

THE MICAH UPDATE

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MESSAGE FROM MARK

Dear Micah Community,

The summer of 2020 has ended and we have moved into a very strange fall. For the short time some of us were at camp this past summer, it was sad to be there without all of our campers and staff and I hope we never have to experience that again. Thank you to everyone in our community who sent in videos, attended Zoom gatherings, and were part of our Shabbat services, Masked Singer contest, and Moose Covid Lodge Show episodes throughout the summer. Also, thank you to the skeleton crew that came up to camp to make all of those things happen. If you need a taste of Micah to brighten your days, this past summer's services, Moose Covid Lodge Show episodes, a special recording of our alma mater, and a behind the scenes look at the infamous 2012 Color War can all be found on our YouTube channel: [CampMicahME](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCqM1c1c1c1c1c1c1c1c1c1c)



We are so looking forward to opening camp next summer and welcoming our community back to Bridgton and Sebago. There were a small group of Maine camps that did open last summer and we are learning a lot from their experiences. The American Camp Association and the CDC in Maine are coming out with new guidelines for summer 2021 and will be updating them as the year goes on. Micah will open with the guidance of scientists and medical professionals and will make sure that our community is safe.

As we get closer to the summer and details come more into focus, we will be sharing all the precautions and guidelines for 2021, including whether or not an in-person Visiting Day will be possible in July or our Alumni Reunion Weekend in August. While it is our hope that the status of the pandemic will make it possible to welcome visitors next summer, we will be planning for all contingencies. We so appreciate the trust you have for us and we will continue to earn that trust as we move forward through this together.

As we plan for 2021, we have been hard at work hiring staff and recruiting for the remaining camper spaces that are still available in our 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade bunks. If you have younger siblings or cousins who are interested in camp, or know of any other families who are, please let us know.

We hope you enjoy this newsletter and all that is happening in our community. Although we didn't have camp last summer, we still had so much going on and this is a chance to catch up. We hope everyone is coping well with this school year and we look forward to bringing some sense of normalcy back to our campers' and staff's lives in less than eight months!

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MICAH NEWS

Micah's commitment to social action doesn't end when campers leave our gates. We're so proud of and inspired by the passion our community has to make the world a better place. Check out what a few of our campers were up to this summer!

Inspired by Camp Micah's commitment to service, and our partnership with [World of Change](#), Micah camper **Sam D.** (who lived in B8 first session in 2019) chose WOC for his mitzvah project. Little did he know the world was about to need his help more than ever before. In the midst of the global pandemic, Sam managed to collect donations totaling \$3,368 for kids in need, consisting of donations from friends and family members, a \$1,000 mitzvah match from Hands On Tzedakah, and \$900 in spare change (yes, pennies, nickels, dimes, and quarters) from a curbside change collection. Sam designated 100% of all funds raised to three different organizations: Westchester Jewish Community Services, Ikamva Labant, and Feeding Westchester.



Take a look at this photo of Sam in his driveway. The \$900 in change he collected is a great example of how easy it is to rally your community around making a World of Change.

Even from the end of our driveways - we can all change the world for others in need. To plan your change drive, and for more information about how World of Change can help you, feel free to contact WOC Founder & Chief Change Maker Matt Hoidal at 207-400-0274, or mhoidal@worldofchange.world.

Another longtime partnership we have at Micah is with Camp Northbound. Northbound is a collaboration of the Mark Wahlberg Youth Foundation, The Boys and Girls Clubs of Dorchester, MA, and Camp Micah. It offers kids from The Club the opportunity to have a week-long camp experience in Bridgton, ME after the Micah campers depart each August. Over the years, Northbound campers have come to love and look forward to being at camp every summer, just like we do. Camp Northbound, unfortunately, wasn't able to run in-person this summer either. Like Micah did, the Club staff ran some virtual programs with the Northbound campers.

Three Micah campers: **Ella F.** (G14 2019) and sisters **Sydney O.** (G14 2019) and **Alexa O.** (G9 2019) met

via Zoom with the head staff at The Club who help organize and run Camp Northbound to find out what they could do to help The Club and Camp Northbound this year. Together, they came up with the idea to make activity kits for Northbound campers so they'd have the materials they needed to participate in their virtual activities.

Sydney, Alexa, and Ella wrote a letter to the Micah community to invite them to participate by purchasing items on an Amazon wish list to have shipped directly to the girls. They then organized and packaged the items to donate to the The Club to be distributed to Northbound campers.

Sydney, Alexa, and Ella would like to thank everyone in the Micah community who donated to this project. Due to everyone's generosity, they were able to deliver enough bags for each



Northbound camper, as well as extra supplies for The Boys and Girls Clubs of Dorchester. And we would like to thank Sydney, Alexa, Ella, and their parents for thinking of our Northbound friends during this difficult time and doing their part to help make the world a better place.

Celebrating

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Rabbi Lipof



We hope you'll join us for a special event being planned by Temple Ohabei Shalom (Brookline, MA) for **Rabbi Lipof's 80th birthday.**

After 20 years of being our camp rabbi, we all know how important the Micah community is to her and how important she is to us. We wanted you to be included in the festivities.

The program will take place on Zoom at 7:30 PM on **Sunday, November 8, 2020.** It will include music (some from our own Daniel Anderson) and even a teaching from the guest of honor. We hope that you will be able to join us to celebrate Rabbi Lipof's amazing career and all the good that she has done.

For more information, and to sign up, please visit: www.ohabei.org/lipof80.

MAZEL TOV, MICAH!

We're excited to announce the engagements of the following former campers and staff. Stay tuned for their wedding pictures in the future!



Former campers **Emily Berger** (G14 2005) and **Max Gredinger** (B15 2006, CIT 2008) join the ever-growing list of couples who met at Micah. We're excited to see where the future takes this latest "Micah Match!"



Julia Fallman
Former Camper, G14 2008

Riley "Chick" Chickering
Head of Baseball 2016 & 2017, Athletic Director 2018



Megan Gleason
Micah Mini Babysitter 2006 - 2009, Nurse 2015 & 2016



Emily Riley
Swim Instructor 2013



Wendy Temple
Drama Staff 2014 & 2015, Play Director 2016 - 2018

Alex Linsky
Founding Camper, Athletics Staff 2004 - 2007



Austin Satinsky
Drama Staff 2015 - 2017

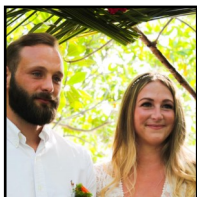


Erin Siegel
Former Camper 2006 - 2009



Alli Agulnick
G14 2009

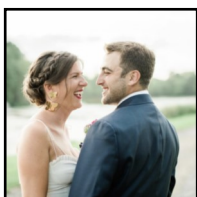
MAZEL TOV, MICAH MARRIAGES!



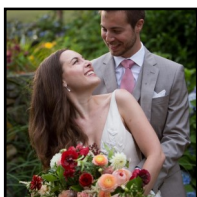
Asa Routledge (Athletics Staff 2016, Prowler Unit Leader 2017 - 2019) & **Jill Hoydick** (Micah Mini Babysitter and Waterfront Lifeguard 2015 - 2018, 2019 - current Assistant Program Director and Co-Head of Color War) are joining the Micah Match club after having met at Micah in 2016. What do you do when a global pandemic forces you to cancel your international wedding and the Atlantic Ocean separates you and your love for months? Jill and Asa found a way to get married this summer anyway! Since Jill couldn't get to Asa in England and Asa couldn't get to Jill in Boston, they self-quarantined, took some covid tests, and then met up in Antigua to tie the knot!



Laura Jacobs (Former Camper, G14 2009) married Zach Albert this past June at a small outdoor wedding ceremony in Brookline, MA. The plan is to do it all over again next year!



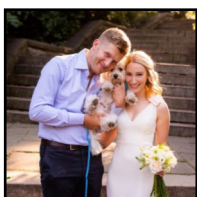
Sarah "SJ" Bashein (Former Camper, G14 2004; Ceramics/Jewelry Staff 2013) and Alec Eidelman switched up their plans during this strange time and had a small wedding to remember. They hope to celebrate with all their friends and family soon!



Laurel Greenfield (Former Camper, G14 2007; Art Staff 2011, Unit Leader 2012 - 2013) and Jeffrey Botwick also had to switch up their plans for a big wedding and instead had an intimate backyard ceremony. We're certain Laurel's wedding cake looked just as delicious as the ones [she paints](#)!



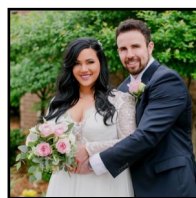
Hannah Sieber (Former Camper, G14 2006; Social Media Coordinator 2015) married Katie Checca last fall. While their scheduled honeymoon this past spring couldn't happen due to quarantine, they made the best of the situation and created their own virtual trip to Italy!



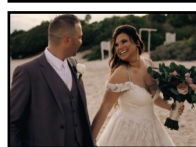
Michelle Krozy (Former Camper, G14 2006 and CIT 2008; Art Staff 2009, Swim Instructor 2010) married Sam Bart this fall.



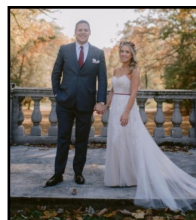
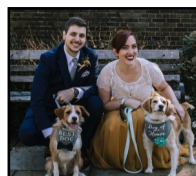
Sammi Lappin (Founding Camper, G14 2004; Drama Staff 2009, Play Director 2010 & 2012) wed Lee Pollero last fall. Rabbi Lipof, Sammi's grandmother, officiated the beautiful ceremony in California.



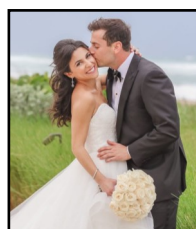
The Elkin sisters both got married! **Olga Elkin** (Head of Tennis 2011 - 2014) married Robert Beran in spring 2019 and **Michelle Elkin** (Tennis Staff 2011 - 2013, Micah in Israel Staff 2014) married Jake Daniels in late 2019. Michelle is now an attorney in Nebraska but we have a feeling that when these two ladies get together, they probably make some time to get out on the court!



Emma Hance (Waterfront Staff 2011, 2013, 2015) married Scott James Meldrum last fall.



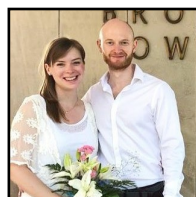
Alexis Leon (Founding Camper, G14 2005; Art Staff 2009) married David Siegal last fall at Sugarloaf Mountain.



Dr. Sarah Katzin (Former Camper, G14 2008) and Greg Singer celebrated their wedding in the fall of 2019.



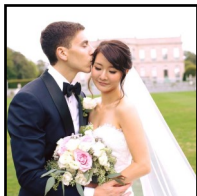
Kendall Wallace (Ropes Staff/Head of Ropes 2010 - 2011) married Kaitlyn Ferguson in August 2019 in beautiful Warren, Maine.



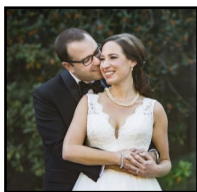
Lily Koufman-Frederick (Former Camper, Photography Staff 2011 - 2012) married Clement Cordaro last fall. They now live in London.

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MORE MICAH MARRIAGES...



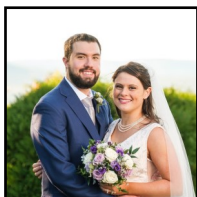
Michael Guinness (Former Camper, B15 2006, CIT 2008) married Sarina Kowaguchi.



Erin Greenberg (Founding Camper; Athletics Staff, Lifeguard, Swim Instructor 2005 - 2006) recently celebrated her first anniversary with Eric Elberg in October.



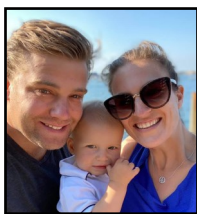
Sam Zuckernik (Former Camper, B15 2008) married Katrina Miaoulis in September 2019.



Mikayla Weigel (Ropes Staff 2015) married Joel Russell in the fall of 2019.

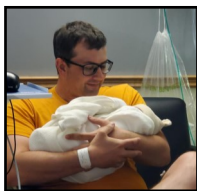
BABIES

We are so excited to introduce you all to the newest members of the Micah family.

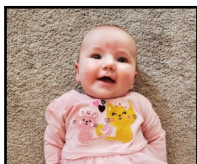


Dani (Murmres) Stamford (Former Camper, G14 2004; Hockey and Waterfront Staff 2007 - 2010) and **Ross Stamford** (2010 soccer staff) are a Micah Match that are multiplying! Dani and Ross celebrated their son Lucas' first birthday this summer.

How many years until he moves into B1? We know Lucas will love taking a spin around Peabody Pond once he gets here.



Scott "Flick" Flickinger (longtime staff member from 2005 - 2012 who held the positions of Boys' Head Counselor, CIT Coordinator, and Head of Basketball) and his wife, Laura, welcomed their daughter Lilyanne in July! Big brother Will loves his little sister almost as much as he loves dinosaurs.



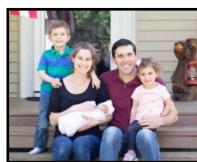
Jen (Levy) Jasinski (Former Camper, G14 2005, CIT 2007; Art Staff 2008 & 2010) gave birth to Isabela "Izzy" Vera Jasinski in August 2020.



Seth Gutkin (Head of Boating 2005 - 2008 and Critter Unit Leader 2009 & 2010) and his wife, Eve, welcomed Jesse Isaac to their family this summer. Seth continues to work in the camping industry and we're sure Jesse will love being a staff kid at Berkshire Hills in NY!



Garrett Rich (Founding Camper, B15 2004, CIT 2005; Ropes and Lacrosse Staff 2007, 2008, 2011) and his wife, Michelle, welcomed Naia to their beautiful family.



Raquel (Borgenicht) Donnelly (Founding Camper, Athletics Staff 2004 - 2006, Timber Unit Leader 2007) and her husband, Steve, are now a family of 5!



Rachel Quint (Drama Staff 2006 & 2007) and husband Aaron Sherman welcomed Samuel "Sammy" Matan Sherman on October 19, 2020 in California.



Adrienne (Bamberger) Brown (Former Camper) and her husband, Harley, welcomed Cooper Maverick to the family on September 23, 2020. Cooper joins 3 year old big brother Axel.



Sylvie (Nelson) Whitlock (Head of Dance 2008 - 2010) and husband Jeremy welcomed baby Gwendolyn "Gwen" Margot in January 2020.



Ally (Spector) Stahl (Head of Tennis 2009) and husband, Dan, were just a little shy of their first wedding anniversary this October when their family grew to include Avery Faye.

STAY CONNECTED, EVEN WHEN WE'RE FAR APART



Micah Alumni (former campers and staff), if you're not yet a part of our "[Official Camp Micah Alumni Group](#)" on Facebook, take a moment to join. Stay up to date on camp news and connect with your Micah family!

As you can see in this fall newsletter, there is so much happening in the Micah community. Please remember to send us (kate@campmicah.com) info about your simchas, lifecycle events, social action projects, and other newsworthy things so we can include them in our next Micah Update newsletter.



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