

Dear VVDC Families,

My name is CJ Glicksman, and I'm excited to introduce myself as the 2021 director at Vacation Village Day Camp! I'm looking forward to joining an incredible community, and I'm thrilled to have the opportunity to make Summer 2021 as fun, safe, and enjoyable as can be!

After spending time at Yeshivat Har Etzion, I spent three years at Yeshiva University, graduating as valedictorian of Yeshiva College in May 2020. Since then, I have been teaching Judaic Studies at SAR High School in the Bronx. For the past ten years, I've spent my summers working in day camps in America and Israel, most recently as the Assistant Director of Activities of VVDC.

As I can personally attest, last year's summer was incredibly successful, and we're looking to capitalize on that momentum and create an even better camp experience this summer. Though there are still many unknown details about how camp will run this summer because of the COVID-19 pandemic, I can assure you that, if camp ran as successfully as it did this past summer, at the pandemic's peak, we can most certainly give your children a full "camp experience" this coming summer.

On that matter, our staff last year was of the highest caliber, and with many returning counselors and specialty staff as well as high quality additions to our team, I am confident that this year's staff will be even stronger.

Regarding specific programming, we're hoping to continue our after-camp sports clinics in hockey and basketball, and introduce new clinics in art and advanced STEM. We are also looking to build up our Teen Leadership Program, which proved to be wildly successful last year, and offer more leadership and learning opportunities to our oldest and most mature campers.

The VVDC leadership is committed to creating a unique and exhilarating experience for your children. From bunk lineup, to swim, to the talent show, to color war, the adventure of VVDC summer is second to none. Our team is devoted to giving your children the best summer possible, and we are in the midst of planning eight weeks of excitement, safety, enthusiasm, and fun!

I am truly excited to work with you and your families. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions, suggestions, or feedback. Looking forward to an incredible summer!

All the best,

CJ Glicksman  
VVDC Director and Head Counselor