

# Camp Shalom Schmooze



## Rabbi Gold's Parsha Corner

**"Mah Tovv Ohalecha Yaakov - How good are your tents, Yaakov."**

Chazal teach us that "your tents" is a reference to the tents of the Torah, the study halls of the Bais

HaMikdash. The Ohr Hachaim Hakadosh explains why the words Yaakov and Ohel are used instead of Yisrael and bayis. The Torah specifically used the name Yaakov, to refer to the common Jew. It uses Ohel meaning tents, which signifies a temporary state, referring to the Jew who studies when he can. He does so in the Bais Medrash, the spiritual home of the Jew, and not in their physical home, even if he may not be home the entire day. We see from this that Torah study should take place in a Makom Torah.

This has been an outstanding first week at Camp Shalom. The campers came to camp excited to have an amazing summer full of sports, specialties, outstanding theme days, tons of Ruach and growth in learning and middos. We have worked very hard in Camp Shalom to provide an atmosphere that is a Makom Torah, and a place where kids can have the summer of their lives in a safe environment. It begins with our fantastic staff that has been guiding your children daily. It continues with our outstanding Chinuch staff consisting of Rebbeim and Morahs who bring their years of experience and energy to the camp. Behind all of this is the administrative staff who work so hard to ensure that this summer will be a complete success. We cannot wait to share the rest of the summer with your children!

Have a wonderful Shabbos!  
Rabbi Yehoshua Gold  
Camp Shalom Director

## Weekly Fun in Camp Shalom!!

Week 1 started off with a splash! We ushered in our summer with a water carnival filled with slides of all shapes and sizes. **Rishon** started the summer with a blast! We had so much fun making new friends, splashing in the pool, and filling our days with fun! We loved jumping in the bubble machine, and sliding down the water slides on theme day!! **Sheini Girls** started with a bang bringing energy and cheers to their new fun specialties. **Shlishi Girls** have been seen with huge smiles on their faces! They are enthusiastic about everything (except maybe hockey) and loving the days at camp!! **Oh! Drama!** began this week by playing drama games to get to know each other. Girls practiced for their auditions, auditioned, and have been cast in this year's production of *Once Upon a Crime; The Trial of Goldilocks*. We can't wait to see the girls shine! **Oh! Art** began with sculpture week. They collaborated to create boxes for their myriad of art supplies, made glass bead jewelry, foam mobiles, pottery, and began an ongoing project of creating books. **Sheini Boys** Are off to a great start too!! They are having loads of fun at the many sports and activities. A select few also earned a coveted duck from the Daily Duck Give Away. All of the bunks did an amazing job presenting their bunk's theme and growing closer in the process. **Shlishi Boys** have started leagues and are loving the many sports being offered and the warm days in the sun!! Our travel divisions, **Shlishi Travel** and **Machane Sports and Travel** each enjoyed their day at Monster mini golf! We are all looking forward to another AMAZING week!!!!

### WEEKLY REMINDERS!!

- ✓ Please label all items sent to camp!
- ✓ All kids going into first grade and older should bring a snack to camp every day!
- ✓ Please send in a water bottle and sunscreen every day!



**UPCOMING EVENTS!**



**JULY 3 MACHANE SPORT IFLY**

**JULY 4 NO CAMP**

**JULY 5 YAAKOV, YOSEF, & MST YANKEES GAME  
SHLISHI TRAVEL BOWLING**

**JULY 6 ROCHEL, SHLISHI GIRLS, SHLISHI TRAVEL & OH! BROOKLYN BRIDGE ROLLER SKATING**

**JULY 7 PICTURE DAY!**

**Spotlight on a Specialist:  
BALOONING, CARTOONING,  
FACE PAINT**

Chomi comes to Camp Shalom from Yerushalayim via Teaneck. She has been living here for a year and comes to camp with three kids! She has an amazing talent and this week alone has shown the kids how to make balloon palm trees (with monkeys), how to cartoon faces, and paint pirates, flowers & SPARKLES!!!!

**Sheini Girls Shine**

We thought we would give a little peek,  
About what Sheini girls did in their first week.

Ceramics, ballooning, fun with fashion,  
sports galore,  
Chinuch, game show mania, swimming and  
more!

It has been great seeing old friends and  
making some new,

We can hardly wait to start week two!!!

Devora from Oh! Manuyot said: "My favorite part of camp is swim!!! It's fun and I get out my energy!"

Akiva K. from Sheini boys said: "My favorite thing this week was sports and swim!!! Camp is so much fun!"



## Spotlight on our Admin:

### **ALYSSA NEEDLE**

Hi! My name is Alyssa Needle and I am the Sheini Girls Assistant Unit Head. I am definitely not new to Camp Shalom since I was here as a camper, CIT, and counselor for many years. I am from Passaic, NJ and I'm currently studying in Stern College for Women. I am looking forward to "traveling around the world" this summer and having an amazing time with Sheini Division.

### *Shalom Around the World*

#### *Cool Caribbean*

This week's theme brought all the fun of the tropics.

Camp Shalom's first theme day was truly a blast. We were brought to the sunny beach where the sun shines, and the palm trees are the only shade. We slid down water slides, played in the bubble pit and enjoyed cool icy treats.

There were boys painted as pirates and girls covered in flowers. Who needs to travel far, when you can find the Caribbean here at home. Can not wait for our next adventure!!!

### AQUATICS

It has been a very exciting first week of swim! As campers are tested they are put into their appropriate swim groups. As they learn with their instructor, they will improve each day.

Campers have been utilizing our beautiful outdoor pools twice a day. Though the nights are chilly causing cooler water temperatures, they are refreshing in summer weather. We have been teaching proper breathing techniques by floating, using swim bars or kickboards and submerging for dive toys.

Rishon campers have been reviewing blowing bubbles through their nose (humming is the easiest way) and swimming underwater while "searching for fish". Some bunks have been practicing rotary breathing (turning their heads) which is needed for front crawl.

Some campers also learned how to float on their backs by putting their hands out like a bird, head all the way back and getting that belly button up to the sky! We look forward to an amazing rest of the summer! We can't wait for next week !!



# Parsha Questions



**1. What is the name of this week's parsha?**

Chukas

**2. What special mitzva is found in this parsha?**

Para Aduma - the red cow

**3. What was it used for?**

To sprinkle on people to make them tahor (pure)

**4. What was opposite about para aduma?**

It made someone who was pure impure and someone who was impure pure.

**5. What kind of mitzva is para aduma?**

A chok - we don't understand its reason.

**6. What great miracle happened because of Miriam?**

The well gave water to Bnei Yisrael.

**7. What did Hashem tell Moshe to do to the rock and what did he do instead?**

Moshe was told to speak to the rock and instead he hit the rock.

**8. What was the punishment of Moshe?**

He would not be allowed to go to Eretz Yisrael.

**9. What did Bnei Yisrael ask from the king of the Emori and what was his answer?**

Bnei Yisrael wanted to pass through their land and the king said no.

**10. How long did Bnei Yisrael cry for Aharon and why?**

30 days. Aharon was a lover of peace - *ohev shalom*.

**11. What did Moshe do to get the snakes to go away?**

He made a snake out of copper and put it on a pole. Anyone who looked at the copper snake got better.

