

Allie, Hannah R, Talia, Hannah D.

Pre-Barchu

Hannah R: The barchu is about coming together. At camp, we come together as a community. Whether we know many people in the community or not, we are still encouraged to have confidence in ourselves.

Allie: It takes confidence whether you're climbing the tower, leading smorning, or meeting new people.

Talia: It even takes courage and independence to be up on this bimah. Being independent takes courage and self confidence.

Hannah D: When I came to camp this year, I only knew two people, but I gained confidence in myself, and now I have so many friends that will make saying goodbye hard.

Hannah R: This summer, we participated in MTV night, and when everyone cheered for us, we became more confident in ourselves.

Talia: We became more independent in the Chader by trying new foods that we were unsure about.

Allie: We even had enough confidence to participate in the Sharon talent show.

Hannah D: These examples show how camp makes us more confident in ourselves. We invite you to find confidence and independence in yourself this summer.

All: Na Lakum, Please rise for the Barchu.

Sadie, Avi, Vera

Pre- Shalom Rav

Vera: Sharon's middah is bitachon atzmi, which means confidence and independence.

Avi: When we go to the pool at camp, we need to be confident in our abilities to swim. When we go under the water, we hold our breath, and it is important that we remain calm. We need to be confident in ourselves and our ability to swim so we don't panic. Being confident in ourselves helps to keep us calm and peaceful.

Sadie: In the Torah, when Moses leads his people across the desert, he needs to be confident in his ability to do his job so that he can stay calm, keep the peace among his people, and lead them safely.

Vera: When trying to make peace anywhere, it is important to be independent but also to let others help you. It is important to have a balance of both.

All: Please join us in Shalom Rav, a prayer for peace.

Ezra, and Ruth

Pre- Amidah

Ruth: Our middah is bitachon atzmi, confidence, and independence which we interpret as being courageous and brave.

Ezra: In the past, our ancestors were brave enough to sacrifice for others and be leaders.

Ruth: When our ancestors came to America, they showed bitachon atzmi by leaving their homelands alone. They had to be independent and brave to come to America.

Ezra: Now we can show confidence climbing the tower, trying something new, or making a new friend.

All: Na Lakum, Please rise for the amidah!

Nolan, Nathan, Lu, Branden, Kaden

Pre- Mi Chamocha

Nolan: Bitachon atzmi, at Harlam, we are given freedom to choose our athletics. This shows we are trusted to be independent and make decisions for ourselves.

Nathan: During camper free choice, we are given the freedom to go around camp without counselors and do what we want. Harlam staff trust us to be independent.

Brandon: When I am with my friends, I gain the confidence to try new things. My friends help me believe in myself.

Kaden: when I am in my bunk, my friends give me the confidence and freedom to be myself and express myself.

Lu: going along with the freedom camp gives us allows me to be more independent and be able to do more stuff for myself.

All: Please join us in the Mi Chamocha.

Dalia, Elanor, Natalia, and Dani

Pre-Shema

Dalia: the next prayer is the shema.

Natalia: the shema is about believing in God.

Elenor: Our middah means confidence and independence.

Dani: it takes independence and confidence to believe in something like God.

Dalia: I had confidence and independence when I went to camp because I had to do a lot more things on my own.

Natalia: It took confidence and independence last year for me to participate in maccabiah during the competitive activities because I didn't think I could do it.

Eleanor: I had confidence and independence when I climbed to the top of the tower

Dani: I had confidence and independence when I played kickball in the pinemere games.

All: it takes confidence and independence to lead this service. Na Lakum, Please rise for the shema.

Rose D, Amielle, Eliza

Opening Reading

All: Shabbat Sharon!!

Amielle: Today's middah is Bitachon Atzmi confidence and independence.

Eliza: My first year at camp was two summers ago. I showed bitachon atzmi coming to camp for the first time. You learn to be more independent in many ways at camp.

Rose: I showed bitachon atzmi in adventure when I went on the swing. On the rock climbing wall, I was really scared because I wanted to get to the top. My friends cheered me on, which helped me build confidence.

Amielle: I showed bitachon atzmi during camper free choice because it allowed me to be my most independent self going around camp without a counselor.

Rose: all of these experiences show bitachon atzmi in different ways. All of these examples play a part in being confident and independent.

Eliza: We have a challenge for you! Try to show bitachon atzmi by coming out of your comfort zone at camp.

Jagger and Elliot

Prayer for Inclusion

All: Baruch atah Adonai blessed are you Adonai who lets us pray together in this special environment at Harlam.

Elliot: everyone is included in leaving their mark, which makes it a holy camp.

Jagger: all campers are different but similar in some ways.

Elliot: people from all over the world come to see this uniquely special place at Harlam.

Jagger: we are happy to have this place and our friends.

Elliot: this community and our friends make this physical space feel like home.

Jagger: we are so grateful for all the memories that make camp the place we know and love, where everyone is accepted.

All: Welcome home! Everyone has a place here!

Jagger and Elliot

Havdalah

All: We have havdalah to end the last week and welcome the new week in.

Elliot: At camp, each week comes and goes with a lot of different activities.

Jagger: At camp, each experience is different, and every day is different.

Elliot: Each day gives us new chances to be confident and independent.

Jagger: Some days are better than other days.

Elliot: People say the longer the sizzle when you put the flame into the grape juice, the better the new week will be.

All: We hope this next week is a great one! Happy Havdalah!