

CGI NEWSLETTER

WEEK 1: PARSHAS PINCHAS

**Chof
Gimmel
Tammuz
5778**



ROCHESTER

Light Shabbat Candles @ 8:34 P.M.

Shabbat Ends @ 9:44 P.M.

Flashbacks

Monday:

Our first day of Gan Izzy! We had so much fun meeting our counselors and bunkmates! All the bunks enjoyed making smoothies, which were especially yummy on the super hot day. Soon after, it sounded like there was a farm nearby, but really it was just bunks P1 and P2 playing Animal Pickup together, while bunks P3 and P4 had a smashing time playing live Guess Who! Then, we all went to the lunchroom and learnt about our theme - Tip the Scale, and sang our exciting theme song! After that, all the bunks went swimming and had a blast splashing in the enormous pool.

Tuesday:

We had a real blast bouncing and jumping all over Altitude! What a trip! Afterwards, all the campers decorated containers for their tickets and then we had an amazing time, swimming in the pool.

Wednesday:

No camp :(. We got ourselves all rested up and recharged for the rest of an amazing week!

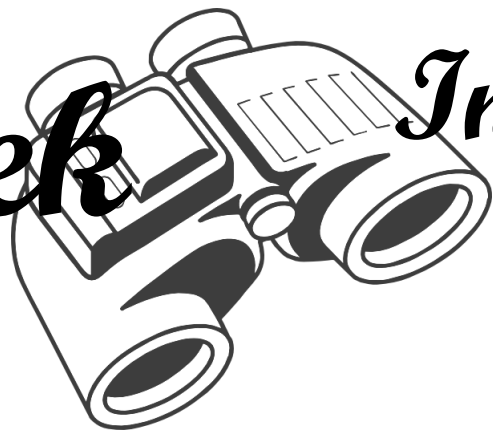
Thursday:

Another trip day to ... Bowling! It was awesome, throwing all of the balls and watching them roll down the lane. We knocked down lots of pins! We also enjoyed another day at the swimming pool, which sure keeps us nice and cool!

Friday:

We were so busy, doing so many different things! The younger bunks learnt Parsha in a super cool and exciting way, and the older bunks were so lucky to have a Zumba class with Mrs. Rand. Then there was art, making yummy challah, swimming, and awesome Shabbos party! Wow, it's been quite a smashing first week! Have a great Shabbos and get ready for another exciting week at CGI!!

Sneak Peek



Into Next Week

And Important Reminders

Monday

*“Swimming swimming in the swimming pool...”**

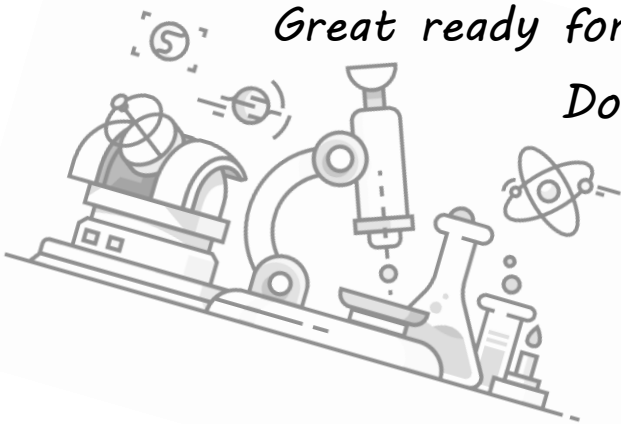
Arts & Crafts

Tuesday

*Swimming**

Great ready for a smashing time at the Science Museum!

Don't forget your camp t-shirt!



Wednesday

*Swimming**

Arts & Crafts

Thursday

Get pumped for an incredible day at Seabreeze!

Don't forget your camp t-shirts, sunscreen, and caps!

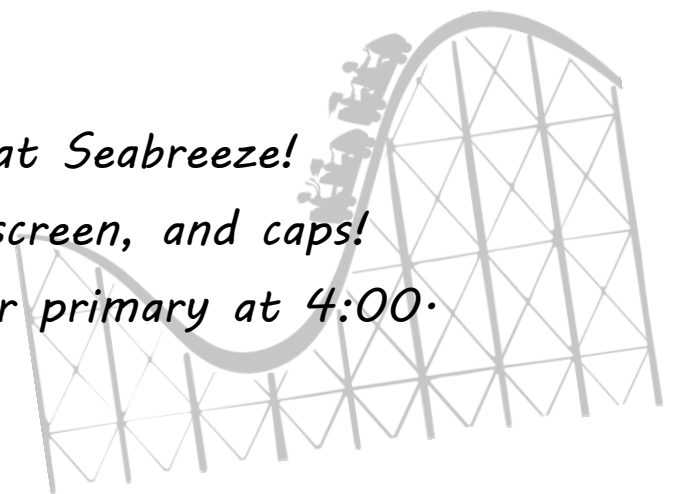
Please Note: There will be late pickup for primary at 4:00.

Friday

*Stupendous water activities!**

Don't forget your sunscreen.

Arts & Crafts



**Don't forget your swimsuit, cover up, water shoes, and towel*

Please send a waterbottle with your child every day.

P1- Please send in sunscreen with your child every day.

DVAR TORAH

Shirah is so lucky!” Rochel Leah said to her mother as she walked into the house. She had just returned from a good-bye party her friends had made for Shirah, who was going to spend the summer in *Eretz Yisrael* with her grandparents. “I wish I could go to *Eretz Yisrael*, too.”

“Well, you visited Uncle Mendel and Aunt Chaya in California last summer,” said her sister Bassie.

“Yes, but going to *Eretz Yisrael* is much more special,” sighed Rochel Leah.

“*Eretz Yisrael* is very special,” agreed the girls’ mother. “In this week’s *parshah*, Pinchas, we read some stories that took place as Bnei Yisrael were getting ready to enter Eretz Yisrael.”

“I know one of them,” declared Rochel Leah. “I even wrote an essay on it for our *Chumash* teacher at the end of last year. We were supposed to pick a character in the *Chumash* whom we really looked up to and liked. I chose the daughters of Tzelofchod who loved *Eretz Yisrael* so much that they insisted that they also deserved a portion in the Land. They got it, too!”

“Another episode is the *goral* — the lottery,” added Bassie. “Moshe prepared twelve pieces of parchment which had different territories of *Eretz Yisrael* written on them. Each *nassi* — head of the tribe — picked out one piece of parchment, and that was the territory that was given to that tribe.”

“Girls,” said their mother, “did you know that a spectacular miracle happened as the lottery was drawn?”

“I remember learning that the piece of parchment called out its boundary and its tribe as it was chosen,” said Bassie.

“Yes. Are you wondering why *HaShem* made such a miracle? Doesn’t it seem as if there was no need for this miracle? After all, all the information was written on the parchment. Why did the parchment have to speak as well? The reason is that this miracle teaches us how special *Eretz Yisrael* is and how much *HaShem* cares about our Holy Land. It was an extra miracle for a land which is extra special.”

“You know, girls, *Eretz Yisrael* is not just a land with borders we can see on the map. It is a place where *HaShem*’s kedusha is more openly revealed than anywhere else. Do you know what that means? It means that Shirah isn’t the only one who can be in *Eretz Yisrael* this summer.

“You mean, you’re going to send us, Mommy?”

“Probably not this summer. But listen to this story. A Jew once asked a tzadik called the *Tzemach Tzedek* if he should move to *Eretz Yisrael*, where he would devote his life to learning Torah and serving *HaShem*. The *Tzemach Tzedek* replied, “Make **this** place *Eretz Yisrael*!”

“What the *Tzemach Tzedek* was saying was that when our lives are filled with Torah and *mitzvos*, wherever we go is like *Eretz Yisrael*: wherever we go, we are drawing down *HaShem*’s holiness into our world!

Living our lives this way will make *moshiach* come much faster, and then we will all be in the actual land.”

(Adapted from *Sichos Shabbos Parshas Pinchas*, 5751)

Fun Page

Match the bunk with the correct counselor!

P1

P1

P1

P2

P2

P3

P3

P4

P4

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Hinda Gurary

Sara Caro

Rivka Plotkin

Dassi Mochkin

Chassi Mochkin

Itta Gurkow

Nechama

Chevi Mammon

Bluma Laufer

Chaya Zirkind

Brina Mochkin

Dear Triple P,
To the most awesomest bestest bunk
ever!!!! We had such an amazing week
getting to know you guys, and
can't wait till next week. You
guys have such amazing
camp spirit!!!
Love, Chaya and
Chassi

Dear P2,
What a great first week! Our
bunk is the cutest and funnest
bunk ever, and can't wait for
next week to see you again
and have an amazing time!
Have an awesome shabbos!
Love, Sarah and Rivka

Dearest P3,
You are the best, craziest, smashing,
awesomest bunk ever! We had the
most spectacular fun week together!
It was so great getting to know you
all!
Said a bump-bump-bump, we are
P3, woohoo, woohoo!
Love Bluma and Nechama

Dearest P1,
Wow! That was such a grand first week
of camp! It was so great meeting all of
you and can't wait for next week to get
to know you even more and have even
more fun together! Good Shabbos!
Love, Hinda, Chevi, and Brina