



CAMP SHALOM

SCHMOOZE



Rabbi Gold's
Parsha Corner



Tisha B'Av Chesed Quilt

Weekly Fun in Camp Shalom!!

The Pasuk says "And you who cleave to Hashem, your Lord, you are alive today" (4:4). Rav Elazar explains that if one absorbs the light of Torah, the light of Torah will give them life. Conversely, if one fails to absorb the light of Torah, the Torah will not give them life. Rav Elazar was suggesting that learning Torah is a pre-requisite to getting a share in the World to Come. Someone who just did Mitzvos but didn't learn Torah would not get a share in the World to Come. Why would Torah study be more important than doing Mitzvos?

There is a difference between items used to perform a mitzvah and items used for sanctified purposes. For example, after Sukkos, one is allowed to disregard their esrog. On the other hand, once a Torah is unusable, it must be buried. Items used in the performance of a mitzvah have no intrinsic holiness, they are only holy when the mitzvah is being done. However, items used for sanctified purposes are inherently holy and not dependent on external factors.

Someone who learns Torah absorbs the light of Torah and becomes like a sanctified object, so even after they die, they retain their sanctity and go to Olam Habah. However, someone who just does mitzvos and doesn't learn will be holy while they are alive and doing mitzvos, but once they die, their bodies no longer retain any sanctity and is not guaranteed a place in the World to Come.

Here at Camp Shalom, we infuse our day with Kedusha and Torah learning while having an amazing time doing all of the outstanding activities we offer, therefore making each one of us inherently holy like walking Sefer Torahs!

Tisha B'AV programming On Erev Tisha b'Av Camp Shalom campers had a meaningful program during their regular swim periods. The campers all came together and made a chesed quilt. Each camper received a cutout of the Beis Hamikdash to decorate. Campers also had the opportunity to write or draw a picture of a chesed they can perform in camp. Each division attached their papers and hung it on the wall in the auditorium. We hope that this will be a wonderful reminder of the importance of doing chesed, especially around camp.

On Wednesday, campers were excited to return to their regular schedules. #ShalomAroundtheworld took us to Beautiful Brazil. All campers enjoyed a carnival with human foosball, wipe out, misty slides, swings and bounce houses.

The Shlishi Girls division were also amazed by BLUE MAN Group.

Rishon had a blast bouncing at Rockin' Jump.

The Travel groups both enjoyed a trip to the Liberty Science Center. Our boys also went to NYC Bike.

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 Chinuch Staff:

Morah Rothwachs

I work for the resource department at RYNJ. For me, the best part of camp is teaching in a relaxed environment. It is an opportunity to make all the kids feel successful.

Morah Kahn

I'm a nursery teacher starting my 22nd year at RYNJ. I love coming to Camp Shalom and seeing so many of my former students. I enjoy developing a bond with each child that I hope will continue as they grow up at Camp Shalom.

Rabbi Muntner

I work in Yeshiva Ketana Ohr Reuven. I love working in Camp Shalom because there is such a positive atmosphere.

Rabbi Engel

I work at RYNJ during the school year. I love having the opportunity to share Hashem's Torah with the children at camp and the looks of appreciation on their faces as you share those Torah thoughts with them.

Rabbi Goldberg

I am the Rabbi of the YI of Fort Lee and member of the Judaic studies faculty at Bruriah. I love teaching Torah to the kids of Camp Shalom! The campers are all so curious and enjoy learning about the parsha and hearing stories about Jews and Judaism.





Rabbi Markowitz

I am the Associate Rabbi at Shomrei Torah and on the Judaic Studies faculty at Bruriah. My favorite part of Camp Shalom is teaching Torah!

Rabbi Baslaw

I am a teacher at Maor, Sinai HS at Kushner. I love connecting with the campers through davening. We daven with great kavanah. I also enjoy hearing the creative ideas and questions of campers.

UPCOMING EVENTS!

August 7:

Power Play Gaming: MST

August 8:

Sportime USA: Sheini Girls, ShT

August 9:

Inspirational Israel
Tomchei Shabbos: Shlishi Travel

August 10:

Sportime USA: MST
Search for Shlishi: Shishi Girls

Rabbi Hochbaum

I work at RYNJ and oversee the Chinuch program at camp. At camp, I really enjoy seeing the children grow from year to year.

Yonah S.
I like bikes and swim

Ezra W.
I like sports and trips at Camp Shalom

Rivky G.
I like ballooning at camp.



Fun with Fashion- Brazil Inspired activity



Looking forward to next week together!





Parsha Questions for Vaeschanan

1. What does "Vaeschanan" mean? What is Moshe davening for now?

To daven in a pleading way. Moshe davens to enter Eretz Yisrael.

2. Why does Moshe daven now? Does he think Hashem will change his mind? How does Hashem respond?

After Moshe's defeat of Sichon and Og he thought by conquering kings, maybe Hashem would allow him to conquer more in Eretz Yisrael. He allows Moshe to see Israel but not to enter.

3. What can we learn from Moshe's Tefillah?

- Never give up hope! There is always room to daven to Hashem!
- Hashem always hears our Tefillos, even if the answer is NO.

4. Why does Moshe want to go inside Eretz Yisrael so badly?

Moshe knew there are only certain Mitzvos that can be done in Eretz Yisrael. He wanted to be able to do more Mitzvos.

5. Moshe sets up 3 *arei miklat* outside of Eretz Yisrael. Why does he do this if they won't even be usable until after Bnai Yisrael settle Eretz Yisrael?

Because Moshe was so eager to do Mitzvos. He didn't want to give up an opportunity to do a mitzvah!

6. What famous part of davening is in this week's parsha? Where can you find this Tefillah?

The Tefillah of *Shema* is in the Parsha and also in a Siddur, Mezuzah, and Tefillin.

7. "Zachor" and "Shamor" were said at the same time. How do we keep them both on Shabbos?

Zachor represents all the things we "do" on Shabbos (ex: kiddush)

Shamor represents all the things that we "don't do" on Shabbos. (ex: melacha)

8. What are some ways that you do/can do *kibbud av v'em*?

Discuss as a family

9. What is the name of this Shabbos, the Shabbos after Tisha b'Av?

Shabbos Nachamu

10. How many of the *עשרת הדברות* can you remember?

א. אנוכי ה' אלוקיך	ו. לא תרצח
ב. לא יהיה לך אלהים אחרים	ז. לא תנאף
ג. לא תשא את שם ה'... לשוא	ח. לא תגנב
ד. זכור את יום השבת	ט. לא תענה ברעך עד שקר
ה. כבד את אביך ואת אמריך	י. לא תחמוד