



Camp Shalom Shmooze

August 14, 2026
Parshas Shoftim



Rabbi Gold's Parsha Corner

The pasuk tells us to "Place judges and officers for yourselves in all your gates." (16:18)

Why does the Torah use the singular tense when the Pasuk applies to the entire community?

Rav Chaim Vital explains that each of us has a number of gates through which external influences, both positive and negative, enter your body. We have the gates of sight, hearing, smell, speech, and feeling. To protect ourselves, we need to establish judges and police to ascertain whether the influences are positive or negative. This is why the Pasuk is written in singular form, since each one of us must be vigilant within our community. We place our children and ourselves in environments that we know will be beneficial for their spiritual and emotional growth.

Here in Camp Shalom we spend all summer creating the perfect environment for each of our campers and staff members to grow in all aspects of their lives. As the summer comes to a close, we are so thankful to every staff member, administrator, Rebbe/ Morah, parent, and camper for partnering with us to create this beautiful opportunity for growth. We look forward to a year full of growth, and can't wait to see you all again next summer for Shalom 27!

Rabbi Yehoshua Gold
Camp Shalom Director

Candle Lighting

Teaneck: 7:38 PM
Bergenfield: 7:38 PM
Passaic: 7:38 PM
Fair Lawn: 7:38 PM
Manhattan: 7:37 PM

**Countdown
for Camp
Shalom
'27
Begins
Now!!
Tuesday,
June 22,
2027**



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NEWS AROUND CAMP SHALOM

It is so hard to believe that we have just completed another amazing summer at Camp Shalom!!! We had an amazing trip to Sesame Street, and we couldn't be happier! Swimming, ceramics, messy masterpieces, and everything we have done have made our summer an unbelievable experience. And of course, our amazing morahs who made our campers happy and safe. As always, thank you for sharing your beautiful children with us. We wish you a wonderful year and look forward to seeing you next summer!!!

To my dear Sheini and Shlishi campers and parents,

It is so hard to believe week 8 of camp has come to a close. The Sheini and Shlishi girls have had the most incredible week to close out the summer. From our trip to Ninja Kids, the theme day carnival, our emotional last oneg, and the amazing campwide concert, this has been a week (and a summer) to remember forever. A group that started week 1 as strangers finished week 8 as a family. This summer wasn't just fun and GAMES, deep bonds and true friendships were made week after week at Camp Shalom. I am truly privileged to have been your child's unit head this summer and I can't wait to see everybody back at Camp Shalom 2027!!!

Have an amazing year at school and we'll see you next summer!

Sincerely,
Daniella Shapiro
Girls Unit Head

The Sheini & Shlishi Boys had a high flying final week, starting with Ninja Kidz!! Kids bounced, trampolined, and played basketball and dodgeball on a variety of mats and trampolines. We also had a carnival day in camp, with slides, obstacle courses, and a bouncy house. Finishing the summer strong, we had a concert with the talented Benny Amar!!! Thank you all for the amazing summer of 2026, and I wish everyone a Good Shabbos and an amazing school year!



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Around the Pool

As the sun sets on another unforgettable summer, we're filled with a mixture of bittersweet emotions. It's hard to believe that we've reached the end of Week 8 and bid adieu to Camp Shalom for this year. What an incredible journey it has been, filled with laughter, growth, and cherished memories that will stay with us forever.

Our campers truly embraced the spirit of adventure this summer. From conquering new strokes in the pool to forming unbreakable bonds of friendship, their enthusiasm has been the heartbeat of our camp. We couldn't be prouder of their dedication, whether they were mastering advanced techniques or diving into the joy of free swim sessions. The highlight of this closing week was celebrating our campers who embarked on the deep water test and progressed to higher swim levels. Their achievements are a testament to their hard work, determination, and the unwavering support of our exceptional swim instructors. We've witnessed not only their growth in swimming skills but also their personal growth as they faced challenges head-on and emerged victorious.

As we say farewell to Camp Shalom for this summer, our hearts are full of gratitude for each camper, family, and staff member who contributed to the magic of this season.

The memories we've created will forever be etched in our minds, and the lessons learned will continue to shape us in the years to come. Until we meet again, remember to keep those waterlogged smiles and the spirit of adventure alive.

With waterlogged smiles,
The Aquatics Division of Camp Shalom



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Sports @ Shalom

As we head into the final week of camp, sports have once again been a huge part of the summer for our campers. From basketball and kickball to soccer and 9-square, the fields and courts have been busy with competition, teamwork, and plenty of memorable moments. The last week brings some of the most exciting games of the summer, as teams wrap up tournaments, settle rivalries, and get one more chance to compete together before camp comes to an end. For many of our campers, these final games are a great way to finish a summer filled with friendships, competition, and camp spirit.

A big thanks to the outstanding sports staff for an amazing summer!!!

Gabi Secemski

David Amster

Yehuda Avner

Remy Chamberlain

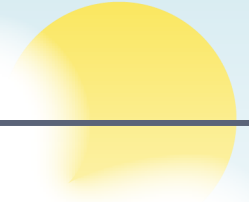
Adam Friedman





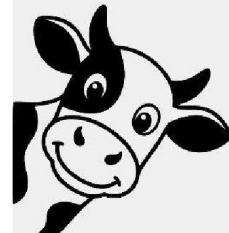
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PARSHAS SHOFTIM Q & A

פרשת שופטים



1. When we get to Israel, we go to two special mountains to give the blessing and curses. What are the names of the two mountains?
הר אבל and הר גריזים
2. Where is it forbidden to plant trees?
On בית המקדש by the הר הבית.
3. How many witnesses are needed to testify in Halacha?
2 witnessed.
4. What is a Jewish king not allowed to have too much of?
Too much money, too many horses, too many wives.
5. The Torah tells us that we are not allowed to do fortunetelling? What are allowed to do instead?
Get advice or speak to a נביא.
6. Where does someone go to, if they killed someone by accident?
They need to go to the עיר מקלט.
7. What is the least amount of these cities that needs to be set up in Israel?
At least three, but more should be set up if needed.
8. Who would speak the בני ישראל before they would go out to war?
The כהן would address them first.
9. Who would be allowed to return from the war (unless it is a מלחמת מצוה)?
Someone who just got married. Someone who just planted a vineyard. Someone who just built a house.
10. The Torah tells us that if you have a siege on a city, there is something you may not do. What are you not allowed to do?
You may not to cut down fruit trees.



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