We like it, we love it, we want more of it!
Summer program highlights

Summer 2013 was another summer for the record books! Just like Goldilocks (the story, not the Maccabiah Team) the weather was not too hot or too cold but just right. We spent long days running around the Ohalim Rec., afternoons at the pool, and starry nights making s’mores, singing songs, and sleeping just enough! Every morning we were greeted by Sean’s sport scores (too bad the Cardinals didn’t quite make it). For the first time in decades, if not centuries, the Fourth of July soccer game ended in a tie! We hear that the NFL season is being cut short this year to make way for televised American Soccer. We learned our ABC’s at every meal (what ever happened to that ABC book?), and “Radioactive” became the song of the summer! It seems like we had a lot of fun even without the video games that were going to go into the “Old Infirmary Arcade.” Overall, it was a summer that will never be forgotten. Here are some highlights from different villages across the sessions:

Chalutzim
Chalutzimers cool off in the pool with their counselors
Chalutzimers may be the youngest campers, but they sure know how to have a good time! Fun was always kickin’ around in the village, from the crazy programs like Chalutzim Royal Wrestling or Medieval Night first session. Session II got futuristic with Robot Wars and Outer Space Night! When they weren’t playing gaga in the village (even if it was a little muddy), asking, “What time is it?” in the Chadar, or cheering with Newman and Sara (duh-duh-duh-duh), they were taking advantage of all that camp has to offer. Trips to Pioneer (and Wildwater Kingdom), raids in the dark, and hanging out with friends in the nicest cabins in camp, made this summer in Chalutzim one to remember.

Ohalim
Ohalim had quite an in-tents summer! They were hot (hot,hot), and apparently the rest of us were not (not,not). They always had so much energy to share with the rest of camp, from Rachel and Mann’s jazz hands, to being the loudest village spread out across the Chadar. Ohalim was always a blast to be with, whether they were sneaking back to the covered gym for one of their themed overnights, hangin’ on the hill for a cookout, or playing Kung Fu pretty much anywhere! Billy Mays Night first session was one of the funniest, most creative programs ever! Who would have ever thought of a portable Western Wall! Crazy-Go-Nuts night is a mainstay of camp programs, but Ohalim changed it up in second session as a terrifying event during Zombies Go Nuts. Chillin’ in the Moadon, kickin’ it the cabin with the flaps up, Ohalimers this year didn’t just have to wish they were in Ohalim, they were already there.

Noar
Noar camper, Joey Rogoff building a fire
Oh Noar…you are the teen village. Everything about you screams awesome! This summer was crazy! Who would’ve thought that a guy that can’t even play tennis, and a girl that’s named for a kitchen appliance would ever pair up to have one of the most fun villages in camp! We heard that you “went down to the river!” Sometimes it rained, sometimes you went bowling, sometimes you took canoes, sometimes you took rafts, but you always seemed to have an amazing and memorable time. Oh yeah…you also got to go to Cedar Point. When you weren’t gallivanting around Ohio you were back at 13164 hanging by the courts, screaming by the fireplace at meals, or shouting from cabin to cabin as soon as the lights went out. Shipwrecked Pool Party first session was a blast, and an inter-village Dessert Wars with Solel started the feud of the summer.

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Greetings Camp Wise Families, Friends, and Alumni!

We have seen some amazing things happen at Camp Wise this past year, yet there is one in particular that I want to tell you about. This past summer we opened the doors of a brand new infirmary. The building is stunning and stands at 3,800 square feet. It has enough space to dispense medication, treat sick campers, and house our infirmary staff comfortably. The addition of this building has improved our care and the health and safety of our entire camp community.

Completing the new infirmary has been an incredible journey that truly speaks to the caring nature of our Camp Wise family. Believe it or not, we started planning for a new facility right after the 2010 summer. We knew it would be a challenge and gathered friends to put together a strong plan to move forward with the project. Our first efforts started small as we began to reach out to a few community members. As word spread about our plans for a new infirmary something very special happened. People began to contact us about how they could get involved! It became clear that many people wanted to help us—and people jumped aboard to work tirelessly on the project.

For me, the best way to describe this special “thing” that happened is “kehilla”, or in English community. Our community responded in full force, finding multiple ways to help us accomplish our goal. No matter if it was a camper who used his Mitzvah project to collect infirmary supplies, an alumnus who got her friends together to buy a paver, or a Jewish community organization that supported our efforts with professional guidance, our community flexed their collective muscles and made it happen together. The investment in camp is a true mitzvah and will be appreciated for generations to come – “L’dor V’dor”, from generation to generation!

I hope you peek inside this newsletter as we have revamped our layout. There are some new and interesting sections geared towards campers, parents, staff, and alumni. If there is anything you would like to see in our future publications, let us know as we’re always open to new ideas! Remember, spring is around the corner which means summer can’t be too far away!

Sean Morgan, Director

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Second session’s Survivor Night was a challenge but we don’t think we will ever laugh as hard as we did during Jewish Grandmother Pool Night! Noar knows how to chill, but they also know how to have an amazing time!

Solel

Solel, we’re not sure if you’re better than us—but it does seem like you know how to have fun. You took a summer at camp, and spread it out on the road! Sailing in Michigan, hitting new heights at Skyzone in Columbus, or biking along the towpath at Cuyahoga Valley National Park first session were opportunities of a lifetime! Checking out the mist at Niagara Falls, or riding the coasters at Darien Lake second session brought the group together, and helped welcome new campers into the Solel dream! Country roads took both sessions to West Virginia for rafting, camping, and an experience that no one will ever forget. But beyond the trips Solel was truly a great thing to be a part of this summer! Becca and the staff helped Solel create a community that supported one another, laughed with one another, and after the CW candles were finally burnt out (and the Chadar was reset!), a community that was moved to tears as they said goodbye to one another as the buses pulled away! Two O One Three will remain a Solel to remember! ☀️
“Take it home, and share it with a friend…”

Alumni of Camp Wise share something that goes beyond close quarters in the summer and singing around square folding tables at meals. Although alums’ time spent at camp may be distanced years apart, they are able to sew their lives with the thread of a common experience. Camp Wise helps us inform ourselves of who we truly are long before we are cognitively or emotionally mature enough to be true to who we want to be. Years later we look back at our summers at camp and realize their profound impact on the people we have become. It is at that moment of reflection that we are able to express gratitude for the people who helped shape our lives, and thank the community that made us feel a part of something much larger than ourselves.

In this new section of the The Wise Times we hope to continue to share stories, written by alumni new and old, who wish to express the impact of their summers at the home of happiness. We invite our community at large to share their stories with us (details below) to continue a tradition of intergenerational thanksgiving.

“Because of Camp…”

The following is an excerpt from a letter to the Camp Wise full-time staff written by Sara Chinsky. Sara was a Camp Wise camper and spent the last two summers in the Art Shack as a specialist. Sara is currently a Freshman at Kent State University and hopes to return to Camp Wise next summer.

I never thought I would be as prepared for college as I am now, and I owe most of it to my camp experience. Camp taught me a lot about living with other people, tolerating people you don’t necessarily get along with, creating your own schedule and adjusting to a new place. It taught me that it is okay to be different and to throw yourself out there, because if you don’t, you will miss out on the fun.…

…I’m starting to realize my differences [from] others, and camp has shown me that being different isn’t necessarily a bad thing. First impressions are important, but giving people a second chance to prove themselves has shown up more and more since I’ve arrived here.

…Camp also provides campers and staff members alike with numerous opportunities to be independent and do things for themselves. Because of camp, I know how to do laundry, despite how much I hated doing camper and tie-dye laundry at the time. Because of camp, I know how to wake myself up, instead of relying on my mom, and get ready in ten minutes because that’s all the time we really had at camp. Because of camp, I value alone time more than anyone else, because it’s something we don’t often get in the summer. Because of camp, I have become a more responsible and independent person than most of my friends here and I cannot thank you guys enough.

…I’ve mastered helping others deal with their homesickness and the inner camp counselor in me comes out frequently when people are upset that they are far from home. I’ve become involved in numerous clubs and activities since arriving, because I like keeping busy. I’m able to prioritize my time more easily, as if it were a typical camp day filled with cabin activities (classes) and chugs (clubs and activities).

…I cannot thank [camp] enough for the opportunities it has provided me with, and I cannot wait to spend more summers at the “Home of Happiness.”

“G-d was in this place…”

The following is an excerpt from a speech delivered by Hannah Frayman this past Yom Kippur at The Temple Tifereth Israel. Hannah first found Camp Wise as a frequent Family Camp camper long before she was able to join the mighty village of Chalutzim. Hannah recently completed camp’s SIT (Staff in Training) program, and is hoping to return for her first summer as a staff member. Hannah is currently a Junior at Beachwood High School.

G-d was in this place and I, I did not know it. As I walked down to the chapel at Camp Wise like I did every Friday evening something felt different. I felt extremely awake and present; almost as if someone was watching over me. The service was indeed different because I was helping lead it. Instead of sitting with everyone else, watching on the benches; I was up on the bema with my guitar and the other song leaders. We started the service as usual, and because it was the last Shabbat [of the session, it was] Solel’s (the oldest village of campers) turn to come in front of the bema and sing a song related to the theme [we had picked to represent the] Torah portion. I was in Solel that year, so I stepped off the bema and joined the rest of my village. We began to sing Jack Johnson’s song, “Upside Down.” Everyone was silent, listening to us sing this beautiful song. When we finished singing, the whole camp snapped, as we don’t clap during services. The service continued on. At the very moment we got to the Silent Prayer, that feeling I felt at the beginning of the service had returned.

There I was, staring out at the whole camp, surrounded by trees and all sorts of nature, yet I felt as though I was the only one there in this peaceful place, taking a moment for myself. We eventually concluded our service. As I walked back up the path to the Chadar, I realized that the strange feeling I had felt had been G-d. G-d had been there and I had not known it until now.

If you would like to contribute to, “Take it home and share it with a friend,” or share any stories, thoughts, or memories with us, please email us at wisekids@mandeljcc.org or send us a good, old fashioned letter to: 26001 South Woodland, Beachwood, OH 44122
Camp isn’t just for kids

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 everyone involved. Registration for all three of these programs begins January 15, 2014. Register at CampWise.org.

Camp with your whole Family?

Whether you want to test camp out for a young future camper or re-live your youth and get in touch with nature, we have a program for you! Camp Wise Family Camp is a weekend getaway designed for the whole family. Over the weekend you and your family can experience Canoeing, High Ropes, Tie Dying, Outdoor Cooking, and get that “camp” feeling. S’mores round the fire, singing in the Chadar, Friday Night Shabbat… get your whole family to stand on a bench and cheer! There’s just enough family time, and a little “adult” time when the kids get to hang out and do activities with Camp Wise staff.

Family Camp: August 22-24th

Your mom’s not here (well actually, she might be)!

We always get the question: can adults sign up for camp!? Well, sorry Men…ladies only. Women’s Weekend is a wellness retreat at camp designed specifically with women of all ages in mind. Enjoy a weekend of camp activities including Swimming, Boating, Waterskiing, Climbing, Zip Lining, Hiking, and Arts and Crafts, complemented by relaxing massages, revitalizing yoga, and interesting conversation guided by a professional Jewish educator. Women’s Weekend is a perfect balance of activity and relaxing, with healthy and delicious meals, a Camp Wise Shabbat, and plenty of time to hang by the pool with a book, or make new friends playing games by the fire. A perfect gift for women of all ages!

Women’s Weekend: August 15-17th

A “Home of Happiness” for everyone!

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 special needs. Adults who require varied levels of support can come to camp to experience all the fun activities and programs that camp has to offer including: Arts and Crafts, Swimming, Climbing Tower, Boating, Tubing, Campfires, and so much more. It’s a perfect time for people to get that “campy” feeling, and create some incredible memories surrounded by friends. Camp Chai staff are trained and managed by local experts on how to best support the participants.

Camp Chai: August 8th-12th
The best of the best: 
the 2013 staff scholarship winners

For Camp Wise Staff there is no higher honor than Staff Scholarship. Staff have 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 for Staff Scholarship are known for being energetic, helpful, and positive. 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 from this auction are divided 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: Andrew Zoss, Mike Robinson, Sam Goldman, Rachel Motz, and Mac Kahn.

Andrew Zoss is a freshman studying marketing at The Ohio State University. Andrew has been coming to camp for six summers and this was his second year as a staff member. In the words of a fellow staff member, “He is full of the ruach that camp needs.” He used that ruach this summer to lead the Tie Dye team in Arcade Maccabiah! “Zoss,” as he is often referred to, loves to build close connections with his campers, and cares deeply about everything he does.

Mike Robinson is a mental health support worker for children and adults living in Leeds, UK. Mike has an upbeat personality and a laugh that is absolutely contagious. Returning to camp for his second summer, he was a presence both in his village and on the Ropes Course. Every staff member will tell you, Mike puts his heart into everything he does at camp. His hilarious presence is loved by campers and staff alike.

Rachel Motz is a student at Columbus State University. If you ask anyone, they will tell you there is never a dull moment with Rachel around. She is full of fun silly ideas that keep campers and staff entertained for days! When asked about this summer, Rachel said everything about it was “best-case scenario!” Rachel’s campers love her because she respects people for who they are, and helps everyone feel comfortable in their own skin.

Sam Goldman is in his second year studying biomedical engineering at The Ohio State University. Celebrating a milestone summer, this was Sam’s tenth summer at camp! He is always good for a program idea or a fun short story, especially about cats. Sam’s supervisor explained that even with his additional responsibilities as Head Song Leader and the time-consuming honor of being a Maccabiah Judge, he never forgot that his cabin and his kids were his primary responsibility. His kids may not have said it in the same words, but we’re pretty sure they’d agree.

Mac Kahn was new to camp this summer, but he fit right into the Camp Wise family as a tech-savvy Radio Specialist. Mac is a junior at Ohio University majoring in Psychology. One of Mac’s best memories from this summer was Ohalim’s Zombie Apocalypse Night, where he got to be a part of a massive food fight! He says, “In retrospect, every event brings back special memories from this summer.” Mac invested himself wherever he was needed whether he was running the sound for a play, cheering with his cabin, or having a deep conversation with a camper.

Camper Scholarship: The staff chose to divide the auction proceeds six ways, with the sixth portion donated on behalf of the 2013 staff to Camper Scholarship. You can donate to Camper Scholarship or I Love CW Staff fund by visiting www.campwise.org and clicking Give.
GIJP matched a portion of the money donated. We partnered with the Grinspoon Institute for Jewish Philanthropy (GIJP). Through this partnership we were able to raise over $100,000 and the GIJP matched a portion of the money donated.

**In addition to our annual contributions to camp, this past year we held a special capital campaign called Live Wise. Our Live Wise campaign**

**In Honor of Ben Light’s Milestone Birthday**
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Camp Wise Infirmary Update

Help us Live Wise!

Thanks to the generous support of our Camp Wise friends we’re close to our goal of $750,000.

Your donation just might be the one that puts us over the top!

Please consider making a gift to the Camp Wise capital campaign to help finish our new infirmary. Your gift will ensure the health and safety of our current and future campers and staff, so that they can explore, play, live Jewishly, and grow at Camp Wise, “The Home of Happiness”.

For more information on this special opportunity, including engraved brick pavers like the one shown here, contact Sean at (216)593-6293. You can also make your donation online at www.mandeljcc.org/campwiseinfirmary.
Sometimes it's a dinner, sometimes it's a lunch, never is it a breakfast. Regardless of timing it seems like once a session at Camp Wise a meal seems to go on forever with random bouts of screaming, cheering, and singing that go a step beyond normal Camp Wise rowdiness. It's during these meals that we take a look into the past and dig up old cheers and songs that have stood the test of time, and long surpassed their useful nature. For example, no longer do we ask campers to pack four flat sheets, thus making our sheet changing cheer of “new on top, top on bottom, bottom in the bag” quite superfluous…but it has been able to hold on. Recently, during these “best of” meals, a cheer often rings out about a staff member who has been not been at camp since 2011, “A double N, Ann! A double N, Ann Ann! A double N, Ann! Ann! Ann!” Ann Kravec is present at Camp Wise, even in her absence.

Ann started camp as a Ohalim camper in 1996. She spent 4 happy years as a camper and eventually joined the Camp Wise staff in 2000. While on staff Ann was a counselor, Noar Supervisor, Ohalim Supervisor, and SIT Supervisor! Each generation remembers Ann for the role she played in shaping their camper and staff experience. At camp Ann was always known for her high energy, smiling face, and her ability to build genuine connections to campers and staff. Ann cared wholeheartedly about each aspect of her job. Current Camp Wise campers know The Israeli Scout Friendship Caravan as one of the highlights of the summer. They get excited for days by making t-shirts, signs, and cheers to welcome the group of Israeli singers and dancers. Ann Kravec was the sole power behind creating a culture of enthusiasm surrounding the scouts. Now Camp Wise is one of the Scout’s favorite stops on their tour due to our camp-wide ruach!

But Camp Wise had a far greater impact on Ann than it does on most. A few months ago Ann made the life-changing decision to make Aliyah and relocate to Tel Aviv. There was a wonderful reason for this decision and Camp Wise was at the heart of it.

During the first day of staff training in the summer of 2009, Ann caught the eye of a handsome Israeli Ropes Course specialist, Iliya Weinstein. When camp ended, the two continued their relationship long distance via Skype and several visits, and Iliya was able to return for a second summer at Camp Wise. During this second year, the relationship flourished and Ann finally made the choice to relocate to Israel. She tied up loose ends, resigned from her German teaching job in Cincinnati, and in August 2013 she and her dog Georgie loaded a plane and left for Israel. Ann was greeted at the gate by Iliya (just her luck that Iliya works at the airport)!

Tel Aviv life is quickly grabbing a hold of Ann. She loves the relaxed attitude and welcoming people. When Ann moved to Israel she was able to reconnect with almost a dozen different Israeli staff she had met over the years working at Camp Wise. In fact, according to Ann, “Camp is the whole reason I have any connection to Judaism at all!” She loves being able to meet Jews from all over the world. After hanging out with Jewish people who have immigrated to Israel from countries across the globe, Ann realizes that Israel continues to carry out its mission of providing a safe haven to Jews who might feel uncomfortable taking pride in their Jewish Identity. She is proud to be a part of another community where she feels as welcome and accepted as she did at Camp Wise. We wish Ann and Iliya all the best.

Hey Wise Alumni, got a cool story? Any life adventures? Let us know! E-mail us at wisekids@mandeljcc.org  

Left: Ann rocks her legendary custom “Scouts” shirt with Abby Rubin

Below: Ann and Iliya reunite this past August in Israel
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 and 13 years. Five years are recognized with a 5-year bag, 7 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 giant CW sweatshirt blanket. Mazel tov to our 2013 10 and 13 year campers and staff:

Annie Adelman  Adam Bloom  Rachel Bloom  Nick Goldman

Sam Goldman  Isaac Hecker  Abigail Teitelbaum  Becca Semel (13)

We love our parent 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 2014, please let us know!

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- Jennifer & Jason Drasner
- LeAnne & Michael Eisner
- Anne & Scott Flamm
- Julie & Michael Frayman
- Tara & Mark Howard
- Debbie & Steve Kaufman
- Beth & David Krasnow
- Sandra & Mitchell Kutash
- Jennifer Levin & Amir Poreh
- Michele & Matthew Levy
- Paula & Ariel Levy
- Laurie & Adam Mandell
- Robin & Bill McCann
- Karen & David Morris
- Stacy Phagis & Thomas Zaffiro
- Barbara & Arthur Rosenfeld
- Sharon & Marvin Rotblatt
- Patty & Eric Rubin
- Kathy & Rommie Sebo
- Jessica & Alan Semel
- Deb & Scott Singer
- Shani & Scott Spiegel
- Bonnie Uretti
- Debbie & Jim Weisman
- Ellen Wurtzel & Andrew Auten

Save the date for this wonderful opportunity to support Camper Scholarship

The Mandel JCC
7th Annual Indoor Triathlon
The Mandel Jewish Community Center
Sunday, February 9, 2014
Share more, know more

One of the biggest gifts Camp Wise ever gives is the opportunity for youth to make life-long friends, and feel a part of fun and caring community. As the years go by summers at CW might come to an end, but “friendships won need never die.” We are taking the first steps toward re-strengthening and revitalizing our Alumni community. In the future we hope to expand our, “I’m tryin’ to tell you somethin’ bout my life...” (Alumni Notes) by sharing life cycle events including weddings, births, moves, and other exciting news.

Keep us in the loop by giving us a call at (216) 593-6250 or sending us emails at wisekids@mandeljcc.org. If you are interested in getting involved by being a point person for your age group please get in touch!

Weddings...

Amanda Bruell and Josh Goldberg
Long-time camp couple Josh Goldberg and Amanda Bruell (both Solel 2002) were married on September 1st.

Jolynn Lewis and Billy Radin
Camp Wise staff member and supervisor Billy Radin married Jolynn Lewis on September 1st.

Shaina Oif and David Leb
Camp Wise camper, staff member and supervisor David Leb married Shaina Oif on September 1st.

A big mazel tov to our director, Sean Morgan & Jenny Greenberg on their November 2nd wedding.

mark your calendar for 2014!
important dates to remember

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Please let us know when any Camp Wise alumni welcome a new baby, and we’ll send them a Future Camper onesie, pictured here on Silas Greenwald!

We also want to let you know about a new database we are using called “Campminder.” Campminder allows us to keep track of Alumni and make sure that they get all the Alumni goodies like Newsletters, early registration information (for their kids), and information about Alumni Reunions, Family Camp, and Women’s Weekend. We will keep you posted as we expand the capabilities of the system. Sign up and create a profile now by going to CampWise.org and going to Alumni Central.

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’nei Mitzvot since our last newsletter. Please let us know if we’ve missed you and we’ll include you in our next issue.

Noah Apple
Lee Berger
Julian Broderick
Jacob Butze
Carly Chessin
Allison Cohen
Jacob Cramer
Josh Cramer
Sophie Egar
Andrew Feldman
Shane Friedman
Sophie Gabbay
Josh Geller
Rachel Goetz
Rachel Grossman
Zoe Halpern
Ethan Heiss
Hannah Herman
Joey Hirsch
Noa Immerman
Julia Insler
Shayna Kling
Jonathan Kutash
Matt Leder
Zach Leder
Jessica Linden
Max Ludin
Anna Mester
Danny Myeroff
Jonah Mitchell
Quinn Murphy
Jesse Nathanson
Justin Pollak
Sam Richards
Logan Rock
Rachel Rothschild
Jonah Rubanenko
Mara Sanderow
Noah Shore
Olivia Siegel
Mose Simon
Reece Singerman
Jonathan Slain
Lily Steiger
Lexi Sussman
Jocelyn Trostler
Kyle Weisman
Elspeth “Ellie” Weiss
Matthew Zimon

Be in touch!

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if summer can’t come soon enough, 
come join us for...

The fourth annual: 
Ohalim Winter Wonderland!

All current 5th and 6th graders who are enrolled for camp in 2014 are invited to a magical return to Camp Wise this winter!

Sunday, January 19, 11:30 am to Monday, January 20, 5 pm

Cost: $85
Busses leave from the Mandel JCC.
Registration opens Thursday, December 19.

For more information about both events and to register visit www.campwise.org.
Space is limited so reserve your spot today!
Call (216)593-6250 with any questions.
We can’t wait to see you for some Camp Wise winter fun!

The second annual: 
A Mid-Winter’s Noar Dream

All current 7th and 8th graders who are enrolled for camp in 2014 are invited to join us for a night at camp and a day on the slopes tubing at ??

Sunday, February 16, 4:00 pm
Monday, February 17, 5 pm
Cost: $100
Busses leave from the Mandel JCC
Registration opens Thursday, February 16.