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Week #3 - in Review

I wont even try to hide it. Yep. I'm crying. Boo-Hoo! And why shouldn't I? We just finished the third and final week of camp... we won't be back for a whole year! But what fun we had!!!

On Monday, we began by painting camp's CARS beautiful. It was even more fun cleaning up the cream and paint!

We had a superbious round of kickball, played Double Disks, and baked delishefying oatmeal thumbprint cookies, which we filled with jelly and colored sugar crystals. M-m-m-m.

We learned about having faith in Hashem and looking for the positive in every situation. We heard fascinating stories about Rabbi Akiva and the bandits, and Reb Nachum with the sandy treasure, and how they reacted when things went wrong.

We went swimming and made crazeroonee looking grass-head guys. What fun!

On Tuesday, we made beautiful plaster Kotel replicas, and wooden Mezuzah cases.

At Funshops, the chefs made yummy-in-my-tummy tuna wraps, the Woodworkers Guild stained the wood for their Tzedaka boxes, and the Card-Making Artsies made fancy invitation cards.

We learned about the first two Beis Hamikdosh that were destroyed, and that by Ahavas Yisroel we hasten the coming of Moshiach and the rebuilding of the third Beis Hamikdosh. Remember the soldier with the wooden sword?

We then went on a surprise trip to... Bowling! Fun! Fun! And MORE fun!!! I just LOVE camp Gan Isreal!

On Wednesday, we began with a Watermelon Treasure Hunt, splishsplashish game of Water Marco Polo.

We learned about gathering the sparks and preparing ourselves for Moshiach's coming. Remember Chaim and the strange island?

We went swimming, baked decorated cookies, and made mini mitzvah monsters.

At Funshops, the chefs made pizza and delishilicious salad, the woodworkers finished building their Tzedaka boxes, and the cardmakers made Happy Birthday cards.

On Thursday, we learned about staying focused when it's time to learn Torah and do Mitzvos.

Then we headed out to Canobie Lake Park for a super-duperly fun-filled day. Was the Boston Tea Party splash so totally wasome, or was it oh so-o-o totally wasome?

On Friday, we baked Challah, and received our prizes for bunk competition. We went to the arcades, bought great prizes with our tickets, and had yum pizza party at lunch.

YUM! We went swimming and finished the day with a beautiful Shabbat party...

Ok. It's happened. I'm crying again. I'm not trying to stop this time... I can't wait for next year, there is no doubt in my mind that I'm coming back. And I'm bringing my other friends along too, this time!

Shabbat Shalom!
GO IZZY!

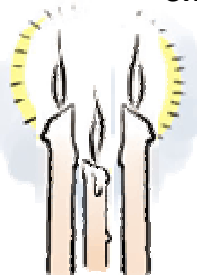


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Are You Ready?

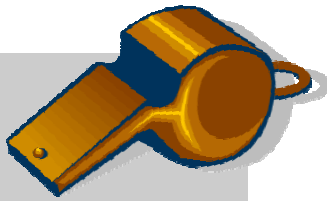
Shabbat Parshat Pinchas



Light Candles
8:01 pm

Shabbat Ends
9:08 pm

Sponsored in the merit of
Yosef Ber Halevi ben Chana Riva
For good health and peace



A Word from the Director

Looking back at the three weeks of camp, I am reminded of our camp motto, about "making Jewish kids happier and happy kids Jewisher." I am proud to say that our motto stands true.

The Jewish kids who joined us this summer had a very happy time in camp. They made new friends. They strengthened old friendships. They sang and cheered for their bunks. They were a part of a whole and yet felt their unique individuality also. They made arts and crafts, baked, went on field trips, played sports, cooked, woodworked, made cards, played a wide range of games, swam, and built an everlasting connection with Camp Gan Izzy of Acton-Concord!

The happy kids who joined us this summer had a very Jewish time in camp. They learned about treating others kindly, and many other fundamental Mitzvot, heard stories of Jewish heroes and heroines, baked Challah, participated in weekly Shabbat parties, learned Jewish songs, and definitely painted the world beautiful with their wonderful contributions to humanity.

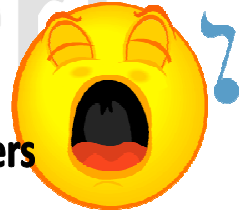
Tell your friends about CGI! We are incredibly proud of our campers and we look forward to an even larger group of happy, Jewish campers in 2009!

~Rivkie



Holler!

Gan Izzy's Songs and Cheers



Jog and jog and jog!
Split your feet and
touch the ground! 4x

Forward! Side!
Together! 4x

Jump! Jump! Jump!

Once again!



CGI Cheer

It's a camp of laughter
A camp of fun
For me Gan Izzy
Is the only one

It's a camp for me
It's a camp for you
It's a camp
For every Jew

It's a great camp
After all
Torah and Mitzvos
Fun for all

It's a great camp
After all
Camp Gan Israel!

I said Heenei! 2x
I said Hinei Ma Tov
U'mah Na'eem 2x
She-e-e-vet 2x
Shevet Acheem
Gam Yachad 2x

Light those candles Friday night
Make the world a bit more bright

Give Tzedaka to the poor
When they come knocking at your door

Kosher meat is what we eat
Cuz kosher meat just cant be beat

Gan Izzy we're the best
We put the others to the test

Let me hear you scream and how
We will bring Moshiach now!

Far away in Acton-Concord
That's where we can be found
Out unity and spirit
Are the best from all around

Raise your voices Gan Israel
And shout it loud and clear
"We want Moshiach now!"
Let the whole world hear

Oh! Gan Izzy
here's to you
Guiding us in all we do
Torah learning sports and fun
G.I. is number one!



Torah-Bytes

From the Daily Torah Lesson

- Behind every dark cloud there is a shining sun, or glowing moon.
- No matter what their level of observance is, a Jew is always a Jew.
- Help rebuild the Beis Hamikdosh - Have more Ahavas Yisroel.
- The Yetzer Hara really doesn't want us to sin. He is only here to **distract** us!
- Do one more Mitzvah. It brings Moshiach that much sooner.



Green Tips Painting the World Beautiful

- Support your Shul. Each dollar donated means less time traveling for fundraising, and more time accomplishing!
- If all U.S. households installed water-efficient appliances, the country would save more than 3 trillion gallons of water and more than \$18 billion dollars per year!
- Have supper with your family together. Aside from the energy costs saved by heating the meal only once, (instead of many times for each member) the time spent together makes for great conversation and memories.
- Plastic bags and other plastic garbage thrown into the ocean kill as many as 1,000,000 sea creatures every year. Make sure to clean up at the beach.
- Buy Kosher food. It's healthier, tastier and greener... (ok maybe not greener, but it's still a great choice!)
- A typical family consumes 29 gallons of juice, 104 gallons of milk, and 26 gallons of bottled water a year. That's a lot of containers - make sure they're recycled.
- Bake challah. You save on the energy spent traveling to the store, and there is nothing better than a warm homemade challah for the Friday night Shabbat meal.
- New Jersey has the highest recycling rate of all the states--56%. Do you think we can beat them this year?
- Come back to Gan Izzy next year. There is no better way to paint the world beautiful, than with Torah and Mitzvos and having a great time with your friends, in the camp you love most!

Go Green! Go IZZY!



During the year, while you are eagerly waiting for camp, what are you going to miss the most?

Miriam: The fun stuff and scrapbooking.

Ariella: Everything.

Nissim: Woodworking, cooking, swimming, arts 'n crafts.

Miryam: The stories that Yanky would tell.

Eliana: Baking and swimming.

Devorah: Swimming, funshops.

Bracha: Funshops, scrapbooking.

Simon: The baking.

How will you paint the world beautiful from now on?

Devorah: I will wash Negel Vasser (ritual hand-washing) in the morning

Ariella: I will light Shabbos candles.

Nissim: I will wash for bread.

Miryam: I will bench (thank Hashem) after I eat.

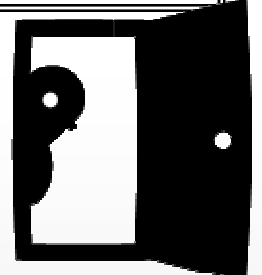
Bracha: I will remember to say Brachot (blessings) before I eat.

Miriam: I will have Ahavas Yisroel (love for my fellow).

Eliana: I will say Modeh Ani in the morning.

Simon: I will read more Jewish books.

Peek-a-BOO! Next Week in CGI



Monday, July 21st

Wake up to realize
There is yet
A whole year before
Camp starts...



Tuesday, July 22nd

Call your counselor
Cuz you just cant LIVE
Without camp!
Then call your friend and tell
them what a good time you had
at CGI



Wednesday, July 23rd

Dress as CGI Camper Day
"Maybe if I wear my
Camp T-shirt
I'll feel a little better.
I just miss camp
Sooooo much!"



Thursday, July 24th

Send your counselor a
Shana Tovah card

Friday, July 25th

Have a Shabbos Party
With your family
Bake some challah
Sing camp songs
Check the calendar
YAY! One week passed...
I'm one week closer to camp!

See you next year!



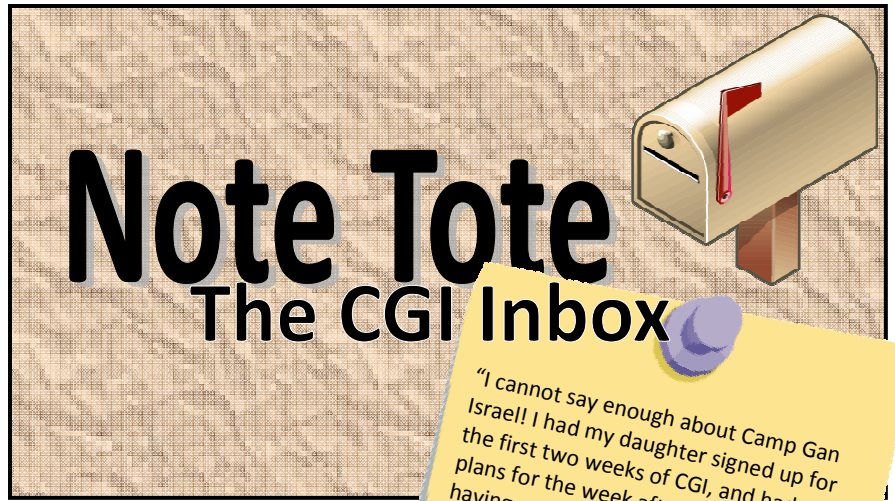


Izzy Quizzy

1. What would Rabbi Akiva say when something went wrong? What would Reb Nachum say?
 2. For how many weeks did the Roman soldiers fight the Jews in Jerusalem?
 3. On what day was the third Beis Hamikdosh destroyed?
 4. Why was the second Beis Hamikdosh destroyed?
 5. What did the Ba'al Shem tov do with the special parchment he took from Chaim?
 6. What is the comparison between a soldier preparing for inspection, and times we live in before Moshiach's coming?
 7. What specific Mitzvah hastens Moshiach's coming?
- Is Acton-Concord CGI the most funtastic absolutely supericious camp in the whole world? Or is it the most funtastic absolutely supericious camp in the whole wide world?

See you next year!

Snapshot Snapshot



"I cannot say enough about Camp Gan Israel! I had my daughter signed up for the first two weeks of CGI, and had other plans for the week after... But she was having such a good time that she didn't want to miss the last week of camp, so she stayed till the end."

Grateful Parent

