**From:** Michelle Koplan

**Subject: BB Camp Weekly Notes**

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**News**

        Our next BB Camp LLC **Board meeting**is **Tuesday, March 10th, 12:00- 1:30 PM, at the BB Camp Office,**9400 SW Beaverton-Hillsdale Hwy., Suite #147, Beaverton.

        Mazel tov to our very own, **Sarah Howard**, Development Associate, who was featured and a **guest speaker on the JCamp 180 (Harold Grinspoon Foundation) webinar** on 2/26- speaking about alumni engagement. Great job!  If you’re interested in listening to the recorded webinar, click here: <http://jcamp180.org/Knowledge-Center/Webinars/Making-the-Case-for-Alumni-and-Community-Engagement.aspx?utm_source=Feb+JCamp+180+Webinar&utm_campaign=Feb+Webinar+Reminder&utm_medium=email>

       The Cohen Center for Modern Jewish Studies, Steinhardt Social Research Institute of Brandeis University has just **published a study on the Greater Seattle Jewish Community**.  To read the full study, click here: [http://www.brandeis.edu/ssri/pdfs/SeattleCommunityStudy011515.pdf](http://cp.mcafee.com/d/1jWVIgdEI9LEzAnCrCXCQQmrIe6zCXPVJd5CUUQsEzAm3qqbdS73hPtVMSCyPssqen3hOevdybpYJ1hcyXM04Sj8KY01dLzDT4Tm7-LPzXPMUtRXBQQjhONOabPPPUXBHFShhlLtDBgY-F6lK1FJ4SyCrKrKr0148X13VkXQ6YFicImgtFwN-PCvUBlllK4FBxyrq1qWabWb_b8eCRiJlzZw2y12MgU02rhphoK-r6hAQg2ggd402_VkYIq80pmvQdFTdZEg_q_oZ).  Here are some interesting highlights of the study:



**Registration, Recruitment, & Retention:  *REGISTER TODAY!  Click here to learn more:***[**http://bbcamp.org**](http://cp.mcafee.com/d/avndz8s93gArhojvh78LcTdTdFEITosd7dTDPqqbdNNEVh78I6QQmrIe6zCXPxJd5CUUQsK6zAs-r4mPVq2yp5Tw09IChtU02rv7fK9KIfZvD7TDxMXHTbFECzBzAknDDDNTbnjIyyHuXfaxVZicHs3jr9J5cTsTsS0384b13w0e6RiJlzZw2y12MgU02rhphoK-r6hAQg2ggd402_VkYIq80pmvQdFTdTRkma8sJ)

        We have **315 campers registered** in our **Overnight Camp** program, as compared to 319 on the same day last year.  First Session has 131 campers enrolled.  Maccabee Session has 111 campers enrolled, and Second Session has 73 campers enrolled.  We have **20 campers registered** in our **Day Camp** program, as compared to 15 on the same day last year.

        **Need- Based Camperships (Financial Aid)\****:*

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| **Overnight Camp** |
| # Awards Given | Total $ Given | Average Award | Budget Remaining | Pending Applications |
| 12 | $   12,430.00  |  $ 1,035.83  |  $ 72,370.00  | 52 |

*\*Does not include Parent for Work Scholarship Program, Gotesman Scholarships, or Incentive Grants*

        **Incentive Grants:**

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| 3/4 Week Dor L'Dor/ One Happy Camper: | 36 |
|   | Source To Be Determined | 4 |
|   | BB Camp (BBMCA) | 12 |
|   | Jewish Federation - Portland | 11 |
|   | Jewish Federation - Seattle | 3 |
|   | Jewish Federation- San Francisco | 3 |
|   | Jewish Federation- San Diego | 2 |
|   | PJ Goes to Camp | 1 |
| 1 Week Maccabee Dor L'Dor (BBMCA funded): | 36 |

        **Family Camp** (May 1-3 at Camp):  We have 139 participants registered.  Cabins are filling fast!  Register today,[http://bbcamp.org/events/family-camp](http://cp.mcafee.com/d/avndz8Qd20Arhojvh78LcTdTdFEITosd7dTDPqqbdNNEVh78I6QQmrIe6zCXPxJd5CUUQsK6zAs-r4mPVq2yp5Tw09IChtU02rv7fK9KIfZvD7TDxMXHTbFECzBzAknDDDNTbnjIyyHuXfaxVZicHs3jr1J5cTsTsS0384b13w0eup-4WoXGIzONuMgdGBqH7X05425wxM04SyOyNtYScz9Ew4wwq805_OFVoQg0OI_ErjKrmw1SuH2).

**Summer Staff Highlights-**Please welcome our summer staff Leadership Team

       **Bette Amir-Brownstein, Counseling Director**- Junior at Western Washington University. Bette spent last summer as the specialist director and is looking forward to working with the unit heads to make sure every camper has an amazing summer!

       **Jack Gagnon, Younger Unit Head**- Senior at University of Oregon. Jack spent the past two summers with us as our drama director and was instrumental in getting our campers excited about acting and improv.

       **Nicole Danberg, Older Unit Head**- Senior at Oregon State University. Nicole grew up as a BB Camper and returned last summer as an overnight and day camp counselor.

       **Chanel Bourdeau, Teen Village Unit Head**- Senior at Oregon State University. Chanel spent last summer as a counselor for our older unit and teen village campers

       **Ben Molloy, Leaders in Training Unit Head**- Senior at University of Oregon. Ben spent last summer as the Teen Village unit head and is excited to see those same campers grow as Leaders in Training.

       **Melissa Bernstein, Outdoor Jewish Adventure Director -**Melissa will be directing our OJA group for the second consecutive summer and is looking forward to the challenge of leading a longer program with more participants. Melissa has already designed an intensive and exciting itinerary and is excited to spend her summer challenging teens in nature

       **Danielle (Dani) Schaer, Staff in Training Coordinator**- Sophomore at University of Oregon. Danielle grew up as a BB Camper and spent the past 3 years on staff as a counselor. Following her experience as a Cornerstone Fellow last summer, she is eager to utilize her leadership training  to lead our staff in training program.

       **Sari Tullis, Day Camp Director**- Senior at University of Redlands. Sari grew up as a BB Camper and spent the past 3 summers as a staff leader in our Day Camp program. She is currently interning for BB Camp, focusing on the Day Camp program, and excited to see all of the campers this summer!

       **Yotam Livnat, Program Director**- Senior at University of Utah. Yotam will be our program director for a second consecutive summer and is looking forward to building off of last year’s successes. Yotam previously served in the Israeli Defense Force and is currently the youth director at Congregation Kol Ami in Salt Lake City.

       **Ben McCormack, Aquatics Director**- Graduated University of Leeds (UK) with a Degree in Sports Permance.  Ben will be returning to camp to continue his great work in our aquatics department. Ben started at BB Camp in 2013 as a lifeguard and returned in 2014 as the aquatics director. Ben aims to further professionalize both safety training and camper programming within the aquatics program.

       **Sydni Adler, Chizuk Fellow/Judaic Education Director**- Enrolled in rabbinical school at American Jewish University- Sydni is returning to BB Camp for her second summer as our Chizuk Fellow and Judaic Education Director. Sydni’s love for Judaism and camp is ever apparent. Sydni is looking forward to working with campers and staff alike on making BB Camp’s Jewish community even more vibrant and lively.

**Upcoming Programs & Recruitment Presentations**([www.bbcamp.org/city-events](http://cp.mcafee.com/d/k-Kr4xEq6jqb2rW8V5VCVKVJd5CX3xEVKY-rjhpKed7a8V5wSCyPtxMQsTusdFEIT76zBMQszDPoySvbgkj8KY01dAObL00jrUVZNdRx_HYU-YYe7tuVtd4QsIsyyYYY-eVqWtAklrTpVkffGhBrwqrvdEFCXCXCM0h0xo8s01OQFBy_CvxexJkHlo_o0EwgI4e00CQmkmbLCNApd40A43h00L-lfb6y06lDZ3qtPvNVa))

       **Havdalah Party**- **1st -6th graders (Portland):**February 28- BB Camp Havdalah, games, pizza, and a movie. Event is 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm and $10 for campers registered for BB Camp summer 2015 ($18 per child otherwise). *This event is at the same time as Neveh Shalom's auction and is a great alternative to hiring a sitter!*

       **Purim Carnival (SJCC):** March 1

       **BB Camp & Portland BBYO’s Connect Portland Timbers Season Opener:**  March 7, 7:00 PM, 6th-8th graders, $30 for seats next to timbers Army.  Contact Sam for more information, sswire@bbcamp.org.

       **Havdalah Party-1st-8th graders (Seattle):**  March 7-  swimming, gym activities, games, pizza, and a BB Camp Havdalah!  4:00-7:00 pm at the Mercer Island Stroum JCC, cost is $18 per child or $10 for children already registered for BB Camp summer 2015.  RSVP to Ben at bcharlton@bbcamp.org.

        **BB Camp Presentation:  Temple Beth Israel** (Eugene):  March 8

         Alumni & Friends Happy Hour (Portland):  March 12

         **Shabbat Across America** (Portland):  March 13- Partnering with PJ Library & MJCC

         **BB Camp Havdalah Party** (Ashland):  March 14

         **BB Camp Presentation:  Emek Shalom** (Ashland): March 15

         **BB Camp Presentation:  Herzl Ner Tamid** (Seattle): March 15

         Alumni & Friends Happy Hour (Seattle):  March 18

         CE (Eugene): March Date TBA

         **Spring Break Camp** (Portland): March 23-27- We have 5 days of camp (3/23-3/27), each with 2 field trips, as well as camp activities, games, and crafts!

*\*CE= Community Engagement Event*

**Development & Fundraising**

       **Palm Springs** – 25 people gathered at the home of Ken & Mary Unkeles to share BB Camp memories and hear about the plans for the Second Century Campaign on Friday evening, February 27.  It was announced that we have passed a significant fundraising milestone**….$1.8 million has been pledged less than 1 year into the $6.8 million campaign for phases II & III**.   *Thank you to our generous donors!*

       **BUILDING FRIENDSHIPS FOR LIFE:** On February 23rd, , Julia Riseman, from the Harold Grinspoon Foundation’s JCamp180 program, facilitated our first meeting of the “Building Friendships for Life” Alumni and Friends Initiative.  The meeting was full of energy.  As part of this initiative, we’ll be supporting generational events.  Here are the upcoming kick-off events:

* People who were on Camp in the **1980s**are gathering to hear Tom Meyers’ Beatles sing a long band, *All Together Now*, on March 29th at Mississippi Pizza in Portland.
* People who were on Camp from **1998 – 2008ish**will be gathering for Happy Hour on March 12th at Mama Mia in Portland and on March 18th at Rein Haus in Seattle.
* People who were on Camp in the**1960s** are gathering for a Photo Night were everyone brings their photos and they walk down memory lane together.  Date/ Time/ Place TBA.

       **BB CAMP BASH:** We have **$31,350**secured in sponsorships. Our goal is $36,000. We are also having a silent auction. If you have anything, or know anyone we can ask, to procure items, we would greatly appreciate the help.  We are looking for restaurant gift certificates, experiences, travel destinations.   Please contact Sarah at showard@bbcamp.org if you can help.  Buy your seats today at [http://bbcamp.org/bbcamp\_bash](http://cp.mcafee.com/d/k-Kr3x8g6zqb2rW8V5VCVKVJd5CX3xEVKY-rjhpKed7a8V5wSCyPtxMQsTusdFEIT76zBMQszDPoySvbgkj8KY01dAObL00jrUVZNdRx_HYU-YYe7tuVtd4QsIsyyYYY-eVqWtAklrTpVkffGhBrwqrsdEFCXCXCM0p0xo8s01MwgI41kxJ2pJkHlo_o0EwgI4e00CQmkmbLCNApd40A43h00L-lfb6y06lDZ3qtPoiOS)

**Communications**

       **Luiza Vaynberg,** our Russian Jewish Camper Recruiter, will be the featured on Russian Radio in Vancouver, BC.  She will be  interview regarding BB Camp on the air, and we will have 30 BB Camp commercials aired.

       Check out our listing in the Camp Directory section of the current issue of Seattle’s **JT News**: [http://jewishsound.org/february-20-2015-issue/](http://cp.mcafee.com/d/1jWVIp6wUSyMC-yehupKrKrjhpKMUqerLfCQQmrzzhOyehodFEITosd7dTD3qqbdNNEVsd78VYS8JDOQ54ObL00jpcyXM04S-evsjtovW_efLf3xTnKnjhd7b78ELfffzKmKDp55mZSul3PWApmU6CNNJ5cTsTsS034vciEjFlK2700stYx5LoByWtOWtQnOYGkr_3qFmGN-M1h0xo8s01dEIEInvdz8Oq81886y01vYGumd40cHfW6QXCVUs9)

       Visit our **Facebook page**, [https://www.facebook.com/BBCamp](http://cp.mcafee.com/d/k-Kr6gUq6jqb2rW8V5VCVKVJd5CX3xEVKY-rjhpKed7a8V5wSCyPtxMQsTusdFEIT76zBMQszDPoySvbgkj8KY01dAObL00jrUVZNdRx_HYU-YYe7tuVtd4QsIsyyYYY-eVqWtAklrTpVkffGhBrwqrudEFCXCXCOsVHkiP2DeXrO5qBunMp6h886RiJlzZw2y12MgU02rhphoK-r6hAQg2ggd402_VkYIq80pmvQdFTdHgGkbXdBtt6w),to see our recent posts.

**Facilities & Retreats**

       The facilities team is working diligently on beautifying our grounds and buildings during the winter months, including re-staining the two-story cabin and painting interiors of buildings.

**Have a great week!!**

Warmly, Michelle