



CGI MERRICK-BELLMORE NEWSLETTER

Week 5: July 27- July 31, 2026

Shabbat Candle Lighting Time: 7:53 pm

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What a great Week 5 at Camp Gan Israel!

This week our campers focused on our relationships with our friends. We discussed how to work with our feelings, how to talk to others, giving our friends their personal space, and how to make good choices.

On Monday, the campers had art with Morah Emily and they began making a Jerusalem Stone Challah board. We can't wait to finish it next week and send it home at the end of the summer! Chris the drummer brought us a Cajon Drum, also known as the box drum, which originated in Peru. This drum is so cool, we got to sit on it!. JG and SG campers went to the pool at Newbridge Park. The rain didn't faze us and they had a great time swimming and receiving instruction from Nick. TG and MG campers enjoyed water play in our playground, with our water slide and water tables.

Tuesday started with us all on the playground for a grand Camp Picture. As the day went by we took our group photos, as well as individual and sibling pictures. SG went to the pool at Newbridge, while the rest of us enjoyed water play in our playground with our spinning sprinkler. Coach Bernie from Super Soccer Stars had our campers kicking those balls and chasing them around! 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, and being sleeping bunnies.

On Wednesday, JG and SG campers went on a trip to All American Gymnastics. Climbing, balancing and jumping, all in one place! TG and MG campers enjoyed being outside and getting covered with bubbles from the foam machine. JG, MG and TG campers did Yoga with Lana, and had such a relaxing time, stretching and moving their bodies and flying like butterflies. We made our own kinetic sand in Mad Science.

The day ended with our Open House BBQ. We enjoyed yummy hot dogs, hamburgers and chicken, along with all the trimmings. Keith the Fire juggler had us captivated with his show, but we'll make sure not to try it at home! JG and SG campers did an awesome job showing everyone what a morning line up looks like. The Lego castle bounce house really took it over the top!

Thursday was super busy with swimming at Veteran's Memorial Pool for SG and waterplay at camp for TG, MG, and JG. Rookies Gymnastics was back. The coaches really stretch our muscles with all that climbing over and under, balancing, collecting cones, and running around. Kosher Chefs had us baking chocolate chip cookies that turned out chewy and delicious.

Friday was Tie Dye dress up day!

We ended off our week with a Magic Show by Didi Maxx, full of magic tricks! We got into the Shabbat Spirit with cinnamon challah baking and a grand Shabbat party where we sang Shabbat songs and enjoyed a "tie dye" special treat. Please join us next Friday night for a Grand CGI Family Shabbat Dinner! RSVP at campgi.com/shabbatdinner. 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
- Water Play for TG, MG, JG
- Swimming at Newbridge for SG
- Visit from the Librarian

WEDNESDAY

- SG trip to Urban Air & Setton Intern'l
- JG Trip to Once Upon a Tree Top (campers should wear camp T-shirt)
- Yoga with Lana for TG, MG, JG
- Water Play for TG, MG
- Mad Science

THURSDAY

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

FRIDAY

- Mismatch Dress-up Day
- Chocolate Chip Challah Baking
- Shabbat Party
- Magic Jeff Magic Show
- Water play for TG, MG, JG, & SG
- Family Shabbat Dinner @ 6:45

A PEEK AT OUR OPEN HOUSE BBQ

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Week 4: July 27 - July 31, 2026