



Camp Shalom Shmooze

July 12, 2024
Parshas Chukas



Rabbi Gold's Parsha Corner

In this week's Parsha, Parshas Chukas, Aharon dies. After Aharon died, all of Bnei Yisroel were sad. Chazal explain that Aharon loved peace and would always make peace between anyone who had a disagreement. Now, do we really think that Aharon broke up fights between everybody? The Mefarshim explain that of course not all of Bnei Yisroel fought. However, once a few people begin to fight, it starts to rub off on others, creating an environment where fighting is acceptable. The Medrash is teaching us how quickly something can spread, both for the good and for the bad. We also learn the importance of having a good environment, surrounded by good people. Aharon helped create a positive environment, something that was appreciated by all.

In Camp Shalom we strive to create an atmosphere of Torah, ruach, and good middos where campers can feel safe and have fun!! This is accomplished by each camper coming to camp with a smile on his/her face, excited to have a fun filled day. This positive attitude will rub off on other campers and counselors, creating this amazing atmosphere of Torah, middos, and fun.

Reminders

- Please remember to send your child with a non disposable **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 15

Superdome
Girls Division

July 16

Kids Empire
Rishon

July 18

Superdome
Boys Division

Nosim Trips

M: Top Golf

T: Bear Mountain

W-F:

Connecticut
Overnight!



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NEWS AROUND CAMP SHALOM

This week was a blast in **Rishon**! This week things couldn't be more exciting in Rishon! We enjoyed an amazing break out and an even more amazing week of Color War. We enjoyed swimming, karate, team building, art, and fun with food. Team yellow was truly a winner as they played, swam, painted their banner and even sang a song. Please stay tuned as we get ready for another amazing week in Rishon!

Wishing everyone a beautiful shabbos!

Let's go red team! Let's go purple team! On Monday afternoon, after collecting gold coins all day for National Video Game Day, Color War began! The **Sheini** and **Shlishi Girls** brought Ruach and enthusiasm into this epic third week of camp. Between water dodgeball, cake wars, balloon build and the apache relay, the girls met for team time to work on a song, cheer, stomp, banner and Dvar Torah. It was truly wonderful to see the Achdus, teamwork and sportsmanship on both sides throughout the week and we know that we will carry the togetherness into the rest of the summer!

Nosim had another action packed week! We started off at Alstede Farm, finding our way through an Evergreen Maze, climbing a hay tower, and berry picking. On Tuesday we traveled to Jenkinsons Boardwalk where we played pirate mini-golf, walked the boardwalk, went on a ropes course, and had a blast at the amusement park. Then on Wednesday we went shopping for activities which we brought to Care One where we learned about the residents' lives and had a blast hanging out with them. We then made our way to EJ's for delicious pizza making and ended the day with a swim in the Shalom pools. On Thursday we made our way to the Franklin Mineral Museum where we went searching for precious minerals! We ended our week with an exciting scavenger hunt through the Palisades Center and with making crazy plaster art. We are so excited for next week's adventures!

Week 3 at Camp Shalom was an unforgettable adventure for The **Sheini Boys** and **Yosef**! They had a blast participating in a thrilling color war competition, where they cheered on their favorite staff members and Yosef boys in intense basketball games, raced to the finish line in the Apache relay race, and made a splash in swim competitions. And that's not all - the lunchroom was transformed into a zany arena, where the boys laughed and cheered each other on through hilarious contests. From start to finish, Week 3 was packed with non-stop fun, friendship, and memories that will last a lifetime!



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Around the Pool

We had an action packed week of color war activities at the waterfront! Rishon did an amazing job collecting yellow balls and toys scattered throughout the pool. The girls and boys divisions participated in a tzedakah dive, swim relays, water dodgeball and steal the salami! It was amazing to see campers working together throughout all the competitions, all while exhibiting good sportsmanship and great energy! We can't wait for another exciting week ahead. Shabbat shalom!

Happy Swimming!!

The Aquatic Staff
Yael Green

Chana, Rebecca, Valarie, Heisy, Hillel, Isser, Moshe, Akiva, Brian

Sports @ Shalom

Week 3 was Color War week, full of fun and spirited competitions. Sports played a key role, as the campers competed in soccer shootouts, basketball games, home run derbies and a fierce game of dodgeball. The counselors also competed in an intense game of staff basketball. Congrats to all the campers for making this week memorable, can't wait for color war 2025!



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PARSHAS CHUKAS Q & A

1. What is the difference between a חק and a משפט?
A משפט we know the reason for, and a חק we don't know the reason for.
2. Why is a חק so important?
Because it shows us that we always need to listen to Hashem, even if we do not understand the reason.
3. What is the פרה אדומה?
A red cow that is entirely red and burned with hyssop, cedar, and red wool. It is then mixed with special water.
4. What is done with the פרה אדומה mixture?
It is sprinkled on someone who is Tameh (they became Tameh from someone who passed away) on the 3rd and 7th day. The person also needs to go to a Mikveh to become Tahor (pure.)
5. What happens right after מרים dies?
Bnei Yisrael complain for water. (Rashi: There was a well that followed the Jews in the desert, because of מרים. When she died, they lost that well.)
6. What does ה' tell משה and אהרן to do? What do they do instead?
Hashem tells them to talk to the rock, but instead, they hit the rock.
7. What message do בני ישראל send to אדום?
Please let us cross through your land to get to Israel.
8. What is אדום's response?
They say we cannot cross through, and they came out with their nation and armies to say they will attack us if we try. בני ישראל do not go through אדום.
9. Where does אהרן die?
הר ההר
10. What happens at the top of הר ההר?
אהרן's special כהן גדול clothing are given to his son אלעזר (who is taking over.) אהרן dies?
11. What happens after אהרן dies?
The Jews are attacked by the כנענים.
12. According to רש"י, why does it happen right after אהרן dies?
Because there were special cloud that protected the Jews in the desert (ענני הכבוד). They were there because of אהרן, but we lost them when אהרן died.
13. What happens when בני ישראל complain to Moshe about the מן?
ה' send snakes that attack the Jewish people.
14. How are בני ישראל saved?
ה' tells Moshe to make a special snake. He lifts it up in the air, and anyone who looked up was saved.
15. Which two nations/kings attack the Jewish people at the end of the פרשה?
עוג and סיחון.
16. What happens in the war?
The Jewish people win the war, and conquer their land.
17. What is the main reason that the פרה אדומה is considered a חק?
It makes a person pure, but the person sprinkling it becomes impure.
18. Why does it sound like בני ישראל mourned more for אהרן than they did for משה?
Rashi teaches that אהרן was a אהב שלום ורודף שלום.