



Camp Shalom Shmooze

July 15, 2022
Parshas Balak



Rabbi Gold's Parsha Corner

This week's Parsha, Parshas Balak, tells us the story of Bilaam. Balak hires Bilaam to curse Bnei Yisroel. On the way to curse them, Bilaam's donkey stops three times. Bilaam, who cannot see the Malach, angel, beats and scolds his donkey. Suddenly, the animal turns to his master and asks, "Why are you beating me? Can't you see the Malach, holding a sword, blocking our path?" The Malach then reveals himself to Bilaam and adding instructions from Hashem with guidelines as to how to proceed with his mission. The Ramban asks, what was Hashem's point in performing the miracle of giving the donkey the power to speak to Bilaam? Bilaam could have seen the Malach and been rebuked directly??

Hashem intended to teach Bilaam a lesson. He should have understood that if Hashem can create a new creation, a donkey that can speak, then certainly Bilaam could be able to improve his power of speech by not cursing Bnei Yisroel. But Bilaam didn't listen to Hashem. The Ohr HaChaim explains that even if Bilaam had not cursed Bnei Yisroel, Bilaam knew that he would not try hard enough to change his evil ways and, therefore, Bilaam decided that it wasn't even worth trying. The lesson we learn from this story is that it is not always easy to do the right thing. This is something that usually takes a lot of effort to achieve. However, as Yiddin, we must always continue to try and do the right thing and never give up like Bilaam did.

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.
- Please send water shoes and towels daily for swim.

Important Dates:

July 18:

Marvel Monday

July 19:

Spectacular

Sivan

July 20:

Torah Workshop

July 21:

The Masquerade
Charade Show

Nosim Trips

M: Belmont Lake

T: Playland
Amusement Park

W: Bronx Zoo

Th: NY Hall of
Science

F: Yom Chesed



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NEWS AROUND CAMP SHALOM

What an incredible week Rishon had this week! Filled with jumping, laughing, and amazing creations! We enjoyed an amazing trip to Sportstime USA where we played in the indoor playground and bouncy house. But really the best part was the bus ride! We were wonderful passengers! Team Building was super fun as we went on a scavenger hunt with our Morahs! We raced around camp looking for the most interesting things! Chinuch taught us about the Parsha and the letter Daled! We enjoyed going on a Bear Hunt for the word "Duby". In Fun With Food, we enjoyed making delicious Rice Krispy Treats with the toppings of our choosing! Theme Day had us spinning like dreidels, passing the candles around and around, and coloring Chanukkah pictures as we celebrated Kool Kislev! As always, a big shout out to our amazing staff who keep our children safe and happy each and every day!

The first month of Camp flew by so fast!
The **Sheini** and **Shlishi Girls** have been having a blast!
On Wednesday we had a trip to Sportstime USA
Where there were rides to ride and arcade games to play.
They collected tickets for every game they played
Which they then had the chance to trade
For the prize of their liking that they got to choose
(which hopefully they brought home and didn't lose)
This week was also colorful- do you know why?
In Art the girls had the chance to do tie-dye.
Kool Kislev- our theme day- was a highlight of the week.
Two counselors got wrapped like presents and chanukah gelt, we did seek.
In team building the girls did a scavenger hunt in 2 teams- kind of like a race
And the whole time they had a smile on their face!
To our amazing counselors- we really thank you for what you have done- and continue to do.
For those who are leaving- we will really miss you!
And for those who are staying- we can't wait for month two!

Boy's Division!

It's hard to believe we are halfway through the summer!
Our days have been packed with so much fun, that time is really flying. Week four got off to an exciting start with our amazing Sportstime USA trip. The boys loved the arcades, bumper cars, bounce house, indoor playground, and much more! The next day brought us an incredibly fun theme day focused on Kislev. Campers had a great time seeing their counselors spin like dreidels and hunting for gold coins. Finally, as the weather heats up, our fun in the pool has been ramping up. Campers and staff alike worked together to create human whirlpools and were blown away by the results of their teamwork!



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Around the Pool

Wow! Time splashes by when you are having fun! What an incredible first month we had at the pool. I want to give a huge thank you and appreciation to my life-guards the past 4 weeks. They have really been getting to know each camper and working and strengthening their skills with them, while incorporating creativity for games in the hot sun. Thankfully the weather lately has been kind to us and the sun has been shining. We are so proud of each swimmer from start to now. How much they have pushed themselves, not giving up and really focusing on coordinating their arms, legs and breathing while swimming. It is important to us that they leave camp with a confidence and trust within themselves in the pool and everywhere they are. We look forward to continuing swim second session, and wish everyone who will not be returning an amazing rest of their summer!! Shabbat shalom!! See you next week hopefully!

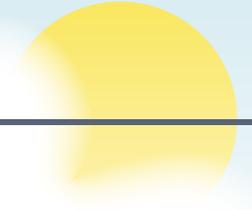
Happy swimming!!

The **Nosim Girls** ended session one with a bang! With Monday's exciting scavenger hunt adventure and Tuesday's fun at a mini amusement park, the girls were so excited for the three day overnight at the end of the week. The overnight began with a thrilling tubing water activity. It was longer than expected, but the girls' positive attitudes and encouragement to each other helped tremendously. After a nice night at the hotel, the girls were up bright and early to be ready for a day at an amusement park. On Thursday night, the girls enjoyed watching the minion movie before heading back to the hotel for the second night. The overnight adventures ended with a fascinating coal mine tour on Friday, before heading back to camp. Rest up over shabbos and we're looking forward to beginning our second half of the summer on Monday!

Sports @ Shalom

Our younger campers have been enjoying Wacky Races with our talented sports staff. Children participate in various challenges such as weaving around cones, both on foot and on scooters, kicking balls in soccer nets, throwing balls into buckets and hoops, and jumping in potato sacks to get to the finish line. The campers enjoy the constant movement and fun from these activities.

What a way to end the first month of the summer for the **Nosim Boys**. We began with a scavenger park that took us all across Bergen Towne Center and Van Saun Park (with a slurpee thrown in for good measure). Tuesday stretched our imagination as we went to the shore for Fantasy Island Amusement Park. On Wednesday, we began our marathon three day overnight in the Poconos. We floated our way through the Delaware and its rapids. On Thursday, we rode through Knoebel's amusement park, and capped it off with a dose of Minions. We ended our exhausting three days with a tour of the Lackawanna coal mine. As jam packed as this was, rest up, next week will be just as exciting.



PARSHAS BALAK Q & A

1. Who was the king of מואב?

בלק

2. Who was בלעם?

A Navi from מדין

3. What did בלק ask בלעם?

To curse the Jewish people because he is scared of them.

4. What animal did בלעם ride on?

A donkey

5. Who stood in front of the donkey?

An angel of Hashem with a sword.

6. What happened when the donkey saw the angel?

He kept turning away and would not take בלעם where he wanted to go.

7. What miracle did Hashem do?

He made the donkey talk.

8. Did בלעם curse the Jews?

No Hashem made him give a ברכה.

9. What did בלעם do to try and get 'ה' to curse the Jewish people?

They built 7 מזבוח and brought קרבנות.

10. What song did בלעם say in this week's פרשה?

מה טובו.



שבעה עשר בתמוז

1. What is this Sunday?

זמנו של שבעה עשר בתמוז – a fast day and start of the 3 weeks.

2. What happened on שבעה עשר בתמוז?

They broke through the walls of Yerushalayim, which started the destruction of the בית המקדש.

3. What don't we do for three weeks?

Get haircuts. Listen to very happy music.