



CGI MERRICK-BELLMORE NEWSLETTER

Week 6: August 3-7, 2026

Shabbat Candle Lighting Time: 7:44 pm

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What a great Week 6 at Camp Gan Israel!

This week our campers learned how we thank Hashem (G-d) for all the delicious food and sustenance. We learned all the different categories of food and which brachot (blessings) we make on them. Ha'etz is for fruits that grow on trees. Ha'adama is for vegetables that grow on the ground. Mezonot is for food made from grains, like cookies, cakes and crackers. We make Hamotzie on bread and Hagafen on wine or grape juice.

On Monday, the campers had art with Morah Emily and continued working on their challah boards. Chris the drummer brought us a Bongo Cajon. What fun we had, banging, drumming and being silly with Chris! Monday's weather sent Senior Gan on a surprise trip to Catch Air. We had such a blast, climbing and sliding in the cosmic playground! JG caught some outdoor water play between the raindrops! TG and MG got to go on the bounce house and play in the enrichment room.

On Tuesday, JG and SG went to the pool at Newbridge, for swimming and splashing and instruction with Nick, 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 singing about Kat's new shoes that kept changing colors.

On Wednesday, JG went on a trip to Once Upon a tree Top. Our imaginations worked overtime with all the pretend play options, from playing house to fire fighters, to shopping and more.

Senior Gan had a packed day at Urban Air, jumping, climbing, go karts, and ziplining, followed by a visit to our friends at Setton Farms where we did a lineup with camp songs and were treated to pistachios. TG and MG campers enjoyed being outside and getting covered with bubbles from the foam machine. MG and TG campers did Yoga with Lana, and had such a relaxing time, stretching and moving their bodies.

Thursday was super busy with swimming at Veteran's Memorial Pool for SG and waterplay at camp for TG, MG, and JG. Rookies Gymnastics coaches really stretched our muscles with all that climbing over and under, balancing, collecting cones, and running around. During Kosher Chefs, we made our own Smash Pretzels in the flavors of our choice.

Friday was Mismatch dress up day! All those different socks and shoes and outfits were outrageous! We ended off our week with a Magic Show by Magic Jeff, full of magic tricks and laughter! We got into the Shabbat Spirit with Chocolate Chip Challah braiding and a grand Shabbat party where we sang Shabbat songs and enjoyed a "brachot" party, with a treat from each blessing category. Looking forward to seeing you all at the Family Shabbat Dinner!

See you next week for our last week of camp! 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
- Visit from the Librarian

TUESDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

- SG trip to Adventureland. 4 pm pick up (campers should wear a camp T-shirt)
- Yoga with Lana for TG, MG, JG
- Water Play for TG, MG, JG
- Mad Science
- Visit from the Librarian

THURSDAY

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

FRIDAY

- Crazy Hair Day
- Challah Baking
- Grand Shabbat Party (parents invited!)
- Petting Zoo and Pony Ride
- Water play for TG, MG, JG, & SG

A PEEK AT OUR WEEK

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