Monday, September 1

Family Camp is a chance to spend quality time together in the beauty of nature enjoying all the fun of Camp Wise and the magic of a camp Shabbat! Registration will open to returning Family Camp families at the end of January, and will open to all other interested families on March 1. Visit our website to learn more about family camp and download an application for a weekend to remember! ★



Heath August, one of our youngest Family Campers, contemplates putting on a helmet to climb the tower.

the past paves the way to our future

The stars that aligned leading up to the creation of our new gateway over the camp road can only be described as “basherte” (Yiddish for “destiny”).

Here’s how it happened:

1. We had an idea to create a welcoming gate or entry sign into camp, and thought it would be cool to incorporate the 100th Anniversary.
2. We were approached by The Alliwise Association (a group started in 1916 by camp alumni) who wanted to make a meaningful contribution to camp.
3. We put out a call for entries to artists and architects, and were blown away by the proposed design of architect Bill McCullam and artist Penny Rakoff.
4. Alliwise loved the idea, and generously offered to fund the project.
5. Bill and Penny worked all summer with our S.I.T.s (staff-in-training) building the entryway using a method called timber-framing (no power tools!) and our very own camp trees (Bill showed us by counting the rings on the trees that they were planted in 1966, when Camp Wise opened in Burton!).
6. Our five S.I.T.s who spent part of the summer in Israel brought us back a giant mezuzah scroll made especially for us that now sits in one of the four posts of the entryway.
7. As the Alliwise Gateway dedication plaque reads, “This gateway, with its theme “Our Past Paves the Way To Our Future,” perfectly merges our past with all future campers and staff who will come to know Camp Wise as their home, as we do.” ★



we warmly
welcome the
newest member
of our **year-
round
team...**



Jon Gerst recently joined Camp Wise and the Mandel Jewish Community Center as the Teen Supervisor! During the year, Jon can be found at the JCC planning programs for 7-12th graders like this past month’s Iron Chef and Dodgeball Tournament. In the summer, Jon will be overseeing the teen side of camp, including a new Junior Counselor development program.

Jon graduated from Ohio University this past June with a BS in recreation management and a minor in psychology. He spent 13 summers at Pinemere Camp, the JCC overnight camp in Stroudsburg, PA, where he grew from camper to supervisor, and devoted much of his time to work with teens.

Jon’s looking forward to his first summer with us at Wise, and is already having a great time at the Mandel JCC getting to know all of our Cleveland teens! ★

camp gear

Show your CW pride with our great camp gear! We’re working on some new items like hats, sweatshirts, and baby onesies, so visit our camp store on our website in the spring for more!

New Camp Wise Songbook	\$20
Green Nalgene Water Bottles	\$12
Forest Green Hooded Sweatshirts	\$45
Grey Men’s Sweatpants	\$30
Navy Women’s Sweatpants	\$30
Green “Everyone Loves a Camp Wise Boy” (or “Girl”) t-shirts	\$20



Jessica Semel and Jane Joseph get ready for yoga at the mom's retreat

what to get mom for mother's day

Women's Weekend '08 dates announced!

Formerly known as the "Mom's Retreat," this incredible weekend for women will be held this year from **Friday, Aug. 15 – Sunday, Aug. 17**. The weekend offers women of all ages a chance to play, relax, and rejuvenate in the beautiful outdoors. Experience all the fun of camp (campfires, swimming, tennis, crafts) with special treats just for you (yoga, massage, manicures, gourmet Kosher food). Registration for previous attendees opens Feb. 1 and registration for new participants opens Feb. 15. Space is very limited, so don't delay! (Hey DADS – past participants tell us this weekend is a great idea for a mother's day present – hint, hint!) ★

join team wise!

Refer-a-friend to Camp Wise and become a part of Team Wise! Here's how it works:

1. You tell your friends how much you love camp!
2. They sign up for camp and complete a session, and tell us you referred them.
3. You (the camper) gets a sweet Team Wise long-sleeve special edition t-shirt.
4. You (the parents) get a great savings for '08: \$100 off if the friend comes for 1st session, \$200 off if the friend comes for 2nd session!



top 10 meals of '07

It's hard to name favorite meals, when everything our chef Larry cooks tastes so GOOD! You can barely call our food "camp food," because Larry makes everything – even our chicken fingers – from scratch! Kids with all sorts of dietary restrictions, from peanut allergies to Siliac Disease, say "Camp Wise food rocks!" As we cheer at camp, "L-A-double R-Y, Larry is our cooking guy, go Larry, go Larry!"

Top 10 Favorite Meals

1. Larry's Shabbat Chicken!
2. Spaghetti
3. Toasted Cheese
4. Shabbat Breakfast
5. Chicken Wings
6. Mac and Cheese
7. Chocolate Chip Pancakes
8. Pizza
9. Falafel
10. Sweet and Sour Chicken

wanted:

Used mini-vans or trucks to be donated for use as camp maintenance vehicles. A fondness for gravel and carrying heavy stuff required. Will be rewarded with long drives down to the beach and soapy car washes. ★



what we're hearing...

"Thank you for an awesome camp experience for our daughter. The amount of pictures have been wonderful. Our hats off to everyone for all the hard work you put in every day to make CW the best ever!"

– Paula C.

"He was bruised, scratched, battered and filthy, but we didn't make it to the car before he asked, "Can I go for 7 weeks next year?" You helped our son face his fears and somehow, between fits of nausea, a virus and a twisted ankle, he had FUN. You and your staff are amazing!"

– Diana S.

I so appreciate the care that was given to my son. He felt special, had a blast, and learned so much! His cabin staff made such an indelible impression on him and for that I am grateful."

– Edie S.

"Mitchell came home glowing! You are all definitely doing something VERY right out there. He is already talking about next year and also about the kind of counselor he hopes to be some day."

– Ilene N.

"The photographer this summer is awesome! The pictures are beautiful and capture the spirit of the individual camper and the energy of the CW community."

– Karen B.

"I want to thank you for contacting me and updating me on my son's status. As an only child and the youngest student in his class at school, attending Camp Wise and sleeping away from home for the first time has been monumental. I have no doubt that the entire staff devoted lots of time in helping him with his homesickness. Thank you to your staff for taking great care of him."

– Rob R.

"The boys were a little nervous but mostly excited for the adventure of going to a new camp in a new state so far away. The staff we met yesterday immediately made them feel special and right at home. Austin made a special

effort to let me know that Sammy was already smiling and fine. Please let him know how much that means to an anxious parent!

– Wendy L.

"Thank you sooo much for all the special attention you and the staff have given Noah...I know that I'm not the only parent with concerns, but you made me feel as if Noah and I were your number one priority."

– Randi S.

"Camp Wise helped Sarah meet new Jewish friends!"

- Lisa K.

"My daughter doesn't typically like new things and was scared, but she LOVED camp and wants to return year after year and eventually be on staff!"

– Marcie J.

"Camp Wise is the best place for building strong Jewish identity, confidence and friendships!"

– Dorith C.

We proudly present our first issue of The Camp Wise Times newsletter



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