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Week 4

CAMP SHALOM

SCHMOOZE



Rabbi Gold's Parsha Corner

The Parsha ends with a dialogue between Bnei Gad & Reuven with Moshe. They asked that their portion of land be in Ever HaYarden, and not in Eretz Yisroel with the rest of Klal Yisroel. What was behind their desire to give up their *chelek* of Eretz Yisroel that they waited so long to receive?

The answer can be found in the words of the Medrash who explains that Bnei Gad & Reuven had many cattle and were afraid that it could lead to stealing and arguments, and that is why they chose not to be in Eretz Yisroel. With this Mesiras Nefesh, why were they reprimanded by Moshe? The reason is because they were separating from the rest of Bnei Yisroel. Although Bnei Gad and Bnei Reuven had the best intentions, their actions demonstrated a lack of *achdus* and that is what Moshe was upset about.

Camp Shalom broke out Color War this week. Although on the surface color war seems to be an event that doesn't show *achdus*, by dividing the camp on different teams, it actually provides an opportunity for the opposite. It allows our staff to show the campers the correct way to compete by demonstrating sportsmanship, *middos*, and ultimately leads to a camp wide *achdus* in how we treat each other!



Weekly Fun in Camp Shalom!!

#ShalomAroundtheWorld* took us to Greece this week. The official Olympic torch was lit, Olympic competitions took place and **COLOR WAR 2017 was welcomed to Camp Shalom. Colors were flying throughout the day as campers participated in a **COLOR RUN**. The ruach and positive energy of color war filled camp.

Rishon* campers were the **YELLOW/Simcha team. Campers participated in their regular schedule with special color war additions. Our Rishon campers are always Color War winners.

*The *Sheini* and *Yosef* boys were Shabbos/Green team and Tzedakah/Blue team. The swim races were a color war highlight.

*The *Sheini* and *Shlishi* girls were Teshuva/Pink team and Achdus/Purple team. They especially enjoyed cheering and decorating the hallways.

*The *Oh! Art and Oh! Drama shows* were amazing. Thank you to Adrienne Hoffmann, Rivki Steiner and all those who helped the girls prepare.

*The *Yosef* bunks enjoyed the Great Chase **AROUND CAMP** and **AROUND THE WORLD**.

Reminders:

- Please label all items sent to camp!
- All campers in first grade and older should bring a snack to camp every day. **ALLERGY ALERT: WE ARE A NUT FREE AND SESAME FREE CAMP**, please check all food labels.
- Please send in a water bottle and sunscreen every day.



UPCOMING EVENTS!

July 24:

Rosh Chodesh Av

July 25:

Simon Sez

MST: Palisades Ice Rink

Shlishi Travel: Ripley's Believe it or Not

July 26:

Incredible Italy

July 27:

Crazy Hat Day

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It is hard to believe that first month has come to a close. We would like to wish all our first month campers a wonderful rest of the summer and we hope to see you again next year! For all children staying second month, we are looking forward to a great second half.



Hadas P.:
I love playing
Karate and
Lego!
Rishon 5

Donny E.:
I love Woodworking
because you can
use saws (safely of
course!)
Yitzchak 1

Sinai Swim-a-thon Update:

The Campers swam so many laps in honor of the swim-a-thon. Thank you again to all those who donated for this wonderful cause.

Nine Days Update:

Please note that during the nine days we will have 2 instructional swim periods daily and no swim Erev Tisha B'Av.





Spotlight on our Administration: Azi Steiner

The following questions were asked to Azi by Logan (Yosef/MST Unit head):

Q- How long have you been in camp?

A- Since 8:23 this morning, I was a little late because of construction. Really Azi has been in Camp Shalom the past 6 years.

Q- When is the best time to freeze a t-shirt in a bucket of ice?

~~A- During a game of freeze tag~~ Really when you have leftover t-shirts from dinner but the freezer is broken and you happen to have a bucket of ice handy.

As you can see Azi approaches his job as Unit Head with a great sense of humor but at the same time keeps his Sheini boys well hydrated, sun screened and having fun. He feels lucky to have such amazing counselors and campers to work with.

★ Looking forward to next week together! ★

Aquatics Update

Your child's achievement card for the first half was sent home. The skills checked off are those that have been taught and completed successfully during instructional swim. Your child will have double instruction swim next week for our 9 days schedule to further work on their skills. We have all enjoyed working with your children this first month. We wish farewell to lifeguards Avi Klar, Jon Malek, Sara Hymowitz and Chani Weider. We look forward to all of our future swimming successes.



Figure 1: The Steiner Family on Backwards day

SPORTS

Congratulations to the League Champions:

Yaakov Champions: New Zealand Panthers

Yosef Champions: Rafi's Russian Rugelach

Stay tuned for new teams and updates for the 2nd half of the summer.

**Reminder that
all campers
must have
closed toe shoes
for sports!**



Parsha Questions For Mattos



1. What is the Hebrew word for “promise?”

-Neder

2. What can we do in order not to break a promise accidentally?

- Say “bli neder” when we make a commitment/promise

3. What were Bnai Yisrael allowed to take after their win over Midyan?

- Treasure! All the gold, silver, clothing and utensils belonging to the Midyanim.

4. The pots, pans and utensils were not kosher and not pure if used by the Midyanim. How were Bnai Yisrael able to use them?

- Kashering them in boiling water/over fire.

- Tovelng them in the mikvah/river (for new items made by a non-Jew)

(older campers: Which items need tevillah? Which items don't?)

5. Which 2 ½ Shevatim wanted to settle on the other side of the Yarden (not in Eretz Yisrael)?

- Reuven, Gad and ½ Menashe

6. Why did they want to stay on the other side of the Yarden?

- They owned a lot of cattle and there was very fertile good green grass for their cattle to graze there.

- (They also knew Moshe would not be buried in Eretz Yisrael and wanted to remain near to where Moshe was going to be buried.)

7. Why was Moshe angry that they wanted to stay on the other side of the Yarden?

-It wouldn't be fair that the rest of the shevatim would go into a dangerous war to conquer Eretz Yisrael and these Shevatim stay safe and protected far away from everyone else!

8. What was Moshe's compromise?

- First, they will join the other shevatim in the battle to conquer Eretz Yisrael. Then, once their brothers have settled in the land, they would return to the other side of the Yarden river.