

## SHABBAT SERVICES

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CABIN 18

### L'CHA DODI

### L'CHU N'RAN'NA

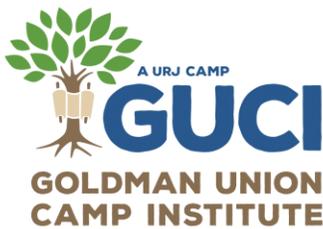
**Gabe:** In my time at GUCI I learned to make the most of every moment. Even if you're doing something you may not find interesting, try to make the most of it. At the end of the day, GUCI can only be as special or fun as you are willing to make it. My advice to future campers is this: look on the bright side of every situation, talk to people you might not talk to you, and try to branch out your horizons.

**Ari:** In my time at GUCI I have made so many lifelong friends and made so many memories that I know I'll never forget. Some of these memories are big, like my first bunk night or my first time getting to the top of the migdal, and some of these memories are small, like an inside joke with a friend or my first roll call. Even though I may forget some of these smaller memories, they will always have the same impact on me as the big memories. So just like we say in the Bar'chu that we will praise G-d forever, these memories will stay with me forever. Please rise in body or spirit for the Bar'chu.

### BAR'CHU

**Bill:** In my time at GUCI, I have gained a single portion of wisdom. Victory is scarce. You will lose, but there is a certain beauty to losing. Because to lose means to strengthen your own will to win. Like the ma'ariv aravim, everyone's time will come and everyone's darkness will one day pass to light. Darkness may be blinding, but remember, your victory exists, it's just a matter of time.

**Peleg:** In my time at GUCI... I've learned to love a new family a new life. This is also my favorite part about GUCI, that one month in a year I live a different life, different friends, my parents are my counselors, my cabin is my house, and my memories here I will never forget, but all good things come to an end. This is my last year on camp, my last week and a half that I hope will never end. Like in the Ma'ariv Aravim, you got to see the light and the darkness and everything, although I'm sad that my camp experience is soon over, I will be starting a new life back in Israel and in two years I will be joining the IDF.



## MA'ARIV ARAVIM

**Itay:** In my time at GUCI, even though this is my first year, I feel a part of this community and I think one of the reasons is that you show love and acceptance to me. That is why the sh'ma and v'ahavta are some of my favorite prayers. Because every time I hear it, it reminds me of that love.

**Aaron S:** In my time at GUCI, when I first came here in second year Garin, I was scared and alone, knowing only a handful of people from my temple. Within days that all changed as I got to know my bunk mates better. I suddenly found myself surrounded by close friends. Any fear or loneliness had disappeared. In my time at camp I not only found friends but also one amazing GUCI community. As we rise in body or spirit for the sh'ma, I encourage you to not only think about the oneness of G-d, but also the oneness of our GUCI community.

## SH'MA/V'AHAVTA

**Colby:** In my time at GUCI I have experienced many miracles. While they might not be as mind blowing as a G-d parting the Red Sea, they are still very important to me. For example, I have made so many friends here at camp. Other miracles are the new skills and experiences that I gained at GUCI, like climbing the migdal or learning to use the Kendama. These miracles will always impact me. Just like how G-d's miracles impacted the Jews in Egypt.

## MI CHAMOCHA

**Josh:** In my time at GUCI I have been sheltered from all the negativity in the world. Camp makes me feel comfortable and warm by showering all of us with positivity and acceptance. GUCI is a place where everyone is happy and protected. The Hashkiveinu is about keeping us safe, physically, mentally, and spiritually, just like camp does to us.

**Abe:** In my time at GUCI, not only have I felt safe, I have felt welcomed, truly happy, and I have created a new family in Zionsville, Indiana. There have been highs, and honestly, very few lows. Because this is my final year, of course I need to give advice to all the campers who have years left. My advice would be: let every bit of you show. If you're feeling sad, be sad, you will have counselors and fellow campers to cheer you up. If you're excited about something, jump around and cheer. You'll be surrounded by multiple other people doing the same thing. My point is, if you leave all of yourself at camp, every moment will be meaningful. On keshet, I was supposed to read a poem at the campfire. Unfortunately, my writing was too faint because I wrote it in a hammock, so I'm going to give it another shot: here we can all be ourselves. From the opening



day, our counselors help unpack our bunks and shelves. On Shabbat, song session is loud as ever, and song session sounds like heaven. Anna 2020, we were stuck at home, missing the rock trails we always roam. From bunk night to project to yom sport. From the tarbut, the chadar, to the basketball court. I first stopped here seven years ago, what would happen next, I'd never know. In these next 2ish weeks, all I ask is to never forget how much you grew.

## HASHKIVEINU

**Tyler:** In my time at GUCI, I've noticed that each year campers come back because they remember how amazing the last summer was. I also noticed how every year when kids return, they all get closer to G-d. As this year being my 5th and final year as a camper, I've noticed how every friend that I've made has come back every year to pray and worship G-d with me.

**Quinn:** In my time at GUCI I learned one of the most important things of my life. It may be cliché, and you may think "what some random kid says doesn't matter," I understand. I've felt the same way. But give this a chance. What I learned through countless situations and interactions at camp is to open myself up to friendships. This might sound self-explanatory to you, but this was something I didn't understand for the longest time. Here at GUCI, the friends you make and the experiences you have are a part of you and will be with you for the rest of your life. By closing yourself off from friendships you'll only ruin your time at the GUCI. So my advice, as someone in his last year at this lovely home away from home is this: try new things, even if they seem dumb or embarrassing, and talk to new people, you never know who might become a lifelong friend.

## V'SHAMRU

## AMIDAH

## Y'HIYU L'RATZON



**Scott:** In my time at GUCI, I've met some awesome new people. These are amazing people, whether they were old friends from home, new friends from across the world, counselors, top deck members, have changed my life for the better. The Aleinu talks about repairing the world and making the world a better place. I think everyone here at GUCI has done just that. As my time as a camper comes to a close, I've been reminded of all these incredible people, and as our service ends as well, I encourage you to do the same. Please rise and body or spirit for the Aleinu.

## ALEINU

**Aaron F:** In my time at GUCI I learned a lot of things about Judaism. I also made a lot of new friends as well. I'm sad that this is my last year as a camper. I got to do a lot of things as a camper that made me happy. I have so many great memories from the best camp ever. I wouldn't be here if my brother didn't encourage me to come here. I'm really going to miss being a camper here. Please rise for the Kaddish Yatom.

## KADDISH YATOM

## CLOSING SONG (CHAZAK)

We have come from near and far to raise our voice in song,  
And the more we join in the re - frain, the more we feel strong.  
*Cha-zak, cha-zak, ve-nit cha-zeik.*

There is a power in this place and time, it shapes the rest of our lives,  
For when we return each year we find a truth we can't deny.

Be strong, let us strengthen one another.

Be strong, let us celebrate our lives.

Be strong, let us strengthen one another.

*Cha-zak, cha-zak, ve-nit cha-zeik.*

*Cha-zak, cha-zak, ve-nit cha-zeik.*

As we sing we link ourselves, to those who came before,

And we're one with all those yet to come, our strength it will endure.

Be strong, let us strengthen one another.

Be strong, let us celebrate our lives.



Be strong, let us strengthen one another. *Cha-zak, cha-zak,*  
Be strong, let us strengthen one another.  
Be strong, let us celebrate our lives.

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Be strong, let us strengthen one another.  
Be strong, let us celebrate our lives.  
Be strong, let us strengthen one another. *Cha-zak, cha-zak,*  
Be strong, be strong, *chazak chazak, v'nit chazeik.*