

# Chabad Day Camp Newsletter

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## Week #3 - in Review

The third week of Gan Izzy was off to a great start! On **Monday** we made cool and funky-looking Chopstick hair ornaments, and created puffy, cute, little, can-I-pinch-your-cheek flour children. Then, we took a daring trip in our Jewish Heritage Time Machine, back to the days of Communist Russia. We entered a court-room, where we presented our arguments in defense of a great Rabbi

who was on trial for helping the Jews in his time by spreading Judaism. Then, we played an awesome round of Frisbee football. We headed down to Walden Pond for a

much needed cooling-off. Then we whipped up a batch of really delishifying you-can-have-the-crumbs-when-I'm-done Homemade Milano sandwich cookies. Mmmmm! Add the chocolate filling and say after me: "Mmmmm!". Then we played a zany new game: D.E.A.R. tag, where you read from a random place in a book in order not to get tagged. Boy was that fun! We ended the day with a wacky, funny version of baseball called, Walk This Way, and an exciting Lollipop hunt, to collect the lollies that grew while we were swimming. Serious fun!

On **Tuesday**, we made cute little cellphones with Birkat Hamazon inside. We even got a chance to use them after lunch. At funshops we learned more techniques in taking professional photographs, took apart a computer and learned about its many components (and put it back together again, of course!). The new group of hair-stylers learned tips on hairstyling, and hair care, and the cooking class made beautiful fruit platters. After another exciting game of, we-want-another-inning-please kickball, and made a delicious, lick-your-fingers-then-smack-your-lips Tofu stir-fry. How tasty! After swimming we put our counselors senses to the test at the Counselor Competition of the Five Senses.

**Wednesday** was Grand-Trip day. And boy was I glad we had an extended day! Right after lineup and davening, we headed straight to Canobie Lake Park

for a full day trip. There were water slides, the wowawesomely Boston Tea Party soaker, the thrilling Yankee Cannonball roller-coaster, amazing shows, and many other dizzying and thrilling rides... what a way to spend the day! And what better way to spend such a fun day than with fellow campers and counselors. I love Gan Izzy!

On **Thursday** we learned more music arrangement, and tried some difficult new drum beats on the keyboard. For Jewish Heritage Time we learned about the Lubavitcher Rebbe, and how he loved every single Jew, and inspired many to help others, and teach them Torah. In fact, we have our very



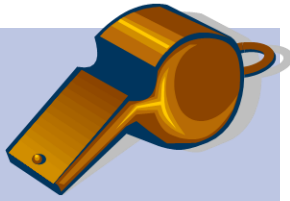
own Camp Gan Israel in Acton, thanks to him! Thank you Rebbe! At sports we played I-just-don't-want-to-stop-playing kickball and made sure that everyone had a chance to play the different positions on the field. We went swimming, and ended the day with funshops: hairstyling, photography, vegetable platters and crazy, bubbling, sizzling, exploding science experiments.

On **Friday** we made beautiful pottery dishes, and played the season's final I-can't-get-enough kickball game. We had a splashing blast, running in the sun and through the water sprinklers. Boy, was that refreshing, and the wacky, silly waterpillar was just a riot! Then, we braided and shaped our very own Challahs. While they baked we had tons of fun at the relay races, Simon Says and Roll Out the Marble. We ended the day with the Grand Shabbat Party. Parents and campers alike, noshed, laughed, and joined in games, fun and song. The Shabbat Party ended with an award ceremony and a final rendition of the camp theme song. Boy am I going to miss camp! We said our good-byes, and promised to keep in touch over the year. Looking forward to seeing you all next year in CGI 2010!

**Shabbat Shalom!**

**GO IZZY!**

## A Word from the Director



Well, campers, this is it! I hope you had a wonderful experience this summer in Camp Gan Israel, and will join us next year for a whole new and exciting experience at CGI 2010!

I really enjoyed the past three weeks, and look forward to even more fun and spirit next year. From the songs at lineup, the Jewish Heritage Time Machine (thank you Barbara), funshops, music, trips, swimming and sports, to the baking, arts n' crafts and hunts, this has really been the greatest summer ever!

Our theme this summer was "Attitude of Gratitude", recognizing and verbalizing the many things we have that we are grateful for. Aside from saying Brachas before and after eating and drinking, we had a daily routine where the campers would mention something for which they are grateful. This attitude of gratitude really picked up, and I encourage you to continue doing so throughout the year.

On that note, I am grateful to Hashem for such a wonderful summer, and thanks to all of those who helped make it the success it was!

Special thanks to the counselors, Esther, Shaina and Chava, for their dedication and non-stop energy. Without them, it just wouldn't have been the same!

Thank you Rabbi and Mrs. Polter for having this wonderful camp, and for all your help in making sure things run smoothly.

Last but not least, thank you campers! You are truly a great bunch of enthusiastic, energetic, kind and friendly campers.

And of course, children, thank your parents for sending you to CGI.

Wishing you a wonderful rest of your summer, and a great year at school... and remember, there is less than 345 days left to CGI 2010! Hope to see you there!

Shabbat Shalom!

Sincerely,

Rivkie



# Holler!

Gan Izzy's Songs and Cheers



Ganizzy  
Go dizzy  
Come wizzy  
Delizzy  
Its easy  
And peasy  
To doozy  
Good deedzy  
So pleasey  
Come joinzy  
Enjoyzy  
Go Izzy!



C.G.I. 2009 Anthem

C.G.I. its year two now,  
join us and we'll show you how  
to have fun, learn, play, and sing,  
and thank Hashem for everything

Mezonos Munchers!  
Munch! Munch! Munch!  
Shehakol Crunchers!  
Crunch! Crunch! Crunch!  
For supper, breakfast,  
brunch and lunch  
Thanks, Hashem, a bunch! 2x

Thunder and lightning,  
ain't so frightening  
'Cause we know its from Hashem!  
Ha'etz, Ho'adama,  
Hamotzie, Hagafen  
Thank Hashem for all of them!

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Shabbat Parshat Matos-Masei

Light Candles

8:02 pm

Shabbat Ends

9:09 pm



Sponsored in the merit of  
The safety and security of our brethren in Israel

Smile there,  
ain't you glad you're living  
Think of all the giving you can do

Think of, never have a downfall  
Always be glad that you are you

Somewhere, somebody is waiting  
Waiting to see your smile  
Tell the world I'm coming  
I'm glad that I am me  
Tell the world I'm coming  
I'm glad that I am me

Seven little ducks that I once knew  
Fat ones, skinny ones they were too  
But the one little duck  
with the Kippah on his head  
He lead the others  
with a quack, quack, quack

And down to the river  
they would go  
A wiggle, waggle, wiggle, waggle  
to and fro,

But the one little duck  
with a Kippah on his head,  
he lead the others with a  
quack, quack, quack.



# Torah-Bytes

- Grace after Meals - thanking Hashem after we eat.
- You don't have to be a great scholar to teach another person Torah. Whatever you know you can teach someone else who does not know it yet.
- Just as every instruments have its own unique part in music, so too, each of us has their own unique way of serving Hashem.
- A Mezuzah protects us even when we are not home.
- We welcome the Shabbat with lighting Shabbat candles at the proper time.

## Attitude of GRATITUDE

"Thanks, Hashem!"

- 61,000 people are airborne over the US at any given time . Thanks, Hashem, for keeping an extra eye out for our travelers in the sky. It can get really hectic up there.
- The sun is approximately 93 million miles from the earth. If it got too much closer the heat would be unbearable, a little farther, and we would freeze. Thanks, Hashem! You're doing a great job keeping it just right!
- One million cloud droplets are needed to make enough water to produce one raindrop. Phew! There must have been trillions of cloud droplets this summer!
- $111,111,111 \times 111,111,111 = 12,345,678,987,654,321$ . Try it! Cool isn't it?
- Although earthquakes can be deadly, most are very small and not even felt by humans. Thanks, Hashem, for keeping us out of harm's way,
- Rather than putting on weight from eating celery you actually lose it, you burn more calories from the chewing than you put on from the food itself. Now how about some celery flavored ice cream?
- An olive tree can live up to 1,500 years! And to think that an olive branch is a symbol of peace.
- Fact is, Camp Gan Israel campers are happier during 3 weeks in the summer than during the remaining 49 weeks together. Just ask the campers. Thank Hashem for Camp Gan Israel, and be sure to register early for the Summer of 2010!

## Cuties Quoties

### Camp Gan Israel - Summed Up

Annette - Fun  
E.J. - Best  
Bracha - A Blast

Devorah -  
Ariella -  
Danielle -  
Elliana -  
Miryam -  
Miriam -  
Chava -  
Rivkie -  
Lauren -



Jumpy  
Awesome  
Friends  
Exciting  
Cool  
Fantastic  
Funky  
Kindness  
Fun

Harrison - Awesome  
Yoshi - Too good to describe  
Jennifer - Great  
Nissim - Cool  
Amit - Exciting  
Yakov - Fun Games

## KEEP IN TOUCH!

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# Note Tote

## Letters from our Inbox

Dear Camp,  
I will miss you very much. I loved when we played kickball. This is the best camp in the world.  
Love,  
Amit

Dear Camp,  
I'm going to miss camp...  
I loved the trips we went on. I will miss you in the fall. See you next year.

Nissim

Dear Camp,  
I had a great time playing games and arts n' crafts. I will miss you in the fall. I want to bring some friends next year.

From E.J.

Dear Camp Gan Israel,  
I liked my counselor named Chava this year. And I liked the other counselors too. I also liked the campers this year! I really liked photography too! I'm going to miss kickball almost every day. I'm really gonna miss the Chabad House and the Chabad Camp.

From Harrison

Dear Rivkie,  
Thank you so much for having me at your camp. I had so much fun. My favorite thing that we did was going to Canobie Lake Park.

Love,  
Annette

Dear Camp,  
I really liked all the sports, baking and all the fun we did.  
I really hope I can come back next year! This was a gr8 camp and a nice summer being here. I'm going to miss camp for the rest of the summer.

Love,  
Lauren

Dear Camp,  
I am so unhappy that you are over!  
From Yoshi

P.S. I will miss you in the fall.

Dear Camp,  
I loved the cooking. I loved the sports we did. I also loved the arts n' crafts. I loved the dress-up days. I'm going to miss you. I like the swimming we do. I love all the games we do. I'm going to miss you in the rest of the summer.

Love,  
Jenifer

Dear Camp Gan Izzy,  
This is the best camp I've ever been to! My favorite part was the field trips and the time machine.  
I hope to bring more people to Camp Gan Izzy every year.  
Please keep the camp running well.

Sincerely,

Miryam

Dear Camp Gan Izzy,  
This camp was so much fun I really liked kickball and going to Canobie Lake Park. Next year I really want to go for three weeks. I also liked baking and swimming.

Sincerely,  
Eliana

Dear Rivkie,  
You have the best camp in the world!  
The counselors are so nice and I love kickball.  
I'm going to come back next year for another three weeks and I know it's going to be a blast.

Love  
Ariella

Dear Shaina,  
Thank you so much for all you did. From helping all around to coaching us along to everything. Thank you so much!  
Missing camp immensely,

Miriam Polter

Dear CGI,  
I had a blast at camp this year! I cant even choose which activities I liked best!  
Thanks!

Bracha

I love CGI,  
I wish I could come back to CGI...  
It is so awesome!

Yakov

Dear CGI,  
I love camp. I can't wait till next year. The best part of camp was Jewish Heritage Time Machine.

Sincerely,  
Devorah Leah Polter

Dear Rivkie,  
Thank you for making the effort to make Camp Gan Izzy. It is the best camp ever. I can't wait to see you next year. You are really good and singing and making songs up . I had so much fun at camp I am definitely going to come back next year.  
I will miss everybody in camp.

Love,  
Danielle

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