



# Camp Shalom Shmooze

July 29, 2022  
Parshas Matos-Massei



## RABBI GOLD'S PARSHA CORNER

Parshas Masei summarizes the entire route followed by the Jews from Mitzrayim until they reached Eretz Yisrael. The parsha begins, "Moshe wrote their going forth according to their journeys." At the end of that same Pasuk this idea is repeated, but the words are reversed. Why is the order switched?

The beginning of the Pasuk expresses how Hashem regarded their travels; He wanted them to progress on their journey toward becoming a nation with each stop. However, the second Pasuk looks at the traveling from Bnei Yisroel's point of view. It is human nature for one to think that he would be much happier if only he were somewhere else. Bnei Yisroel journeyed simply to go forth, hoping it would be better in their next destination, but not because they were thinking of reaching their purpose. It is common to think, "If only things were different, if only, if only, if only..." But the truth is that Hashem has designed the exact situation that you are in especially for you, to help you achieve your full potential.

Camp Shalom is so proud that all of our campers and staff recognize that we are in the place Hashem wants us to be in. Now, we have to take advantage of the situation to grow and have fun!!

### 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:

#### August 2:

Blue & White Day

#### August 2:

Incredible Iyar

#### August 4:

Small Wonder

Puppet Theatre

#### Nosim Trips

##### Monday:

Harriman State  
Park

##### Tuesday:

Jenkinson's

##### Wednesday:

Rockland Boulders

##### Thursday:

Food Pantry/Bowling

##### Friday:

Surprise Scavenger  
Hunt



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## NEWS AROUND CAMP SHALOM

What a special week for **Rishon** as we enjoyed The Incredible Science Show which ended with a Color War breakout! With excitement, we represented the yellow team! We enjoyed decorating our hallway with different yellow creations from every camper in Rishon. We dressed up in our yellow best and were greeted with love and cheers from the rest of the camp. We worked very hard on our banner which we presented at the last day of Color War. The week did not stop there. We still enjoyed our other amazing activities. Science had us jumping on a rocket launchers. The stronger our jump, the higher the rocket would soar. Ceramics asked us to think of a food we could make with clay. We were so creative as we thought about different things we could make. Fun with Food was yummiier than ever as we made delicious ice cream treats in honor of our Theme Day Purim in July. We loved seeing everyone's amazing costumes on Costume day! As always, there are not enough words to describe our hakaras hatov to our amazing Morahs! Wishing everyone a wonderful Shabbos!

Costume day on Monday could not be beat,  
Our Amazing Adar theme day was full of treats.  
We had the Incredible Science Show and it was great.  
The experiments he did were really first rate.  
For the last one he made 4 counselors disappear in a massive cloud.  
And when it dissipated they magically reappeared and  
"Color War Breakout" is what they screamed aloud.  
Pink and purple were the colors of the teams  
And Shamayim and Eretz were the themes.  
The week was filled with competitions galore-  
Musical chairs, swim races, sports and much more.  
The **Sheini** and **Shlishi Girls** loved Cake Wars and the Apache Relay.  
There were so many fun things to do each day!  
The culminating event was presentations- with banner, cheer, D'var Torah, stomp and team song.  
It was so nice to watch all of the Sheini and Shlishi girls sing along.  
The greatest part of the week was watching each team cheer for the other- their friends.  
Because middos is the most important thing in the end!

The **Nosim Girls** started off the week at a cool arcade, playing retro games and beating their high scores. On Tuesday, we went to Wild West City, learning about life of the cowboys and exploring the lifestyles there. A favorite part was petting the horses- we even learned their names! We enjoyed Turtleback Zoo on Wednesday, seeing lots of animals, going to a touch tank, and we had a great time at the ropes course. We had a blast at Dorney Park on Thursday, going on all of the thrilling and entertaining rides throughout the amusement park. On Friday, we had a wonderful day at Urban Air, climbing and bouncing on all the courses there. Thank you for being so flexible this week as the schedule changed and we look forward to next week's upcoming adventures.



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### Around the Pool

Week six! A mix of fun Color War games and instruction. We are so impressed with how many swimmers went up a level or even two. They really pushed themselves to do the best they can in the big or small pool.

Color War in the pool was amazing! We had relay-races, collect the coins and rings, steal the salami and even witnessed their counselors racing. Despite the competition, they were all so respectful of one another and it was really beautiful to see. On Monday, we will test campers who want to move up to a yellow or red cap. Hope you have a wonderful Shabbos!! See you next week!

Happy Swimming!!

The Aquatic Staff

### Sports @ Shalom

The boys and girls of Camp Shalom had so much fun playing various sports during Color War. On Wednesday, the boys and girls competed in separate competitions of Ultimate Dodgeball. After the games, they enjoyed watching an intense showdown between the counselors. On Thursday, the younger children competed in Wacky Races, which included potato sack races, balancing a tennis ball on a racquet, and racing across the gym while keeping a balloon in the air. Color War concluded on Friday with a thrilling Home Run derby and World Class Soccer Shootout! It was a great week of competition and sportsmanship!

How much fun can we pack into one day? The amount is endless!

This Tuesday featured an Amazing Adar, Science Show, and.... Color War breakout!!!! The **Boy's Division** has been having an incredible time with exciting color war competitions, creative crafts, and camaraderie! We are so grateful to our staff for providing this unforgettable experience. At the time of this writing, the winners have yet to be announced, but one thing is for sure- every boy is a winner at Camp Shalom!!

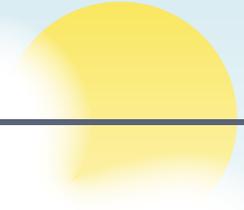
From Delaware to Deluge, **Nosim Boys**, week 6: On Monday, we started off going retro in Arcade enjoying classics such as Frogger, Dig Dug, and Mighty Morphin' Power Rangers in the background. On Tuesday, we went even further back in time to the era of Dodge City and explored the Wild West City. Wednesday began our overnight, where we panned for gold, went mini golfing, and got a tour of a crystal cave. We capped the evening with spirited games of bowling. On Thursday, we made our way to Dorney Park and rode on every roller coaster. Though we were chased out by a thunder storm, nothing could quench our excitement as we flew our way into Urban Air and bounced with joy. Rest up for an equally great week 7.



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### PARSHAS MATOS-MASSEI Q & A

#### מטות-מסעי

Introduction:

1. How many Parshios do we learn this week?  
**2**
2. Which Parshios?  
**מטות מסעי**
3. What do ראובן and גד request from Moshe?  
**They want to stay on the East side of Israel, and keep the land of סיחון and עוג.**
4. What is Moshe's response?  
**At first he is upset. However, Hashem allows them to stay there, as long as they are the first ones to go into the land of Israel and fight?**
5. Why don't they want to go into Israel?  
**So they can have grass for their animals to eat.**
6. What is an עיר מקלט?  
**If someone kills someone by accident, they need to run to this city, and stay there until the כהן גדול dies.**
7. What does משה tell צלפחד at the end of the Parsha?  
**That they need to marry someone from their שבט  
So that the land they received stays in the correct שבט.**



9 days

**Important note:** These are the general rules and practices for the 9 days. This is meant to be a general guideline, but everyone should follow their family Rabbi regarding specific questions.

**Important note 2:** Some of these Halachos may be different for young children, here, we are listing the general rules only.

8. Why are the nine days sad?  
**The Beit Hamikdash was destroyed. The Gemara says that once the month of אב starts, we need to decrease our happiness. The 9 days start on ראש חודש אב.**
9. Are we allowed to swim?  
**You may not swim for pleasure. (Swim for your usual exercise or learning, may be allowed.)**
10. Are we allowed to shower?  
**No. However, there is an exception if you are dirty/sweaty, and even then should not be an enjoyable shower. (No hot water, etc.)**
11. Are we allowed to eat meat, wine/grape juice?  
**No.**
12. When are we allowed to eat meat and Grape Juice?  
**On Shabbos, for a Siyum, and for Havdalah.**
13. What is a Siyum?  
**A party celebrating learning a lot of Torah.**
14. Do we do laundry?  
**No.**
15. What about Sfarim?  
**They do not have the 9 days – only שבוע שחל בו, which is the week before תשעה באב. תשעה באב this year falls out on שבת and we fast on Sunday. Therefore there is a מחלוקת about שבוע שחל בו. It is either all of next week, or only the day of תשעה באב itself. If you are Sfardi – you can consult your Rabbi.**