



Camp Shalom Shmooze

August 12, 2022
Parshas Va'eschanan

RABBI GOLD'S PARSHA CORNER

The Pasuk says "Behold I have taught you the strictures and laws as Hashem, my G-d, commanded me to do in the midst of the land (4,5). What is the connection between the first part of the Pasuk and "in the midst of the land"? They seemingly have no connection.

The Arvei Nachal explains that at the time of Matan Torah, a group of people tried to achieve purity of soul by practicing extreme asceticism. In order to stress to Bnei Yisroel that extreme austerity is not what Hashem wants, the Pasuk specifically points out that we keep the Torah "in midst of the land." This means as part of society, rather than separated from the world around us.

Here in Camp Shalom, we show our campers that instead of completely separating ourselves from what surrounds us, we can use the world we live in to elevate us and make a Kiddish Hashem in all that we do. Camp gives everyone the opportunity to use all of the beautiful things that Hashem gives us, have an amazing time, and grow in our appreciation for the world and Hashem's Torah.

At Camp Shalom, we spend all summer creating the perfect environment for each of our campers and staff members to grow in all aspects of their lives. As the summer comes to a close, we are so thankful to every staff member, administrator, Rebbe/ Morah, parent, and camper for partnering with us to create this beautiful opportunity for growth. We look forward to a year full of growth, and can't wait to see you all again next summer!

Have a wonderful Shabbos!

Have an amazing rest of the summer and an
outstanding school year!

We can't wait to see you at Shalom 2023

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NEWS AROUND CAMP SHALOM

This edition of our **Rishon** newsletter is dedicated to everyone who made this incredible summer possible! Thank you to the amazing parents who shared their children with us each day and entrusted them to us! (What a huge compliment!) Thank you to our incredible staff that dedicated their time and love to the campers every day. Thank you to the specialists who taught us so many things from Art to Fun With Fashion to Fun With Food to Swim to Teambuilding to Science to Ceramics to Dance and Movement. Thank you to Rabbi Gold for making our summer so special! We ended our summer with an amazing concert on Friday. Wishing everyone a wonderful Shabbos and year ahead. Can't wait to see everyone next summer!

Rishon Staff

Can you believe that eight weeks have gone by so fast?

It must be because the **Sheini** and **Shlishi Girls** had such a blast!

We met our friends and our counselors on day one
And that was just the beginning of our fun!

We had the chance to play a variety of sports,
But the excitement was definitely not limited to the "courts".

We learned ballet, hip-hop and other styles of dance.
And at our theme days, played games - some needed skill and others were chance.

We decorated cupcakes and made challah in Fun with Food

And learning in chinuch put us in a "Torah mood".
We had the chance to experiment in Science and Stem

And lifeguards taught us new strokes in the pool- we really thank them!

We hope you had a great summer and can't wait to see

All of your smiling faces in Summer 2023!

Wow! It has been a wonderful summer with the **Nosim Girls!** We ended camp with a bang this week, starting with our overnight. We did some Chesed packing food at a food pantry, made pizza at EJs, and then we were off to Connecticut. We enjoyed doing creative candle and soap making and later went to a challenging escape room. After staying over for the night, we had a blast at Quassy Waterpark and Amusement Park on Tuesday. On Wednesday we had a great time at the Mets game. On Thursday, We went into NYC and explored different artifacts and pieces of art at the Jewish Museum. Then we had some fun at Central Park. On Friday, we got to enjoy the concert with the rest of the camp and then ended off our summer at Bogota Golf. What an amazing summer! Enjoy the last few weeks of the summer and get excited for next year at Camp Shalom!



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Around the Pool

Woah!! Time splashes by when you are having fun! What an incredible summer at the Camp Shalom pools. Thankfully we were blessed with hot sunny days the majority of the summer. From the beginning of camp to the end, we see the campers have progressed with their swimming skills. It's always a nachas/proud moment, when we move a swimmer up a level or even up two. It means our swimmers and lifeguards have worked hard for growth and success. I (Miri) have a huge appreciation for my lifeguards. The amount of energy, patience and creativity they had with their swimming groups was incredible to witness and I'm grateful. We hope everyone has an amazing upcoming work and school year. See you next year!

Happy Swimming!!
The Aquatic Staff

Sports @ Shalom

Sports fans were treated to a special day at the ballpark as the older children enjoyed a trip to Citi Field to watch the Reds play the Mets. Fortunately, our campers were treated to a dominant performance by the home team, as the Mets won easily by the score of 10-2. Our young fans even made it onto the scoreboard while dancing and cheering, holding up signs and proudly wearing their Camp Shalom t-shirts!

Boy's Division at Camp Shalom 2022 has been so much fun, it's hard to believe we are actually done. All the sports played, all the friends made, will remind me that Shalom is number one.

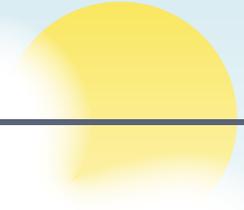
Trips and concerts made for great memories, also chinuch, theme day, and cool specialties. Shalom is truly the place to be, we cannot wait for summer 2023!

Nosim boys concluded our summer with an early dose of chesed. After treating ourselves with making our own pizza at EJ's we gave back by packing food at JFCS. Tuesday had us boating around Belmont State Park making friends with all of the local geese and Swans. Wednesday we took ourselves out to the ballgame as the Mets walloped the Reds 10-2. Thursday saw us investigate what makes us Jewish by visiting the Jewish museum and analyzing Jewish artwork. Friday ended our summer with a Ruach filled concert and a last game of mini golf at Bogota.



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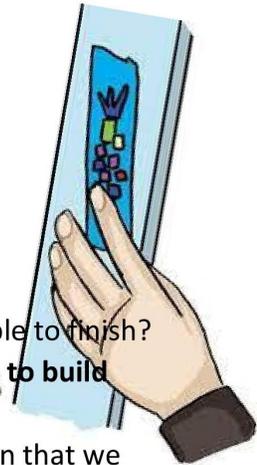
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PARSHAS VA'ESCHANAN Q & A

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1. What does Moshe ask for at the beginning of this week's Parsha?
To go into the land of Israel.
2. What is Hashem's response?
No, (but he will be allowed to see the land of Israel.
3. What Mitzvah does Moshe start in this week's Parsha, but he is not able to finish?
He build three ערי מקלט, on the other side of the ירדן. He is not able to build the ones that are in Israel.
4. We cannot say Hashem's name for no reason. What are some situation that we CAN say Hashem's name?
Davening, learning, Berachot. Some opinions say also for Shabbat Zemirot.
5. What are some examples of how to do Kibbud Av Va'em?
Getting food or drink for my parents. Getting them their coat or shoes. Helping them in and out of the house (helping bring in groceries!)
6. According to Rashi, what is לא תגנב in the עשרת הדברות?
Don't kidnap. Of course – you also can't steal, but that is learned from a different part of the Torah.
7. What are the two Torah Mitzvot we learn about Shabbat from the עשרת הדברות?
1. Don't do Melacha/work. 2. Make Kiddush.
8. What is an example of acting jealously, that would violate "לא תחמוד"?
Pressuring someone to sell me something (or give me something) when they made clear that they don't want to sell it or give it away. If pressure them and convince them to sell it to me or give it to me – it is not stealing (I paid for it.) But it does violate acting jealously.
9. What Mitzvah do we have to do every morning and night, that we learn from this week's Parsha?
קריאת שמע.
10. What are some other Mitzvot we learn from שמע?
מזוזה and תפילין.
11. Is it a Mitzvah to kiss a מזוזה?
No. The mitzvah is to attach it permanently to our door post. It is an important custom that we kiss the Mezuzah – we do this to show that we love the Mitzvah.



Have a great rest of your Summer!