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## WEEK FOUR



Dear Parents,

As always, we had a SUPER week filled with our usual favorites and some extra special activities too! This week, our theme was the midah of Emunah which means faith or trust in Hashem (G-d). We read a story about a worm and then made cups of 'dirt' with gummy worms during 'kosher chef' time! We made 'Hashem loves me' necklaces and 'Thank you Hashem' magnets. We are learning Torah while having fun! Twin Day was so much fun dressing like our friends! It was also the day that we had our giant water slide back and got balloon animals. Some of us tried to make our own, but it is harder than it looks. Junior and Senior Gan enjoyed a fun trip to White Post farms too! Senior Gan is making progress on their swimming whether they are learning to do strong kicks, or learning to swim in streamline to get stronger. All of our campers get stronger during sports and movement activities! On Friday, for Senior Gan's kindness activity, they took a walking trip to the fire station and they gave the firefighters brownies. At the end of the day we got a special surprise...COLOR WAR BREAK OUT! Good luck RED and BLUE. We invite all campers to wear their team color on Monday for a day of fun and friendly competitions. Next week, we will be learning about Sampson/Shimshon and the midah of strength which we will use in Color War!

Have a Shabbat Shalom!



Mini Gan



Junior Gan



Senior Gan



**NOTE: MONDAY IS COLOR WAR!!! SEND YOUR CAMPER IN THEIR TEAM COLOR!**

We are going to share with you one of the stories we shared with the campers this week. Sometimes we look outside and see something happen. We think it just happened by itself for no reason. But sometimes if we look deeper, we can see that Hashem makes everything happen for a reason! Just like in this story:

One beautiful sunny day, a Rabbi was walking through the forest with his students. He pointed to a leaf that had just blown off of a tree floating down to rest on the sun-parched dirt road. The Rabbi told his students that this leaf falling off the tree at this exact time and landing in this specific place was planned by Hashem. He asked one of his students to lift the leaf off the ground and what did he find? There lying on the ground was a worm dying in the summer heat; the fallen leaf provided comfort and protection to the worm from the sun, so it can regain its strength and live.

Just like Hashem took care of the little hot worm, Hashem takes care of us. It seemed just random, that the leaf fell off the tree, that's what happens. But it was for a special reason, to protect the worm. Everything that happens is for a reason!

