There’s a moment in our Shabbat services during the Amidah, a time of personal reflection, where we pause to give thanks for the week we had and consider our hopes for the week ahead. As I look back on the summer of 2016 and simultaneously look ahead to the summer of 2017, here are just a few of the things that I am most grateful for because of Camp Wise.

Friendship
The power of friendship is intangible. Each summer at Camp Wise we see new friendships blossom, and existing friendships grow. Founded in our core value of Hachnassat Orchim, welcoming guests, every person who arrives to camp is greeted with open arms. What forms at camp goes far beyond a few weeks in a cabin and becomes a lifelong relationship. As the director I am grateful for the privilege of watching relationships develop on a daily basis and it’s why I always choke up a bit when we sing the final words of “Bless This House”, “friendships won need never die”, as we close out each session with CW Night.

The Camp Wise Ruach
Often mentioned in the same breath as the “Camp Magic”, is the strong sense of community that is felt at Camp Wise. Some people find this spirit in the chadar when everyone is on their benches cheering and singing together, others find it on the sidelines of the July 4th soccer game, some during Shabbat services, and many more find it each night as their cabin gathers for their nightly ritual when all can share special moments of their day.

Jewish Life
Our camp community is made up of individuals who represent and come from different religious backgrounds. When you come to camp you enter into a space where you can explore your own Jewish identity, this is something that I value greatly about Camp Wise. And just like you can find ruach in many different places around camp, so can you discover your love for and your connection to Judaism. Jewish identity can be formed through prayer and Shabbat services under our canopy of trees of the chapel, taking a nature hike, or it can be formed through bonfires and activities led by an Israeli counselor.

Tradition
As one of the oldest Jewish overnight camps, I am reminded of how blessed we are to have been given a chance to build our community nearly 110 years ago. While some things change with time and each summer is different from the last, once you step foot on the Home of Happiness, you are instantly connected with everyone who ever called Camp Wise home for the summer. Over the course of the year we will be putting plans in place to mark summer 2017 as Camp Wise’s 110th summer. I am grateful that I started my journey with Camp Wise years ago and that I get to share the specialness of Camp with each of you.

This winter I invite campers, staff, parents, alumni, and friends to share in the custom of sharing what you are thankful for – you might be surprised by how much can be connected back to Camp Wise.

Take a moment. Pause. Reflect. What are your hopes for this coming summer? Mine? That each person who spends time at Camp Wise this summer will create a new list of what they’re grateful for.
We like it, we love it, we want more of it!
Summer program highlights

Shalom Camp Wise Family! It wasn’t very long ago that we were all still at camp, having fun in the sun and enjoying the Camp Wise ruach (spirit). It’s not hard to close your eyes and imagine all the cheering in the dining hall at every meal, the smiling campers on horseback as they head through camp on a trail ride, or the sights and smells of outdoor cooking and campers working in the garden.

Chalutzim
Each village at camp is a very special place with unique experiences for all! All villages had amazing evening activities and special programs throughout the day that made camp extra-fun.

Chalutzim first session participated in an innovative New Year’s Eve-themed pool party. Campers danced the night away by the water at a disco party and of course had a “cannonball competition”. Second session, Chalutzim learned about Jewish life cycle traditions and had a fantastic time celebrating the simcha of Josh and Sky’s mock wedding. Chalutzim was filled with gaga games, stories, and song sessions by the campfire, not to mention, smiles and enthusiasm wherever Chalutzimers went!

Ohalim
Ohalim was filled with amazing activities. First session, Human Board Game Night was a big hit. Campers played live versions of the games Operation, Hungry, Hungry Hippos, Checkers, and Guess Who. After that, they headed to the lake for a competitive round of Battleship. Second session was equally awesome. Campers participated in an evening program called “Be the Rainbow” which was paint themed. Campers had to solve puzzles using paint. It was messy, fun and challenging all at the same time. Ohalim had incredible song sessions all summer long by the campfire. And of course, intense games of roof ball throughout the summer.

Noar
Noar was filled with very creative and thoughtful teens this summer. First session, they explored the mysteries of the world every evening (and throughout most of the day) with their newly created “Deep Thoughts” cheer. It caught on and became a camp-wide favorite.

First session Noar participated in some fantastic evening programs. One was the “Noar County Fair”. Campers and staff transformed the village into a vibrant county fair setting. Activities included face painting, obstacle courses and carnival games. This fair rocked Camp Wise style! Second session campers had a Rock n’ Roll appreciation evening involving a ton of music - and of course - rocks.

All Noar 8th and 9th graders had an opportunity to travel to Lake Erie’s Fairport Harbor for swimming and jet-skiing. In addition, Noar 9th graders went to ACE Adventures Whitewater Rafting first session, and second session 9th graders had the experience of rafting in Ohiopyle, PA. All these trips were filled with memory making moments as our campers got to try some unbelievable new adventures.

Solel
S-O-L-E-L Yeah Solel! Both sessions of Solel were amazing on so many levels. Our tenth graders enjoyed their last summer as campers participating in all kinds of wild adventures.

Summer 2016 was filled with lasting memories including two great Maccabiah: Mythical Creatures (first session) and Toy Story (second session). In addition, first session campers got to watch the Cavaliers win the NBA Championship and celebrated July 4th in style at the Geauga County Fairgrounds. Second session got in on the action starting a new tradition with the first ever Camp Wise Fun Day!

It was a truly memorable summer and we can’t wait to see everyone in 2017!
Camp opportunities for everyone

All the fun and excitement of Camp Wise is not just for kids! In addition to the summer camp program at Camp Wise, we offer several programs to get more of the community involved. With a Family Camp, a Women’s Weekend, and Camp Chai, our program for adults with diverse needs, we offer a program for everyone!

Family Camp

Family camp is the perfect way to spend time with the whole family in a beautiful outdoor environment. This year families had a chance to try many different camp activities including boating, zip line, tower, giant swing, jet skiing, and tie dying. A highlight of the weekend was when the kids spent an afternoon at the lake with the staff while parents had time to take a little break to schmooze and relax. On Saturday night everyone came together to show off their special skills at a true Camp Wise talent show! While the kids were getting ready for bed and hanging out with their counselors, we had a parent’s only program, BINGO! Throughout the weekend, there is enough fun to go around. Family Camp 2016 was full of laughter, new experiences, and great friends. We hope to see YOU in 2017!!

Women’s Weekend

Life can be tiring; a weekend of relaxation without the stress of family or work may be all you need to rejuvenate yourself. Come relax at Women’s Weekend! This weekend can be spent trying every activity camp has to offer (plus some bonuses like a massage and wine tasting), or it can be spent sitting next to the pool enjoying your favorite book. A perfect weekend for women of all ages! This year we had a record breaking 50+ women spend the weekend together relaxing, enjoying the outdoors, and making new friends. The weekend is perfect for women of all ages to come together and enjoy everything Camp Wise has to offer!

Camp Chai

We believe that camp is something that everyone deserves to experience. With this mission in mind Camp Wise is proud to offer Camp Chai, a taste of camp for adults with diverse needs. Adults who require varied levels of support come to camp with a dedicated group of camp staff and experience all the exciting activities and programs that camp has to offer. The group does arts and crafts, swimming, the climbing tower, lake activities, sports, camp fires, and so much more during their time at camp. It is a special experience for participants and staff alike. ✯
New at Camp Wise
for summer 2017

This year the Camp Wise Ropes Course is getting an upgrade! NEW for Summer 2017 we will be adding new elements, refreshing current elements, and bringing back some favorite old elements!! Additions for 2017 will be a stand-alone LEAP OF FAITH, a brand new HORIZONTAL LADDER, an exciting DREAMWEAVER element, an updated VERTICAL PLAYGROUND; and we will be rebuilding our TEAM INITIATIVES WALL. After completion of this project, CW will be the proud home to an extensive high and low ropes course with more than 10 high elements and 10 low elements.

The addition of the two new high ropes elements that connect the Lily Pads and our currently five element high ropes course is a very exciting. While the thrill of new experiences, challenges, and adventure is rather obvious, we are also excited because these enhancements will allow campers to have more choice in their experiences when learning while elevated. Our new elements allow campers multiple options as to where they can start and end their high ropes journey. This will allow campers with varying levels of comfort and skill to try something they may otherwise have skipped. Read on to hear some detail of each element that will be added this year.

The LEAP OF FAITH is not an element for the faint of heart. In this element, campers climb up a telephone pole to a platform from which they will leap into the air and attempt to grab a trapeze across from them. Whether campers successfully grab the trapeze or not, they will be safely lowered to the ground after attempting the leap. We can’t wait to see who the first person to successfully complete the leap of faith will be, will it be you?!

The HORIZONTAL LADDER is one of two new elements this year that will be connected into our existing high ropes course. The Horizontal Ladder is exactly as it sounds; it is a horizontal rope ladder with wooden beams as stairs used to walk across to the next platform. Campers will have to use balance to get across the ladder in order to make it from the Lily Pads to the high course and back!

The DREAMWEAVER is a cable element connecting two platforms that have ropes that force campers to weave from side to side as they work their way across the element. The Dreamweaver will also connect the Lily Pads to the rest of the high ropes course.

The VERTICAL PLAYPEN will be rebuilt this year to give the element a bit of a facelift and to improve the quality of the element.

The TEAM INITIATIVES WALL is one of the more difficult and exciting elements on a low ropes/team initiatives course and ours is being completely rebuilt! This element is a great team building exercise and has been missing form the CW course for a couple of years. We are excited to have it back and can’t wait to give it a try with the CW Full Time Staff!

Keep an eye on our Instagram (@campwise13164) for photos of our team trying out the new wall and updates on all of our ropes enhancements coming in the New Year!
“You’re the best, around!”
the 2016 staff scholarship winners

For Camp Wise Staff there is no higher honor than staff scholarship. Staff has the opportunity to recognize one another’s achievements throughout the summer with shout-outs, notes, and quick thank yous. As the summer closes staff members are able to nominate their peers who have gone the extra mile to make Camp Wise such a magical place. The staff members that are nominated are known for being energetic, helpful, and positive even in the most difficult of times. They are leaders amongst their peers and exemplify what it means to be a Camp Wise staff member. At the end of the summer staff donate items like vintage clothing, craft projects, or a night on the town on a college campus to a staff auction held at the all-staff banquet. All of the proceeds of the auction are divided up between the staff scholarship winners as a bonus for their hard work and dedication.

This year we had five staff scholarship winners and a portion of the proceeds were donated to camper scholarship. The winners were: Noah Pollack, Eva Bogomolny, Max Shall, Simone Light, and Alex Chappelow.

Noah Pollack says camp keeps getting better and better, and after 10 summers, that is quite a testament! Noah is originally from Shaker Heights and is currently studying Microbiology at the University of Rochester. This summer Noah was a counselor in both Chalutzim and Noar. He especially enjoyed being a judge for the Mythical Creatures Maccabiah (first session), pool parties, late night basketball with his Chalutzimers, and hanging out at Cedar Point with Noar.

Eva Bogomolny came to camp for the first time as an eight year old, and has never looked back! This summer Eva was a Noar Counselor and a Cornerstone Fellow, providing Judaic programming for camp. Eva attends The Ohio State University and is studying Early Childhood Education and Youth Studies. Singing “Build Me Up, Buttercup” all day, every day with all of Noar is one of her favorite memories from the summer. Eva says, “The spirit and the magic of camp is something you can’t find anywhere other than 13164. I come back each summer to help create a magical environment for everyone who passes through the entrance.”

Max Shall, AKA “Space Pants”, had a memorable summer for many reasons. Max, who studies Psychology at The Ohio State University, spent his 11th summer at the Home of Happiness. Max was resplendent as Captain America on the Fourth of July this summer and also enjoyed “Life Chats with Max” with his campers during flashlight time. Max is known for being the one who can be found singing, cheering and screaming at the top of his lungs whenever possible. For Max, “Camp is and will always be my home.”

Simone Light is a junior at the University of Kansas majoring in Psychology and Applied Behavioral Science with an emphasis in Early Childhood. This was Simone’s 10th summer at Camp Wise. Simone spent this summer planning programs for the village of Ohalim, staff and all of camp. Some of her favorite memories from this summer include: “watching the Cleveland Cavaliers win the NBA Championship in the center of camp (The Chadar) with all of my campers and best friends, one of the coolest experiences I ever had at Camp”. Simone and her fellow Village Programmers also brought Fun Day 2016 to Second Session. Fun Day was a huge carnival for all of camp that included games, cotton candy and giant inflatables.

Alex Chappelow returned for his second summer on Teva Staff at Camp Wise from across the pond. Alex currently studies History at King’s College, London. This summer Alex was particularly proud of being a Maccabiah captain first session, and his “Around the World” themed overnight, where campers got to visit 10 countries and play games from each country. He also loved the late-night “butterslug” excursions with his O1 cabin. Alex says that camp taught him to appreciate new and different cultures, and he especially loves Shabbat at camp.

Scholarships: The staff chose to divide the auction proceeds six ways, with the sixth portion donated on behalf of the 2016 staff to Camper Scholarship. This is one way the camp staff chose to “Live Wise” again this summer.
THE SEVENTH ANNUAL
5th & 6th Grade Winter Camp
January 15 – 16, 2017
Join us for Ohalim Winter Wonderland
Join us MLK weekend for sledding, snowman building, and a winter obstacle course. When we get cold we’ll head inside to hang by the fire in the chadar (dining hall), enjoy some delicious meals, and spend a warm and cozy night at camp!
SUN, JAN 15 at 11:30 AM – MON, JAN 16 at 5 PM
COST: $100
Busses leave from the Mandel JCC.
Registration opens Monday, December 12.

THE FIFTH ANNUAL
7th & 8th Grade Winter Camp
February 19 – 20, 2017
Join us for A Mid-Winter’s Noar Dream
Join us President’s Day weekend when we head out to camp. Enjoy dinner, some fun and games, and late-night hang outs! The next morning we’ll sleep in, grab some brunch and then head to one of our local ski hills for an afternoon filled with tubing, laughing, and outdoor fun!
SUN, FEB 19 at 4 PM – MON, FEB 20 at 5 PM
COST: $100
Busses leave from the Mandel JCC.
Registration opens Monday, January 9.

Campers will stay in our heated buildings. Warm, delicious kosher meals and snacks provided.
Visit CampWise.org or call (216) 593-6250 for more details
A very special “Todah Rabah” to all of our most recent Camp Wise donors!

We are honored to recognize the families, individuals and groups who have chosen to make thoughtful and generous contributions to Camp Wise. Please let us know if your name was inadvertently left off of this list.

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Leah Sass

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In Honor of Jennie Post and Ben Becker’s Wedding

In Honor of the birth of Phoebe Goldberg
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Marcy Katz Ungar & Daniel Ungar

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Jamie & Ben Light
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Jennie Post
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Elizabeth & Brad Sherman
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* Of Blessed Memory

The Cavs wining the NBA championship title this June made Cleveland History. Thanks to a special group of donors, everyone who was at camp during this special time received an “I Witnessed a Miracles at Camp Wise” wine and gold specially designed shirt.

Annie & Kevin Becker
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Here is how your gift can help:

• A gift of $150 can send a child to camp for 1 day!
• A gift of $500 can provide us with Shabbat (and CW night) candles for the summer!
• A gift of $750 can provide us with a horse for Horseback Riding chug for the summer!
• A gift of $1,000 can send a child to camp for 1 week!
• A gift of $1,800 helps us certify all our staff in CPR and First Aid
• A gift of $4,000 can send a child to camp for a whole session!
Weddings...

Lauren Rubin and Michael Avery
Lauren Rubin (Solel ‘04) married Michael Avery on June 4

Jennie Post and Ben Becker
Former staff Jennie Post married Ben Becker (Solel ’02) on July 3

Judith Wertheim and Aaron Rapport
Judith Wertheim (Solel ’06) & former staff Aaron Rapport were married on July 3

Julia Leb and Alan Gecht
Julia Leb (Solel ’00) & Alan Gecht (Solel ’99) were married on July 3

Sydney Barron and Adam Josephson
Adam Josephson (Solel ’02) married Sydney Barron on July 30

Bailey Harnar and Adam Murphy
Bailey Harnar (Solel ’06) & former staff Adam Murphy were married on August 13

Lindsay Tracey and Zach Reahume
Staff Zach Reahume married Lindsay Tracey on October 7

We are proud of you, I said we are proud of you...uh!

When someone at camp celebrates a big day we all stand on our benches and cheer about it! Here is a big CW cheer for all those campers, who with their families have celebrated their B’nai Mitzvah since our last newsletter. Please let us know if we’ve missed you and we’ll include you in our next issue.

Amelia Berg
Yosi Berkowitz
Nadiv Brenner-Ballin
Ruby Cheisweir
Maddie Cummings
Josh Davidson
Ryan Davidson
Lila Drasner
Cole Ettinger
Noah Frazier
Jeremy Galin
Ryan Goldfeder
Dylan Kay
Monty Krakovitz
Cadie Kulnane
Hailee Laderman
Mason Lurie
Jacob Millet
Jessica Monahan
Danny Moore
Brett Olgin
Amelia Port
Jacob Powers
Drew Riley
Maddie Rosenblitt
Noah Saidel
Bella Shapera
Aliza Sosin
Jack Spiegel
Sam Weintraub
Eli Weissblatt
somethin’ ‘bout my life…”

C.I.T.s (Campers-in-Training)

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Please let us know when any Camp Wise alumnus welcomes a new baby and we’ll send them a Future Camper onesie! The onesie is featured here on Phoebe, Ari, & Dashiel.

Alumni Search

We want to connect with you! You may already be in the Camp Wise database but we want to ensure we have all of your camp history and current contact information! If you’re logging in for the first time, you will be directed to set up your account with a password and update your profile.

Click on the (Re)Connect tab on the Camp Wise website and find Friends & Alumni. From there you will be directed to register or log-in.

Once your record has been approved, you will receive an email from CampIn Touch and you will be able to access other alumni who have made themselves searchable in the database.

With alumni status you have a few options. You can update your profile, search for other alum or use the message board!

Alumni

- Update Profile
- Search
- Message Board

Keep us in the loop!

- Weddings
- Births
- B’nai Mitzvah
- Moves
- Jobs
- Other life events!

To Share your life events in the "Wise Times" e-mail: wisekids@mandeljcc.org
A Milestone Summer

The last night of each session, on CW Night, we recognize staff and campers who have been at camp for 5, 7, 10 or 13 years and beyond. Five years are recognized with a 5-year bag, seven years earns you a cool 7-year shirt, after 10 years you receive a sacred Camp Wise Crazy Creek Chair, and 13-year staff are honored with a CW sweatshirt blanket. In 2015, a space was created by the SITs to honor staff that have been at camp for 15 years or more.

Olivia Adelman  Eva Bogomlony  Rachel Braun  Max Garber  Leah Greggo  Max Gustafson

Mimi Light  Abby Migdal  Patty Newman  Noah Pollack  Bradley Simon  Mose Simon


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Get to know Abby!

After several years away from the Home of Happiness, Abby Kaufman is returning to Camp Wise! Abby spent 15 summers at CW from 1997-2011 as a camper, counselors, specialist, and the Staff-In-Training Supervisor. Most recently, Abby served as the director of the Denver JCC’s Day Camp, and prior to that she was teaching in a classroom in South Boston. Suffice it to say, her passion for Jewish camping, education, and learning is alive and well! She can’t wait to be back at 13164 Taylor Wells Road this summer.

What was your first summer at CW? What do you remember about it?
My first summer at CW was in 1997. I remember playing a ton of tetherball, wearing the same t-shirt many days in a row, and eating PB&J for lunch every day. I also have very vivid memories of waking up early on Saturday mornings before everybody else was awake (Shabbat late wake up!) and my friends and I would build card houses on our Chalutzim cabin floor. Then, at 9am, we made a mad dash to the Chadar for the chocolate frosted donuts!

Describe a defining moment that made you realize you wanted to be in camping as a career.
It’s hard for me to identify one moment where I knew I wanted to be a camp director. One thing I do know is that Jewish camping, specifically Camp Wise, has made me who I am today, personally and professionally. Ever since the end of my first summer, I think I knew Jewish camp would always be a place where I felt like I belonged. Once I became the SIT Supervisor, working with our 16-year olds to learn not only what it takes to be a counselor but also what it means to take on more responsibility and leadership in camp, I realized working at camp was where I felt like I was at my best. For me, the work feels challenging, but is equally as rewarding and fulfilling!

Talk about the path you took to get to this point, both in your education and with your work path.
I graduated from the University of Michigan with a BA in Environmental Studies, with a focus on environmental education and behavioral change. I spent a lot of time creating and teaching lessons about the environment and stewardship, which closely connected to my experiences at camp. One of the summers I was in college, I was the Teva & Trips specialist at camp! After my last summer in 2011, I moved to NYC and worked at a Jewish non-profit that served Jewish day schools across the country. Then, I went to the Harvard Graduate School of Education where I earned my Master’s in Education, and decided to teach in a classroom the following year. I taught English Language Arts to 6-8th graders with special needs, and it was one of the most impactful years of my life. It confirmed everything that I felt about teaching, learning, building relationships, and working with youth. It also made me realize how much I missed being in the camp environment. Thereafter, I looked only for camp jobs and found myself in Colorado serving as the Director of Camp Shai & Youth Programs, JCC Denver’s Day Camp. My experience in Denver was amazing—I learned more than I could have ever imagined. One of my priorities while there was to bring the overnight camp experience to day camp as much as we could. When I saw that CW was looking for someone to join the team, it felt like a perfect opportunity to come home!

What are some of the things you are most looking forward to being a part of back at 13164?
I can’t wait to be at song sessions in the Chadar and hanging out in the villages in the evenings. I am looking forward to spending time with staff and campers, celebrating Shabbat as a whole camp and playing Gaga!

We love our CW volunteers
Todah rabah to our wonderful camp families who donate their time to camp each summer. Our volunteer doctors helped to keep camp healthy and happy, and our host families showed our international staff warm, Cleveland hospitality on their days off. If either of these opportunities sounds like something you’d like to try in 2017, please let us know!

Doctors
Regina Dorman
Stacey Ehrenberg
Arnie Feltoon
Doug Kohler
Brian Zack
Rob Zimmerman

Host Families
Shari & Jeff Bailey
Jill & Marc Braun
Jodie & Seth Bromberg
Ellen & Jonathan Brown
Heidi & Loren Chylla
Jennifer & Benoit Cohen
Staci & Adam Cohen
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Take A Look!
Hey Camp Wise friends! In celebration of our 110th summer we have a special Anniversary Edition sweatshirt for pre-order only. Look for more details on our website, www.campwise.org. Take a look at this artwork to get excited!