



Camp Shalom Shmooze

August 16, 2024
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. They have improved in their tefillos, learning, athletic abilities, talents, and most importantly, middos.

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, for Summer '25!

Have a wonderful Shabbos!

Rabbi Yehoshua Gold

Camp Shalom Director



Countdown
for Camp
Shalom
'25
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Now!!

Tuesday,
June 24,
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NEWS AROUND CAMP SHALOM

It's so hard to believe that we have already reached the last week of camp in Rishon! It feels just like yesterday when we greeted our amazing campers on the first day as they entered camp. We have had an amazing week and can't wait to share it all with you! We wanted to thank our amazing Chinuch Morahs who taught us so many things about Tisha B'av. From projects to stories to slippers, our campers were ready. We came to camp ready and excited to board the bus to Extreme Energy on Wednesday. We had a blast jumping, climbing, "swimming" in the ball pit, and so much more! Definitely a trip to remember. Friday was the most incredible day filled with so many emotions. We enjoyed Shabbos Oneg with Rabbi Korbman as well as a concert camp wide. After the concert it was time to say goodbye to our friends and Morahs until next summer. Once again, we thank you for sharing your children with us this summer and we look forward to seeing you again. Wishing you a wonderful Shabbos.

What an incredible summer it has been for the **Sheini** and **Shlishi Girls**! After 8 weeks together, working as a team and learning new skills, the girls spent some time in science learning about DNA and what makes us different and the same. In Art this summer, the girls worked on creating their own artist trading cards building a collection to trade with their friends. Wednesday was a blast as we had the chance to jump, run and bounce at Extreme Energy. In Dance, the girls have completed learning not one but two dances and had the chance to show off their moves at our last Friday Oneg. This epic summer ended with an amazing concert by Benny Amar. We cannot wait to see everyone back next summer!!

Wow, we cannot have imagined a more amazing way to end the summer! Week 8 was a blast for the **Sheini Boys** and **Yosef** all the way through! We had a number of incredible highlights including an action-packed trip to extreme energy where the boys ran and jumped their way through exhilarating obstacle courses, the great rock wall, and the giant trampoline park! There were goodbye parties, treats, and lots of final games. We capped it all off with a heartfelt Kumsitz at oneg and a concert where Benny Amar absolutely rocked the house and our counselors took the Ruach to the next level! Looking forward to seeing everyone back next year!!



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Around the Pool

As the sun sets on another unforgettable summer, we're filled with a mixture of bittersweet emotions. It's hard to believe that we've reached the end of Week 8 and bid adieu to Camp Shalom for this year. What an incredible journey it has been, filled with laughter, growth, and cherished memories that will stay with us forever.

Our campers truly embraced the spirit of adventure this summer. From conquering new strokes in the pool to forming unbreakable bonds of friendship, their enthusiasm has been the heartbeat of our camp. We couldn't be prouder of their dedication, whether they were mastering advanced techniques or diving into the joy of free swim sessions. The highlight of this closing week was celebrating our campers who embarked on the deep water test and progressed to higher swim levels. Their achievements are a testament to their hard work, determination, and the unwavering support of our exceptional swim instructors. We've witnessed not only their growth in swimming skills but also their personal growth as they faced challenges head-on and emerged victorious.

As we say farewell to Camp Shalom for this summer, our hearts are full of gratitude for each camper, family, and staff member who contributed to the magic of this season. The memories we've created will forever be etched in our minds, and the lessons learned will continue to shape us in the years to come. Until we meet again, remember to keep those waterlogged smiles and the spirit of adventure alive.

With waterlogged smiles,
The Aquatics Division of Camp Shalom



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Sports @ Shalom

With camp coming to an end, we'd like to thank the campers for an amazing summer. The specialists had a great time watching the kids have fun and grow in their appreciation for sports. Basketball, Gaga, football, hockey, soccer, kickball, 9 square—the campers excelled in all sports! We are already looking forward to next summer.

—Coaches Brian, David, Devorah, Shaya, Yehuda and Gabi

Nosim Girls and **Nosim** Boys had a meaningful and amazing final week of the summer! We started the week with a day of Chesed, prepping ourselves for Tisha B'Av. We visited Tomchei Shabbos, learning what they do each week and helped prep the weekly food boxes. Later in the week, we went to Yestercades, where we had a blast playing every game imaginable- from retro pinball to Mario Kart. On our late night on Thursday, we raced around at the Xanadu roller rink and came back to camp for swim and a delicious dinner! We ended the week, and the summer, with a fun day of bowling and an exciting concert. We are all sad that camp is over but we are excited to go into the school year with new friends and amazing memories!



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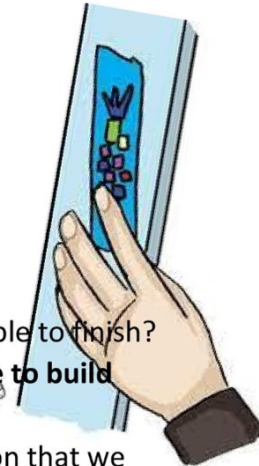
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PARSHAS VA'ESCHANAN Q & A

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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 Zemiro.
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!



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