THE MICAH UPDATE

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MESSAGE FROM MARK

Dear Micah Families, Staff, and Alumni,

Fall is coming to an end and winter is almost here! It has snowed a few times at camp already and we know a lot more snow will arrive before we thaw out for the summer. Camp is nearly full for 2025 with just a few spaces still remaining. If you know of anyone interested in joining the Micah family, encourage them to call us in the winter office to check availability.

Summer 2025 marks the 25th season for Camp Micah. As we look back over the past twenty-four years, we are deeply grateful for the thousands of connections and relationships that have formed (especially the 24 “Micah Match” marriages of couples that met at Camp Micah). We look forward to welcoming back our 21+ camper and staff alumni who can join us in Maine from August 15th - 17th, 2025. Alumni Weekend will be filled with chances to relive old camp memories and create new ones. And we can’t wait to introduce everyone to the new Micah Dome which will finally be built this spring and summer (see page 2)!

Gifts have been sent to next summer’s 2025 campers to wish them a wonderful Hanukkah. We hope everyone stays warm this winter with their new gift and enjoys all the holidays with their families this season.

Enjoy this newsletter and all the great announcements of engagements, marriages, and new babies. It is so wonderful to see our ever-expanding community continue to grow and prosper. Although we are not together right now, we all can reflect on the memories we’ve made and carry the warmth of a Micah summer into the cold days of winter. Summer will be back before we know it!

Mark

MICAH NEWS

THE MICAH DOME



It's been a long time coming, but the dream of building the Micah Dome is finally becoming a reality. Just days before finalizing this newsletter, Camp Micah received the long-awaited building permit for our new indoor gym. Although we had hoped to break ground this fall, sometimes plans don't go as expected. We're excited to see all our well-laid plans take shape this spring and summer as the new facility is constructed, and we can't wait for our campers and staff to enjoy it. The Micah Dome will be a fantastic addition to camp, and we're eager to showcase it during our 25th season this summer.

SOCIAL ACTION UPDATES

GIFT OF LIFE

No matter how many times it has happened over the many years we've been holding drives, the news is always amazing. Before the campers arrived in June 2023, our staff had the opportunity to hear about the Gift of Life Marrow Registry as part of our Staff Orientation social action programming. After learning about the organization's mission and how they can be part of the registry, many of our staff stepped up to be swabbed in order to have the opportunity to save a life.

While we have been notified four times over the years that one of our staff members has been a potential match, we received a letter in October that a donor recruited at our 2023 drive has now transplanted a 45 year old man battling Acute Myelogenous Leukemia. We are proud of our continued dedication to help grow the Gift of Life Marrow Registry and encourage you to be part of it, if you aren't already.

This summer, we made quite an addition to the nearly $100,000 raised between the Maine Camp Experience (MCE) and World of Change (WOC) partnership over the past several years. Together, WOC and MCE camps have collected change for children and families in need, supporting more than 200 causes worldwide. This summer's Micah Visiting Day charity parking auction raised over $3,500, which we added to the hundreds of dollars in coins and bills collected on Visiting Day and throughout the summer by our B15 & G14 Mitzvah Makers.

CHECK YOUR MAILBOX



2024 campers and staff should have received their yearbooks in the past few weeks. We hope you've enjoyed reliving all of this past summer's unforgettable memories!

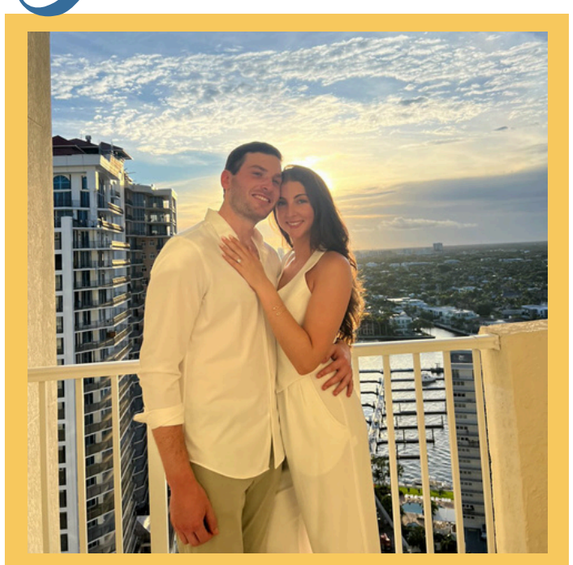
2025 enrolled campers have been sent a special Hanukkah gift in the mail from your Camp Micah family. If you or your parent post a picture of you in your new Micah swag on Instagram (don't forget to tag @campmicah04009), one lucky camper will be chosen to receive a prize!

MICAH MAZELS

Engagements & Marriages



JOSH GELLER (B15 2012, 2016 HEAD OF STREET HOCKEY, 2019 ATHLETIC DIRECTOR) AND PAIGE KASSMAN (2019 PHOTO STAFF) GOT ENGAGED IN MAY



ABBY GEFEN (G14 2012 & 2016 SWIM INSTRUCTOR) GOT ENGAGED TO JORDAN WASSERMAN IN AUGUST



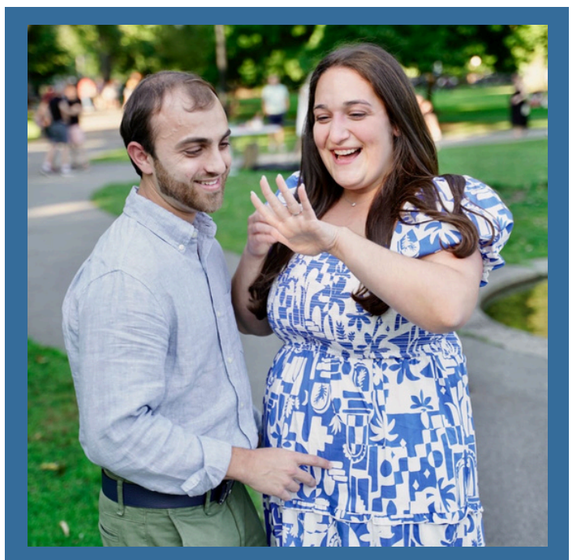
MATT GROSSWALD (B15 2013, 2016 LIFEGUARD, 2017 PHOTO STAFF) GOT ENGAGED TO ZACH SZLEZINGER IN DECEMBER



DANI LERNER (G14 2013) GOT ENGAGED TO JONATHAN HELLER IN MAY



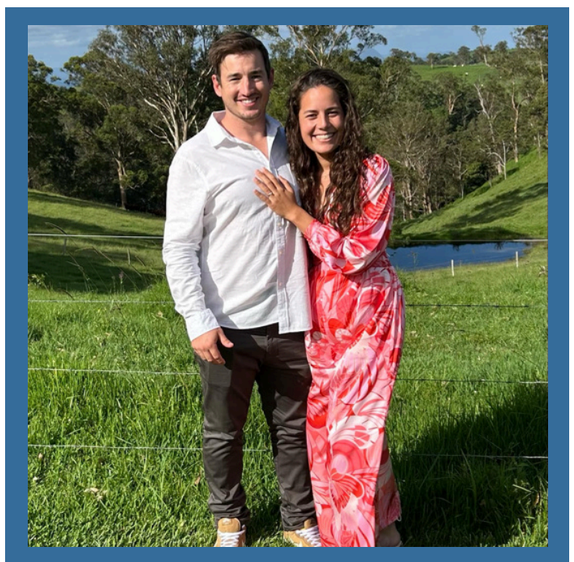
MATT GEFEN (B15 2010) GOT ENGAGED TO OLIVIA MACDOUGAL IN OCTOBER



JOSH SCHEGOLEV (B15 2011) GOT ENGAGED TO REBECCA RABBIN IN AUGUST



EMMA ANDERSON (2019 PHOTO STAFF) GOT ENGAGED TO TRI NGUYEN IN JUNE



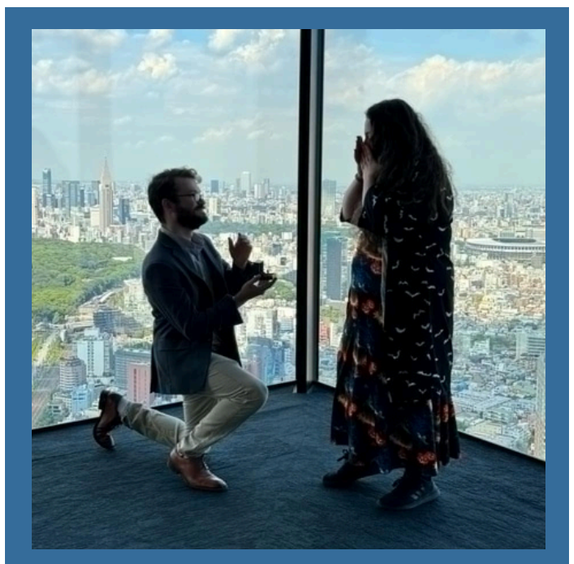
JESSICA JOHNSON (2019 WOODWORKING STAFF) GOT ENGAGED TO NICHOLAS BURTON IN SEPTEMBER



KALILA COURBAN (G14 2012) GOT ENGAGED TO TOMER IN ROME THIS DECEMBER



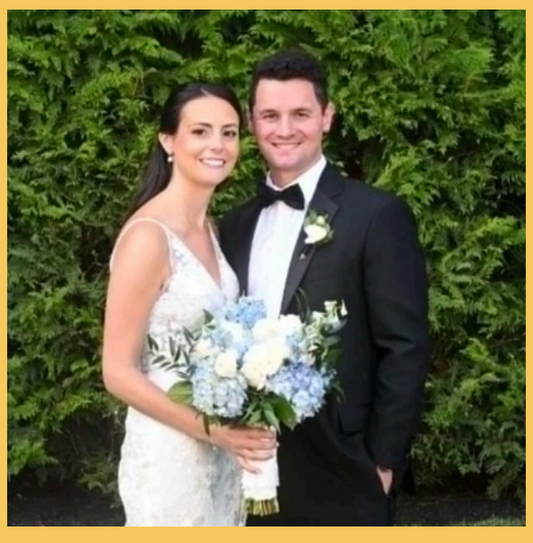
MANDY MAISEL (G14 2009) GOT ENGAGED TO JACOB IN DECEMBER



TARA LUCIA (2017 & 2018 BAKER) SAID “YES” TO JUSTIN WHILE VACATIONING IN JAPAN THIS OCTOBER



STEPHEN SIMMERER (2009 GENERAL SPORTS STAFF & 2010 HEAD OF HOCKEY) MARRIED SILVI



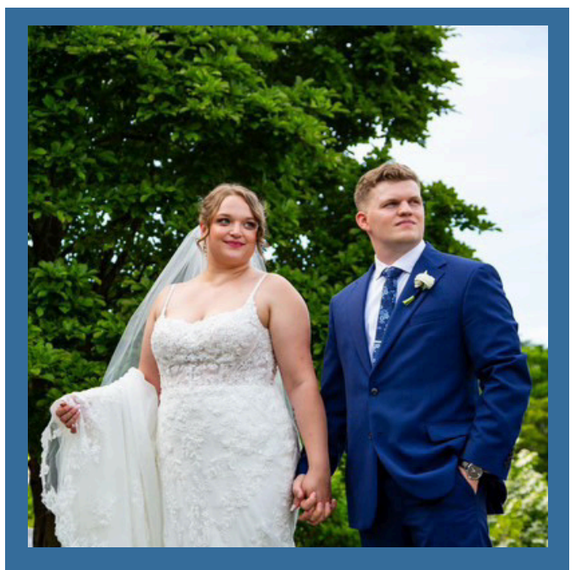
BEN CEREL (B15 2010 & 2013 ATHLETICS STAFF) MARRIED EMILY IN SEPTEMBER



ALEX HULL (2015 & 2016 HEAD OF TENNIS) MARRIED TOBY COLE IN AUGUST



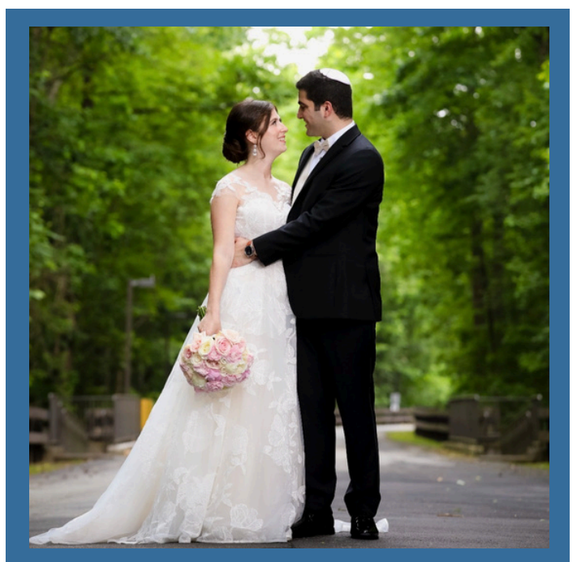
BASIA SCHWARTZ (G14 2010) MARRIED CHRIS THORPE THIS SEPTEMBER. PICTURED HERE WITH HER ALUMNI BROTHERS, ZAK AND JONAH



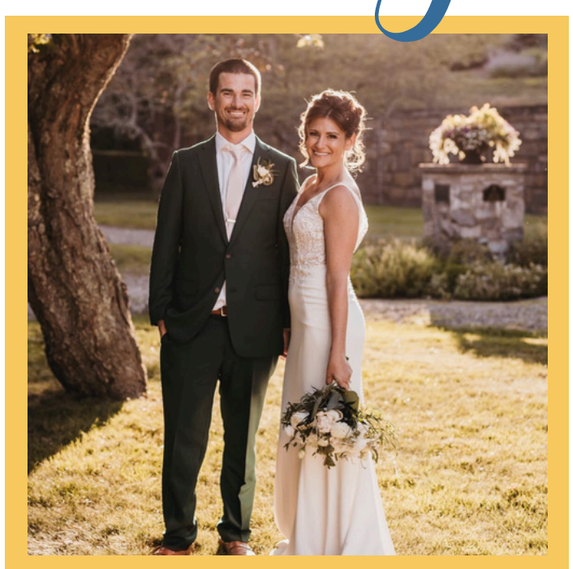
HAYLEY COOPER (G14 2013) MARRIED SPENCER KING IN MAY

MICAH MAZELS

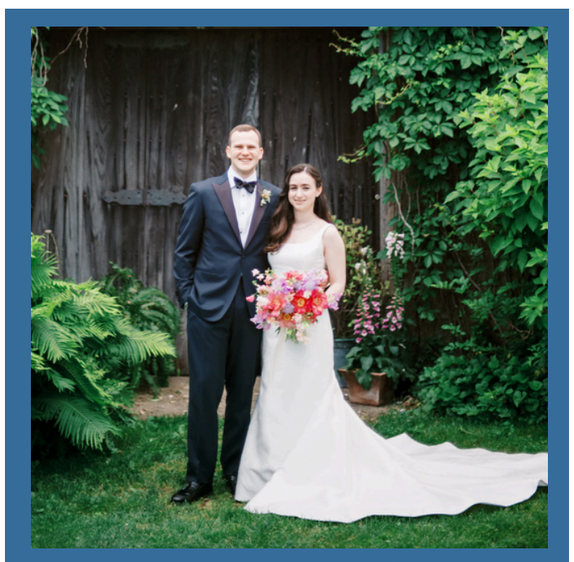
Marriages & Babies



ALANNA MARGULIES (G14 2015, 2018 FENCING COUNSELOR, 2022 MICAH IN ISRAEL STAFF) GOT MARRIED TO BINYAMIN NOVETSKY IN JUNE



SCOTT ALEXANDER (2010 - 2011 BASKETBALL STAFF) GOT MARRIED TO HEATHER IN JULY



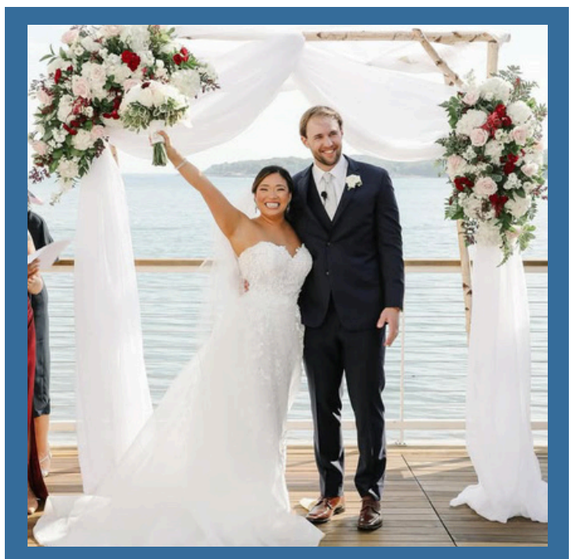
SLOANE GRINSPOON (G14 2010 & 2013 SWIM INSTRUCTOR) GOT MARRIED TO BRADY GOLDBERG IN MAY



SARAH BRAVER (G14 2010) GOT MARRIED TO DANIEL HAAS IN OCTOBER



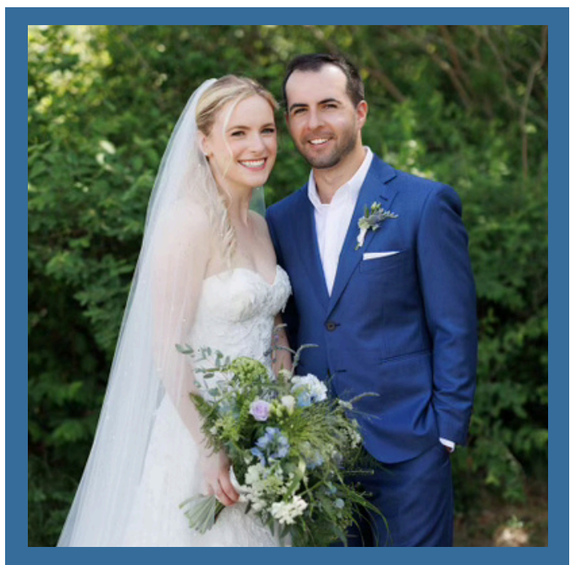
RACHEL OLECK (G14 2010) GOT MARRIED TO ZACK WIDMANN IN NOVEMBER



MAXINE GREENSTEIN (G14 2013) GOT MARRIED TO KYLE BAEKEY IN JUNE



IZZY SCHEGOLEV (G14 2008, 2013 CRITTER COORDINATOR, 2014 BABYSITTER) GOT MARRIED TO MIKE MULLALEY IN JULY



ZACH EAGLE (B15 2012) GOT MARRIED TO HANNAH ROBBINS IN JUNE



MELISSA DALLIS (G14 2007) GOT MARRIED TO MICHAEL GADEBUSCH IN JULY



LILY FEINBERG (G14 2012) GOT MARRIED TO ERIC SLOSKY IN OCTOBER



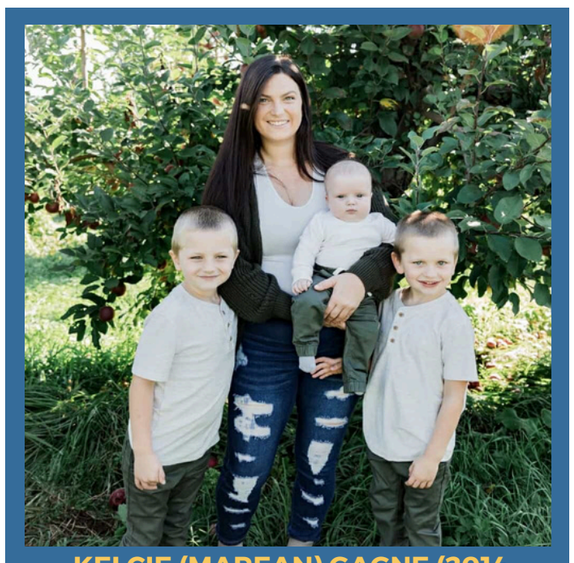
MICHELLE (ELKIN) DANIELS (2011 - 2013 TENNIS STAFF, 2014 MII STAFF) WELCOMED LITTLE SISTER PENELOPE TO THE FAMILY



KELLY (PRESPER) JENKINS (2013 SWIM INSTRUCTOR) HAS WELCOMED MARY, BORN JANUARY 2023, AND LAUREN, BORN JULY 2024



KIMMIE (PLEDGER) TRUESDELL (2016 METALSMITHING), HER HUSBAND, CHARLES, AND DAUGHTERS, TUVA & ANIKA, WELCOMED BABY SISTER CLARA TO THE FAMILY IN JUNE



KELCIE (MAREAN) GAGNE (2014 BABYSITTER) AND HER SONS, JACKSON & JAMESON, WELCOMED BABY BROTHER ANDREW TO THE FAMILY IN JUNE



LAURA (JACOBS) ALBERT (G14 2009) AND HER HUSBAND, ZACH, WELCOMED THEIR SECOND CHILD, CYRUS “CY” BERNARD, IN NOVEMBER



MILLIE (BOND) EKERS (2017 - 2018 WATERFRONT STAFF) AND HER HUSBAND, MARTY, WELCOMED JOEY MAY IN OOCTOBER

WINTER WORD SEARCH

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SUMMITS

UNCLE MILTS

CELEBRATING 25 YEARS OF CAMP MICAH

We are excited to formally welcome you back to camp as Camp Micah celebrates our 25th summer! This special event marks our very first on-site, overnight alumni reunion, and we can't wait to relive old memories, create new ones, and celebrate this milestone with all of you.

Reunion Details:

Dates: Friday, August 15, 2025, at 2:00 PM through Sunday, August 17, 2025, at 12:00 PM

Eligibility: Open to all former campers and staff, along with their significant others. Please note that all attendees must be over 21 and we are unable to accommodate children for this event.

Weekend Activities: Planned activities include Erev Shabbat dinner and service, cookout, Color War events, waterfront, pool, Ninja Warrior Course, campfire, The Micah Update, Havdalah, and more.

To register and find out more information, check your email or contact Averi, averi@campmicah.com

















ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



Micah Alumni: Chloe Ginsberg, Averi Kaplowitch, Rachel Siegel, Olivia Ripps, and Drew Gardner joined 1,500 young Jewish professionals at the Friends of the IDF (FIDF)'s annual Young Leadership Gala in New York City in December.

We love seeing our alumni making an impact on the world. Keep up the great work!

STAY CONNECTED!

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!

MAZEL TOV

As you can see, 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 an upcoming newsletter.

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2025 STAFF



As the summer approaches, we are looking for staff to join us at Camp Micah this summer. If you know of a college-aged (or older) potential counselor that you think would be a great fit for the Micah community, please have them contact the camp office or complete an online staff application.