



CGI MERRICK-BELLMORE NEWSLETTER

Week 3: July 13- July 17, 2026

Shabbat Candle Lighting Time: 8:05 pm

What a great Week 3 at Camp Gan Israel!

This week our campers learned that they have a Neshama, a soul, that is a part of Hashem (G-d) and gives us life. Every time we do a mitzva, (good deed), we are connecting to Hashem. Every morning when we wake up, we thank Hashem for giving us life, by saying Modeh Ani. We try to do all our mitzvot with joy and happiness.

On Monday, the campers had art with Morah Emily and they decorated their own fanny packs with puff paint. Chris the drummer was back and introduced the bongo! What fun to bang to the beat! JG and SG campers went to the pool at Newbridge, where they swam and splashed and had lessons with Nick. TG and MG campers enjoyed water play in our playground, with our water slide and water tables.

On Tuesday, TG, MG and JG campers enjoyed water play in our playground with our foam machine and spinning sprinkler and SG campers went swimming at Newbridge Pool, learning new skills with Nick, our swimming instructor. Coach Bernie from Super Soccer Stars had our campers kicking those balls around and trying to make a goal! Getting it in the net is always a win! Morah Kaylie joined us for music and movement and our campers had a blast dancing and singing! She also taught us motions for our camp song! On Wednesday, JG and SG campers went on a trip to Jumptown USA! They had so much fun jumping and bouncing and sliding! TG and MG campers enjoyed being outside and getting wet during water play on the playground. JG, MG and TG campers did Yoga with Lana, and had such a relaxing time, stretching and moving their bodies. Our campers were fascinated by our Mad Science experiment, putting vinegar and baking soda in a bag with a face drawn on it and watching it "explode" inside and puff up the bag.

On Thursday, we had a day indoors with so many fun activities! Gymnastics with Rookies was such a great workout as our campers tumbled, jumped, and coursed their way through! During 'Kosher Chefs', campers made yummy cupcakes, and decorated them as smiley faces. JG and SG1 had a chance to explore the new Enrichment room, which MG has the opportunity to visit so often. SG2 had a kosher scavenger hunt in Stop and Shop, finding all kinds of food with kosher symbols and were treated to Italian Ices at the end!

Friday was Twin Day and we loved seeing all the twins at camp! We ended off our week with an incredible visit from Uncle Tony's Reptiles, where we met an alligator snapping turtle, ball pythons, a bearded dragon, a boa constrictor, a tarantula, and ferrets. We got to touch them and even hold some of them! We got into the Shabbat Spirit with Oreo 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

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

TUESDAY

- Music and Movement with Kayli
- Super Soccer Stars
- Carnival
- Water Play for TG, MG, JG & SG

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

- Tisha B'av - No Camp

FRIDAY

- Superhero Dress-up Day
- Fortune Challah Baking
- Shabbat Party
- Small Wonder Puppet Theatre
- Water play for TG, MG, JG, & SG

A PEAK AT OUR WEEK!

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