



Friday July 7, 2017

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Shabbat

Candle Lighting

this week:

8:10PM



## Weekly Theme: Torah Tunnels

### MINI GAN DIVISION

The children had a blast this week at camp! We played outside on the playground and water slide. We also learned how to drum with all different types of drums and different drumming sticks. We took a little walk over to the Little Gym where the children did gymnastics and climbed and jumped everywhere. Their favorite was the balance beam and we couldn't get them off when it was time to leave! They played soccer with Super Soccer Stars! They all got a chance to kick the soccer ball into the goal! Then, they all got a chance to relax with a bit of yoga! The children also put there creative arts talents to work by making an ice cream cone with a painted hand and a picture of their painted feet in the grass. They all loved getting their feet and hands tickled with the paint brush!!!

We enjoyed Torah week and enjoy singing and holding our Torahs during circle time.



### JUNIOR GAN DIVISION

We have just finished our second week of camp and the campers are so happy! We had a really fun and adventurous time and also learned a lot of cool things! The theme of this week was Torah Tunnels. We start off every morning doing some fun cheering, morning exercises, davening and singing together, giving tsedakah, and the campers are learning lots of new songs!

On Monday, we had another really awesome excursion to the pool where we splashed and laughed and improved our swimming and pool-bubble-blowing skills:) We also made yummy cookies and then had a really fun drumming activity where we learned to play different super cool drums from around the world!

On Tuesday we all got to spend time with our families but were sad we missed camp!

On Wednesday we hit the pool again and had so much fun! We also made cool art projects called shrinky-dinks, coloring and cutting out images of beautiful Jewish objects like candles, a tsedakah box, and Torah! We attended the world-wide national CGI rally, where we joined with campers from Gan Izzy around the whole world! We flew on an airplane, cheered and sang and were very happy to celebrate and rally with so many other kids! What a fun day, and we even got to be super soccer stars again! Our soccer skills are really improving, look out world cup!

On Thursday we came in to camp with silly hair for silly hair day and we all looked so silly and cute! We had some really fun water play time right in our awesome playground, and then we had a special yoga class, which was so fun and also relaxing! We learned all sorts of cool poses and learned to be like a mountain, a warrior, and other cool things! We even got some lavender oil put on our hands to make us smell good and be relaxed and happy :) And the fun didn't end there. "Get Rolling, Gan Israel went bowling!" It was a blast, and some campers even got strikes and spares! We all cheered for each other and had so much fun.

On Friday we got ready and excited for another Shabbat! We decorated our very own Shabbat candlesticks and we're excited to use all of the things we're making in our Shabbat box! We had a really fun and happy Shabbat party where we sang songs all about Shabbat and how nice it is, like the good food that we eat, like challah, yum! We also made some beautiful challahs, and wrapped up the week with our weekly video!



# Peek @ Next Week

Mini  
Gan

Junior  
Gan

 <b>CREATION CARS</b>	<b>July 10</b>  <b>Creative Art</b>  <b>Drumming</b>	<b>July 11</b>   <b>WALK TO THE PARK BY CHATTERON SCHOOL</b>	<b>July 12</b>  <b>Creative Art</b>  <b>Super Soccer Stars</b>	<b>July 13</b>  <b>LOLLIPOP PETTING ZOO &amp; PONY RIDES</b>  <b>ZUMBA / Yoga</b>  <b>DRESS UP ANIMAL</b>	<b>July 14</b>  <b>Challah Baking</b>  <b>SHABBAT PARTY</b> <b>WEEKLY SLIDESHOW</b>
 <b>CREATION CARS</b>	<b>July 10</b>  <b>Swimming</b>  <b>Creative Art</b>  <b>Drumming</b>	<b>July 11</b>  <b>Lego Robotics</b>  <b>Long Island Children's Museum</b>	<b>July 12</b>  <b>Swimming</b>  <b>Creative Art</b>  <b>Sports: Super Soccer Stars</b>	<b>July 13</b>  <b>LOLLIPOP PETTING ZOO &amp; PONY RIDES</b>  <b>Water Foam Fun</b>  <b>Little Gym</b>  <b>DRESS UP ANIMAL</b>	<b>July 14</b>  <b>Swimming</b>  <b>Challah Baking</b>  <b>SHABBAT PARTY</b> <b>WEEKLY SLIDESHOW</b>  <b>Sports</b>

## Reminders:

- >Tuesday, July 11 please wear your camp T-shirt.
- >Please send a bathing suit to camp everyday.

## LET'S CHEER

Jump down turn around  
Reach up to the sky apart across  
apart together  
lift your feet up high  
Roll your hands and touch your  
toes jog in place  
And that's the way it goes!!

Mitzvot make me happy  
Mitzvot make me smile  
Smile all Day Long  
Morning & Evening and also  
In between 613

Torah Tunnels ahahaa  
Torah Tunnels ahhweehaa

Mini Gan:  
Little Torah Little Torah  
Let me hold you tight  
Teach me teach me  
All the Mitzvot so I can do what's  
right. Torah teaches every Jew  
Torah Torah I love you!

## PARSHAT BALAK ROUND UP-THE WEEKLY TORAH PORTION

In the previous Parshah, we read about how when other nations attacked the Jews, they were badly defeated and their lands were conquered? So in this week's Parshah we learn that Balak, the king of Moav, has seen what's happened to those other nations and he's terrified. But he knows that he if he tries to fight the Jews, he will lose. So he thinks of a better plan. He will hire a prophet to curse the Jews, and then he will be able to be victorious over them.

So he hires Balaam, a non-Jewish prophet, to curse the Jews, and Balaam saddles his donkey and sets out on his journey. G-d sends an angel to block his path, and Balaam's donkey, seeing the angel, goes off the road to bypass the angel. Balaam, who doesn't see the angel, beats the donkey for going off the road. The donkey then opens its mouth and starts speaking to Balaam, asking why he is beating her! Then Balaam sees the angel who tells him that he should know that he will not be able to curse the Jews and will only be able to say what G-d allows him to.

So Balaam arrives at his destination, and King Balak and all the dignitaries are there, waiting for Balaam to come and curse the Jews. Balaam begins to speak, and instead of cursing the Jews, he blesses them! Balak tells Balaam, "What did you do?! I hired you to curse the Jews, and instead you're blessing them!" Balaam replied that he can only say the words that G-d puts into his mouth.

Balak takes Balaam to another mountain, hoping that a change of place will allow him to be more successful in cursing the Jews. But when Balaam opens his mouth again, he says more blessings! This time, Balak just says, "Enough! Don't curse them and don't bless them. Just don't say anything!" But Balak really wants it to work, so they go to one last place. There, once again, Balaam opens his mouth and out come blessings.

Finally, Balak gets really angry, saying, "I hired you to curse my enemies, and instead you blessed them three times!" Balaam answers that he can only say the words that G-d puts in his mouth and then ends off with a prophecy about the time of Moshiach.

Unfortunately, the Jews then begin to sin by serving idols and being with non-Jewish woman. A man named Zimri takes a Midianite woman to his tent, and a fierce plague starts spreading, killing many Jews. Pinchas, the grandson of Aaron, knows what he must do. He takes his spear and kills Zimri and the woman, and the plague stops.

Stay tuned. Next week we hear about Pinchas' reward for this heroic deed.