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MERRICK-BELLMORE NEWSLETTER

Week 1: June 29- July 3, 2026

Shabbat Candle Lighting Time: 8:11pm

What a great start to Summer 2026 at
Camp Gan Israel of Merrick-Bellmore!

Our theme of the summer is Kids Got Power, where we are focusing on learning good Middot and character traits. This week we learned about being truthful, Hakarat Hatov- being grateful, Derech Eretz- being respectful, Shalom- Peace, and having patience. We were introduced to Izzy and Lizzy, our puppet friends who teach us these important lessons each day.

On Monday, the first day of camp, we took time getting to know our friends and counselors. Drumming with Chris had us all banging with a beat and rhythm. We enjoyed splashing and sliding down our new water slide, getting wet and cooling off.

On Tuesday, TG, MG and JG enjoyed water play in our playground and SG went swimming at Newbridge Pool, where our campers met Nick, our swimming instructor, and we are excited to improve our swimming skills over the summer! We also had Super Soccer Stars with Coach Bernie. It was so much fun kicking those balls around and trying to make a goal!

Morah Kaylie joined us for music and movement and we had a blast dancing and singing!

On Wednesday, Senior Gan had a blast on their first trip of the summer to Empire Adventure Park. They enjoyed ziplining, climbing, bumper cars and more. JG, MG and TG, did Yoga with Lana, and had such a relaxing time, stretching and moving our bodies. We were fascinated by our Mad Science experiment, watching a Mentos make Diet Coke explode.

On Thursday, we had Art with Morah Emily, and had so much fun making July 4th fireworks art with acrylic paint and spray bottles. Gymnastics with Rookies was so much fun as we tumbled, jumped, and coursed our way through! We also enjoyed a giant water slide that kept us cool on this very hot day.

On Friday we were all decked in Red, White, and Blue in honor of July 4th! Even our counselors were in the spirit!

We ended off our week with an exciting Balloon Show by Yossi, and got into the Shabbat Spirit with challah baking and a grand Shabbat party where we sang Shabbat songs and enjoyed a special treat.

Looking forward to seeing you next week!

Love, the CGI staff

A PEEK AT NEXT WEEK

MONDAY

- Swimming at Newbridge for JG & SG
- Water play for TG, MG
- Art with Morah Emily

TUESDAY

- Music and Movement with Kayli
- Super Soccer Stars
- Swimming at Newbridge for SG
- Water Play for TG, MG, JG
- Visit from the Librarian

WEDNESDAY

- SG trip to Grit Ninja- (campers should wear camp T-shirt)
- Yoga with Lana for TG, MG, JG
- Water Play for TG, MG, JG
- Mad Science

THURSDAY

- Swimming at Veteran's Memorial Pool for SG
- Water Play for TG, MG & JG
- Rookies Gymnastics

FRIDAY

- Hat Day- Dress Up
- Sprinkle Challah Baking
- Shabbat Party
- Foam Party and Water Play for TG, MG, JG & SG

PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS FROM WEEK 1



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