

Ezra Retreat
When: May 11-14
Where: Camp Moshava

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“Retreat is incredible. I love that it’s at the end of the year because it’s four days with people who have slowly become your family without you even knowing it.”
-Rachel Khaimov, 12th grade

Shabbat Behar-Bechukotai
Shabbat Starts 7:45pm Shabbat Ends: 8:51pm



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What Makes Us Ezra

By: Michelle Simkin

Many students look forward to the end of school. The end of school means no waking up early, no tests, no schoolwork, no sitting behind desks, etc. For many Ezra students, the end of the year means Retreat.

How to even begin describing Retreat? Retreat is a four day getaway to a camp in Pennsylvania. Every student from 9th to 12th grade is invited. Retreat is a time for bonding, a time to get to know the other students in the school, a time to get to know your teachers better.

The school provides student vs student races, ball games, a cake war, etc. There are student and teacher night activities, learning activities, and student vs teacher ball games. Retreat is a night of staying up and bonding with your friends and teachers. Retreat is a time of getting cozy by the bonfire and singing.

Retreat is a beginning for 9th graders, but the end of a chapter for 12th graders. Freshmen get to see the Ezra family in its true form without the schoolwork involved. Seniors soak up their last moments with friends and teachers. Seniors are able to reminisce with friends and teachers. Seniors make these four days count as they head off onto their own chapters, but this is only the end of their high school chapter, not the Ezra chapter.

In fact, retreat is a time of reunion as well. Alumni are invited to Retreat. Alumni get to relive their Ezra days as they come back. The Ezra chapter and family never dies. The teachers will always be there, your friends will always be there, and Ezra will always be there.

Sports:

By: Allan Rubin

Led by the scoring of Ben Aranbayev and the intense defense of Ben Khaimov, the



Ezra Eagles basketball team finally broke their losing streak with a great performance on both ends of the court against YIJE.. The steady ball handling and calm presence of David Israilov was complimented by the intensity and rebounding of Ben Nektalov and Daniel Murdakhayev. The Eagles offense was able to capitalize on turnovers with fast-break points on offense and the sharpshooting of Natan Alishayev. Late scoring and a big and-1 by Ethan Yohanonov helped build a lead and maintain it throughout the game. The team's poise under pressure and smart play of Allan Rubin, along with contributions from Raz Moyal and Elie Abramov speak to the dedication and commitment of the team. The Eagles focused on teamwork paid off in this game, and it's clear that they have what it takes to be a competitive team going forward.

Restaurant Review: Retreat Food

By: Josh Simhaef

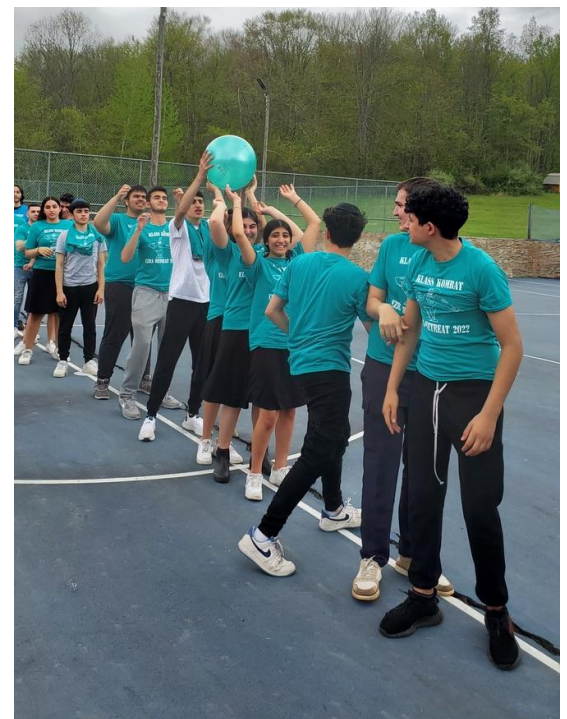
By far the best time of the school year is the Retreat and one of the highlights is the delicious, exquisite, and bland Ashkenazi food. The meals at retreat are a real palate cleanser with macaroni, Gefilte fish, chicken, and many more exotic flavors. In case the camp food doesn't suit you, the Morahs of Ezra Academy are known to smuggle in some paraphernalia. We have Morah Gavrilov bringing her usual delicacies of Samsah and fish, or Simcha Murdukhayev bringing hot lepyoshka. This year we have even more hope, with Ezra switching to a partial Sephardic menu and Mrs. Sofiev rumored to make bacsh. Another highlight of the menu is Friday night with Rabbie Geller's cholent. Nothing feels better than eating cholent at 2 a.m, singing, and then waking up in the morning still fleishig. The real truth is that you have so much fun with the activities, hanging with the faculty, making memories with friends that the food doesn't even matter that much.

Retreat Entertainment

By: Liel Pinhasov



The trip we've all been waiting for is finally here. Finally, a chance to unplug and take a break from the chaotic and overly-scheduled routines of home and school. Free from the pressuring social expectations and a chance to converse about more than tests and the stress we're under. While we may focus on fashion and food, we often surpass entertainment, a big part of the fun is the things you bring. For example, things like books and board games can fill the empty periods of time in a fun way. But above all the company of friends is the best past time, retreat is the perfect opportunity to talk to people out of your normal group of friends, a chance to get to know others and create new friendships.



Student Interview with Rachel Khaimov

By: Shushanna Pinhasov

1. What was the most emotional part of retreat ? The most emotional part of retreat for me was singing with everyone after Shabbat ended. It was a time where nobody was on their phones and everyone was singing and connecting.
2. What was the best activity that you've done at retreat, and why? The best activity that I've done at retreat was cake wars. It was really fun decorating the cakes and then throwing them at each other and having a cake fight!
3. How did retreat impact your life? Retreat impacted my life in an incredible way! It was my first year at Ezra, and I went on retreat. The bonds that you create at retreat are like no other. I've bonded with people and it helped me strengthen relationships that could last a lifetime.



Fashion Corner: What To Wear On Retreat!

By: Milena Abraham



The time for retreat is quickly approaching, so it's crucial to know exactly what to bring. Although 3 1/2 days may not seem like much, every time you try to choose an outfit, it feels like your clothing is vanishing (at least for the girls). The weather is always changing so you need to pack enough clothes to be prepared for anything. It will get really hot on the days we do activities, so I'd advise putting on a short sleeve shirt. Bring atleast 5. However, as we prepare for the night, put on a hoodie because the temperature will drop immensely. Dressy outfits are a must for Shabbat. This is the time you get ready as a group and get to look your best. Be ready before Shabbat since we'll take pictures there. The scenery is incredible, and the trip as a whole is something to look forward to. But the outfits are the main plus.

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“Retreat brings us all closer together. It establishes a deeper bond with friends and with Ezra as a school!”
-Avi Shimunov, 10th grade

“Retreat is a great opportunity to learn so many new things about the friends all around us. Kaballat Shabbat is a truly special experience.”
-Raphael Mullokandov, 11th grade

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Message From the Editor

Dear Ezra Academy,

From the depths of our hearts we would like to thank you for all the memories that will forever stay with us. Although this new chapter in our lives seems impossible at times, we know that we will leave Ezra and start on a new path but **Ezra will never leave us!** The love for Hashem that we developed throughout the years, a love that we were able to choose and enhance both together and on our own, is something only unique to Ezra. We’re trying to grasp on to the warmth and inspiration we get from each and every one of you, even if we’re scared to admit it. Those of you who will continue to flourish in Ezra next year, please don’t take it for granted. I know it sounds cheesy, but the time goes by really quick. Stop and look around. Take it in, talk to new people, talk to the teachers (they actually care about you and you know it). **Once you’re in Ezra you’re always in Ezra!** We’re a family. We love you Ezra Academy and we look forward to seeing where life takes us...

Love,
Seniors 2023.

