

CAMP SHALOM

SCHMOOZE



Rabbi Gold's Parsha Corner

Weekly Fun in Camp Shalom!!

Bilaam was ostensibly a very religious man. Throughout the Parsha he insists that he can only speak the words which Hashem allows him to speak. He brings sacrifices and prophesizes. Yet in all, he is considered an extremely depraved individual. He cursed entire nations for money. Bilaam misconstrued Hashem's admonishment not to go with Balak's men as a statement that they were not honorable enough to escort him, and not that he himself was acting wrongly. I believe the Torah is conveying to us that it is not enough to be religious on a cognitive or even an emotional level. One's actions must complement his thoughts and feelings. Bilaam's actions did not reflect his close relationship with his creator. Thus, Bilaam, who had the unique merit to be a prophet of Hashem, wasted an incredible opportunity he had been given. What an asset he could have been to the world!

Have a wonderful Shabbos!

Week 2 was awesome at Camp Shalom! With amazing specialties, leagues, trips, and theme days, our days are jam packed with fun!

- Our entire **Shlishi Boys division** together with our **Yaakov** boys went to the Yankees game. A fan reported to the Unit Head that our boys made the game more enjoyable to watch!!
- The **Shlishi Girls division** together with the **Rochel** girls, went roller skating under the Brooklyn Bridge. A great time was had by all!
- This week's theme, **Awesome America** extended July 4th into the rest of the week. Counselors showed their patriotism when we tested their knowledge of national anthems, and campers participated in many theme related activities. Some bunks made patriotic hats and jewelry, others made flags and everyone indulged in hot pretzels and relay races.
- While we didn't dance in the rain, the music was rocking at our weekly Shabbos Oneg where counselors and campers danced the rain away!

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 10: PICTURE DAY!

Rishon trip to Billy Beez

MST trip to Woodbury Commons for a scavenger hunt

July 11: Shiva Asar B'Tamuz 1:30 dismissal

July 12: Shlishi Travel trip to Skyzone!

July 13: MST trip to Bowlmor Lanes

Shlishi Travel trip to Not 2 Shabbey

Machane's Great Chase

July 14: SINAI Swim-a-thon

Spotlight on a Specialist: **SHEINI ART**

Judi Dimbert is working with Sheini Girls to look at value and perspective through art. She comes with three children (two campers, one counselor) to camp from Teaneck each day. She has a graduate degree in art and is excited to share her passion with the campers. Already this summer, they have made bowls out of rope and mosaics. Stay tuned for next week when they create repujado, metal art from Mexico.

It's been an unbelievable week 2 in Rishon! We had a wonderful time playing, singing, laughing, and running with our friends. We had a blast on Theme Day decorating our own flags, eating delicious pretzels, and going on a hunt for the 50 states (stars) We made beautiful necklaces (red, white, and blue of course!) and sun catchers in Art. Chinuch had us practicing Alef, Beis, and Gimel. We enjoyed swimming in the pool and practicing our swimming skills. Stay tuned as we gear up for an incredible week 3! Have a wonderful Shabbos!

Jacob from the Yosef division said:
"I love leagues because I love playing sports!"

Yael from Sheini Girls said:
"I love swimming because it's so fun!"



Spotlight on our Administration: **VARDA BERKSON**

Hi! My name is Varda and I am very excited to be joining the Camp Shalom staff this summer as the unit head for Shlishi girls. I am currently a teacher in Yavneh and have been an educator for a number of years. The Shlishi Girls have been showing me the ropes and making me feel at home in camp. We have already had one great trip and I am anticipating a great summer over all!



Looking forward to next week together!



Aquatics Update

The weather during week 2 was sunny and bright. Our week was spent teaching campers to glide and float. During the days when older campers were on their trips, Avraham, Yitzchak, Sara, and Rivka were able to experience the “big pool”. They were given the chance to jump to a lifeguard, learning safety and recovery skills. Campers were excited to show off their skill and to take the red cap test; swimming 4 laps each of front crawl, back crawl, breast stroke, and treading water for a full 30 seconds. Not easy!!! Practice is key and safe we must be!!

SPORTS

Laughter and good cheer can be heard as one makes their way around the fields at Camp Shalom. Our sports specialists are working on teaching new skills to our Rishon campers and developing those of our older campers. Of course, Middos and Derech Eretz are stressed as well. Leagues are now in full swing in our Yaakov and Yosef Leagues. In keeping with the theme of “Shalom Around the World” each team is named after a foreign country.

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



Parsha Questions for Balak



- 1) **Who was the king of מואב?**
בלק
- 2) **Who was בלעם ?**
He was an evil, non-Jewish נביא
- 3) **Why did בלק want to hire an evil נביא ?**
He heard that Bnai Yisroel's power is in their speech, (ie. Tefillah) so he wanted to curse them and cause bad things to happen to them. Cursing is done with speech.
- 4) **What did בלעם say to בלק's messengers?**
Sleep here tonight and we will see what Hashem says.
- 5) **What did ה' tell בלעם in the middle of the night?**
You may **NOT** go with them.
- 6) **Who got בלעם's donkey ready?**
בלעם himself woke up early to get it ready.
- 7) **What did the donkey see on the road?**
A מלאך with his sword stretched out.
- 8) **What did the donkey do?**
It stopped and started to walk off the road.
- 9) **What happened to בלעם's foot when the donkey saw the מלאך the second time?**
It was smashed against the fence.
- 10) **What did בלעם finally do to the donkey?**
He hit the donkey.
- 11) **What amazing thing did the donkey do?**
TALK! "Why did you hit me these three times?"
- 12) **Was בלעם able to curse Bnai Yisroel? What did ה' make him do?**
No. He gave them ברכות instead of curses.
- 13) **What famous part of davening is from the בלעם of ברכות?**
Ma Tovu
- 14) **What was so "good" about the tents of Bnai Yisrael?**
All openings/entrances were facing the same way showing how they were tznius (modest), and respected each other's privacy.
- 15) **Who was פנחס? What did he do?**
He is the grandson of Aharon. He killed Zimri and Kozbi because Zimri, a Jew, took Kozbi, a non-Jewish woman, to his tent to marry her.