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URJ Henry S. Jacobs Camp Honored at Grinspoon Institute for Jewish Philanthropy Camp Conference

More than 350 camp professionals and board leaders from across North America attended the 9th Grinspoon Institute for Jewish Philanthropy Camp Conference at the end of November in Springfield, Massachusetts, to discuss best practices for improving the long-term viability and success of Jewish overnight camping.

The URJ Henry S. Jacobs Camp was presented with the Outstanding Achievement in Fundraising award for best leveraging all three of the Grinspoon Institute Matching grants (a total of more than \$300,000) to the highest possible benefit.

Jacobs Camp was the first camp in the nation to receive this honor. Jacobs Camp maximized its fundraising efforts through the Grinspoon Institute for Jewish Philanthropy, raising nearly 3 million dollars for its 40th Anniversary Trees to Plant Capital Campaign and 1.1 million dollars through Legacy Giving. Camp Director Jonathan "J.C." Cohen graciously accepted the award. He humbly thanked all of the Camp's families and supporters for helping Jacobs to thrive, especially The Goldring Family Foundation, The Plough Foundation, The Soref-Breslauer Texas Foundation, and The Woldenberg Foundation. In the more than 10 years of J.C.'s tenure as director, the Camp's facilities have been renewed and rejuvenated. The award, a handcrafted tzedakah box by Emmett Leadera, will be on permanent display in the camp office.

PHOTO ATTACHED from Left to Right:

Arnee Winshall of the Board of Directors for Foundation for Jewish Camping, Harold Grinspoon of the Grinspoon Institute for Jewish Philanthropy, Jonthan "J.C." Cohen of the URJ Henry S. Jacobs Camp, Eric Phelps of the Grinspoon Institute for Jewish Philanthropy

About the Institute

The Grinspoon Institute for Jewish Philanthropy (GIJP) is a program of the Harold Grinspoon Foundation (HGF). Its goal is to significantly enhance the long-term effectiveness of nonprofit overnight camps and other organizations that engage young people in meaningful Jewish cultural and educational experiences. The vision of the Grinspoon Institute is not to simply fund required capital improvements and resources. Instead, the Institute gathers a collection of experienced nonprofit consultants to teach lay and professional leadership at these camps to become strategic and self-sustaining. In addition, it offers a set of matching challenge grants to leverage new philanthropists in the areas of Jewish camping and education and a model for other Philanthropists to inspire them to "give Jewishly" by focusing a large percentage of their charitable dollars on organizations with the greatest impact on the future of the Jewish people. The Institute also enhances its offerings with additional services to further advance the profession of nonprofit Jewish overnight camping: conferences, training, webinars, the Legacy Program, Technology Program and more.