



# Camp Shalom Shmooze

June 26, 2026  
Parshas Chukas—  
Balak

## Candle Lighting

Teaneck: 8:13 PM  
Bergenfield: 8:14 PM  
Passaic: 8:14 PM  
Fairlawn: 8:14 PM  
Manhattan: 8:13 PM

## 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.

## Important Dates:

### June 29

Picture Day

### June 30

Chess Theme Day

Wear Black and  
White

### July 2

Shiva Asar B'Tamuz

1:30 Dismissal

### July 3

NO CAMP

## Nosim Trips

M: Mt. Freedom Golf

T: Statue of Liberty

W: American Museum  
of Natural History

Th: Holiday Bowl

## 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.



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## NEWS AROUND CAMP SHALOM

Welcome to Rishon! We are so excited to spend the summer with your children. Our first week was filled with fun, friends, and lots of smiles. We enjoyed an amazing dance party for theme day and had a blast at our various activities. Wish you were here!!!

The Sheini and Shlishi girls danced their way through an unforgettable first week at Camp Shalom! With a theme of Just Dance, the party never stopped! We made sculptures of ballerinas in art, created our own glow sticks out of glue in STEM, and even played freeze dance during lunch! With a first week of camp as groovy as this, we can't wait for the rest of the summer!

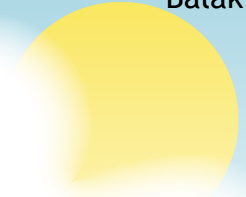
**Nosim** has zipped up their bags and is ready to go. While traveling to Laser Bounce, Luna Park, Bear Mountain Trailside Zoo and Museum, and Dave & Busters, they are forming relationships with their counselors and each other. We can't wait for exciting adventures next week!

Hi everyone! I'm BZ, the new Unit for the Sheini & Machane Boys Division. A warm welcome to all of our new boys campers, and welcome back to our returning campers. We started off camp strong with a huge dance party, where everyone showed off some sick dancing skills! We grooved through the rest of the week with plenty of fun games, crafts, activities, and sports! We're looking forward to another amazing, action-packed week.



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## NEWS AROUND CAMP SHALOM

### Around the Pool

#### Rainy Start, Splashing Success!

What a wet and wonderful start to our exhilarating swim program here at Camp Shalom! As the heavens opened up on our first day, we embraced the raindrops with smiles on our faces and swimsuits at the ready. The unpredictable weather couldn't dampen our spirits as we dove headfirst into a week full of aquatic excitement. Despite the initial downpour, our dedicated lifeguards wasted no time in getting everyone geared up and ready to make a splash. With their guidance and enthusiasm, campers quickly acclimated to the waters and discovered the joy of swimming, rain or shine.

When the sun finally made its grand appearance, it seemed as though it was shining just for us! The remaining days of the week were filled with sunshine, laughter, and refreshing dips in the crystal-clear pool. Campers couldn't get enough of the thrilling water fun and whirlpools.

As the first week of swim draws to a close, we can't help but eagerly await the beginning of the instructional swim program. From hesitant Rishons to confident Shlishis, all our campers will get an opportunity to improve their strokes. With the sun shining brightly above us, we eagerly anticipate the weeks to come, brimming with endless possibilities for fun, growth, and aquatic adventure. Stay tuned for more thrilling updates from Camp Shalom!  
Wishing you sunny days and splashes of joy,  
The Camp Shalom Aquatics Division

### Sports @ Shalom

What a great first week of sports in Camp Shalom! The boys and girls enjoyed basketball, hockey, soccer, volleyball, and much more. Our amazing sports counselors are helping the children learn new skills while having fun in a safe environment. Can't wait for a summer full of sports fun!



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### PARSHAS CHUKAS-BALAK Q & A

#### Parshas Chukas - Balak Parsha Question



1. What is a חק? **A מצוה we don't know that reason for.**
2. What is משפט? **A law we understand and know the reason for.**
3. What is the פרה אדומה?  
**It is a red cow. We Shecht it and burn it. We mix the ashes with Spring water (and other things). We use it to make people pure by sprinkling it on them on days 3 and 7.**
4. What עבירה does Moshe do? What was his punishment?  
**He hits the rock instead of talking to it. He doesn't go into Israel.**
5. Which two special people die in this week's Parsha?  
**מררים and אהרן.**
6. Who was the king of מואב?  
**בלק**
7. Who was בלעם?  
**A Navi from מדין**
8. What did בלק ask בלעם?  
**To curse the Jewish people because he is scared of them.**
9. What animal did בלעם ride on?  
**A donkey**
10. Who stood in front of the donkey?  
**An angel of Hashem with a sword.**
11. What happened when the donkey saw the angel?  
**He kept turning away and would not take בלעם where he wanted to go.**
12. What miracle did Hashem do?  
**He made the donkey talk.**
13. Did בלעם curse the Jews?  
**No Hashem made him give a ברכה.**
14. What did בלעם do to try and get ה' to curse the Jewish people?  
**They built 7 מזבחי and brought קרבנות.**
15. What song did בלעם say in this week's פרשה?  
**מה טובו.**