



Camp Shalom Shmooze

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Rabbi Gold's Parsha Corner

In ancient times, idol worship was a common occurrence, and a big temptation for the Jewish people. People had the desire to bow down and serve idols. Today, however, we view bowing down to sticks and stones as foolish. Therefore, how are all of the warnings and halachos in the Torah regarding idol worship relevant to us now?

The purpose of the world is for us to get closer to Hashem by perfecting our actions and ourselves. Hashem may make a drought so that we can realize that we must improve ourselves and connect with Him. When Hashem gives us a challenge, some may search for a quick fix: Finding a segulah, paying some money, etc. Seeking the easy way out can be a form of idolatry. Hashem wants us to use the challenges to improve our spirituality and grow from it.

So far this summer, we have seen tremendous growth by all of our campers. They have improved in their tefillos, learning, athletic abilities, talents, and most importantly, middos. As a camp director, I am so proud of all of our campers and look forward to continued growth over the final three weeks of camp!

Candle Lighting

Teaneck: 8:02 PM
Bergenfield: 8:01 PM
Passaic: 8:02 PM
Fair Lawn: 8:02 PM
Manhattan: 8:02 PM

Important Dates:

July 27

Future Job Dress
Up Day

July 28

Rush Hour
Theme Day

Nosim Trips

M: Turtleback
Zoo

T: NJ Jackals
Game

W: Playland Park

Th: Hapik
Yonkers

F: Ringwood
State Park

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

What an amazing week! This week, Rishon focused on having fun the Torah way because of the 9 days. We enjoyed a meaningful theme day where we made honey dishes and Rosh Hashana cards to give to the Friendship Circle. We were quite proud of our work! Fun with food had us making a kotel, and that was the yummiest project of all. We've been brushing up on our alef beis and of course, learning about Tisha B'av in chinuch. We went home with slippers to wear because we couldn't wear leather shoes. Messy masterpieces, Ceramics, and art were the best places to make a beautiful mess! Looking forward to next week for more exciting events!!

The **Sheini** and Shlishi Girls had a fun and meaningful week at camp shalom. We created a kotel at fun with food then wrote what we're thankful for. We had United Hatzalah visit and learned about the importance of helping others. We collaborated in teamwork games in STEM and played SORRY musical chairs. Although the week was short, we made the most out of each day with our friends at Camp Shalom!

This week, the Boys Division, we started out with Headbanz Hat Day, with silly hats galore! We also prepared the campers for the Nine Days and Tisha B'av with our theme of SORRY. Notes were sent around, and bunks helped build the Kotel and create shalom. We also had an amazing demonstration from United Hatzolah, and heard about the wonderful services they do. Have a Good Shabbas, and see you all next week!

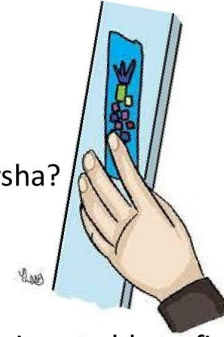


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PARSHAS VA'ESCHANAN Q & A

ואתחנן



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, Berachos. Some opinions say also for Shabbat Zemiros.
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 I 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.