

Sabra Schmooze

Sabra Families,

2020. Oy, what a year. But we are forging ahead and remain confident that we will see everyone back at camp for summer 2021. We are excited that we get to reimagine everything we do at camp. Yes, we GET to. It is exciting. Daunting, but exciting. Knowing how vital Camp Sabra is to the mental health of our campers and staff has added an energy and seriousness to these non-camp months.

As professionals in the world of child and young adult development in planning for summer 2021:

1. We are consulting with experts in public health.
2. We are listening to, and learning from, a few camps who managed successful 2020 summers.
3. We must make plans for summer 2021 based on what we know today, not what might be in the future.
4. We will have a robust Community Care Team to address mental health issues in our campers and staff.
5. We will make decisions that are additive to creating resilience in our children and staff.
6. We are confident that we can navigate a successful Camp Sabra 2021 summer with the help and support of our families, our alumni, our committee.

So, we have a lot of work to do, and we have a lot of help, too. We appreciate your support we we appreciate your choosing to send your child(ren) to Camp Sabra in 2021. We take your camper's health and safety seriously, and we also want to fill their days with serious fun.

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Mission of Sabra

Camp Sabra will be the premier Jewish resident camp in North America building upon our rich traditions which began in 1938. Sabra is a magical community that fosters life-long friendships, Jewish identity, and encourages social and physical growth. Camp Sabra provides a fun and safe environment with highly qualified staff and excellent facilities.

The mission will be accomplished by:

- recruitment and retention of quality personnel
- providing and maintaining the best physical facilities, which will enhance the overall camping experience
- development of innovative programs which will meet the needs of the camp population

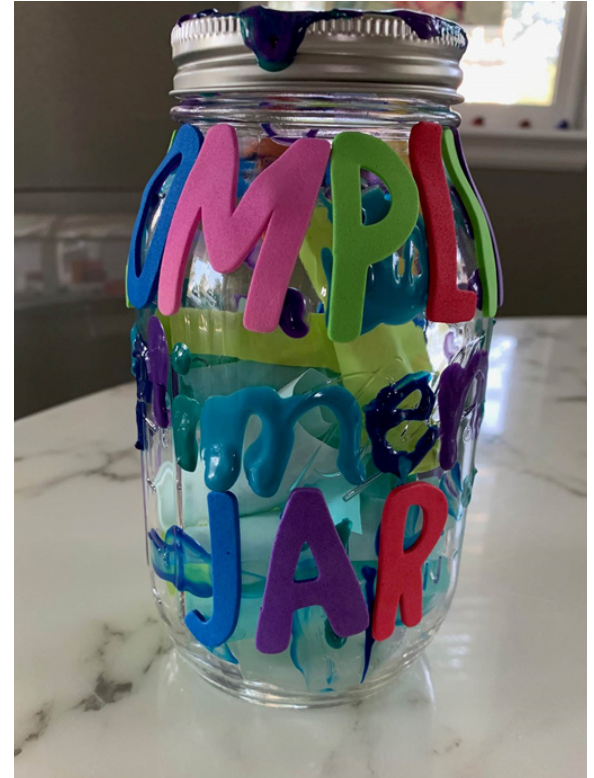
Arts and Crafts Corner with a Touch of Love and Kindness

This project started in March 2020 when COVID19 brought my family back home all together. My two college boys and my two other kids were all attending virtual school. We had a lot of quality time together! At some point, my family of six began to get aggravated with each other and argue more. That is when I knew it was time to come up with a plan, and I created the Compliment Jars in my house. We all had our own jar and every week each of us had to put a compliment for the other family members inside their jars. The fun was each of us reading our compliments aloud to the group. This created a lot of laughter in my home and we looked forward to reading them. Even when we had to reach for a compliment, it was a great success.

Since it was so successful at home, we decided to do a single staff compliment jar over the Family Getaways this summer at Sabra. Families that attended, and other staff members, were invited to put a compliment inside the jar for any staff that they felt went out of their way or deserved a shout out! I can tell you this: when we read them each week, all the staff members thoroughly enjoyed hearing their compliments! In addition, each family that attended this summer also made their own Compliment Jars for their family to use at home.

So here is your chance to make your very own Compliment Jars! You can decorate any jar with tissue paper, you can write a positive quality that you like about yourself on the outside, use paints or stickers to decorate. Whatever decoration you like – go for it! Then start filling it up and reading together as a family. I hope you will find as much laughter and enjoyment as I have seen happen so far from our Compliment Jars!

Lisa Deutsch
Assistant Director



Connecting with Our Campers and Families

Campers and staff have been getting together at winter reunions for many generations. This year, we got together, but it looked a bit different! We wanted to see our campers and their families AND keep everyone safe and healthy. While the weather was still warm, we headed to Kansas City for a fun, socially-distanced (and masked) event in the park. We played games with the families, brought in the Kona Ice Truck and even had s'mores and pizza with the Habonim and Masada campers. The following weekend, we drove to the Memphis J's outdoor pavilion for more socially-distanced games, Kona Ice and hanging out. In St. Louis, we hosted a Camp Sabra drive-in movie at the J. The big surprise was when chipwiches were delivered to the cars for a special treat!

As the weather got colder, we moved our indoor house parties to Zoom. In October, we had a hilarious night of Family Trivia hosted by two Sabra staff, Brez and Joel Willick. We got to meet new campers and potential new campers to get them excited about summer 2021! The day after Thanksgiving, we had a day full of fun, online events including two virtual scavenger hunts! Sabra staff Julia Brodkey, Brette Gershonsen, Jacob Bowytz and Ethan Willick all ran these amazing activities. For the older Habonim campers, Allie Chervitz and Bella Fisher held a Habonim Hang-out!

Our super-duper virtual event for December was our Virtual Talent show, which was a huge hit. Our emcees were Rosie Weber and Natalie Dicker. Thanks to all who participated. We also had another successful virtual house party. We love seeing our Sabra family!

We will continue to stay connected until we all get together at camp this summer.

Kim Sloan
Assistant Director



Instagram Poll Results

Here are the results of our recent surveys. Thanks for all the Sabra friends who participated!

Top 10 Meals at Sabra:

1. Grilled Cheese
2. Pizza Bagels
3. Spaghetti Tacos
4. Quesadillas
5. Foil Packs
6. Pizza
7. Chipwiches
8. French Toast Sticks
9. Baked Potato Bar
10. Chicken Patties

Top 10 Camp Activities:

1. Tubing
2. Ski
3. Ropes
4. Sail
5. Shabbat
6. Swim Dock
7. Slide
8. River Trips
9. Campfires
10. Song Sessions

LOL with Craig Neuman

What's orange and sounds like a parrot?

A carrot!

What do you call a dog that does magic tricks?

A labracadabrador!

Why aren't koalas actual bears?

They don't meet the koalafications!

Shoutouts!

Helen E. says Hey to Masada '11

Bree S. says Hi to Abbey M.

Stephanie L. says Thanks,
Sabra, for introducing me to my
husband of five years!

