

**Machon Trip**

## Day 1 August 4

9:00 wakeup  
 9:30 breakfast  
 10:00 tfillot  
 10:30 zman roo  
 11:30 showers  
 12:00 nikayon  
 12:30- 1:00- lunch  
 1:00- Drive to Boston  
 2:20- Mayyim Hayyim Living Waters- Program about pluralism Judaism  
 (4:15 latest arrive) WGBH TV studios- Tour and something with possible activity  
 Arrive at Boston synagogue  
 Prepare packed dinner (Burritos)  
 5:50 Walk to hatch shell for Zumba  
 Walk back to Boston synagogue  
 Scavenger hunt in the Charles River shopping Center  
 Lilia Tov

## DAY 2 August 5

8:00 Wake up  
 8:30 Tefilot  
 9:00 Breakfast/ Pack lunch  
 9:40 leave for Quincy Market  
 10:00- 11:00 Quincy Market for historical tour  
 11:00- 11:45 free time in market  
 12:00: Start walking to fenway  
 12:20: Stop in Boston Common for lunch  
 1:00: walk to Fenway for tour  
 2:00: arrival at fenway  
 2:00-3:30: Tour of Fenway  
 3:30: walk back to Boston synagogue via the Charles River Esp/ Freedom trail  
 Extravaganza  
 4:45: Chill time (Menucha)  
 5:45 Dinner (Pizza?)  
 7:00: Show/ Performance  
 9:30: Lilah tov

## Day 3 August 6

8:30: Wake up  
 9:00: Tefilot  
 9:30: Breakfast from Kupel's Kosher Bagels and Pack lunch  
 10:00: Visit the ICA  
 11:00: Watch movie in a movie theater  
 2:00: Drive back to camp

Money: campers were each given \$10. This was not much for a 2 day trip, especially when they had the option to buy their own dinner. I would recommend \$20 of spending money for the Machon trip in the future.

Overall, campers had a great time- they appreciated the laid back pace of the trip, yet still felt like we accomplished a lot. It was an important bonding experience for the edah as well. I would recommend having the trip at least a week earlier in the calendar in the future so that the connectedness of the edah could carry over through more of the summer.

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The day went pretty smoothly however the morning went as planned and we left on time. Mayyim Hayyim was really interesting however they could only take a small group at a time. So for the other part of edah that was not in the tour they had to wait across the street. In the future if they had split the day up with a rotation of different activities and Mayyim Hayyim was one of them it would have worked really well. In addition if there is a way to have them be able to go in the Michva it would great addition.

The hatch shell was going to be a great evening activity everyone enjoyed the walk however it had rained earlier that day and Zumba had been canceled luckily it was nice to walk around and there was a play ground near the hatch shell. Although we had to cut the exploring short as it began to rain again.

### Meal:

ran smoothly as we had triple checked with the kitchen and portioned all the food to make sure that it lasted the entire time. I would suggest the using the same meal plan we had as it was simple to make and simple to coordinate. Also the last day we had bagels from Kuples which everyone really enjoyed and appreciated.

- Lunch: Packout

- Dinner: Burritos

Rice

Beans

Tortillas

cheese

salsa

guacamole

sour cream

veggies ask

Dessert fun time: blondies

### Day two

-Breakfast: cereal

Cheerios

Frosted flakes

Captain crunch

Bananas

Apples

Chocolate milk

Regular milk

- Lunch: Wraps

Tortillas

Jelly

Sunbutter

Hummus

Peppers

Cheese

Apples

Potato Chips

- Dinner: Pizza

Mushrooms  
Pineapple  
Green pepper  
Onions  
Extra mozz cheese

**Day three**

- Breakfast: Kupels bagels

- Lunch: Wraps

Tortillas  
Jelly  
Sunbutter  
Hummus  
Peppers  
Cheese  
Apples  
Potato Chips

**Quincy Market:** The walk to Quincy market was very enjoyable and allowed us to pass by the Holocaust memorial which was very nice. Once we arrived we split into groups and toured around the market. The Chanichim really enjoyed this also each group was given an option a scavenger hunt/task challenge which some groups really enjoyed. What was nice was the staff really bought in to making sure the campers were entertained and having fun.

**Fenway/walk:** The walk went very smoothly with the stop at the commons for lunch was really nice. Everyone had a great time and was enjoying being out and walking and spending time with their friends. The only issues arose when one of the counselors in a group took his group another way rather than staying with the edah. Fenway itself was nice with some of the kids really enjoying it and others just happy to be seeing Boston. However another activity could be supplemented if the price was less expensive than Fenway.

**Walk back:** Their walk back was fantastic as groups were paired up so roughly the edah was divided into quarters and walked along the Charles River. Some groups walked quickly and others walked and took their time. It was a nice way to end the day. Allowing time for the campers to bond with their groups.

**The ICA:** was something that we had gone to in 2013 on the trip and as it is free and they have relatively "cool" exhibits I thought we should go there again. I think this is one of the best experiences as some of the kids really enjoyed it and others struggled as it is a museum and art and they had trouble understanding the value. I would recommend it again however and provide a program leading up to it so everyone could get a better experience from it.

**The Boston Synagogue:** In 2014 they had some trouble and were nervous about letting us stay there. Knowing this and in general I heavily emphasized to the staff and it trickled down to the campers the importance of respect to the synagogue and the respect to Boston itself. The synagogue was kept in great condition in my view and both the staff and the campers really did a great job. Teffilot was done on our own as there is no minyan and I think that it could have been a little bit better run however new locations and cleaning and being on such a tight schedule it was very rushed. The size of the

synagogue was very small I do think any more then 75 people would be do large of a group to stay in the synagogue.

**Overall** I feel that this trip was a great success and really had a lot of growing moments for the edah and for the staff. I was hesitant of wanting a trip but after running it I am in favor of keeping a trip similar to this around. The major issues I saw was keeping the trip on the schedule also the budget of the trip as more campers and prices of things are increasing the budget hasn't changed in the past four years and could really use an increase allowing more opportunities. Also the other major problem that lucky did not effect us is that the majority of the activities and the trip is outside. **A rain plan** needed to be made and should be solidified as if it had rained we would have been totally lost.