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A most wonderful camp season is again drawing to a close. You have had a very enjoyable time and stimulating Jewish experiences. Usually pleasant experiences in life are long remembered. I therefore sincerely trust that these pleasant Jewish experiences will continue to linger after you return home.

What I am particularly impressed with is the preponderance of our own trained counselors on the staff this year. The training of our older campers to become efficient counselors who ultimately will serve as Jewish communal leaders is a splendid achievement and this has been one of our cardinal goals in establishing the camp.

In evaluating what we accomplished this season, it is important to restate the general objectives of the camp. A camp like ours offers extraordinary opportunities for the development of positive and creative attitudes toward Jewish ways of living. The camp makes possible a complete Jewish educational and recreational program in a wholesome Jewish environment. It also bears excellent promise for the development of leadership which later will prove a blessing to the Jewish communities.

We have made considerable progress toward attaining these objectives as testified by Dr. Judah Pilch, National Director of the American Association for Jewish Education, who recently visited our camp and wrote to me as follows.

"What pleased me most was the genuinely Jewish atmosphere which prevails in the camp. The carefully planned seasonal Jewish program which is related to child experience is indicative of a conscious attempt to afford the children opportunities for wholesome Jewish living.... The accomplishments of Camp Lown constitute an educational program of great significance."

This is indeed a gratifying testimonial.

With my best wishes to you and your parents for a very happy and healthy New Year, I am

Sincerely,

Phil W. Lown

# A MESSAGE FROM BARNEY

Always, when the end of a season approaches, one tries to look back and pick out the highlights of the year and to give some thought to the future. It isn't an easy task because so many things happen during the summer that are outstanding. My feeling is that each year of Camp Town is better than the season before.

There is no great need for a review at this time because each of you has a personal group of activities for reflection. But one of the most important functions of our Camp is to promote among the young people in New England a feeling and understanding for the Jews; their history, their heritage, and their traditions. It is with this in mind that I write this annual message.

The things that you've learned here at Camp, the functions of Jewish living in which you have participated, and your experiences in all the phases of the Cultural Program should give you many worthwhile thoughts to take home with you. There are many members of your community who could benefit from these same things - carry the message to your friends and other members of your community. Make Camp Town live during the entire year!

Tell them all about the wonderful observance of the Shabbos that we have here at Camp. They would like to know about the part of the program that is following the Five Books of Moses and I am sure that they would revel with you over the many songs we sing during the summer. Let everyone share your experiences here at Camp.

I hope that I will see all of you during the winter months as I visit each of the communities. Until that time I would like to extend to all of you my most heartfelt wishes for a very Happy and Healthy New Year.

Barney Bloom

# A WORLD FROM AARON

Every beginning and every conclusion gives us cause to think. The actual process of living in camp is too completely filled with enjoyment and activity to allow for thought and evaluation.

As a newcomer to Camp Town, I have been comparing my past experience with this year's and I can say truthfully that the ideal behind Camp Town of enjoyable and meaningful education stands head and shoulders above that of the overwhelming majority of camps in the United States. It has always been my theory, and the season at Camp Town has proved it, that educational facilities, camps included, should be a community enterprise and not a source of funds for a private enterprise.

It is my conviction that every camper has received a great deal this year. Every part of the program helped develop some side of the camper's personality. Beginning with the all important Hebrew cultural themes and continuing with the sports, the crafts, music, nature, and swimming the value of the experiences received will become more evident in the year to come.

To all who have contributed their share of effort, interest and enthusiasm my sincere thanks. I, for one, have learned a great deal and am grateful therefore. May your days and weeks bring you happiness and continued understanding and may you be inscribed and sealed in the book of good life for a happy New Year.

Aaron  
Seidman

# CULTURAL PROGRAM

I am frequently asked, "How is our camp different from other camps?" My answer is that it is different because of the spirit of warmth toward Jewish values with which our campers are imbued. Our camp consists of boys and girls who come from homes where Jewish traditions occupy an important place. Our camp, in a large sense, affords our children the opportunity to continue their traditions and to enrich their vast cultural heritage.

Our camp, through its cultural program, has made contacts with important points of Jewish past history and with distant centers of Jewish creation at the present time. Egypt of old, where the Jews led an enslaved life, has become a reality to us because we have studied Exodus, the second book of the Bible, in our clubs. The wilderness of Sinai where our ancestors received the Two Tablets of the Law has become alive to us because we, in our own limited way, have re-enacted that great historic scene which was the birthplace of our nation as "The People of the Book".

We did more. We gave expression to our deep sympathies to modern Israel by devoting several weeks of study to the Children's Village of Meir Shfeya in Israel. The children of the various children's villages - of whom Meir Shfeya is one - are raising a generation of new pioneers who will help strengthen the position of Israel in the world.

Our camp, during this season of 1953, was a vital center of Jewish living. Our campers have learned facts of Jewish life, and participated in traditional Jewish ceremonials, have learned Hebrew songs - but above all, have learned to continue to be proud of their people and its heritage.

For all that, let us be grateful and let us return to our homes with the resolve that we continue, in our homes, the Jewish life which we led in camp.

Ben Benari

Sunday August 16, 1953

Dear Diary,

Tonight started our fourth annual Maccabiah. Before the dividing of the teams we were shown movies of the 1950 Maccabiah after which the camp was equally divided into two teams, American and Israeli. The division was made according to our skills in athletics, swimming, and dramatics. By a flip of the coin the teams found out which countries they were representing. Stuie Depe and Barbara Gremer were the co-captains of the American team and Ruthie Jacobson and Sam Berger were co-captains of the Israeli team. We went to our respective meeting places and after a short team meeting we went to the Chadar-Ohel where the Maccabiah was officially opened by Dick Sterns who ran up the path with the flaming torch. The menorah being a symbol of that torch was lit to signify the beginning of the Maccabiah. It remains lit for the duration of the Maccabiah.

We all sang taps and then returned to the bunks for a good night's sleep in preparation for the activities the next day.

Sue Rolsky...Israeli team  
Renee Shapiro American team

Monday August 17, 1953

Dear Diary,

We got up early and hurried to our meeting places so we could learn some songs and cheers for our lineups. We lined up with our teams and after, two members from each team raised the flag (which will be done throughout the Maccabiah). The teams take turns going in and out of the dining room first. Unlike the rest of the season we ate in reasonable silence. After the meal songs were sung and cheers were given by both teams. A quiet exit followed as points are given for entering and exiting the Chadar Ohel.

After a short team meeting we started the first day's activities. Following the activities we had a short team meeting and then dinner at which time the scores were announced. America was then leading by  $\frac{1}{2}$  point. At dinner each team put on a skit, which is something else that will be done throughout Maccabiah.

Following rest hour was a track meet, a major event as far as sports went. At the announcing of scores at supper time Israel was in the lead. The evening's activity was a Hebrew quiz. The final results of that was America 35 points and Israel 34 points. Taps was sung by everyone and we all went to bed to be rested for the next day.

Sue Rolsky....Israeli team  
Renee Shapiro..American team

Tuesday August 18, 1953

Dear Diary,

The day started off the same as yesterday with everyone up at the first sound of reveille. The morning went the same as Monday and at dinnertime Israel was still in the lead. In the afternoon there were regular sports, since the weather didn't allow a swim meet, which was followed by a team meeting.

When the score was announced at supper time America then had a slight lead. The evening activity was a play by each team. America won 38 to 22. Being very tired, we all went to bed immediately after the play.

Wednesday August 19, 1953

Dear Diary,

Everybody in high spirits because of the last day of Maccabiah, was raring to go. The day went the same as yesterday with America in the lead. The evening activity was a song and dance night which Israel won. Following that everyone went up to the Chadar-Chol where songs were sung by both teams together. Sam Berger gave one of his speeches in Hebrew while Herb Berger gave an amusing talk in different languages. After being kept in suspense by Aaron the results were announced. America won! We sang Hativrah, America, and taps. That was the end of the Maccabiah. One of the best Camp Lehigh has ever known.

Sue Rolsky..Israeli team  
Renee Shapiro American team

# ARCHEAERICAL AWARDS SWIMMING LIST

Jr. Yoeman  
Kent Baker

Bowman Sharp  
Mike Strair  
Julie Benari

Intermediate  
Eddie Miller  
Bobby Rosen  
Mike Gould  
Paul Levine

Jr. Bowman  
Tommy Viner  
Susan Adleman  
Irwin Shiffer  
Janet Levine  
Ann Savitt  
Bobby Rosen  
David Levine  
Mike Savitt

Archer  
Barbara Mersky  
Alan Levine

Deep Water  
Nicky Day  
Bob Haines  
Lorraine Levine

Silver Bow  
Stan Israel

Swimming Part of Canoe  
Laura Etscovitz  
Vicki Kromefield  
Linda Winner

American Archer  
Marty Davis

Canoe Test  
Judy Harris  
Al Levine  
Paula Kolney  
Henry Starns  
Morris Director  
Dave Sklar  
Sue Adelman  
Harriet Flock

Bowman  
Ruthie Flock  
Elizabeth Lubell  
Mel Mazer  
Renee Shapiro  
Adele Grossman  
Paul Augenblick  
Nicky Day  
Eddie Miller  
Barry Traister  
Phyllis Pigula  
David Sklar

Bowman Brassard  
Mike Lerner  
Mike Gould  
Norm Koninsky  
Ellie Epstein

# A-ARCHERY

Archery has proven to be one of the most enjoyed activities in camp this year. Besides the scheduled periods, many campers can be found on the range during the Hobby Hour.

As a result of everyone's co-operation and enthusiasm, we have many fine archers in camp. Let's take a minute out and glance over our record. Receiving their 160 award at twenty yards are Julie Benari and Mike Strair. At thirty yards we find Alan Levine and Barbara Mersky setting their aim, and if you can stretch your neck back to forty yards you'll see Marty Davis and Stan Israel hitting 100 to give them their silver bow pin. Other winners are Bobby Rosen, Tommy Viner, Janet Levine, Mike Savitt, Susan Adleman, Bena Smith, Phyllis Pigula, Judy Singal, Susan Grab, Shelly Moliver, Paul Augenblick, Nickie Day, Eddie Miller, David Sklar, Melvin Mazer, Ruth Flock, Elizabeth Lubell, Renee Shapiro, Adele Grossman, Mike Jerner, Mike Gould, Ellie Epstien, and Normand Kominsky. These campers are only a small part of the many fine archers in camp.

We received some new equipment this year including a tent right on the archery range. As many of you have probably noticed, this has given us more time for actual shooting.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone of you for your wonderful cooperation and special thanks go to Beryl Kates for her assistance during the Hobby Hour.

Sue Mersky



# BUDDIES 1 2 3 4

by Gil Shapiro

It is a great joy to me to look back over the swimming season of 1953 and consider what has been accomplished. In almost every aspect of swimming and boating campers demonstrated new skills and improved skills that they had just a slight inkling of before the season started.

Concerning the beginner, intermediate, and deep swimming areas at Lown the season has found almost half the camp qualified as deep water swimmers. These swimmers would enjoy their general swims practicing dives and skills in deep water. On the other end of the skill ladder the conclusion of the swimming program saw such a small number of shallow area swimmers that they could be counted on the fingers of one hand.

The instruction on the waterfront was based on the Red-Cross scheme of beginner, intermediate, swimmer and advanced swimmer groups. In each classification various skills are prescribed before an individual can be presented with his Red Cross swimming card indicating the level which any particular swimmer attains in skill. I would like to list all the campers who received their different skill cards from the Red Cross, some of whom advanced more than one skill during the season. Unfortunately, this listing would occupy a couple of pages as many campers passed their Red Cross tests. Therefore, I will not name those deserving campers here. It is only fitting however, that the campers who are working so hard in the life saving program be mentioned. At the time of the writing of this article the Senior and Junior life saving tests have not been given, but those swimmers in the program have learned the methods and have practiced the various ways of rescuing a drowning person. Taking turns during the long hours of water and land practice first as victims and then as 'rescues' these potential life savers are: Senior life savers--Elizabeth Tubell and Eleanor Cohen, Nancy Greene, Janet Levine and Ellie Epstien. Among the Junior life saving group we find: Harry Tabonken, Jim Gould, Barry Traister, Dave Adleman, Paula Rolsky, Nancy Winner, Barbara Mersky, and Barbara Cope.

Although Lown's campers have learned many new swimming skills this summer, the season certainly was not only devoted to instruction. On the fun side of the swimming program the water ballet highlighted the season. The girls who participated in the ballet worked diligently to improve the performance and when it was presented on Visiting Day all who saw the ballet were high in praise for the fine swimming presentation by the swimmers. The water ballerinas were led by Ellie Cohen and Ellie Epstien who started off the show with a solo and Barbara Mersky, Barbara Cope, Nancy Winner, Janet Levine, Elizabeth Tubell, Sue Rapaport, Ruth Flock, Nancy Greene, Sue Rolsky, Ellen Green, Zeta Levine, and Paula Rolsky also performed in an excellent manner.

The swimming meets held during the season gave the camp an indication as to whom the speed swimmers were and the water basketball games provided an enjoyable way of developing water endurance.

All in all, from beginner to Senior life saver, the swimming program appeared to have been a success during 1953. Much credit is due Timmy Goldman and Herb Cohen both of whom were great aides at the waterfront during the season.



The combined efforts of the campers, from the youngest to the seniors, helped make this season at crafts a productive one.

Early in the season, the juniors contributed in decorating our dining room with their attractively painted paper plates.

The large majority of campers deserve special commendation for the Holiday Festival exhibit. The boys of Bunk 8 displayed their artistic ability by constructing a Succah completely inhabited and furnished. Not to be outdone by their fellow juniors, the girls of Bunk 5 made the colorful dreidles which ornamented the Channukah table.

The intermediate girls will be bringing home embroidered canvas belts along with painted challah cloths, for the Sabbath table.

The Senior girls can be proud of the painted kerchiefs and scarves cut from linoloum blocks.

The Children's village project, Meier Shfeyah, was thoroughly exploited in the Crafts cabin through various media. The juniors modeled animals and children's figures from clay. Drawing in charcoal, crayon and pastel chalks were made in portrayal of Meier Shfeyah.

Themes from the book of Exodus found expression through the craft medium. The boys made copper plated book ends and plaques utilizing a theme from "Shmot". This same theme was carried over to the block print patterns which the girls made for kerchiefs.

We find the counterpart of Crafts 'Crafts'-'Art'-drawing- emphasized during the Hobby hour in the evenings for this activity combines campers of all age levels. Here we may observe juniors and seniors alike drawing from life landscape and portraiture and producing praiseworthy results.

In conclusion, this has been a truly enjoyable season for me at Crafts thanks to the participation and interest shown by so many.

Tamar Katz

# WINNING ESSAY

## WHY THIS SEASON'S CULTURAL PROGRAM HAS DONE FOR ME

As a comparatively new new camper here at Loma, I feel that this season's cultural program has done much for me. I have come to look upon Friday night and Saturday morning services, not as something which I have to attend, but as something wonderful. Although I can not read Hebrew I have been able to follow the services to a certain extent.

The Hebrew singing is also a new pleasure which I have found here at camp.

Through the Hebrew clubs I have learned a great deal about children in Israel and about the children's villages in which they live. In the discussion group, of which I am a participant, we have been given a chance to express ourselves in open discussions as well as listening, to the history of the Jews told to us by our leader.

We have also been able to increase the knowledge of our heritage and our ancestors through such things as the Herzl-Bialik night, the Holiday Festival the Exodus pageant and many others.

These are only some of the many things which this year's cultural program has done for me.

Nancy Greene

# CURTAIN CALL

.....And so another season draws to an end and the final curtain is closed. But many were the times that we opened the curtain and many are memories that linger about the lonely stage.

I do not know, boys and girls, what you will remember, but I know I shall always treasure in my mind certain priceless moments out of these past eight weeks. I will remember Julie Benari being roused by Paul Rovere and Konnie Siegal rising to ask his astounded audience " Shall We Join The Ladies"? I will remember your re-enactment of the tragic life of Alfred Dreyfus in A Point of Honor and Ellen Green's splendid portrayal of the Lady Unknown. I will remember Fragments and that long Saturday night when we ran History's Hes and Shes With the C.I.T.'s. I will remember Ellie Cohen and Bonny Godfrey as Frankie and Johnny and Paul Augenblick playing the Mob in "Great Caesar ". And I will always remember those people who made those plays live for you and have earned your appreciative applause; such actors as Billy Small, Dave Adleman, Stan Israel, Al Strair, Eddie Miller, Byron Dresner, Mike Savitt, and Morty Selair; and such actresses as Sue Adelman, Beverly Silver, Linda Menaker, Bena Smith, Ruthie Flock, Renee Shapiro, Sue Rolsky, and the incomparable Ellen Green. On that stage we made you laugh and made you think and even- once or twice- we made you shed a tear. Yet gone now are the laughs and gone are the thoughts, while only a few tears remain.....

I owe many thanks. I owe my thanks to Ira and Tamar and Sandy, and I owe my thanks to you, the campers, for providing me with such experiences of vitality and pleasure and beauty for what small part I might have had in helping you enjoy so fully your summer.

There are apologies to make ,too. Apologies for the plays that were never put on and apologies to those people who never went behind the footlights. But these boys and girls had their moments of acting and stagecraft, too, if only in rehearsal. They had their experiences and lessons in dramatics and - more important still - they had a taste of what they can do in future years. A taste not only of acting and staging, but a taste of working with others and helping your buddies to do their best.

So remember well, the things you have learned. Put your stagecraft lessons into practice in your daily lives. Shakespeare wrote, "All the world's a stage". Remember that, boys and girls. Remember that in life, too, you can fluff your line or miss a cue. You can throw others off the right track and you can fail to play your part well. But remember to shake off your mistakes and come bouncing back on your next entrance to do your job right. You'll have to study your role hard, and you'll find your rehearsals a burden. But though your disappointments may be many and your efforts to help others may be unappreciated, remember that some faraway day, as that Final Curtain falls, you can stop before the footlights of the Great Beyond and receive the grateful applause of your fellowmen-- applause for a job well done.

Till next summer

Mrv Karp



# PLAY BALL



Take a camp like Camp Lown and fill the banks with 102 campers, then add the usual ingredients of softball, basketball, volleyball, tennis, kickball, newcomb, plus a greater than usual amount of Little League, and varying amounts of soccoball, bowling-on-the-green, football, and horseshoes for spicing and spicing and you have what this writer labels a successful athletic person. The aim of any athletic program should be maximum participation and I felt that this was achieved to a great extent this season with a great variety of games offered.

The Little League program was enlarged with regular practices being scheduled during Hobby Hour. A squad of eighteen players, whose names appear elsewhere, was selected and these were drilled thoroughly in the fundamentals of good baseball. That this training payed off was evidenced by the fact that we had for the first time enough good ball players to play a Little League game as part of the Maccabiah. Two games were played against out of camp competition. The opposition in both games being the Norridgewock Little Leaguers, who were the top team in their league. Although our boys were not able to mar their record both games were close, the one played at camp being particularly a thriller. The boys made friends and shared many experiences which will serve to warm the winter months.

There were many highlights during the season and it will serve only to mention a few. I'm sure that the Little League players will long remember the warm welcome and the homemade cookies they received at Norridgewock.

Bunk 5 took to bowling like fish to water. Bunk 1 found that volleyball can be an exciting game as did 11, 12, and 13. Bunk 13 could be frequently seen on the basketball court in the company of Sam Berger. Many strong forearms were developed as a result of bo-lo and the season in the eyes of the director was both enjoyable and memorable

Athletically yours,  
Dick Sterns

# NATURE

This year we have tried to offer a broad and comprehensive nature program. This program included observation, collection and discussion of plants, animals, rocks, and minerals, and stars. We have had quite a few field trips of various studies.

Outstanding in cooperation and interest were Fivi Levine, Alan Carr, and Lennie Bornstien of bunk eight; Deanie Sterns, Peter Schwartz, and Tommy Viner of bunk nine; Paul Augenlik and Bobby Haynes of bunk ten; Buck Mazer of bunk eleven; Harry Tobenkin of bunk twelve; Julie Benari and Jimmy Gould of bunk thirteen on the boy's side.

On the girl's side the following were proficient: Marilyn Sterns of bunk two; and all of bunks three and four, but especially Linda Nash and Jane Escovitz.

Laura Escovitz and Elaine Fisher are two girls who have helped to keep the camp garden growing. So far, we have gotten edible green beans, carrots, radishes and beets.

All things considered, this season in nature can be said to have been satisfactory.

Larry Posner

## OVER THE NET

Here, at Camp Lown, tennis is one of the more enjoyable activities. Tennis is a game which requires the co-ordination of the entire body. During the course of the summer many campers have improved their basic knowledge of tennis. Different strokes such as the back stroke, forehand stroke, overhand drive and serve have been taught to the campers along with the basic fundamentals of the game.

The general appearance of the tennis courts have been improved greatly. Now fencing was placed in certain parts of the court. (continued)

WHO'S WHO  
CAMP LOWN 1958 STAFF

Director-Barney Bloom  
Head Counselor-Rabbi Aaron Seldman  
Cultural Director-Bon Benari  
Camp Nurse-Ira Bergman  
Camp Doctor-Laron Cook M.D.  
Camp Mother-Mrs. Shirley Shuman  
Head of Swimming-Gil Shapiro  
Head of Crafts-Tamar Katz  
Head of Nature and Scouting-Larry  
Fosner  
Head of Music-Ira Goldberg  
Head of Dramatics-Mary Karp  
Head of Athletics-Dick Sterns

Tsrif Coverage

- 1-Barbara Cramer and Sue Morsky
- 2-Primaloe Goldman and Beryl Kates
- 3-Sandy Shuman and Scarlet Stein
- 4-Audrey Saperstein and Lisa Stein
- 5-Judy Markowitz and Shelly Kropfky
- 6-Ruth Jacobson
- 7-Tamar Katz and Sheila Fireman
- 8-Ira Goldberg and Irvin Cohen
- 9-Neil Israel and Bernie Cope
- 10-Herb Cohen and Stuie Cope
- 11-Dick Sterns and Herbie Berger
- 12-Larry Fosner and Mary Karp
- 13-Gil Shapiro and Sammy Berger

TENNIS (con't)

And so that the courts would be well suited for the campers, a new net was purchased and the courts rolled and chalked when necessary.

We can look forward toward another enjoyable season of tennis next summer. I'd like to wish you all a very happy and healthy winter.

Bernie Cope

# MUSIC

Music can be said to be the measure of the spirit of a camp. Music is a means of expression for all men and in the summer camp represents the enjoyment, the excitement and the pride of the campers.

This year the singing at camp continued as spirited as before, with many new songs being learned. By the time the Maccabiah will be over, our Songster will be just about complete, giving us the opportunity to compile a new songster of old favorites and many new and beautiful songs too.

Substantial progress was made this year in the music program. Recorded music was presented to the groups, and the instrumentalists in camp demonstrated their particular instruments to the various tsrifim. Probably the highlight of the music program was the presentation of the cantata "Fragments" with the chorus and orchestra.

The C.I.T.'s also had an opportunity to present songs they had done.

The music program this year was superior to that of last year but far more progress can be made next year.

Let us look forward to an even more spirited singing camp with a still better music program.

Ira Goldberg

