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Unit Head



Noa Gladshow

I am originally from Northern Virginia where I grew up with my parents and two younger siblings! I just graduated from Tulane University in New Orleans with degrees in Jewish Studies and International Relations. This is my first Summer at camp, and I am excited to meet everyone. After my summer at camp, I am hoping to work on a farm or in Jewish non-profit before applying for Rabbinical School! In my free time I love cooking, doing art, and running.

Counselors



Sarah Blen

Hi my name is Sarah Blen and this is my third year on staff at Jacob's Camp. I'm from Memphis, TN and just finished my first year at the University of Washington in Seattle. I'm so excited to be back at camp and make this summer the best



Eli Butler

Hello, my name is Eli Butler. I'm from Birmingham, Alabama . I started coming to camp Jacob's in 2013 and have enjoyed every year. I am in the Solelim program for 6 weeks and it's been my best year yet. My favorite hobby is playing rec soccer with my friends on our team the fire kittens, and I have also been apart of the delta bbyo board for 4 years while also attending a Israeli leadership immersive at Camp Coleman. I can't wait for this to be the best 2nd session ever.

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Irune Cano

My name is Irune and I'm from Barcelona, Spain. I'm 20 years old and it's gonna be my second year being a counselor. I'm a college student and I'm studying graphic design and animation.



Hadar Dishi

My name is Hadar Dishi, and I'm from Holon, Israel. I recently completed my Army service, where I served as an Operations Sergeant. Currently, I work as a secretary at a children's swimming center. This will be my first year at camp, and I'm very excited to join as a counselor. During the year, I also volunteered at an animal shelter, which was a meaningful and rewarding experience for me.



Camilo Fernandez

Hello! My name is Camilo Fernández. I'm from Bogotá, Colombia, and I'm studying Systems Engineering. When vacation arrives, from late May to mid-August, I like to take advantage of that time to disconnect a bit from my academic routine, work on new experiences, and also, why not, get some rest.

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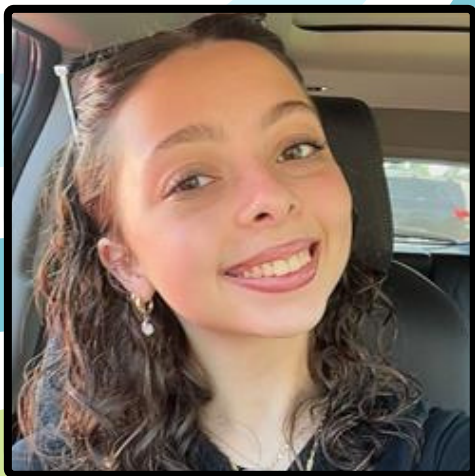


Cole Finkelstein



Hey! My name is Cole and I'm from New Orleans. During the year I love watching films and writing short stories. I also enjoy hanging out with my friends and listening to music. This summer I will be Solelim then a Junior Counselor. I've been going to Jacob's Camp for 9 years now and I'm super excited for my first year on staff! I volunteer at my Temple as an assistant teacher for Sunday School and I've done Dream Street for the past 2 years.

Yael Fleekop



Hey y'all, I'm Yael Fleekop I am an incoming senior from Gulf Breeze Florida. This summer I am a junior counselor and I am so excited to be here. Jacobs Camp has served as my second home for 11 summers. During the year I am a student in high school. I am on my schools dance team and I also do Girl Scouts. This past year I served as the NFTY Southern Religious and Cultural VP. At home I also teach kindergarten and first grade at Sunday school. I love working with kids and I am so excited for this summer!!!

Brayden Friedman



xxHello, my name is Brayden Friedman and I am from Houston, Texas. This will be my ninth year at Jacobs Camp, and my second on staff. This fall, I will be attending Texas A&M University, where I plan to study Computer Engineering. In my free time I enjoy running and watching sports, and I am so excited to be back for another summer!x

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Katie Gershanik

Hi, I'm Katie Gershanik, and I'm from New Orleans. This summer, I will be in Solelim and be a Junior Counselor. I've been going to camp since Garin 3 was still around, and I'm so excited to be back. During the year, some volunteer work I do includes volunteering with Breakthrough New Orleans, the JCC, Second Harvest Food Bank, and Dream Street, along with other community and school involvement. I'm also involved in my local Jewish community as a board member of the Touro and Sinai Temple Youth Group and as a Yamim Yafim (Sunday School) assistant teacher.



Zachary Goldstein

Hi! I'm Zac and I'm so excited for my 10th year at camp and my 2nd year on staff! I'm from Raleigh, but next year I will be attending GWU in DC, studying history. During the year I build sets for school and local theater productions and tutor kids in Hebrew. I love reading, biking, hiking, climbing, kayaking, and being outside.



Bug Gross

Hello, my name is Bug and I'm from New Orleans. I love being at Jacobs Camp and look forward to being a counselor this summer! I can't wait to bond with my campers and show them the same incredible experience that I had growing up at Jacobs Camp! I am currently attending Southeastern and studying Finance. This is my 7th year at camp.

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Millie Harris

Hi, I'm Millie and I'm from New York City! I have been going to Jacobs camp since I was 8 years old, starting in Garin 1! During the school year, I love to play volleyball, learn new pop songs on the piano, explore NYC, and hangout with my family and friends. I also enjoy traveling with my family and spent a semester of High School in Israel! I am so excited to be a counselor for the first time after attending Jacobs as a camper for the past 9 years!



Shirel Hatuka

My name is Shirel - I'm 22 years old and I live in Ramat Gan, Israel. I'm a pastry chef and work at a restaurant. Throughout the year, I volunteer in social projects in the food sector. This will be my first summer at the camp, and I'm really excited to be a counselor this summer.



Lily Hirsch

Hi, my name is Lily and I'm from Memphis! I just finished my freshman year at UCLA. During the school year, I am an ACT tutor. I am so excited to be back at Jacobs for my 10th summer! In my free time, I love to be outdoors or do yoga!

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Emmie Infeld

Hi!! My name is Emmie! I am from Memphis, TN. I just finished my freshman year at the University of Michigan. I have been going to camp for about 12 years. This is my third year on staff and I could not be more excited!



Zoey Lincove

My name is Zoey Lincove, I'm 18 years old, and I'm from Baltimore, MD. This will be my second year working at camp as an in-cabin counselor, but I've been coming to HSJ for the past 11 years. I just finished high school, and I'll be heading to Temple University in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in the fall. I'm going to be majoring in film, and I hope to someday direct my own movies! I love reading, going to concerts, and the Philadelphia Eagles. I cannot wait to be back at camp, helping to cook up the Jacobs Magic!



Naty Rosas

Hi, there! My name is Naty Rosas, and this is my 2nd Summer at a summer camp and 1st Summer at Jacobs Camp! I'm so excited to be a counselor this summer. I look forward to meeting all of my campers and having a really good time helping them learn and grow and make tons of new friends!

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Daniel Rodriguez

Hello, my name is Daniel Rodriguez. During the year, I study Systems Engineering. I'm a member of my school swim team, which is why I wanted to work at the waterfront this summer! I've seen the huge pool and the cool lake toys and will love giving my campers the chance to enjoy these awesome parts of camp.



Ellie Royal

Hi my name is Ellie Royal and I am originally from Memphis TN. I am now a student at Tulane University studying public health and psychology. This is my 3rd year on staff but I have been a camper at camp since olim. During the year, I teach Sunday School at Touro Synagogue in NOLA and I also volunteer as an after school tutor at a local elementary school. Im so excited for this summer!



William Schexnayder

I am Will Schexnayder. I am from New Orleans and I go to Haynes Academy. I play football and golf during the school year. I am a junior counselor at camp this year and so excited to start. I started coming to camp ten years ago for a new camper weekend, and have always loved being at camp. My football team and I do multiple service projects during the school year, such as cleaning up trash by the lake and doing football camps for disabled children.



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Itai Spernath

Hi, my name is Itai. I'm 21 years old and from Kfar Sava, Israel. I recently finished my service in the IDF. I'm very into sports, especially basketball and football. The new Athletic Complex will be the perfect place to teach my campers new skills that they can take home after camp! This is my first year at camp.



Itay Stern

Hey! My name is Itay Stern. I live in Givatayim, Israel. This is my first summer at Jacobs Camp, and I'm really excited. I just finished my military service, which was very fulfilling, but now I'm looking forward to meeting my campers and having an amazing summer. During the year, I work as a DJ, so my campers can expect amazing music in the cabin this summer!



John Weber

My name is John Mackey Weber. I am from Bryant Arkansas. During the year I go to school. I am a counselor at camp. this is my first summer. During the year I do volunteer work through JROTC.