

NO JOSHING AROUND
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Camp Ramah New England

CHARACTERS

David

Anna

Rachel

Jacob - Counselor

Maya - Counselor

Emma - Camper in Alternate Universe

Sabine

Sabine's Sidekick

Josh Edelglass

SCENE ONE

Camp Ramah

Present Day

(The sun rises on a new day at Camp Ramah New England.)

SONG #1: ANOTHER PERFECT DAY AT CAMP RAMAH

FULL CAST

ANOTHER DAY

IN THE MACHANE

EVERYONE RISING TO A HAPPY WAKE UP SONG
HANGING WITH MY FRIENDS, THIS IS THE PLACE WHERE I BELONG
EVERYTHING IS SUNNY, NOTHING COULD GO WRONG
JUST ANOTHER PERFECT DAY, DAY, DAY, DAY, DAY...
AT CAMP RAMAH

(ANNA, RACHEL, and DAVID step forward.)

ANNA

Boker tov David!

DAVID

Boker tov Anna!

RACHEL

Hey you guys ready for another great day?

ALL

SHABBAS BROWNIES ARE DELISH THEY BRING US SO MUCH JOY
SNACKS DELIVERED TO OUR BUNK, PLEASE BE CHIPS AHOY
ALSO LOVE THE AGAM AND THE WATER TOYS
JUST ANOTHER PERFECT DAY, DAY, DAY, DAY, DAY...
AT CAMP RAMAH

GROUP 1

WE ARE CAMP RAMAH IN PALMER, PALMER, PALMER

GROUP 2

LET THE DAY GROW LONGER, LONGER, LONGER

GROUP 1

IN PALMER, PALMER, PALMER

ALL

AT CAMP RAMAH

AND WHO KEEPS IT RUNNING
SMOOTHLY EVERY DAY?
JOSH EDELGASS
THAT'S HIS NAME!
WITH HIS BIG SMILE MAKING EVERY CAMPER HAPPY
BLUE JUICE AND YUMMY TWIZZLER CANDY

(JOSH EDELGASS enters.)

JOSH

Hello friends, have a great day, cause at Camp Ramah, nothing can go wrong!

(Two counselors, JACOB and MAYA, step forward and are in the middle of an argument.)

JACOB

Fruit is the best late night snack Maya.

MAYA

No Jacob, it's candy obviously.

JACOB

Fruit.

MAYA

Candy.

JACOB

Fruit!

MAYA

Candy!

JOSH

Um guys, you're supposed to be counselors. Stop fighting in front of the chanichim.

(JOSH exits.)

JACOB

Josh is right, we gotta stop fighting and check on our chanichim.

(JACOB looks around.)

Uh oh.

MAYA

What's up?

JACOB

Have you seen David?

MAYA

No. Oh wait, I'm missing campers too. Have you seen Rachel or Anna?

MAYA

No.

JACOB

We gotta find them.

(The scene switches to a boat on the agam. DAVID, ANNA, and RACHEL sit inside.)

DAVID, ANNA, & RACHEL

HEADING OUT VERY EARLY ON A MORNING BOAT
MAKING NEW WAYS TO SKIP CHUGIM AND TEFILLOT
BREAKING RULES WITH YOUR FRIENDS TRULY IS THE GOAT
JUST ANOTHER PERFECT DAY, DAY, DAY, DAY, DAY...

(There is a loud siren.)

DAVID

A siren!

ANNA

We gotta get back!

RACHEL

Find a shelter!

(They paddle back.)

RACHEL

We don't have enough time to make it back to B side.

ANNA

Gotta find our own shelter.

(DAVID finds a storm door on the side of Beit Am Aleph.)

DAVID

In here!

*(They run in and exit offstage. The storm passes through camp. Noise and craziness.
And then, calm.)*

SCENE 2

After the storm

(DAVID, ANNA and RACHEL emerge from the shelter.)

RACHEL

Guys, that was scary.

DAVID

Let's see what happened.

ANNA

I hope everyone is okay.

(JACOB and MAYA enter.)

RACHEL

Hey look, it's Jacob and Maya.

ANNA

Let's see what they're fighting about today.

JACOB

I love hot dogs.

MAYA

I love them too.

JACOB

And burgers?

MAYA

Of course!

JACOB

Wanna doff together?

MAYA

Yeah!

(JACOB and MAYA skip off together.)

DAVID

Ok that was weird.

(EMMA enters.)

ANNA

Hey can you tell us where's the agam?

EMMA

What is the agam? We just have a pool here.

RACHEL

Ok and why is no one wearing a kippah?

EMMA

Oh, we don't wear those here.

DAVID

Ok that is also weird.

ANNA

Yeah, something isn't right. We gotta find Josh. He'll know how to fix this.

EMMA

Don't say that name!

DAVID, ANNA, & RACHEL

What name? Josh Edelglass!

(SABINE enters.)

SABINE

What name just assaulted my ears!?

DAVID, ANNA, & RACHEL

Who are you?

SABINE

I'm Sabine. I run things around here.

DAVID, ANNA, & RACHEL

No you don't. Josh does.

SABINE

If you dare utter that name again you will be yotzed quicker than you can say...

DAVID, ANNA, & RACHEL

Let's get out of here.

(They run away to another part of the stage. SABINE and EMMA exit.)

DAVID

This is horrible.

ANNA

Josh has gotta be somewhere.

RACHEL

If we work together, we can find him.

SONG #2: RESCUE SONG

DAVID, ANNA, & RACHEL

LOOKING UP, LOOKING DOWN

LOOKING ALL OVER AROUND

WHERE IS JOSH?

WHERE IS HE?

IS HE SAFE? IS HE SOUND?

DAVID

I THINK I SEE HIM ON THE GROUND!

ANNA

NO, IT'S NOT – HE CAN'T BE FOUND!

DAVID, ANNA, & RACHEL

WHERE IS JOSH? WHERE IS JOSH?

WE CAN'T FIND HIM ANYWHERE
COULD HE BE OVER THERE?
WE NEED THE MAN OF THE HOUR

RACHEL

IS HE LOCKED IN A TOWER?

DAVID

The Alpine Tower?

RACHEL

No!

DAVID, ANNA, & RACHEL

HAVE WE CHECKED THE CHADAR?
HAVE WE CHECKED HIS CAR?
HAVE WE CHECKED THE MARP?
IS HE NEAR? IS HE FAR?

ANNA

Hey you! Is Josh even in Palmer?

EMMA

Not Palmer, Ware!

DAVID

That's not how the joke goes.

RACHEL

Wait, what if he's actually in Ware?

ANNA

But how would we get there?

DAVID

Let's steal a golf cart.

RACHEL

Can you even drive?

DAVID

I'm really good at Mario Kart. How hard could it be?

(They hop in a golf cart and start driving to Ware.)

DAVID, ANNA, & RACHEL

WE'RE SPEEDING DOWN THE STREET
LOOK OUT FOR THE POLICE
PLEASE DON'T HIT THAT TREE
IS THAT BLUE JUICE I SEE?

RACHEL

Follow the trail!

DAVID, ANNA, & RACHEL

IS THAT ANOTHER AND ANOTHER AND ANOTHER AND ANOTHER?

ANNA

It stops at this cabin. And look! A half eaten Twizzler!

DAVID

How are we getting in?

RACHEL

We could kick the door down.

ANNA

I can pick locks.

DAVID

We could go in through the window.

(RACHEL just opens the door.)

RACHEL

It's unlocked.

DAVID

That was easy.

ANNA

Too easy.

(We hear banging noises from offstage.)

JOSH

I've never been so grateful to hear talking and moving around.

ANNA

Josh is that you?!

JOSH

Yes, I was locked in here by a maniac.

RACHEL

We are gonna get you out. We can open the door from our side.

(RACHEL opens the door. JOSH enters the stage, now free.)

DAVID

Josh, something crazy happened. We were hiding from a tornado and when we came back out, this Sabine person was in place of you and everything was out of whack.

JOSH

She's from Berkshires.

ANNA

They're mad they keep losing to us at Roo and want to mess us up.

DAVID, ANNA & RACHEL

Well now that you're safe, we need you to come back and fix it all.

(They exit.)

SCENE 3

Back at Camp Ramah

(SABINE is onstage. RACHEL, ANNA, DAVID and JOSH enter. EMMA, MAYA and JACOB join to see what's going on.)

SABINE

Josh!? What are you doing here?

JOSH

It's over Sabine. For you and your little sidekick too. You're getting Yohtzed.

EMMA

And a Gelb talk.

SABINE

Noooooooo!!!!!!

(Everyone cheers as SABINE is pushed offstage.)

JOSH

Thanks for saving me and the camp guys.

ANNA

We will never skip chug again.

ALL

(pointing at the audience)

And neither should any of you.

SONG #3: ANOTHER PERFECT DAY (REPRISE)

ALL

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THE END