



Friday June 26, 2017

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Shabbat
Candle Lighting
this week:
8:11 PM



Weekly Theme: Simcha Streets (Simcha = Happiness)

MINI GAN DIVISION

The first few days of camp were great! Although it was a short week, all the children made new friends and explored their new classroom. They had a great time at the LICM bubble show, making bubbles. They enjoyed playing outside on the water slide and with the bubble foam machine. Their all-time favorite is the water table! On smiley face day, we painted emoji's in our paint center, and learned how to play emoji bingo. We ended off the week by braiding our very own challahs, and having an exciting Shabbat party!

At the end of a long day, the children enjoy ice pops while waiting for mom or dad.

If at all possible, please dress your child in his/her swim suit and apply sun tan lotion before dropping off at camp.

Thank you! Shabbat Shalom!

JUNIOR GAN DIVISION

We are so excited and happy to share our very first newsletter of the summer! We have completed our first few days at Gan Israel and it was such a fun week, beyond all expectation! All of the campers were so excited to come to camp and they seem to be having a great time so far. Our theme this week was Simcha Streets (Simcha means happiness), and we talked about being happy, and practiced being happy campers. Here is a short glance on some of the awesome activities we did this week:

Wednesday- We started off with meeting our counselors and bunk-mates, playing lots of water sports with our awesome foam machine and water slides, made some cute emojis, enjoyed a sports workshop with Super Soccer Stars and even had a bubble show from the LICM- and this was just the first day!

Thursday- Campers showed up covered with smiley faces on their clothes and faces, and one even on her shoes! We continued with collecting lots of beans and then bidding on some prizes- boy were some of them funny!! We also had counselor fun-shops where we got to choose between keychain making (check out some of the kids' backpacks) and 'mad science' during which the campers saw how some drinks explode when you put in mentos and diet coke, while exploding with laughter themselves! We wish Juliana a very happy 6th birthday! It was fun celebrating her birthday with special cupcake treats!

Friday, the day we've all been waiting for- swimming! The campers had their first dip in the pool and took swimming tests, and they did swimmingly well :). We also got ready and excited for Shabbat with a Shabbat party and special Shabbat project!

We all had a fantastic first week of camp and we're so excited for next week! Wishing you all a wonderful Shabbat and fun weekend!



Peek @ Next Week

Mini
Gan



Junior
Gan



Reminders:

- >Please send a bathing suit to camp every day, and apply sunscreen to your child each morning before camp.
- >Mini Gan: On all water days, please send your child wearing his/her swim suits.
- >Junior Gan: On Thursday, July 6 please have your child wear his/her camp t-shirt, as well as good walking shoes (preferably closed), bug spray, long pants , and socks.
- >Junior Gan: On swim days, please send your child wearing his/her swim suit.

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PARSHAT CHUKAT ROUND UP-THE WEEKLY TORAH PORTION

The Torah is not written in the order in which events happened, and this week's *parshah* jumps to the end of the Jews' forty years in the desert, the 38th year, to be exact. We begin by learning about a special mitzvah that enables a Jew who is *tameh*-impure- to become pure again and thus be allowed in the *Mishkan*. This is the commandment of the *parah adumah*, the red cow. If someone becomes impure because of contact with a dead body, the ashes of the *parah adumah*, together with cedar wood, a branch of hyssop, and wool, can purify him.

When the People of Israel arrived in the desert of Zin, Miriam passed away, and the well of water that they had always had in her merit dried up. So the people had no water and complained to Moses. G-d told Moses to talk to the rock and tell it to bring forth water. But Moses instead hit the rock with his stick, and water gushed out. G-d then told Moses that because he did not follow his instructions exactly, he would not be able to go into the Land of Israel.

The Jews wanted to continue traveling towards Israel, so they sent messengers to the king of Edom asking him permission to pass through Edom's land, which was next in their route. The king responded that they may **not** travel through his land, and if they try to, he will come and kill everybody. The Jews said that they would not take any food or drink any water, they would just walk on the road so they could get to the other side, but the king still said absolutely not. So the Jews had to take a longer route to get around the land of Edom.

G-d told Moses to take Aaron and his son Elazar up a mountain called Mount Hor. There, Moses took Aaron's clothing and put it on Elazar, and Aaron lay down and passed away. When the Jews saw Moses and Elazar come down alone, they realized that Aaron had passed away, and everyone began to weep. They mourned for 30 days.

The extra long journey around the land of Edom discouraged the Jews, and they complained again to Moses. Poisonous snakes then attacked the camp, and G-d told Moses to put up a brass serpent high on a pole. Everyone who had been bitten and then saw Moses' brass serpent was then healed.

The Jews sing a song of thanks to G-d for the well that provided them with water in the desert.

Now the Jews reach another land that they have to pass through. So they send a message to Sihon, King of the Amorites, asking for permission to pass through his land. This time, Sihon did not just say no, he actually went out to war against the Jews. They fought back and won, gaining all of his three lands. Then Og, King of Bashan, came out to fight and the Jews won him too and conquered his land.