



Camp Shalom Shmooze

July 17, 2026
Parshas Devarim



Rabbi Gold's Parsha Corner

Moshe instructs the judges to attempt to understand the plaintiff's claims and avoid making hasty judgments. He says that even if they have seen a similar case multiple times in the past, they still must deliberate before issuing a ruling. Also, the first Mishna in Pirkei Avos begins with the precaution of "Be deliberate in judgment." Why is such a focus made on a halacha that only applies to a few people, the judges?

The answer is that daily living involves constant judgment and decision-making. When we meet people, we immediately size them up. We can be quick to judge someone's actions. We make personal decisions. We decide where to live, how to act, etc. The Mishna, as well as Moshe, is teaching us that every person is a judge. In all matters of our lives, we must act with intent and not hastily. We never want to rush into a decision we will regret later on.

At Camp Shalom, we learn all about how we should treat each other and ensure that we judge our friends favorably. By treating our friends nicely, we will also be treated nicely!

Candle Lighting

Teaneck: 8:07 PM
Bergenfield: 8:07 PM
Passaic: 8:08 PM
Fair Lawn: 8:08 PM
Manhattan: 8:07 PM

Important Dates:

July 20

Headbanz Hat
Dress Up Day

July 23

Tisha B'Av
NO CAMP

July 24

Only Girls/Rishon
2 & 3 will swim

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.

Nosim Trips

M: Top Golf
T: Florham Park
Roller Rink
W: No Limit Ninja
Th: Tisha B'Av
F: Hemlock Falls
Hike



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NEWS AROUND CAMP SHALOM

It's hard to believe we have reached the halfway point of camp! Our Rishon campers had an amazing week filled with laughter, play, and friendship. From stem where we talked about different textures to yoga to drama we have been busy campers! Theme day was a sweet one where we enjoyed playing different games and, of course, tasting some delicious treats. We ended the week with a meaningful oneg. Wishing everyone a beautiful Shabbos.

The Sheini and Shlishi girls had the sweetest week at Camp Shalom! We made candy sushi in Fun with Food, marshmallow towers in STEM, and art projects out of candy wrappers. Our Candy Carnival theme day was the highlight of our week! Marshmallow spoon races, froot loop necklaces, skittle sorting with chopsticks, and fishing in a "gumball lake" was a great way to spend the last week of first half. We can't wait to spend the second half of summer with our friends at Camp Shalom.

What a sweet week in camp this week!

On Candyland Theme Day, campers were surprised with a series of carnival games, bright colors, and their counselors dancing the "Gummy Bear" dance. On Thursday, Rabbi Teigman made a siyum, and the entire camp enjoyed cookies in celebration.

Mazal tov to Rav Aharon!
Looking forward to another great week of camp.
Good Shabbos!



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Around the Pool

It was a refreshing week at the Camp Shalom pools! The campers enjoyed their swim time cooling off during the heat wave! As we transitioned into the 9 days, we began focusing even more on improving swim skills during the extended instructional swim time, from floating to front crawl and everything in between.

As we close off the end of first half in camp, swim report cards are to be sent out to parents over the weekend. Make sure to take a look and see how far each camper has come in just one month of swim instruction.

The Aquatics Division of Camp Shalom

Sports @ Shalom

Sports highlight on Adam Friedman

Adam made the transition from Chinuch to the Sports staff this summer, and he has been an outstanding addition to the team. An incredibly patient and dedicated specialist, Adam creates an environment where campers are engaged, encouraged, and excited to participate. Beyond teaching athletic skills, he consistently emphasizes the importance of sportsmanship, teamwork, and respect.

His background in Chinuch has been a tremendous asset in his new role. Adam naturally connects with campers, understands how to motivate them, and brings a thoughtful educational approach to every activity. His ability to combine strong leadership with genuine care has made him an exceptional sports specialist and a positive role model for everyone around him. We are so grateful to have Adam on the sports staff.



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PARSHAS DEVARIM & TISHA B'AV Q & A

דברים

1. What is ספר דברים about?
It is משה's final speech to the Jewish people.
2. When does ספר דברים happen?
**The last 5 weeks before Moshe dies.
Before we go into Israel**
3. What does ספר דברים talk about?
Moshe rebukes the Jewish people. He talks about a lot of the mistakes that the Jews made in the desert.
4. Which פסוק is lained differently in this week's Parsha?
There is a פסוק in the second Aliyah that starts with the word איכא. We lained that פסוק to the tune of איכא.
5. What are some of the עבירות, Moshe reminds the Jews of at the beginning of the פרשה.
He talks about many. He hints to the חטא העגל, he talks a lot about the story of the מרגלים.



תשעה באב

1. What happened on Tisha B'av?
The Beit Hamikdash was destroyed.
2. What happened with Kamtza and Bar Kamtza (at the Party)?
He was kicked out of the party, and not allowed to stay.
3. What did the people at the party do?
They did not do anything. This story is an example of the way Jews were treating each other, and the reason the Beit Hamikdash was destroyed.
4. What are the main things that I am not allowed to do on Tisha B'av?
Eat, drink, leather shoes, creams, washing.
5. How do I wash on Tisha B'av?
I wash up until my knuckles.
6. What are some other things that are not done on Tisha B'av?
**We sit on the floor or a low chair (until midday). We try to avoid greeting people.
We do not put on tefillin until midday.**