



Camp Shalom Shmooze

August 2, 2019
Parshas Mattos-
Masei



Rabbi Gold's Parsha Corner

"Three cities shall you designate on the (other) side of the Yarden, and three cities shall you designate in the Land of Canaan; they shall be cities of refuge. (35:14)"

Rashi cites Chazal in Makkos, Daf Tes Amud Aleph, who notes that the number of Arei Miklat in Ever HaYarden (Non Eretz Yisroel side of the Jordan River) was disproportionate to the number of residents. On the Ever Yarden side there were only two and one-half tribes, in contrast to the nine tribes that lived in Eretz Yisrael. Why did Ever HaYarden need the same amount of

Arei Miklat as Eretz Yisroel's side if they had fewer people? Chazal explain that in Gilaad, which was in Ever HaYarden, there were many killers. The Maharal comments that the mere fact that there were many intentional murderers in Gilaad indicates that there was a low regard for the value of human life. As a result, even those who were not murderers simply tended to be negligent.

The environment in which one finds himself plays a compelling role in his spiritual progress. A good environment creates a positive atmosphere in which one can grow in his relationship with Hashem. In contrast, an atmosphere that is spiritually immoral will harm one's neshamah. The individual slowly becomes desensitized to the sanctity of human life. Hence, an act of unintentional murder is something that does not affect him as much as it should. The number of Arei Miklat needed in Ever HaYarden, therefore, teaches us the importance of our surroundings.

Here in Camp Shalom, we have worked very hard to create an atmosphere of Torah and exceptional Middos. Our activities and special programs are all oriented on the premise of growth in Torah and Yiddishkeit. By creating such a fun filled Torah environment, we are teaching our campers the importance of having fun the "right" way, the "Torah" way.

Looking forward to a great upcoming week!!

Reminders

- Please remember to send your child with a **refillable water bottle**, **sunscreen** and **snacks** every day. The children work up an appetite with their daily activities and get hungry. Only the Rishon children are provided with snack from the camp.
- **We are a nut and seed free camp.**
- All clothing should be labeled clearly with your child's name.

Important Dates

August 5

Machane Travel Trip
to Palisades Climb

August 6

Shlishi Travel Trip to
Ice Skating

Rishon Trip to
Catch Air

Sheini Boys Trip to
Bounce U

August 7

Extreme Chesed
Makeover

August 8

Machane Travel Trip
to
Ice Skating

Shlishi Travel Trip to
Chocolate Works



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NEWS AROUND CAMP SHALOM

The **Sheini Girls** had a wonderful week. On Tuesday morning, color war broke out and the girls found out what teams they were on. Instantly, the cheering began! The girls had a blast taking part in relay races, string hunts, creating songs, dances, cheers and decorating hallways to represent their teams. A highlight of the week was our trip to Turtleback Zoo. It was not an ordinary trip to the zoo.....the campers had the chance to earn points for their team by going on a scavenger hunt, by solving riddles and taking pictures with the given animal. The culminating event was the color war presentations. The ruach in the room was incredible! The teams were full of ruach and the achdus was amazing- even though there were 2 teams, they cheered each other on and treated each other with respect! A great time was had by all!

Our **Yaakov** and **Yosef** divisions had a great week. We had color war lead by our very own Avi Lebovic of Yaakov 1 for the blue team and Ezra Lynn of Yaakov 2 for the orange team. The score was so close, and after three days of sports games, swim races, and minute to win it competitions the blue team emerged victorious. We had back to back weeks of our divisions winning the Benching competition during lunch, last week Yaakov 4 and this past week Yosef 1 won themselves pizza pies for spectacular benching throughout the week! Leagues will continue next week following a break from color war. Have a great shabbos!

Go team yellow! This week **Rishon** had a blast with color war! We enjoyed showing off our yellow items as well as singing throughout the day. Nature was amazing as we learned all about birds and what makes them unique. We colored our own birds, put feathers on, and then made our very own birdfeeders!

Sheini Boys The Avraham and Yitzchak divisions had another amazing week at camp! Besides for the general Ruach that color war brought, we had many activities this week that were loads of fun for our campers. The Avraham/Yitzchak Bracha Bee was down to the wire, our benching competition was in full swing (congratulations Yitzchak 3!), and our division Gaga games were a sight to see! For Color War, we raced in some Wacky Relay Races, competed in funky competitions in the pools, and were part of an amazing and uplifting color war finale. We are looking forward to an amazing week 7 in Camp Shalom!

What a Ruach filled week the **Oh! Manuyot** and **Shlishi Travel** bunks had. The halls, banners, and songs were amazing not only because of the talent that was portrayed by the campers, but because they worked together to make it happen. Some of the activities the girls loved were Minute To Win It, Capture the Flag, Name That Tune and Ultimate Gaga.



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SWIMMING AT CAMP SHALOM

Color War at Camp Shalom is quite awesome, especially at the pool. Campers cheering each other on, participating and swimming in all of the special activities and races. Counselors also had a blast racing with watermelons and cucumbers. Campers had the opportunity to gather colored balls against the clock and to have an amazing water Newcomb game.

Today begins the 9 Days. At the Camp Shalom pools, this means we have the opportunity to instruct your child twice a day. Each bunk will have two instructional swims daily. We will focus on skills, techniques, and pool safety.

We would like to encourage every camper to participate in the instructions. During the last week of camp, a skills sheet will be sent to you, letting you know how your child has performed and improved throughout the summer

Looking forward to a successful and safe week ahead!

Carolyn





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PARSHA Q & A—Mattos

- 1. What is the Hebrew word for “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)
- 5. Which 2 ½ Shevatim wanted to settle on the other side of the Yarden (not in Eretz Yisrael)?**
 - Reuven, Gad and ½ 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 wouldn't 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.



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PARSHA Q & A - Masei

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?

- תרומה, מעשר, שמיטה

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 Mishkan! 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 ?

- בראשית, שמות, ויקרא, במדבר, דברים

10. Can you name all parshiyos in ספר במדבר?

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