



# Camp Shalom Shmooze

August 2, 2024  
Parshas Matos-  
Ma'asei



## Rabbi Gold's Parsha Corner

“Three cities shall you designate on the (other) side of the Yarden, and three cities shall you designate in the Land of Canaan; they shall be cities of refuge. (35:14)”

Rashi cites Chazal in Makkos, Daf Tes Amud Aleph, who notes that the number of Arei Miklat, cities of refuge, on the non Eretz Yisroel side of the Jordan River was the same as in Eretz Yisroel even though it had a fraction of the people. Why did Ever HaYarden need the same amount of Arei Miklat as Eretz Yisroel's side if they had fewer people?

Chazal explain that the people living on the non Eretz Yisroel side had among them a large number of people who were not making the right decisions and therefore, needed a disproportionate number of Arei Miklat.

The environment in which one finds oneself plays a tremendous role in one's spiritual progress. A good environment creates a positive atmosphere in which one can grow in his relationship with Hashem. In contrast, a negative atmosphere will harm one's neshamah.

Here in Camp Shalom, we have worked very hard to create an atmosphere of Torah and exceptional Middos. Our activities and special programs are all oriented on the premise of growth in Torah and Yiddishkeit. By creating such a fun filled Torah environment, we are teaching our campers the importance of having fun the “right” way, the “Torah” way.

Looking forward to a great upcoming week!!

## Important Dates:

### August 5

Small Wonder  
Puppet Theater

### August 7

Camp Shalom  
Chesed Day

### August 8

Camp Shalom Siyum

### Nosim Trips

**M:** Harry Potter  
The Experience  
**T:** Grounds for Sculpture  
**W-F:** Dorney Park  
Overnight

## 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.



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## NEWS AROUND CAMP SHALOM

What an incredible week in **Rishon**! We enjoyed the Under the Sea theme with so many fun activities! Morah Valerie made awesome fish and sharks with us. We enjoyed an incredible water and bubble slides and bouncy house. We had delicious special ice pops that really hit the spot. Dance and movement had us dancing and giggling. Of course, we had a blast playing all sorts of sports and games. We ended our week with an amazing shabbos oneg with Rabbi Korbman. Wishing everyone a wonderful shabbos. Can't wait to see you next week.

Another fabulous week in the books for the **Sheini** and **Shlishi Girls**! In Fun with Fashion the Sheini girls have been designing headwear and handbags while the shlishi girls try their hand in a project runway style competition. Art has brought the girls outside as they tie-dye shirts, socks, pillow cases and more!

To celebrate Lifeguard Appreciation Day, the girls decorated "thank you" signs for their lifeguards and displayed them at our Theme Day Water Carnival. And to top it all off the girls got to play around with water beads in Messy Masterpieces! The girls are having a blast and looking forward to more fun next week!

**Nosim** had another amazing adventurous week! We started off the week with an epic nerf battle where we practiced our teamwork and strategy. We then went to Playland Park where we zoomed along speeding coasters and went on hundred foot drops and spinning machines! We then explored the Bronx Zoo on Wednesday and took the monorail where we were able to see endangered animals which the zoo was protecting! On Thursday we had a meaningful tour of The Museum of Jewish Heritage where we learned about our families' history. We ended the week having a blast at Mt. Freedom Golf with exciting and wacky games of golf! We are looking forward to another exhilarating week!

Week six at Camp Shalom was an unforgettable experience for the **Sheini Boys** and **Yosef**! They had an absolute blast at the water carnival, zooming down slides and diving into the foam pit; creating memories that will last a lifetime. But the fun didn't stop there - one evening, the counselors took on Camp Regesh in a friendly softball game. The energy was electric, and the camaraderie was palpable as they all came together to support their team. It was a week filled with laughter, adventure, and bonding, and the boys left with huge smiles on their faces, eagerly awaiting the fun that week seven has in store for them!



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### Around the Pool

We had another exciting week at the pool! We welcomed some new lifeguards to our team which added excitement and continued support at our waterfront. Campers are working hard to progress in their skills and we are so proud of how far they've come! Keep up the amazing work!

Happy swimming and good Shabbos!

The Aquatic Staff

Yael Green—Head of Aquatics

Chana, Rebecca, Valarie, Heisy, Rachel, Racheli, Blimi, Malka Leah, Yocheved, Leah, Hillel, Moshe, Eli, Brian

### Sports @ Shalom

#### Sports Spotlight: Coach David

Coach David is an incredibly enthusiastic and attentive sports specialist. He's not just amazing at running activities, but he also engages the campers with drills in order to improve their understanding of the fundamentals. David is incredibly popular, as demonstrated by the excitement shown when campers see he's their specialist. "Captain Gaga" is a wonderful addition to the camp Shalom sports staff.



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## PARSHAS MATOS-MA'ASEI Q & A

### 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 גדול כהן 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 Shabbat, 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 Sfordim?  
**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.**