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of North America

***TAG-tivities***  
TAG: Daily Living Through a Jewish Lens

**TAGtivity:**

# The Chesed Brigade: Giving Back to Those Who Have Given



**TAG: Issues of Daily Living Through a Jewish Lens** is a resource library of interactive and thought-provoking activities originally developed for JCC day and overnight camps and after-school programs. TAG activities—which address all aspects of life from hospitality, kindness, and sportsmanship to body image, diversity, friendship, community, and more—trigger conversation and reflection about Jewish meaning in today’s world. They incorporate drama, discussion, games, art, music, storytelling, and Jewish text study, enabling participants to access the relevancy of Jewish wisdom through various channels.

Initiated in 2004 by the Mandel Center for Jewish Education (MCJE), TAG resources provide flexible, engaging Jewish learning materials that reflect the JCC Movement’s pluralistic and inclusive philosophy. Designed to be used by camp counselors without specialized background or training in Jewish content or educational methods, TAG lets them adapt the materials to meet their needs and incorporate informal learning and Jewish wisdom into their campers’ experiences.

These **Fourth of July TAGtivities** are the newest addition to the TAG library, designed to help JCC campers and staff explore American ideals through a Jewish lens. JCC Association is happy to make them available to all Jewish camps and community organizations looking for meaningful ways to celebrate America’s birthday.

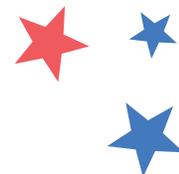
## ACTIVITY SUMMARY:

**Type:** Hands-on-Activities

**Size:** Any Size

**Target Audience:** All ages at Camp

**Time:** Flexible



## OVERVIEW:

Tikkun Olam, or repair of the world, is a familiar phrase at most JCC camps. It usually refers to activities to help the homeless and hungry, or to protect the environment.

There are many ways to promote an equitable and just world and one of them is to simply keep people safe. The 4th of July is a good opportunity to “give back” to US Military veterans, who have done their part in keeping American citizens safe. This activity provides a list of organizations serving veterans.

### JEWISH WAR VETERANS

JWV has posts throughout the U.S that often work closely with local VA hospitals and veterans' senior homes. JWV posts will often place flags on military graves or march in local parades on July 4. Joining in these activities is a way to support veterans. To find a JWV post in your area click on this link: [jwv.org/membership/post-locator/contact-info/#wpsl-search-wrap](http://jwv.org/membership/post-locator/contact-info/#wpsl-search-wrap)

### SEMPER FI FUND

Semper Fi Fund is dedicated to providing immediate financial assistance and lifetime support to combat wounded, critically ill and catastrophically injured members of all branches of the U.S. Armed Forces and their families. We deliver the resources they need during recovery and transition back to their communities, working to ensure no one is left behind. To learn more about the Semper Fi Fund, click on this link: [semperfund.org](http://semperfund.org)

### WOUNDED WARRIOR PROJECT

Every warrior has a next mission. We know that the transition to civilian life is a journey. And for every warrior, family member, and caregiver, that journey looks different. We are here for their first step, and each step that follows. Because we believe that every warrior should have a positive future to look forward to. There's always another goal to achieve, another mission to discover. We are their partner in that mission. For more information about the Wounded Warrior Project, click on this link: [communityfundraising.woundedwarriorproject.org](http://communityfundraising.woundedwarriorproject.org)

### WAR HORSE FOR VETERANS

War Horse for Veterans is the premier horsemanship, networking, and personal growth program in the US. We are a Kansas City-based non-profit that brings combat veterans from across the country together in a safe and peaceful environment. For more information about War Horses for Veterans, click on this link: [warhorsesforveterans.com](http://warhorsesforveterans.com)