THE MICAH UPDATE

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MESSAGE FROM MARK

Dear Micah Families, Staff, and Alumni,

The Camp Micah office in downtown Bridgton & Sebago is officially open for the summer of 2024. We have begun preparing camp for the arrival of our campers and staff next month. It has been a great off-season with the first gatherings for our alumni in Boston and New York. We had over 200 alumni attend the events and reconnect with the Micah community. Pictures from our New York event earlier this month are included in this newsletter on page 6. Can you recognize any of the alumni you were with at camp? Both events had campers and staff who were at camp from 2001 through this past summer. It was wonderful to talk about so many great camp memories and catch up on everyone's lives!

Alumni should also know that we will be here all summer if you want to stop by camp and visit. Please call me and check the date and time prior to visiting. We always enjoy seeing you and reconnecting you with camp. We are pleased to announce the official dates for our 25th anniversary on-site alumni reunion weekend from **Friday, August 15 - Sunday, August 17, 2025**, here at Camp Micah. This reunion will be a 21+ event for our former campers and staff. Get ready to experience camp again for 3 days and two nights of Camp Micah fun. You actually <u>can</u> go back to camp!

For current families preparing for camp this summer, keep an eye out for our annual Opening Day Newsletter which will be emailed to you in June. Please let us know if you need any assistance. We are here to answer your questions and encourage you to reach out. We look forward to welcoming all of our campers to Bridgton and Sebago soon.

Enjoy this newsletter and all the special engagements, weddings, and babies. Summer '24 is here and we are hoping it is the best one yet.

Mark

MICAH NEWS

HEAD COUNSELOR TRANSITION



As many of the Bridgton Area campers heard at the end of last summer, Josh Seidman, who has been our Head Counselor and one of our year-round Assistant Directors, will be stepping down as our Bridgton Head Counselor. Josh will be staying on in his role as Assistant Director and will be working closely with our new Head Counselor moving forward, as well as taking on other responsibilities during the summer. Josh always connected with both campers and staff and allowed them to feel seen and supported. We appreciate his dedication to our campers and staff and to building a culture of respect in our community.

We officially welcome Noah Kleinlehrer to our Upper Administration as the new Bridgton Head Counselor. In his eleven summers at Micah, Noah was a camper, went on the Micah in Israel trip, and has been a staff member for the past two summers, both as the Head of Baseball and most recently as the Assistant Critter Unit Leader. In this time, Noah has demonstrated his love for Camp Micah and has formed connections with both campers and staff, all of whom respect him.

Noah is originally from St. Louis, Missouri but spends the school year living in Washington D.C. where he attends The George Washington University. He is pursuing a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science and Religion and works as an intern for the American Jewish Committee's Department of Policy and Political/Diplomatic Affairs. Noah has worked extensively with the St. Louis Jewish community on a variety of issues ranging from combating antisemitism to lobbying for Holocaust Education legislation. He also has worked on several federal political campaigns in a variety of finance and field roles.

SOCIAL ACTION UPDATES

GIFT OF LIFE

Before the campers arrived last summer, 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.

In April, we were notified that one of our staff members that participated in this summer's donor registry drive was a match for a 70 year old man battling Acute Myelogenous Leukemia.

As a result of our donor drives over the years, we have now had four matches to date. 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.

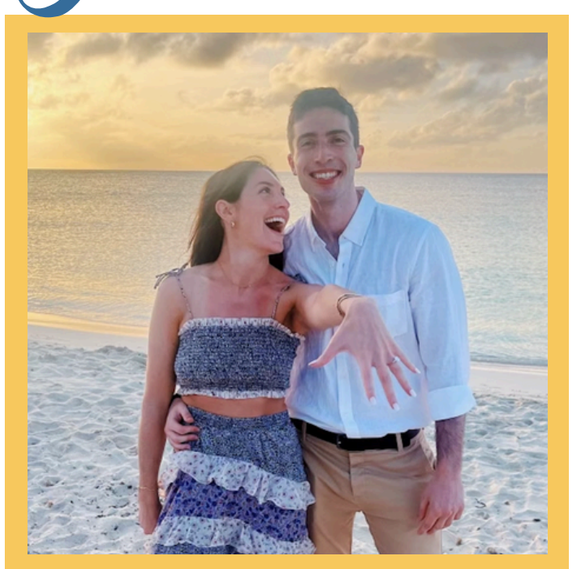
At the latest Maine Camp Experience (MCE) annual meeting, an update was given on the partnership between MCE and World of Change (WOC) over the past several years. Together, WOC and MCE camps have collected nearly $100,000 in change for children and families in need, supporting more than 200 causes worldwide. We look forward to increasing that amount this summer as we continue to collect change at Camp Micah to donate to WOC.

MICAH MAZELS

Engagements & Marriages



BECCA TULMAN (G14 2015) GOT ENGAGED TO JARED BLOOM IN MARCH



ADAM KAUFMAN (B15 2012, 2016 GENERAL SPORTS & 2019 TIMBER UNIT LEADER) GOT ENGAGED TO ALI IN DECEMBER 2023



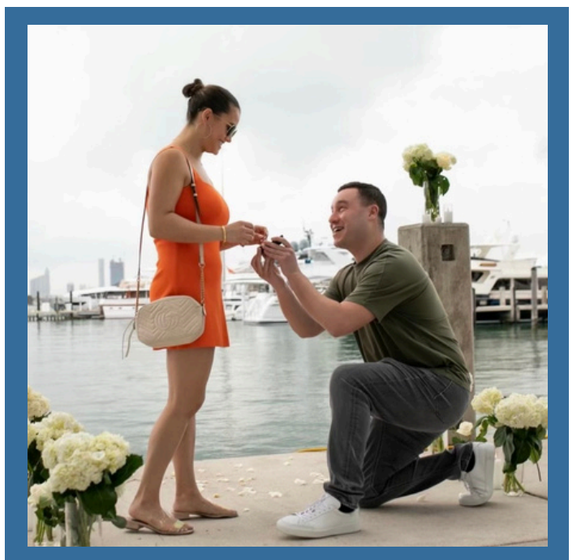
CLAIRE KEARNS (2021 - 2022 HIKING STAFF) GOT ENGAGED TO COLE IN DECEMBER 2023



MIKE SAFRAN (B15 2010, 2013 - 2018 PHOTO STAFF, MULTIMEDIA TEAM LEADER, MICAH IN ISRAEL TRIP LEADER & CIT COORDINATOR) GOT ENGAGED TO KRISTYN IN APRIL



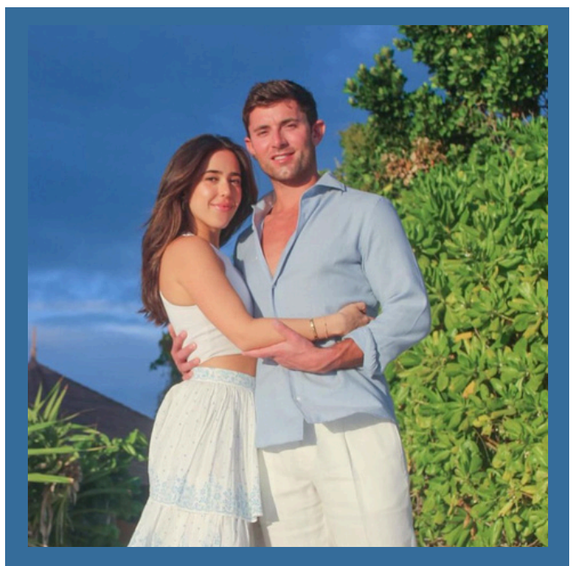
SLOANE GRINSPOON (G14 2010 & 2013 SWIM INSTRUCTOR) GOT ENGAGED TO BRADY GOLDBERG IN JUNE 2023



NIKKI GOLDSTEIN (G14 2011) GOT ENGAGED TO ERIC BINDER IN FEBRUARY



HELEN QUAYLE (2014 HEAD OF GYMNASTICS) SAID "YES" TO DANNY WOODS IN JANUARY



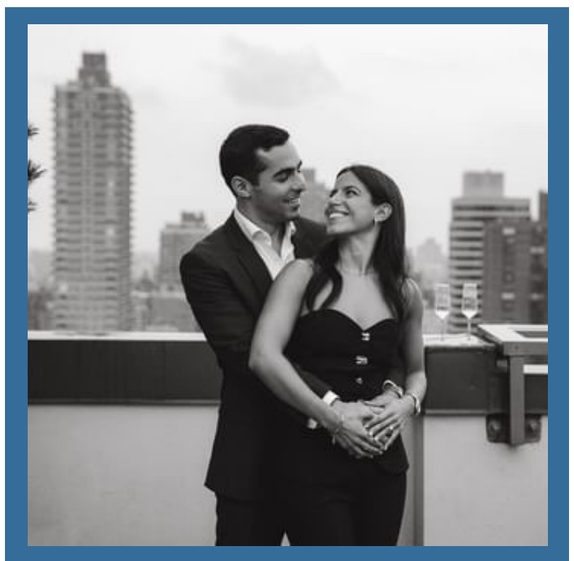
ALI KRAFT (G14 2011) GOT ENGAGED TO ROSS WEINREB IN FEBRUARY



OLGA BENACERRAF (FORMER CAMPER) GOT ENGAGED TO ANDRES STRULOVIC IN FEBRUARY



VALERIE HERMAN (G14 2012) GOT ENGAGED TO ANDREW MANKOVSKY IN FEBRUARY



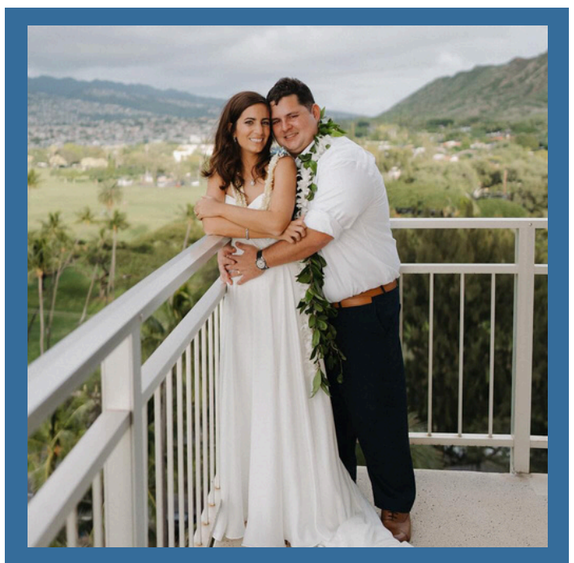
JASON SCHWARTZ (B15 2013 & 2017 SAILING COUNSELOR) PROPOSED TO NICOLE JAVAHERI IN MAY



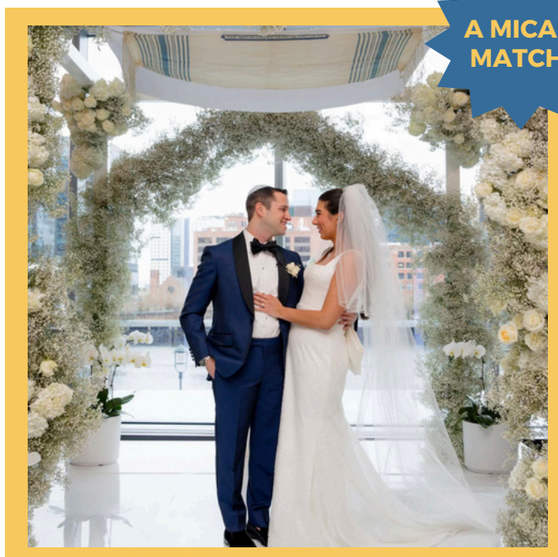
RACHEL GALLIMORE (G14 2008 & 2011-2012 HOCKEY, FITNESS & GENERAL SPORTS COUNSELOR) GOT ENGAGED TO CARA IN MAY



SEAN MAHER (2022 - 2023 HEAD OF SOCCER) PROPOSED TO CAITLIN JOHNSON IN MAY

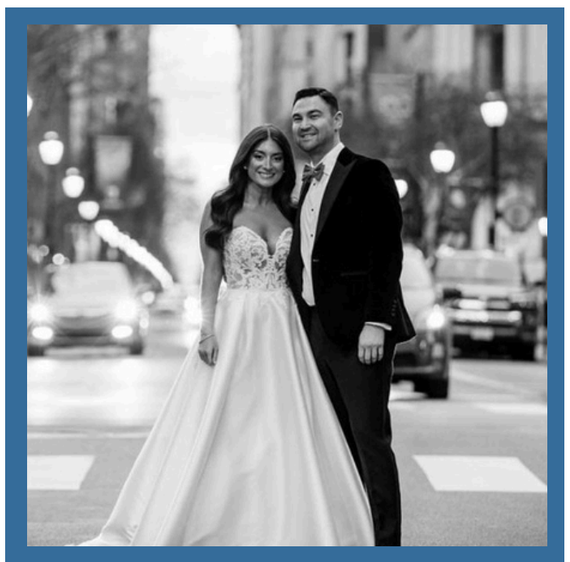


GILLY WOOD (G14 2007 & 2012 SWIM INSTRUCTOR) GOT MARRIED TO DAVID IN DECEMBER 2023



A MICAH MATCH!

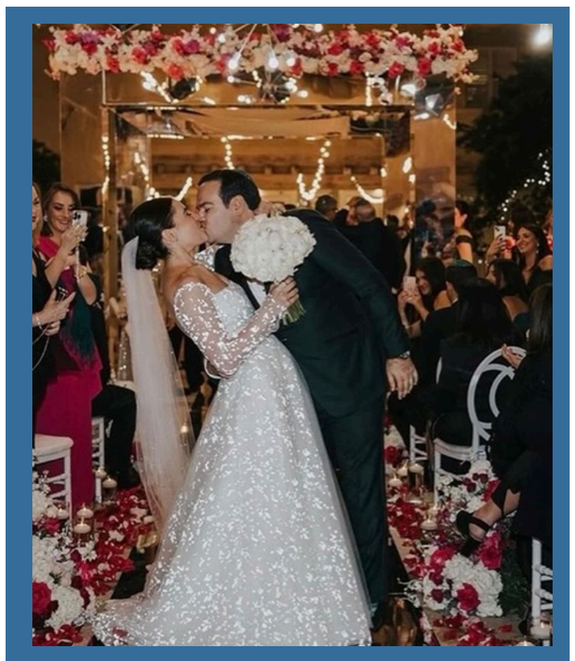
MAX LAPPIN (B15 2008, 2011 - 2015 HEAD OF BASEBALL & SUMMIT UNIT LEADER) AND DANIELLE GROSSWALD (G14 2011, 2014 - 2019 WATERFRONT STAFF, TIMBER UNIT LEADER & ASSISTANT PROGRAM DIRECTOR) GOT MARRIED IN APRIL IN BOSTON



JOSH GROVE (B15 2009) GOT MARRIED TO EMILY IN JANUARY IN NEW YORK CITY

MICAH MAZELS

Marriages & Babies



DEBRA EDELMAN (G14 2006) GOT MARRIED TO BRANDON GLANTZ IN FEBRUARY IN BOCA RATON, FLORIDA



MICHAYLA SAVITT (G14 2010) GOT MARRIED TO SHAI BEN-DOR IN FEBRUARY IN BROOKLYN, NEW YORK



KITTY BAKER (2014 - 2016 HEAD OF CERAMICS) AND HER HUSBAND, DOUG, WELCOMED THEIR DAUGHTER, EMMALINE ("EMMY") IN FEBRUARY



AMANDA SINGER (2008 - 2010 UNIT LEADER, PROGRAMMING ASSISTANT & MICAH IN ISRAEL TRIP LEADER) AND HER HUSBAND, MIKE, WELCOMED THEIR DAUGHTER, MADISON ANN, IN OCTOBER 2023



PAUL DAVIS (2004 - 2006 FORMER CAMPER & 2021 GENERAL SPORTS) AND HIS WIFE, STEPHANIE, WELCOMED THEIR DAUGHTER, LEONA, IN DECEMBER 2023



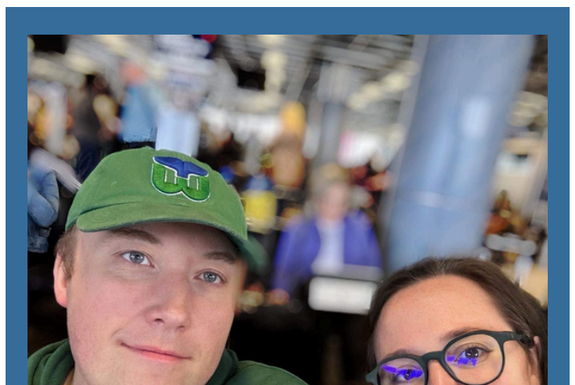
ALLIE (LEVY) CHAFETZ (FOUNDING CAMPER & 2005-2006 TENNIS STAFF) AND HER HUSBAND, SIMON, WELCOMED THEIR SON, ASHER ISAAC, IN DECEMBER 2023



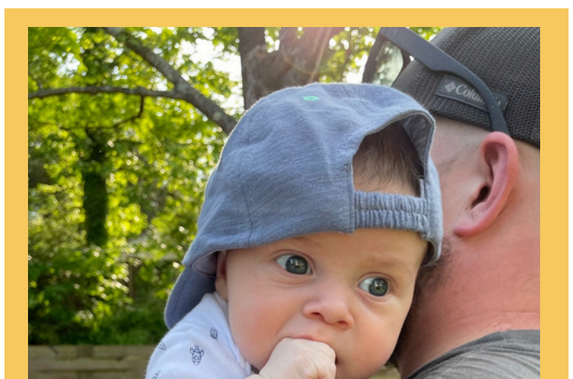
SAM GRAGG (B15 2007, 2010 - 2016 FITNESS STAFF, PROWLER UNIT LEADER & HEAD COUNSELOR) AND HIS WIFE, RACHEL, WELCOMED THEIR DAUGHTER, LEAH MERRILL, IN APRIL



SAGE (RATNER) SCHLETT (2004 - 2008 FORMER CAMPER) AND HER HUSBAND, THOMAS, WELCOMED THEIR SON, AIDEN JAMES, IN FEBRUARY



STACY (WEINBERG) TYMAN (2009 ROPES STAFF & 2010-2011 WILDERNESS TEAM LEADER) AND HER HUSBAND, JOE, WELCOMED THEIR DAUGHTER, DILLON EMMA, IN MARCH



ROBYN (ILSEN) STAFFORD (2001 - 2003 FOUNDING CAMPER & 2005 - 2006 ASSISTANT SPECIAL EVENTS AND JUDIACA COORDINATOR) AND HER HUSBAND WELCOMED THEIR SECOND CHILD, JAMES EMMITT, IN DECEMEBER 2023. JAMES' HEBREW NAME IS MICAH BENYAMIN IN HONOR OF CAMP MICAH!



ROSE RAYNER (G14 2010) AND HER FIANCÉ, VLAD, WELCOMED THEIR TWINS, MICHAEL AND RACHAEL, IN JANUARY



FELICIA (LILIEN) WAGNER (2010 - 2011 SONG LEADER) AND HER HUSBAND, KENNY, WELCOMED THEIR DAUGHTER MEYLA EVE IN MARCH

COUNSELOR WORD SEARCH

CAN YOU FIND SOME OF THE COUNSELORS THAT WILL BE RETURNING TO CAMP THIS SUMMER IN THE WORD SEARCH BELOW?

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GRACIE N
ABBIE
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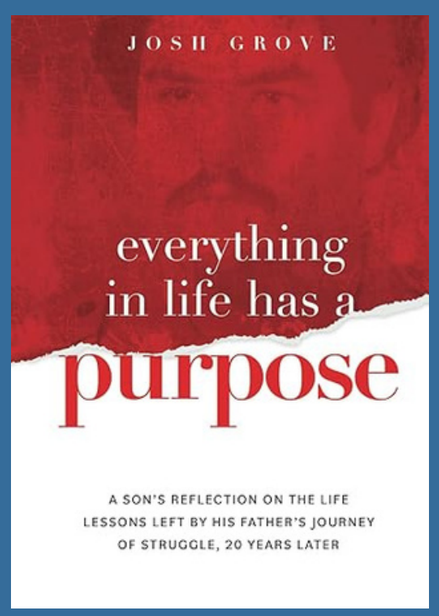
MICAH ALUMNI



Thank you to our Micah alumni who traveled from near and far to attend our alumni events in Boston and New York this past winter and spring. Stay tuned for more information about our 25th Reunion at Camp Micah August 15 - 17, 2025 (a 21+ event for former campers and staff).



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



Josh Grove (B15 2009) released his first book this past winter. Josh published Everything in Life Has a Purpose based on the true story of how his father's life has shaped his own and who he is today. To purchase his book, head to amazon.com. Mazel Tov Josh on your hard work in accomplishing this goal.

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 stay connected 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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2024 STAFF

As the summer approaches, we are looking for a few more 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.