

**RACHEL & JONAH: A CONSENSUAL LOVE STORY**

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**CHARACTERS**

Rachel

Jonah

Rebecca

Josh

Referee

Berkshires Counselor

Ricki

Nyack Counselor

Nyack Camper (Little Amichai)

Agam Shark

Jon

**ENSEMBLE**

Palmer Campers

Berkshire Campers

Nyack Campers

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**SCENE ONE**

*(Sun rises on Roo Day at Camp Ramah New England. From offstage we hear 2 groups of campers chanting.)*

**SONG #1: "MAYBE TODAY"**

**PALMER ENSEMBLE**

PALMER

**BERKSHIRES ENSEMBLE**

BERKS

**PALMER ENSEMBLE**

PALMER

**BERKSHIRES ENSEMBLE**

BERKS

**PALMER ENSEMBLE**

NIV

**BERKSHIRES ENSEMBLE**

GESHER

**PALMER ENSEMBLE**

NIV

**BERKSHIRES ENSEMBLE**

GESHER

**PALMER ENSEMBLE**

NIV

**BERKSHIRES ENSEMBLE**

GESHER

**PALMER ENSEMBLE**

NIV

**BERKSHIRES ENSEMBLE**

GESHER

*(The 2 groups of campers enter, standing on opposite sides of the stage.)*

**PALMER ENSEMBLE**

UP AT SIX

WITH PALMER KICKS

SETTING UP FOR ROO

**BERKSHIRES ENSEMBLE**

ON OUR WAY

TO PALMER DAY

GETTING PUMPED

WOO! WOO!

**ALL**  
THE RIVALRY  
OF THE CENTURY  
IS COMING TO A HEAD

**PALMER ENSEMBLE**  
BERKSHIRES

**BERKSHIRES ENSEMBLE**  
PALMER

**ALL**  
IS GOING DOWN  
WE'RE GONNA KNOCK 'EM DEAD  
YEAH WE'LL BE

GLORIOUS!  
VICTORIOUS!  
THAT WILL BE US TODAY  
WE'LL BE  
GLORIOUS!  
VICTORIOUS!  
THAT WILL BE US TODAY  
TODAY

*(JONAH and JOSH, campers from Berkshires, step forward.)*

**JOSH**  
Hey Jonah, you ready for an epic day of flag football?

**JONAH**  
I guess.

**JOSH**  
THOSE PALMER KIDS ARE GONNA LOSE  
WE'LL ROUGH 'EM UP AND MAKE 'EM BRUISE  
AND WHEN THEY START TO CRY  
WE'LL LAUGH AT THEM AND SHOUT "BUH-BYE!"

**JONAH**

Yeah I guess.

**JOSH**

Dude, what's up with you today?

**JONAH**

I'M SORRY BUT I DON'T AGREE  
THIS RIVALRY'S TOO MUCH FOR ME  
IT ALL SEEMS SO PATHETIC

Why do we have to be cruel to be athletic?

**JOSH**

What do you mean dude?

**JONAH**

MAYBE TODAY'S THE OPPORTUNITY  
TO UNITE OUR RAMAH COMMUNITY  
MAYBE TODAY'S THE OPPOR...

**JOSH**

Dude, *that's* pathetic. Ugh, what's wrong with you!?

*(We switch over to RACHEL and REBECCA, campers from Palmer.)*

**REBECCA**

Rachel, what's wrong? You don't look excited at all for the dance competition.

**RACHEL**

I don't know Rebecca. Something feels different this year.

EVERY KAYITZ  
THE SAME OLD SPIEL  
I FEEL LIKE A SONG ON REPEAT  
EVERY DAY THE SAME PEOPLE  
SAME OLD REGIEL  
AND CAMP DOESN'T FEEL COMPLETE  
BUT TODAY AT YOM ROO  
THINGS ARE GONNA CHANGE

AND RAMAH IS GONNA OPEN THE DOOR  
TO NEW EXPERIENCES, FUN,  
PLUS A WHOLE NEW RANGE  
OF PEOPLE WHO ARE SO MUCH MORE  
THAN WHAT'S BEEN HERE BEFORE

**REBECCA**

Um, we're not here to make friends.

FOR THE PAST FORTY YEARS  
THEY BEEN COMIN' HERE  
COMPETING IN THESE GAMES  
CAUSE THEY ARE BERKSHIRES  
AND WHEN THEY GET HERE  
WE'RE GONNA RIP OFF THEIR UGLY LITTLE SMIRK  
TEARS WILL NOT BE AN OPTION FOR US  
WHEN THEY GET BACK ON THEIR BUS  
AND IF YOU START MAKING CONNECTIONS  
THERE WILL BE TOO MANY EXCEPTIONS  
WHEN THEY BREAK THE RULES  
AND WE'RE THE ROOS  
SO WE'LL BE...

**ALL**

GLORIOUS!  
VICTORIOUS!  
THAT WILL BE US TODAY  
WE'LL BE  
GLORIOUS!  
VICTORIOUS!  
THAT WILL BE US TODAY  
GLORIOUS!  
VICTORIOUS!  
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**RACHEL & JONAH**

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## **SCENE TWO**

### **A-Side Flag Football Ball Game**

#### **JOSH**

Alright Jonah, we need our star player today. And remember, it's gonna be so much fun when we beat them.

*(RACHEL and REBECCA enter, watching the game from the sidelines.)*

#### **REBECCA**

This game is gonna be so hype.

#### **RACHEL**

*(disappointed)*

Yeah, whatever.

#### **REBECCA**

*(singing/chanting)*

*When it comes to Ramah camps*

*If you ever had to choose*

*The choice would be obvious*

*We're the...*

Ooh, they're starting!

#### **REFEREE**

Alright boys, I want a nice friendly game.

*(The REFEREE blows their whistle! The game begins. JOSH is playing very competitively but JONAH's head is not in the game.)*

#### **JOSH**

Dude, get your head in the game. We gotta win this.

*(JONAH is running when a player from PALMER purposefully knocks into him. JONAH falls to the ground, but the game continues and no one notices - except RACHEL.)*

#### **RACHEL**

Oh my gosh did you see that? I think Avi knocked him over on purpose.

**REBECCA**

Hilarious!

**RACHEL**

*(annoyed)*

Ugh, really Rebecca!?

*(RACHEL races over to JONAH.)*

**RACHEL**

Hey! Are you okay?

*(RACHEL helps pull JONAH up.)*

**JONAH**

Yeah, I just...

*(RACHEL and JONAH make eye contact. An awkward and romantic beat passes.)*

**RACHEL**

Here, come on, we need to get you to the Marp.

*(They walk in the direction of the Marp. The game disappears.)*

**JONAH**

Hey, you know we aren't supposed to be near each other.

**RACHEL**

Oh, cause you're from Berkshires? *(scoffs)* The rivalry is stupid anyway.

**JONAH**

Right!? Why do we need to hate each other just because we're from different camps? We're both Ramah camps anyway.

**RACHEL**

Yeah! Oh my gosh. I thought no one else agreed with me.

*(They have arrived at the Marp.)*

We're here at the Marp.

**JONAH**

Oh, it doesn't hurt anymore. *(sighs)* But I really don't want to go back to the game with all that screaming and shouting.

**RACHEL**

Do you want to come to this quiet little place by the lake? It's nice and peaceful, and we won't have to worry about any of our friends' bad sportsmanship.

*(JONAH laughs.)*

**JONAH**

That'd be nice.

*(They walk across the stage and enter the B-Side Amphitheatre.)*

**RACHEL**

Welcome to the B-Side Amphitheatre.

**JONAH**

It's really beautiful here.

**RACHEL**

I told you.

**JONAH**

Hey, I didn't get a chance to thank you for helping me....um...sorry, what's your name?

**RACHEL**

Oh, I'm Rachel.

**JONAH**

I'm Jonah.

**RACHEL**

It's nice to meet you.

**JONAH**

You too.



**RACHEL**

Thanks for finally understanding.

**JONAH**

Finally understanding what?

**SONG #2: "NOT SO DIFFERENT AFTER ALL"**

**RACHEL**

DAY AFTER DAY  
THE SAME OLD REFRAIN  
DON'T MAKE FRIENDS WITH THE OTHER SIDE  
DON'T EVEN THINK OF CROSSING THAT LINE  
AND YOU'LL BE FINE

BUT I WAS ALWAYS SEARCHING FOR SOMETHING MORE  
WHAT IT WAS - I WASN'T SURE  
BUT THEN YOU CAME  
AND CHANGED THE GAME  
NOW I KNOW WHAT I'VE BEEN YEARNING FOR

WHY CAN'T WE LOVE SOMETHING THAT'S DIFFERENT OR OTHER?  
PUT ALL THE HATE ASIDE AND LOVE ONE ANOTHER?  
I'VE FOUND SOMEONE WHO AGREES  
IT MAKES NO SENSE TO TAUNT AND TEASE  
NOW I CAN FINALLY SEE  
WE'RE NOT SO DIFFERENT AFTER ALL

**JONAH**

DAY AFTER DAY  
THE SAME OLD GAME  
WINNING IS THE ONLY GOAL  
JUST BE QUIET AND PLAY YOUR ROLE  
DO WHAT YOU'RE TOLD

AND ALL MY BERKSHIRE FRIENDS EVER TALK ABOUT  
IS HOW WE'RE THE BEST RAMAH AROUND  
AND IT'S FILLED WITH HATE  
SO I COULDN'T WAIT  
TO FINALLY FIND SOMEONE WITH COMMON GROUND

WHY CAN'T WE LOVE SOMETHING THAT'S DIFFERENT OR OTHER?  
PUT ALL THE HATE ASIDE AND LOVE ONE ANOTHER?  
I'VE FOUND SOMEONE WHO AGREES  
IT MAKES NO SENSE TO TAUNT AND TEASE  
NOW I CAN FINALLY SEE  
WE'RE NOT SO DIFFERENT AFTER ALL

**JONAH**

I have a crazy idea.

**RACHEL**

What?

**JONAH**

Why don't I stay here with you?

**RACHEL**

A Berkshire kid staying at Palmer? That is pretty crazy. But crazy is working for me today.

**JONAH**

Then it's settled. I'm not getting back on that bus.

TRUTHS NEED TO BE SPOKEN  
WALLS NEED TO BE BROKEN  
HEARTS NEED TO BE OPEN  
TODAY

**JONAH & RACHEL**

TRUTHS NEED TO BE SPOKEN  
WALLS NEED TO BE BROKEN  
HEARTS NEED TO BE OPEN  
TODAY

WHY CAN'T WE LOVE SOMETHING THAT'S DIFFERENT OR OTHER?  
PUT ALL THE HATE ASIDE AND LOVE ONE ANOTHER?  
I'VE FOUND SOMEONE WHO AGREES  
IT MAKES NO SENSE TO TAUNT AND TEASE

**RACHEL**

AND NOW YOU'RE GONNA STAY WITH ME

**JONAH**

YES NOW YOU'RE GONNA STAY WITH ME

**JONAH & RACHEL**

AND NOW I CAN FINALLY SEE  
WE'RE NOT SO DIFFERENT AFTER ALL

**JONAH**

Can I hug you?

**RACHEL**

Yes.

**SCENE THREE**

**Parking Lot**

**BERKSHIRES COUNSELOR**

Alright Berkshires! Back on the bus! *(Pause)* Is Sarah here?...

**JOSH**

Oh my gosh, we already know everyone's here. Let's just go back. Get away from this stupid place.

**BERKSHIRE CAMPERS**

Yeah!!!

**COUNSELOR**

Okay, whatever. Driver, let's go.

*(BERKSHIRE CAMPERS bus moves around the stage.)*

**COUNSELOR**

5 more minutes 'til we reach Berkshires.

**JOSH**

Hey Jonah...Jonah? Jonah!? You guys...I think we left Jonah.

**COUNSELOR**

Oh sh-

*(The bus slams to a halt and everyone falls forward.)*

**SCENE FOUR**

**Palmer B-Side**

*(JONAH is lying in a hammock.)*

**JONAH**

Huh. I actually really like this place. The trees, the...

*(RICKI enters and confronts JONAH.)*

**RICKI**

Hey! Why aren't you in chug? You do know ditching is breaking camp rules.

**JONAH**

Oh...um...

**RICKI**

What edah are you in?

**JONAH**

Gesher - I mean Nivonim!

**RICKI**

You don't go here, do you?

**SONG #3: "BANISHED"**

**RICKI**

I DO NOT KNOW WHO YOU ARE  
BUT I KNOW YOU'RE NOT ONE OF MY CAMPERS  
SO YOU ARE  
BANISHED

**JONAH**

Banished? What does that mean?

**RICKI**

OFF YOU GO TO NYACK  
TO WATCH SILLY LITTLE CAMPERS  
'CAUSE YOU ARE  
BANISHED

**JONAH**

I'M BANISHED

**RICKI**

YOU'RE BANISHED

**JONAH**

NO NOT BANISHED!

**RICKI & ENSEMBLE**

*(whispered)*

BANISHED  
BUH-BYE!

*(JONAH and RICKI exit. RACHEL comes running on.)*

**RACHEL**

Hey Jonah, how's the hamm... Jonah? Where'd he go?

*(REBECCA runs in.)*

**REBECCA**

You tried to sneak that boy from Berkshires in, didn't you?

**RACHEL**

What are you talking about?

**REBECCA**

Ricki just found him. Sent him off to Nyack.

**RACHEL**

No, not Nyack!

## **SCENE FIVE**

### **Ramah Nyack**

*(A group of little campers sit in a circle around a NYACK COUNSELOR. JONAH also sits in the circle.)*

### **NYACK COUNSELOR**

Alright my young friends, gather around, it's...

### **NYACK CAMPERS**

...storytime!!!

*(JONAH gets up in a huff and marches to the other side of the stage.)*

### **JONAH**

2 weeks at Nyack and endless storytime. All I can think of is Rachel, alone, without me.

*(A NYACK CAMPER enters holding an envelope.)*

### **NYACK CAMPER**

Mr Jonah, a letter came for you.

### **JONAH**

Really!? Maybe it's from her!

*(JONAH rips it open.)*

## **SONG #4: "RAINBOW UNICORN RIVER"**

### **JONAH**

*(reading)*

Dear Jonah, it's Rebecca...

*(REBECCA appears on the opposite side of the stage.)*

### **REBECCA**

...I'm Rachel's friend. She desperately needs you to help her. Ever since you've been banished she's been sick in the Marp and she says only you can make her feel better. Come back as quickly as you can. Sincerely, Rebecca.

*(REBECCA exits.)*

**JONAH**

I have to go back.

I CAN'T SIT HERE DAY AND NIGHT  
WONDERING IF SHE'LL BE ALRIGHT  
EVEN THOUGH I'M THE ENEMY  
I CAN'T LEAVE HER  
THAT'S NOT THE MAN IN ME

But how do I get back to Palmer?

**NYACK CAMPER**

Mr Jonah...Mr Jonah I have a way.

**JONAH**

Tell me little Amichai.

**NYACK CAMPER**

WITH AN OPEN HEART  
AND A CLEAR BLUE SKY  
YOU CAN SUMMON THE POWER  
THAT'S DEEP INSIDE  
AND REVEAL  
THE MAGICAL, MYSTICAL  
RAINBOW UNICORN RIVER!

**JONAH**

That doesn't sound real.

**NYACK CAMPER**

I pinky promise Mr Jonah, it's real.

**JONAH**

Okay, where do we go?

**NYACK CAMPER & ENSEMBLE**

TO THE NYACK KAYAK SHACK  
TO THE NYACK KAYAK SHACK

TO THE NYACK KAYAK SHACK  
TO THE NYACK KAYAK SHACK

*(JONAH opens the shack and finds the kayak.)*

**JONAH**

It's real.

**NYACK CAMPER**

I told you Mr Jonah.

**JONAH**

I'll miss you Little Amichai.

**NYACK CAMPER**

Safe journey Mr Jonah!

*(JONAH begins to pull out the kayak and gets ready for his journey.)*

**JONAH**

THE ROAD TO PALMER'S A TUMULTUOUS ONE  
SO THE ONLY THING TO DO  
IS TAKE THE NYACK KAYAK OF MAGICAL FUN  
SO THAT I CAN BE WITH YOU  
THE RAINBOWS AND UNICORNS WILL LEAD THE WAY  
TO THE MARP WHERE MY LOVE LIES  
I DON'T CARE ABOUT THE RULES  
BY HER SIDE I'LL STAY  
WHILE MY BOAT ON THE RAINBOW FLIES

*(The kayak lifts into the air.)*

THE KAYAK FLIES!

*(JONAH paddles as he flies across the stage.)*

COME ON DELIVER  
RAINBOW UNICORN RIVER  
COME ON DELIVER  
BRING TO ME LOVE



**JONAH & ENSEMBLE**

COME ON DELIVER  
RAINBOW UNICORN RIVER  
COME ON DELIVER  
BRING TO ME LOVE

*(JONAH arrives at the entrance to Ramah Palmer.)*

**JONAH**

Look, the train tracks!

**ENSEMBLE**

Shhhh!

*(The music stops. Long pause.)*

**ENSEMBLE**

Ok we're good, let's go.

**JONAH & ENSEMBLE**

BRING ME TO MY LOVE!

**SCENE SIX**

**Ramah Palmer - The Marp**

*(JONAH runs into the Marp and sees RACHEL lying on the bed sleeping.)*

**JONAH**

Rachel! I'm here to save you!

*(RACHEL is fast asleep. She looks lifeless.)*

Rachel? Oh no. Oh no no no no! I'm too late. I came all this way for nothing.

*(JONAH starts crying.)*

I need sugar.

*(JONAH runs to the Chadar Ochel. He finds a box of Kedem Grape Juice bottles.)*

The Shabbat dinner grape juice! Exactly what I need.

*(He starts chugging it. He throws the bottles to the floor. He starts to stumble around the stage, drunk off the sugar.)*

Yes! Rachel's not dead. I see you...in the Agam! I'm coming for you!

*(He dives into the agam. RACHEL begins to awaken from her slumber. Meanwhile, the AGAM SHARK swims up behind JONAH, snapping its jaws and smiling.)*

Rachel? Is that you?

*(RACHEL hears JONAH and yells from the shore.)*

**RACHEL**

Jonah! You're here!

*(She notices the AGAM SHARK attacking JONAH.)*

Oh my goodness, it's the Agam Shark! I'll save you Jonah!

*(RACHEL dives in and saves JONAH, dragging him to the beach.)*

**JONAH**

You saved me.

**RACHEL**

You came back.

**JONAH**

Of course I came back. I took the Nyack Kayak.

**RACHEL**

The what now?

**JONAH**

Nevermind.

*(At this point, all the commotion has attracted the FULL CAST to the beach.)*

**REBECCA**

What is going on here?

**RACHEL**

Jonah came back.

**REBECCA**

I see that.

*(JOSH bursts in.)*

**JOSH**

Where is our camper!?

**REBECCA**

Who are you?

**JOSH**

I'm Josh, from Berkshires.

**REBECCA**

You're not welcome here.

**JOSH**

Well when you kidnap my best friend, I can go anywhere I want around here.

**REBECCA**

Kidnapped? That's not what happened.

**JOSH**

What do you mean?

**JONAH**

Josh, I chose to stay. For her.

**JOSH**

For her!? You betrayed us!

*(FULL CAST starts yelling at each other. JON arrives to break up the fighting.)*

**JON**

STOP!!!! Why can't you all just get along? Think about it. These two have brought us all together. Maybe it's for a reason.

**SONG #5: "FINALE"**

**JON**

MAYBE TODAY'S THE OPPORTUNITY  
TO UNITE OUR RAMAH COMMUNITY

**JON, RACHEL & JONAH**

MAYBE TODAY'S THE OPPORTUNITY  
TO UNITE OUR RAMAH COMMUNITY

**JONAH**

What do you say Josh?

**JOSH**

Alright, fine.

**RACHEL**

Rebecca?

**REBECCA**

I'm in.

**ALL**

THE RIVALRY  
OF THE CENTURY  
IS COMING TO AN END  
BERKSHIRES, PALMER  
ARE JOINING HANDS  
TODAY WE'RE ALL BEST FRIENDS

*(NYACK CAMPER enters.)*

**NYACK CAMPER**

Oh Mr Jonah, I love a happy ending!

**ALL**

TOGETHER WE'RE  
GLORIOUS!  
VICTORIOUS!  
THAT IS US TODAY!  
TOGETHER WE'RE  
GLORIOUS!  
VICTORIOUS!  
THAT IS US TODAY!  
TODAY  
BUH-BYE!

**END OF PLAY**