

## Nivonim Trip 2014

### Schedule

#### **Monday July 21:**

~7:00 am: leave camp

~11:00 am-12:00 pm: arrive in NY at Sutton Place Synagogue, put stuff down

12:30-2:00 pm: Lunch and relaxing in Central Park (**Packout**)

2:30-4:00 pm: self-guided tours of the Metropolitan Museum of Art (by groups)

PEULAH IN THE PARK-race related to hairspray and humans of new york

→show 6:00pm central park pete seeger

<http://www.centralpark.com/events/show/2283/new-songs-of-justice-an-evening-honoring-pete-seeger>

DINNER TO SHOW-PIZZA?

10:00 pm: walk back to SPS, go to bed

#### **Tuesday July 22:**

7:20 am: Kima

8:00 am: Tefillot with SPS minyan

8:45 am: Breakfast (**packout**)

9:15 am: Take the subway (E line), arrive at 10 am for 9/11 Memorial

10:15 am: Self-guided tours of the 9/11 Memorial

11:15 am: Post-Memorial tekes at Bowling Green

12:00 pm: lunch (packout)

1:30 pm: **TRAVEL TO TOUR 26 BROADWAY**

2:00-4:00 pm: Lower manhattan walking tour

4:30-5:30 pm: Menucha at SPS

6:00 pm: Dinner (packout)

**hopefully HA! Will get back to me and we will have a show and then do the scavenger hunt in times square. Otherwise we will just go to times square after menucha.**

Central park scavenger hunt

10:00 pm: back to SPS, bed

#### **Wednesday July 23:**

7:20 am: Kima

8:00 am: Tefillot with SPS minyan

8:45 am: Breakfast (packout)

9:05 am: Pack up

9:30 am: Take subway (E→1 lines) to 116th St

10:30 am: Tour of JTS led by David, Q&A with admissions rep, pizza lunch

12:30 pm: bus pickup outside JTS.

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Jerusalem Café

[http://j2nyc.com/zgrid/proc/site/sitemnup.jsp?mnuid\\_it=124678](http://j2nyc.com/zgrid/proc/site/sitemnup.jsp?mnuid_it=124678) (\$17 pizza x20=\$340)

**Address:** 35 W 36th St, New York, NY 10018

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Bryant Park: between 40th&42<sup>nd</sup> St, 5th&6<sup>th</sup> Ave

9/11 Memorial and Museum

Liberty St New York, NY 10006

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**NIVONIM NEW YORK CITY TRIP -- 2014**  
**(Notes from David Offit's end of summer Nivonim Report)**

Overall, the Nivonim New York City trip maintained its status as a fun and exciting addition to the summer that aims to bring the Ramah experience and Nivonim experience out of the gates of Palmer and into the greater world. I believe that the trip is moderately successful in reaching these goals, though it is difficult to plan as robust of a trip as we would like on such a limited budget. Our budget for this summers trip was just around \$8,000. While this seems like a lot of money, a large portion of these funds were dedicated to bussing, which cost between \$5-6,000. This leaves just 2-3,000 for activities for 64 kids and 8 staff. While we managed to plan a fun and exciting trip within this budget, largely utilizing free activities such as a Times Square Scavenger Hunt, a free concert in central park, and time in the free section of the 9/11 Memorial, I am convinced that with a little more money the trip could be even better.

**Staffing** the New York trip has also proven difficult. We require that all campers stay with a staff member at all times, and this includes walking groups throughout the city, time in the Met museum, etc. This is of course a necessary safety precaution, but when one staff is walking through New York with 10-11 campers, the situation can be both stressful and unsafe. I made it very clear to all of the campers before they left that they needed to stay with a staff member at all times, and luckily we had very few issues to the contrary. This year, I brought along an extra staff member, our live-in, Josh Czik. Josh came primarily as support for our inclusion camper, and was placed as an extra staff member in a group (not taking his own group) in case the camper felt tired during the day and needed to take a cab back to Sutton Place Synagogue, where we were staying. In fact, the camper only utilized Josh once in this area, but Josh was helpful throughout the trip, taking campers back who felt sick, dehydrated, or exhausted to the point of needing to lie down. Though we had never taken an additional staff member before, I highly encourage it for future trips if possible.

