



Camp Shalom

July 31, 2020
Parshas Va'eschanan



Rabbi Gold's Parsha Corner

In ancient times, idol worship was a common occurrence, and a big temptation for the Jewish people. People had the desire to bow down and serve idols. Today, however, we view bowing down to sticks and stones as foolish. Therefore, how are all of the warnings and halachos in the Torah regarding idol worship relevant to us now?

The purpose of the world is for us to get closer to Hashem by perfecting our actions and ourselves. Hashem may make a drought so that we can realize that we must improve ourselves and connect with Him. When Hashem gives us a challenge, some may search for a quick fix: Can we find a segulah, pay some money, etc. Seeking the easy way out can be a form of idolatry. Hashem wants us to use the challenges to improve our spirituality and grow from it. So far this summer, we have seen tremendous growth by all of our campers. They have improved in their tefillos, learning, athletic abilities, talents, and most importantly, middos. As a camp director, I am so proud of all of our campers and look forward to continued growth over the final two weeks of camp!

Important Dates:

August 3:
Topsy Turvy Day

Muttville
Comix Comedy
Dog Show

August 6:
Jersey Day

Reminders

- Please remember to send your child with a **labeled mask**, **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.



Camp Shalom

July 31, 2020
Parshas Va'eschanan

NEWS AROUND CAMP SHALOM

Who can believe we just finished week #4?? We have been having so much fun this week in **Rishon** and we can't to share it all with you! Fun with Food had us tapping into our creative side as we were given different things to make beautiful masterpieces. We used pretzel sticks, cookies, frosting, chocolate chips and sprinkles and boy were they amazing!

Speaking of masterpieces...Messy Masterpieces was a blast when we made snow using baking soda and conditioner. We really enjoyed making them. Thank you to Morah Valerie who taught us all about the importance of Tisha B'Av. She gave us coloring pages to color to help enhance what we learned. She also ready us the book "A Dozen Daisies For Raizy". Thank you to Rabbi Jake who played music with us and played games like freeze dance and musical chairs! Water activities had us soaked and happy as we played with a splash pad, sprinklers , and our new slide!

Wishing you all a wonderful Shabbos!
Morah Sara and the entire Rishon Staff!

This week, the **Sheini and Shlishi Girls** worked together and bonded in Teambuilding to accomplish some difficult tasks. There was the "spider web" where the girls had to crawl through a web made of strings and had to figure out how to get through the really high and low places. Through brainstorming with each other, they were successful! They then broke into 2 teams and had some cup challenges. They had a race to build and disassemble cup towers, then tried again, but instead had to do it with rubber bands and strings, and without using their hands. Ask your daughter to tell you all about it! The girls were also treated to a siyum and listened as Rabbi Gold finished learning Masechet Brachot. They were so proud to be able to answer amen and couldn't wait to have fleishigs for lunch. We ended our week with a beautiful oneg and of course, a sweet shabbos treat.

Our **Sheini Boys** had a blast this week and enjoyed many creative ways of keeping cool. Bucket brigade, water fights, sprinklers, and a brand new water slide gave our boys many hours of refreshing fun. Our counselors did an amazing job reminding everyone to drink and apply sunscreen in fun and innovative ways. We are so lucky to have them!

This week our **Shlishi Boys** beat the heat by playing Eli Kahn's amazing around the camp scavenger hunt. They had tons of fun getting autographs and taking pictures of all sorts of Mario-themed items. The weather wouldn't stop our boys from enjoying their usual plethora of sports activities and exercises. We are so grateful to our amazing staff for all of their hard work and commitment no matter how sweltering things got!



Camp Shalom

July 31, 2020
Parshas Va'eschanan

PARSHA Q & A—Va'eschanan

1. What does “Va'eschanan” mean?

To daven in a pleading way.

2. What is Moshe davening for now?

To enter Eretz Yisrael

3. Why does Moshe daven now? Does he think Hashem will change his mind?

After Moshe's defeat of Sichon and Og he thought by conquering kings, maybe Hashem would allow him to conquer more in eretz Yisrael.

4. How does Hashem respond?

He allows Moshe to see the land of Israel but not to enter.

5. What can we learn from Moshe's tefillah?

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

6. Why does Moshe want to go inside Eretz Yisrael so badly? Hashem let him *see it!*

Moshe knew there are only certain Mitzvos that can be done in Eretz Yisrael. He wanted to be able to do more Mitzvos. He knew Yehoshua was the next leader, Moshe wanted just to be able to walk the land and do more Mitzvos.

7. 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 are in eretz Yisrael?

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

8. What famous part of davening is in this week's parsha?

Shema

9. Where can you find this prayer?

In a siddur, mezuzah, tefillin, chumash/Torah

10. “Zachor” and “Shamor” *es haShabbos* were said at the same time. How do we keep them both?

Zachor represents all the things we “do” on Shabbos

Shamor represents all the things that are forbidden that we “don't do” on Shabbos.

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

Shabbos Nachamu



Camp Shalom

July 31, 2020
Parshas Va'eschanan



This week in "Fun With Food" our creative bakers tapped into their inner artists to create beautiful masterpieces!



Congratulations to our winners:

Rafi Shapiro
Amalia Weinstein
Molly Cohn

