A Summer of Fun the Torah Way

CAMP SHALOM שלום

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Week 5

CAMP SHALOM SCHMOOZE

Weekly Fun in Camp Shalom!!

Campers were welcomed 2nd month with the music of unit heads Azi Steiner and Avi Rothwachs. Welcome to all the new campers and staff.

#GetintheGame took us to Don't Break the Ice this week; snow was in the air, snow balls were flying and ice cubes were melting. Best of all were our edible snowmen.

We also had many Superhero powers in camp on Thursday. Check out our favorite superheroes.

Rabbi Gold's Parsha Corner

"Shema Yisrael, Hashem Elokeinu, Hashem Echad."

These words from Parashas Va'eschanan comprise the foundation of yiddishkeit; our absolute belief in the one true Hashem. When we daven with a minyan, the chazzan repeats Hashem Elokeichem Emes. In the absence of a Minyan, before reciting the Shema we say the words Kel Melech Ne'eman, G-d is a faithful King, and the first letters of these three words make up the word Amen through which we affirm everything that follows in the Shema. What is so important about needing these additional three words? Here we have a rare example where numerology determines what the Halacha should be. Altogether in the three paragraphs of Shema, we have 245 words but we want the total to be 248 because there are 248 positive mitzvos in the Torah and 248 limbs in the human body. Therefore, 248 represents action. Avraham, the founder of our faith, became dedicated to a life of fulfilling mitzvos– Avraham adds up in Gematria to 248. The word Bamidbar, the desert was a place where we as a nation committed ourselves to embracing a life of Torah practice, that too has a Gematria of 248. Emerging from this is a very important lesson for us. Shema Yisrael, to believe in Hashem, is so central and so crucial within our tradition. Yes, it is important to think, to intend and to have great dreams, but ultimately there is one thing that counts more than any other and that is action. It is not what we think that counts, but what we achieve in life that really matters.

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS!

July 30:
Palisades Ice Rink: Shlishi Travel
The Beast: Machane Travel

July 31:
#ChutesandLadders Theme Day
Tropical Tuesday Dress Up

August 1:
Field Station Dinosaurs: Avraham and Yitzchak bunks
Late Night:
Yankees Game: Yaakov, Yosef, Machane Travel bunks
Anastasia: Oh! Manuyot, Shlishi Travel

August 2: Bounce! Sheini Girls

August 3:
Torah Tots: Rishon
Flashback Friday Dress Up

Who is our favorite Superhero in Camp Shalom?

SPORTS

All our campers have been working on their basketball, baseball, hockey and soccer skills, as well as, their middos.

Our older boys are gearing up for Round 2 of Leagues.

Reminder that all campers must have closed toe shoes!

Spotlight on Art with Morah Judi:

Each week Morah Judi and Aliza give the campers a chance to get in touch with their creativity. Each project "secretly" teaches your happy camper a new skill while they are producing a painting, a concrete mosaic or a paper mache bowl. This week we were building rock solid projects; stepping stones, candle holders, fun shapes and vases. The Yitzchak boys enjoyed making ice candles in honor of our theme this week.

Spotlight on Fun with Fashion:

This week in Fun with Fashion, we made snow man pins and decorated jewelry boxes. We also had a blast making bath bombs. Some of our upcoming projects include: barrettes made out of colored ribbons, customized luggage tags and global necklaces.

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 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?**
   a. Never give up hope, there is always room to daven to Hashem!
   b. 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?**
   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 tefila?**
   Shema. The Tefila of Shema is found in a siddur, mezuzah, tefillin, chumash/Torah

7. **"Zachor" and "Shamor" *of dibra #4* were said at the same time. How do we keep them both?**
   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 or can do *kibbud av v'em*?**
   Discuss as a family

9. **What is the name of this 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 אמיך	י. לא תחמוד