



Camp Shalom Shmooze

July 10, 2026
Parshas Matos-
Maasei



Rabbi Gold's Parsha Corner

The Parsha ends with a dialogue between Bnei Gad, Reuven and Moshe. They asked that their portion of land be in Ever HaYarden, and not in Eretz Yisroel with the rest of Klal Yisroel. What was behind their desire to give up their portion of Eretz Yisroel that they waited so long to receive?

The answer can be found in the words of the Medrash who explains that Bnei Gad & Reuven had many cattle and were afraid that it could lead to stealing and arguments, and that is why they chose not to be in Eretz Yisroel. With this Mesiras Nefesh, self sacrifice, why were they reprimanded by Moshe? The reason is because they were separating from the rest of Bnei Yisroel. Although Bnei Gad and Bnei Reuven had the best intentions, their actions demonstrated a lack of achdus and that is what Moshe was upset about.

Here at Camp Shalom, we focus on achdus and the relationships our campers form with each other. Learning how to play and interact with their peers is a key stage of development for children and one that helps our campers continue to grow with their middos!

Candle Lighting

Teaneck: 8:11 PM
Bergenfield: 8:11 PM
Passaic: 8:11 PM
Fairlawn: 8:11 PM
Manhattan: 8:10 PM

Important Dates:

July 14

Colorful Candy Dress
Up Day

July 15

Rishon Pajama Day

July 16

Camp Shalom
Siyum

Nosim Trips

M: The Beast
T: Yestercades
W: Bronx Zoo
Th: South Mountain
Hike
F: Spins Hudson

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

Rishon just finished an unbelievable week, and we can't wait to share it with you. We enjoyed an amazing Blues Clues theme day. We sped around the building to go from one clue to the next until we got back to our starting place. We enjoyed delicious lollipops as a treat! On Thursday, we boarded the bus to an incredible adventure to Go Playland where we climbed, jumped, and swung to our hearts content. As usual, our week was filled with activities that put a smile on our faces and a spring in our step! Wish you were here!

The **Sheini** and Shlishi Girls **MUSTACHE** you a question- which part of this week sounds the most fun? Our trip to Legoland Discovery Center? Our paper chain building competition in team building? Our camp-wide scavenger hunt? Forming animals in ceramics? Playing family feud in Game Show Mania? Performing our skits in game show mania? Studying different minerals in nature? I'll give you a **CLUE**- the highlight of our week was spending every day together with our friends.

This week the Boys Division put on our detective hats and magnifying glasses as we **CLUEd** in to camp this week. Campers enjoyed running around camp to find all the riddles hidden around camp, and put their heads together to answer all kinds of questions about various camp activities and staff. We also had blocks of fun at Legoland Discovery Center, blasting at skeletons, spinning round and round, or building all over the place!



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Around the Pool

Week three at the Camp Shalom pools was filled with lots of fun in the sun (and a few raindrops too).

During instructional swim, the lifeguards worked with the campers on improving their skills. At free swim, campers played with oodles of pool noodles and other toys and enjoyed themselves even more when many of their counselors joined them in the pools!

Sports @ Shalom

Camp Shalom is excited to welcome our newest specialist Remy to our sports team! With his incredible energy, enthusiasm, and positive attitude, Remy has quickly become a favorite among the campers.

Whether he's introducing our Rishon campers to the fundamentals of a new game, officiating (or jumping into) an exciting game with Yosef, Remi has a way of making sports fun and engaging for campers of every age.

One of the highlights of the summer is the campers constantly asking Remi to "break it down!" Thanks to his popular Instagram video, he's become something of a camp celebrity, and he always brings smiles and excitement wherever he goes.

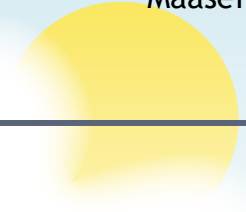
Remi has become an invaluable member of our sports staff, helping create an encouraging and energetic environment every day. We're so grateful to have him as part of the Camp Shalom family and can't wait to see all the fun he'll continue to bring this summer!



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PARSHAS MATOS-MAASEI Q & A

Introduction:

1. How many Parshios do we learn this week?
2
2. Which Parshios?
מטות מסעי
3. What do ראובן and גד requests 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 בנות 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 Sfarim?
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.