

Chabad Day Camp Newsletter

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Week #2 - in Review

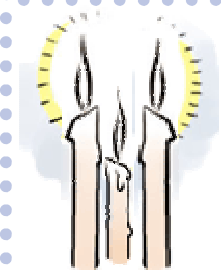
Welcome back! Boy did we have fun this week! **Monday** began with camp songs, cheers, and lineup fun. Then we headed to the art room to create the cutest, funniest-ever Tumblebugs. You should see them go! And the little baby animals were just adorable. I wish they were real. Then, we entered the Jewish Heritage Time Machine, and traveled back to the time of Queen Esther. We met King Achashverosh, and his trusted advisor Mordechai. We witnessed Esther's selflessness, when, at the risk of losing her life, she went to the king to plead on behalf of the Jewish people, to save them from Haman's evil plot. At sports, we learned basic volleyball techniques, and even scored a few points on the court. Wait till you hear how many layers of yummy-in-my-tummy tastelicious stuff we put in our trifle bowl. There was chocolate-vanilla cream, heavenly, soft-as-fluff, brownie, hand-crumbled chocolate-chip cookie crumbs, and whiter-than-white, fluffier-than-fluff

whipped cream. Mmmmm. Now double that! We layered all this yum-stuff twice in the trifle bowl. Double Mmmm, Mmmm! We also baked the tastiest, soft-and-crunchy-at-the-same-time, sure-hits-the-spotifying Chocolate Snickerdoodles! Get them while their hot! Yumm! Then we played Blindfold Wall Football, and headed to Walden Pond for some much-needed summer splish-splash fun and swimming. And who told you Mondays were blue? Obviously not a CGI camper!

On **Tuesday** we built and decorated special Netilat Yadayim towel holders, then played a few rounds of Got Your Back. At funshops, starting from scratch, with peelers and market-fresh ingredients, we baked even-fluffier-than-the-whipped-cream, fluffy and tasty Potato Kugel. Oh! I wish I can make some more for Shabbat! We played a hilarious two rounds of partner hunt, where one of us was blindfolded and the other had their hands tied, and

together, hunted for string. We learned how everyone has unique qualities, and complements the people around them. Then, in preparation for Wednesday's BBQ, we baked another few batches of the famous CGI chocolate-chip cookies (and snuck a few away for immediate consumption, shhh). We headed down to Walden Pond for swimming, and ended the day with Anything Auction. **Wednesday** saw us off to Jump-On-In for some serious fun and laughter, as we jumped, climbed, and slid the day away... back at camp we set the dining area, made a huge vegetable salad, and stirred up the heartiest, must-have-come-straight-from-Italy pasta sauce, for tonight's BBQ. At the BBQ, we had great food and drink, played Ping-Pong-Puff, and had a blast letting our imagination fly, and crafting some really awesome pipe cleaner projects.

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Shabbat Parshat Pinchas

Light Candles

8:06 pm

Shabbat Ends

9:15 pm

Sponsored in honor of
Our Dedicated Counselors - Esther, Shaina and Chava



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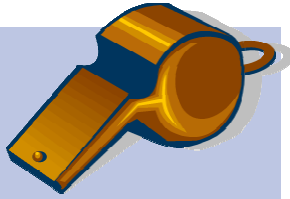
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Shabbat Shalom! GO IZZY!

A Word from the Director



Hello Campers!
Welcome to all of our new campers who came aboard this week.

This Thursday, July 9th, was the 17th day of the month of Tamuz. It is a sad day for the Jewish people, and the beginning of a three-week period of mourning, ending on the 9th of Av.

The history, in short: Almost 2000 years ago, on the 17th of Tamuz the Romans broke into the city of Jerusalem. The Jewish soldiers fought hard to conquer the enemy and drive them out of the city. It was a tough battle, but sadly, they lost the war. Three weeks later, on the 9th of Av, the enemy armies set the Holy Beit Hamikdash aflame, and exiled the Jewish people from the Land of Israel.

As you have learned in the Torah lesson, we can have a part, albeit a spiritual one, in the rebuilding of the Third Beit Hamikdash, by increasing in our Ahavat Yisroel - loving our fellow as ourselves. By showing care and respect to one another, and even to someone whom we have never met.

Ironically, it was on Thursday that I noticed this special quality in our campers. It was during kickball, and even though some players were not that good at the game, they were still given a fair chance to play, and be involved. One example I remember is when the fielding team overlooked a foul-ball and encouraged the young player to run to first base.

That was true Ahavat Yisroel. That was truly playing the game not in order to win, but in order to have fun. What sportsmanship and thoughtfulness. I was very impressed, and continue to be impressed by the display of Ahavat Yisroel among our campers.

I am sure that with kindness as such, we will indeed merit the Redemption, and join our brethren in the Third Beit Hamikdash, speedily in our days! Amen.

Shabbat Shalom!

Sincerely,
Rivkie

Holler!

Gan Izzy's Songs and Cheers



Jog! Jog! Jog!
Split your feet
and touch the
ground! x4

Forward, side,
together. x4

Jump! Jump!
Jump!



CGI Cheer

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!

Thank Hashem
wherever you go
Thank Hashem
because you know
Whatever we have
is from Hashem
Lets sing it
once again!



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

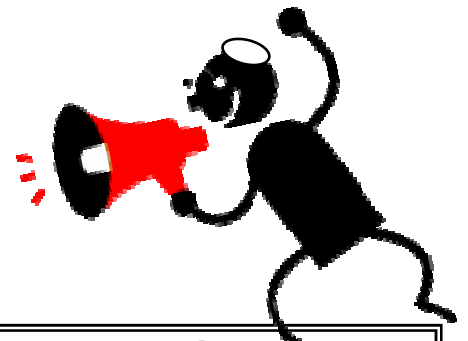
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After all
Camp Gan Israel!



Torah-Bytes

From the Daily Torah Lesson

- Hold the food in your dominant hand when you make a Bracha.
- Ha'eitz on all nuts - except for peanuts which are Ho'adomoh.
- Ha'eitz on all berries - except for strawberries which are Ho'adomoh.
- With Ahavat Yisroel we rebuild the Third Beit Hamikdash.
- Brachas are our way to say thank you to Hashem.



Cuties Quoties

Quotes from our Campers

"What do you LOVE about camp?"

- Melanie** - The fun activities, cooking, and sports. The best part is cooking!
- Jennifer** - The kickball and the cooking. The best part is kickball!
- Lauren** - The time machine.
- Nissim** - Baking and dressing up.
- Devorah** - Everything!
- Miriam** - Everything, but especially the time machine and scrapbooking.
- Ariella** - Kickball, funshops. And Barbara!
- Bracha** - Funshops, pottery, sports. The best part is kickball!
- Counselor Esther** - That we have such great campers. The best part is making the campers happy.
- Director Rivkie** - I love the friendly campers and the caring counselors.

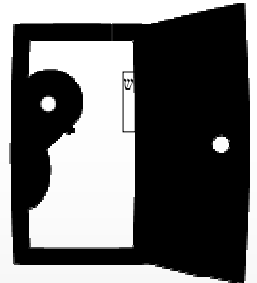
Attitude of GRATITUDE

"Thanks, Hashem!"

- Butterflies taste food by standing on top of it! Their taste receptors are in their feet unlike humans who have most on their tongue. Thanks, Hashem, for making **our** taste buds on our tongue. My mom won't take very kindly to the idea of me stepping on my dinner!
- The brain uses over a quarter of the oxygen used by the human body.
- An average person will eat about 30 cookies a month. Double that number during the summer, if you are a camper baking those really tasty CGI cookies!
- You need 17 muscles in order to show a sweet smile on your face. Thanks to camp, those muscles are getting quite a workout!
- The smallest bone found in the human body is located in the middle ear. The staples (or stirrup) bone is only 2.8 millimeters long. Is that why staples are called staples?
- The worlds largest desert is the Sahara, it covers about one third of Africa! Now, that's desert, not dessert. Unless you enjoy misspelled ice cream.
- In 24 hours, the blood in the body travels a total of 12,000 miles - that's four times the width of North America. That's quite a trip, Hashem! Thanks for making it so effortless!
- The first coast-to-coast telephone line was established in 1914 . And to think that we have a transcontinental cable running through Acton, MA... That should be able to handle you calling all your friends and telling them about CGI!!!

Peek-a-BOO!

Next Week in CGI



Monday, July 13th

J.H.T.
Frisbee Football
Swimming
Very Berry Cookies



Tuesday, July 14th

Cooking
D.E.A.R. Tag
Kosher Krafts
Swimming
Strata-Bottles



Wednesday, July 15th

Trip Day - Extended Day
Canobie Lake Park
Don't forget your Camp T-Shirt



Thursday, July 16th

Shehakol Dress-up day
Sports
J.H.T.
Baking
Pottery

Friday, July 17th

Challah Baking
Scrapbooking
Sports
Grand Shabbat Party
SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!

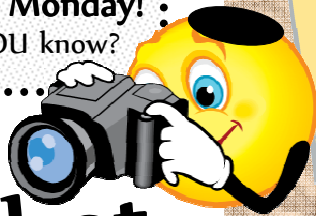




Izzy Quizzy

1. What Bracha do we say on foods that contain primarily flour and water?
2. What Bracha do we say on foods that contain primarily flour and other liquids?
3. What do we think about when we make a Bracha?
4. What happened on the 17th day of Tamuz?
5. When we bake Challah, why do we set aside a small piece of dough to be burnt?
6. Why didn't Mordechai want the Jews to partake in the king's party?
7. Aside from being a Torah scholar, what else did the Rambam do?
8. Is Camp Gan Israel the best camp ever? Or is it the best camp ever?

Quiz during lineup on Monday!
How many answers do YOU know?



Dear CGI
This camp is a very great camp and I hope I can come next summer. It was very fun and I especially enjoyed the cooking and swimming...
Melanie

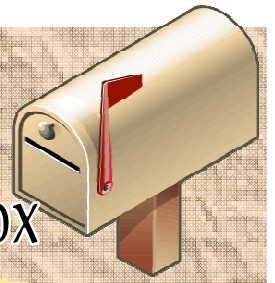
Dear CGI,
...It's especially heart-warming to see how the campers get along so well and treat each other so kindly. My daughter feels involved and appreciated by her counselors, and most importantly, by her fellow campers.
A Parent

Dear CGI
I'm so happy that we get to make pottery. Kickball is so much fun! I especially love all the dress-up days.
Ariella

Dear CGI
I hope I can come back next summer. This was a great camp I really loved the arts and crafts, the time machine and all the other stuff we did
Lauren

Note Tote

Letters from our Inbox



Snipshot Snapshot

