## 2018 Dates

## Shalom Chaverim,

We want to let you know as early as possible that we need to slightly vary our normal summer schedule for kayitz 2018, due to Tisha B'Av. This is a rare change that only comes up every ten years or so. Next year, Tisha B'Av is observed starting Saturday night, July 21, and concludes on Sunday, July 22. This is normally the day we would end First Session and host Visiting Day. We feel that it is not in the best interest of our campers to end First Session on Tisha B'Av nor is it appropriate to hold Visiting Day on this day. For First Session campers, the last night camp activities are time-honored and fun traditions and would have to be canceled due to Tisha B'Av. For Full Session campers, having a celebratory day of feasting and festivities on a solemn day that traditionally includes fasting and special programming seems inappropriate.

After considering many options, we have decided to end First Session and host Visiting Day on Monday, July 23rd. Additionally, this means that Second Session will begin on Wednesday, July 25th. Here are the dates of each session:

Full Summer: Tuesday, June 26 to Sunday, August 19 First Session: Tuesday, June 26 to Monday, July 23 Second Session: Wednesday, July 25 to Sunday August 19 Mini Aleph: Tuesday, June 26 to Sunday, July 9 Mini Bet: Tuesday, July 11 to Monday, July 23 Mini Gimmel: Wednesday, July 25 to Sunday, August 5 Mini Daled: Tuesday, August 7 to Sunday, August 9

Due to the nature of this very rare date anomaly, there will be no change to our usual tuition structure. First Session and Second Session will have the same price as will each mini-session.

We are aware that ending First Session and hosting Visiting Day on a weekday/workday does pose a challenge for our camp families. We are sorry about that. With so much advance notice, we hope that the vast majority of people will be able to work out their calendars and vacation schedules to make this work for them.

Thank you so much for your understanding and we are eagerly anticipating the start of this summer season.

L'hitraot B'Palmer,

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