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Week 3

CAMP SHALOM

SCHMOOZE



Weekly Fun in Camp Shalom!!

Rabbi Gold's Parsha Corner

Week 3 has been a blast!

Theme day was sweet with treats on hand,

As Shalom celebrated Candy Land!
Marshmallow madness, Candy Land
Cake Wars

Were decorated to look just like the
boards.

Candy scavenger hunt and musical
candy grab,

We took a jump in gumball lake, much
fun was had!

Stay tuned for #Sorry and the start of
the 9 days,

More trips, more fun and the drama
play!

All divisions enjoyed trip day. Our
Rishon children were running,
climbing, jumping and dancing at
Catch Air. Our Sheini children had fun
on the Bowcraft rides. Our older girls
enjoyed the rides of Rye Playland, while
our older boys got wet on the rides of
Mountain Creek. In addition, our Travel
girls also went to the Jackals game and
our Travel boys went to Dave & Busters.

Rashi points out that Pinchos, who was appointed to oversee the battle with Midyan, was a descendant maternally of Yisro, who was also called Putiel. The reason he was given this name is because he fattened (pitame) calves for sacrifices for idol worship. Chazal tell us that Yisro had seven names; each one describing a different aspect of his personality. Rav Wolbe notes (Shiurei Chumash Parshas Matos) that each name has a positive connotation (Chovev because he was fond of the Torah). Why then, he asks, was he called Putiel, which alludes to his days as an idol worshipper? The answer is that in reality it is an allusion to a very commendable act performed on his part. Before Yisro converted to Judaism, he was not merely an idol worshipper; he was a priest and a personality "who sat at the top of the world." Despite all his fame, he travelled to the desert and converted to Judaism. The name Putiel alludes to this act of greatness, as he sacrificed all for the sake of Hashem. We can look at the name Putiel negatively or positively. Chazal have taught us to always choose the positive perception. In a similar vein, Rav Wolbe suggests a way for one to combat his inclination to speak lashon hara. The way to rid one's self from speaking lashon hara is not by simply closing one's mouth, this will backfire in a day or two and one will end up speaking twice as much as usual.

The correct way is to work on acquiring the middah of chesed. The more one looks at others with an eye focused on what he could do for their betterment, the less he will be inclined to speak derogatorily about them. During the three weeks which were specifically designated as a time to mourn the destruction of the Beis Hamikdash, we should make an added effort to combat the aveirah of speaking lashon hara. Lashon hara was one of the main reasons that the Beis Hamikdash was destroyed and therefore, also the key to it being rebuilt. Here at Camp Shalom, we always focus on our middos and how to ensure we are acting in a way that will rebuild the Bais Hamikdash. At least once over the course of these three weeks, let us try to substitute a positive comment in place of a negative one. With Hashem's help we can start rectifying this sin and merit the rebuilding of the Beis Hamikdash speedily in our days. Have a wonderful Shabbos! Rabbi Yehoshua Gold



Spotlight on our

Sheini Girls Division:

The first 3 weeks have flown by so fast,
The Sheini girls have been having a blast!
Doing science, music, movement and sports galore,
Theme Day, fun with food & fashion, art and more



UPCOMING EVENTS!

July 16: Mis-Match Day
Glassworks: Shlishi Travel
Power Play Gaming: Machane Travel

July 17: #Sorry

July 18: Picture Day
Oh! Show: Late Night for Oh!
Art and Oh! Drama
Dave & Busters: Shlishi Travel

July 19: Picture Day
Gulliver's Gate: Machane Travel

July 20: Author Lisa Lesnick:
Rishon

We would really like to give you a peek,
at our truly exciting third week.

Off to Bowcraft and Rye Playland we did go,
To go on the rides- some fast and some slow.

Some went high above the ground,
While others spun us round and round.

We took a break for lunch and a little snack,
And to the rides- we couldn't wait to get back!

Before we knew it, the trips were done,
From the smiles on everyone's faces, we knew they had fun.

We ended the week on a colorful note,
One that probably matched Yosef's coat!
Children were so creative and dressed from head to toe,
In all of the colors of the rainbow!

We are so excited to see what is in store,
When we greet you on Monday for week four.

But until then we wish you a Shabbat Shalom,
We wish you a wonderful Shabbos with your family at home!

-Ilissa & Alyssa



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.



Spotlight on our Sheini Boys Division:

This was an incredible week in Sheini Boys! Our counselors did an amazing job making sure we all had sunscreen and water while having a great time with Camp Shalom's classic activities! We had two particularly special days this week. On Tuesday we celebrated Candy Land with some really sweet games including a marshmallow relay and Fruit Loop necklaces. Then on Thursday we all boarded the buses for a fun-filled trip to Bowcraft Amusement Park. Our campers loved the rides and especially enjoyed the giant slide! Our Unit heads kept a careful eye on us all by circumventing the park repeatedly on a choo-choo train. We are super excited to be entering week 4 and all the fun that it holds in store!

Your Unit Heads,
Azi & Avi



Rishon 5:
Naomi likes
Yoga

Azi and Yoel:
Yaakov 4
Our favorite part
of Camp Shalom
is leagues.



Aquatics Update

Week 3 brought tons of sunny days filled with happy campers at the pool. Campers have been in the pool building skills and confidence.

With the start of the nine days have we have the opportunity to continue instructional swim and perform assessments on campers' performance skills. By Wednesday or Thursday next week your child's assessment card should be in their bag.



Parsha Questions For Mattos and Masei



1. What is the Hebrew word for a “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: What items need tevillah today? What 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 of 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 would not 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.

1. What does מסעי mean?

- *The travels of*

2. Why is it so important for us to learn about each location that Bnai Yisrael traveled in the desert?

- To show Hashem's love and kindness to Bnai Yisrael. Even though they were supposed to wander in the desert, they did have places to rest during that time.

3. For how many years were Bnai Yisrael in the desert?

-40

4. What are some mitzvos that can only be kept in Eretz Yisrael?

- שמיטה, מעשר, תרומה

5. Which shevet does not receive a portion of land in Eretz Yisrael? Why not? What do they get instead?

- Shevet Levi, they do not have time to work and settle the land because they are busy with their work in the משכן! They get 48 cities to live in and will be helped by the other Shevatim.

6. What is an עיר מקלט?

- A "safe city" where someone who kills another person by accident is able to live and be safe. A relative of the killed man may want to take revenge on the killer. In an עיר מקלט he is safe from this relative.

7. When can he leave the עיר מקלט?

- When the Kohen Gadol dies. His death cancels the sin of the accidental killer.

8. What sefer of the Torah do we finish this Shabbos? What special phrase do we say in shul?

- ספר במדבר.

חזק חזק ונתחזק

9. Can you name all the חמשה חומשי תורה?

- דברים, במדבר, ויקרא, שמות, בראשית.

10. Can you name all parshiyos in ספר במדבר?

- מסעי, מטות, פנחם, בלק, חקת, קרח, שלח, בהעלותך, נשא, במדבר