

Camp Shalom

NEWSLETTER

Week 6 Touched the Soul

Week 6's **Soul Theme Day**, had campers tapping into the **power of giving** in a **hands-on** and **heartfelt** way. After collecting **school supplies** and **birthday party** supplies, they carefully **sorted**, **packed**, and **decorated** thoughtful kits for the **Friendship Circle of Bergen County**. Each box—whether for a birthday celebration or the first day of school—was **filled with care**, **creativity**, and **compassion**. Campers especially loved writing personal notes of **encouragement** and **love** to the friends who will receive them. They were even more **inspired** to hear that the **letters** they wrote earlier this summer to **Israeli soldiers** were joyfully received—a powerful reminder that even small acts of kindness can reach across the world.

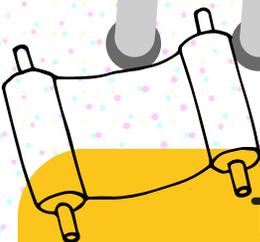


Upcoming Adventures

August 7: Blue for the “Blues” Dress up Day
August 6-8: Nosim Overnight to Jersey Shore

Spotlighting Specialties

This week, specialists leaned into the theme and created activities all about the **soul**. In **Science/STEM**, campers made **galaxy jars**—sparkling mixes of water, paint, and glitter that were truly **out of this world**. The project was a fun twist on our “**soul-ar**” system, reminding us that just like every star has its own glow, every **soul** has its own **spark**. Over in **Fun with Fashion**, campers tied their individuality into vibrant **tie-dye galaxies**, proving that when it comes to expressing yourself, you really bleach away the ordinary! Each **colorful creation** was a shining reminder that our unique differences make us **stars**.



Torah Time: Parshat Devarim

In Parshas Devarim, Moshe Rabbeinu reviews Bnei Yisrael's journey right before they enter Eretz Yisrael. Instead of harshly naming their mistakes, he refers to places and events gently, without directly calling out their sins. Why? Because Moshe loves them and wants to guide with care.

This teaches us an important lesson about giving feedback. It's easy to criticize, but the Torah shows us to speak with kindness and respect, so that our words build others up rather than tear them down. This lesson is especially important before Tisha B'Av, when we remember the Beit HaMikdash was destroyed because of Sinat Chinam—baseless hatred. We can begin to fix this through Ahavat Chinam—showing kindness to others.

דברים

What is ספר דברים about?
When does ספר דברים happen?
Which פסוק is lained differently in this week's Parsha?

תשעה באב

What happened on Tisha B'av?
What happened with Kamtza and Bar Kamtza at the Party?
What are the main things that we cannot do on Tisha B'av?
How do I wash my hands on Tisha B'av?
(Bring your answers to your Chinuch teacher for a prize)

Torah Trivia

Nosim News

This week, Nosim campers took part in a **scavenger hunt** at ShopRite—but with a special **twist**. Their mission wasn't just to find items, but to shop for food and toiletries that would later be **donated to JFCS**. The experience combined fun with purpose, as campers learned firsthand about **giving to others** and helping meet real community needs. With every item they placed in their carts, they weren't just completing a challenge—they were **supporting families** in need.

GROOVE-TASTIC GIRLS

This week, the Sheini and Shlishi girls learned about what a **soul** is, how it makes us **unique**. To explore this idea, they had activities which helped them appreciate what makes each of them one of a kind. First came a lively game of **Would You Rather** in the lunchroom. Campers ran to different sides of the room to **show their preferences** on all kinds of silly and serious questions. Another highlight was **Heads Up**, where one girl had a name taped to her back and had to **guess** what it said, using **hints** from her bunkmates. Categories included **animals, Tanach characters**, and even our own **Camp Shalom staff!** Through fun and learning, the girls saw how **each soul is unique**—and that's what makes us **special**.

Check out our photos!

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