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Who's news?

MEET DANIEL KAPILOVICH...

Stellar athlete enjoyed Jewish life at JCC Camps



By DAVID PORTNOE

Voice staff

Daniel Kapilovich looks really comfortable. Relaxing in one of the pavilions at the JCC Camps at Medford, he sits back, Texas Longhorns cap on his head (his favorite team), waving to all his friends. Although he has attended other camps, this summer at the JCC Camps stands out. Not only did he have a great time personally, he was impressed by the creativity he saw at the JCC Camps.

"There's lots to do at camp, and it's lots of fun," said Kapilovich, a Mt. Laurel resident who will be starting Lenape Regional High School in a few weeks. With 1,600 campers and 600 staff, the JCC Camps is always buzzing with activity. This summer's theme, "Music in Motion," kept camp life hopping.

Finishing his first summer at the JCC Camps, he made a lot of friends as a CIT for the nine-year-old campers at Camp Shalom.

"I love playing football with the kids," said the stellar athlete. Kapilovich plays tight end for the Fleetwood Indians in Mt. Laurel. He has also played soccer for Mt. Laurel United (MLU) since the age of 11. At Lenape, he has plans to be on the tennis and soccer teams.

Kapilovich is 5-ft., 11-in.

and weighs 154 lb. He keeps in shape by working out at the Katz JCC.

In addition to being an exceptional athlete, Kapilovich speaks three languages—Russian, Hebrew and English. His parents are from Russia, and the family speaks only Russian at home. They left Russia 19 years ago because of the economic situation there. From Russia, they went to Israel. Daniel was born in Ashdod along the Mediterranean coast. Seven years ago, the family came to the United States.

Judaism is important to Kapilovich, and one of the reasons he likes the JCC Camps. "I like the Jewish atmosphere at camp," he said. Kapilovich said that both he and his campers learned a lot. "There are a lot of Jewish activities, including Shabbat every Friday."

Kapilovich's family attends Chabad in Cherry Hill. He also went to Hebrew school there. In the fall, he will be attending Midrashah and plans to join BBYO. "I also hope to come back to the JCC Camps next year."

As to his future after high school, Kapilovich is looking to attend either Temple or Drexel. He would like to become a physical therapist. ▲

AGE:
14

FAMILY:
Parents Inna & Roman; brother Uri

SYNAGOGUE:
Chabad in Cherry Hill

HOBBIES:
Sports and playing guitar

FAVORITE BAND:
Linkin Park

FAVORITE FOOD:
Chinese

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LOCALITES...

JCC campers help the needy with donations to JFCS Pantry



Campers from the JCC Camps at Medford collected non-perishable kosher food for the Samost Jewish Family and Children's Service Food Pantry. The food drive was spearheaded by the Geshet CITs and held during Spirit Week. The effort yielded over 20 boxes of food. The JFCS Food Pantry provides food to individuals and families in need throughout the South Jersey area. Helping to stock the shelves were (from left), Camp Geshet CITs Ashley Aliaga, Sam Moir, Thomas Haslam, Emily Kahn, Alexa Vecchio and Tori Chapman.