



Camp Shalom

Shmooze

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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: Finding a segulah, paying 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 three weeks of camp!

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.

Candle Lighting

Teaneck: 7:58 PM
Bergenfield: 7:58 PM
Passaic: 7:59 PM
Fair Lawn: 7:59 PM
Riverdale: 7:58 PM
Upper West Side: 7:58 PM

Important Dates:

July 31

Rizzo's Wildlife Program

August 1

Animal Print Mania
Dress Up Day

August 2

Yom Shishi Theme Day

Nosim Trips

M: Sterling Hill
Mining Museum

T: The Beast

W: Dave & Busters
Late Night
6:30PM Pickup

Th: Tenafly Nature
Center

F: Care One Visit



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NEWS AROUND CAMP SHALOM

Rishon splashed into the week with fun and friends. This week we enjoyed Under The Sea dress up day. Theme day had us spellbound as we listened to the story "Rainbow Fish" and learned a lesson about being a good friend. Then it was time to color the scales and place them on our giant fish because as Rishon, we are one big group of friends. Like the fish, the campers have been certainly swimming and getting better every day. Ceramics was a blast as we started to shape our beautiful creations! Art and chinuch were so much fun as we learned the importance of Tisha B'av and made amazing projects. We were moving and playing wonderful games in dance and yoga. We finished off our amazing week with an incredible oneg by rabbi Yoni. Wishing everyone a wonderful shabbos! Can't wait to see you next week!!

The **Sheini** and **Shlishi Girls** soared to new heights as we flew into week 5 of Camp Shalom! The girls made a splash during our activities themed to Yom Chamishi! They painted birds in Art, played charades using birds and fish in Drama, made bubble wands in Messy Masterpieces, and made owls in ceramics. In Science, the girls were challenged to build a bird's nest that could support the weight of 2 eggs.

The girls especially enjoyed our theme day game of "Fish Tales" where they had to guess which admin was telling the truth and which were not. What an amazing first week of second half! We can't wait to see what the rest of this month has in store for our Sheini and Shlishi campers!

The boys had an AMAZING week in Camp! In addition to the usual sports, swim, and specialties, we had the best time playing Fish Tales with our administration! Campers and Staff alike were cracking up at the ridiculous descriptions of random objects from around camp and had a blast trying to figure out what they really were! We welcomed back music to our oneg with some terrific dancing and energetic singing. Everyone is so excited for next week!



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Around the Pool

Shalom parents, campers, and staff!

This week at the pool we had a lot of instructional swim. At the end of the week we did swim evaluations and most campers moved up swim levels! We are so proud of our campers who put in the effort to improve their strokes. With predictions of hot and sunny days, we look forward to returning to our regular swim schedule and free swim periods.

Message to parents: Please make sure that your children pack a swimsuit every day! We too many campers who say they did not pack one and therefore cannot swim. It really is a shame when it is so hot outside and your child is not able to go into the pool.

Swimmers of the week are Chananya Rosenfeld, Meir Berkowitz, Eitan Kurtz, Bentzion Sherman, Akiva Silverberg, Leviah Mandel, Kiki Danzig, Yaakov Felsenthal, Lior Magid, Ruchama Schloss, Moshe Rossman, Sophia Nussbaum, Jack Dwek, Riki Goldfeder, Darren Miller, Jojo Rackovsky, Ahuva Littman, Tali Minzer, Leo Ogorek, Eliana Minzer, Esther Steiner, Izzy Grauberd, Avital Baron, Judy Levine, Calev Kastner, Yehuda Goldstein



Lifeguards of the week: Julia Fried and Eli Mogilensky

Happy swimming!
The Aquatics Division





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Sports @ Shalom

Dear 🧑 & 🧒 ,

Wow this was a FAST week of camp, ohhhhhh! Now I remember we only had four days this week. It was crazy 🤪 outside. Please keep sending me with water 💧 , it's important for hydration you know! Our sports counselors stop our activities so we can drink!

It was another fun week of leagues. The Yosef 2 boys drafted their teams for the second month. The current standings are as follows:



Camp Shalom Yosef Leagues	
4 musketeers	3 - 0
Fantastic4	2 - 1
Trans4mers	2 - 2
4 🦄 men	0 - 4



Enjoy your Shabbos & looking forward to another fun week!

Coach Levi

Nosim Girls and **Nosim** Boys had a great trip into the city on Monday exploring the Highline and Little Island. On Tuesday, they traveled to Brooklyn to visit the New York Aquarium and saw an amazing sea lion show. The highlight of the week was Wednesday's trip to the Liberty Science Center where everyone had fun climbing, learning, and trying new things. On Friday we enjoyed a scavenger hunt in the mall.

Looking forward to week 6!



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PARSHAS VA'ESCHANAN Q & A

ואתחנן



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, Berachos. Some opinions say also for Shabbat Zemiros.
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 I 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.