

Camp Shemesh Welcomes Cara Michelle Silverberg as Camp Director



Greetings! I am very excited to join the JCA community as the new Camp Shemesh director. Ever since I was 6, camp has been a place where I can feel happy with who I am and take pride in my accomplishments. I understand firsthand how significant camp can be in developing self-confidence, friendships, and leadership.

A little about me: I hold a B.A. from Prescott College, where I designed my own degree in bioregional studies, with an emphasis in bioregional education. I am passionate about integrating theater, art, movement, music, nature connection, prayer, gratitude, and laughter as we explore ourselves, express ourselves, and connect with each other and the Earth.

At YMCA Camp Chase in Burlington, Connecticut, I served for several years as the outdoor and leadership development director. I developed leadership programs for teenagers and created in-camp and trips-based nature programs for 4 to 16 year olds. I feel fortunate to have mentored children who grew to become counselors and coordinators in the very programs they had been campers in. This transition from camper to counselor is sacred to me.

For the last several years I have worked with the Teva Learning Center, a Jewish environmental education organization. I coordinate and teach in residential programs for Jewish day schools and congregations, and lead an annual professional development seminar for adults.

I look forward to learning all of Camp Shemesh's traditions and to adding fresh elements to camp. This summer we hope to introduce field trips for older campers. Organizing these trips will require assistance from parents who are willing to drive to sites such as the Notch and the Hampshire College Farm. **If you are interested in volunteering in this capacity or in any other, or if you have any questions about camp, please contact me at campdir@j-c-a.org.** If you have questions about registration you may contact Rebecca Fricke, camp administrator, at 256-0160, ext. 250, or shemesh@j-c-a.org.

I look forward to meeting each of you and your children.

*With gratitude and blessings,
Cara Michelle Silverberg
Camp Shemesh Director*