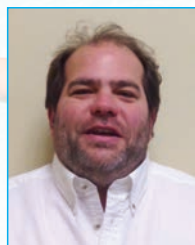


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Chots' Shot

I'm continually amazed at how fast a week flies by, and therefore how the summer speeds by. In the blink of an eye we move from Monday flagpole through laughing and splashing and find ourselves at Friday's Shabbat service. Suddenly Week 1 has become Week 6, where Superheroes came to life on Wednesday and many children looked like drowned rats – in a good way! – during Wet 'n Wild Day. It's the memories of these smiles, laughs and forged friendships which get me through the winter.

Crazy as it sounds, there are only four weeks left this summer. During these weeks I would like to ask a favor of all parents to help curb a recently noticed trend. Please stay in your cars in the carpool line and allow our staff to assist the campers out of the car and to their groups. This is the safest and most efficient way carpool works. If you need to speak with a counselor or camp director, please park in the marked spaces outside of the carpool line. Thank you all.

Remember, you can see more pictures of this week by going to grantbarberphotography.com and clicking on the "J Day Camp 2018" link. The password is JDayCamp2018.

Happy Camping
Chots

Quick Hits from around **Camp!**



Essman Gadol

We had a fabulous week of Essman Gadol camp. To start off the week, we created pictures all about ourselves to share with the group and during focus campers had the opportunity to play sports or have a dance party. We practiced our drama skills by performing a Chicken Little skit and played fun games like Party Island! In Tag, campers learned about the Jewish Holiday of Rosh Hashanah and had a taste of apples and honey. For Essman Extravaganza campers split into groups and created a project to “sell” to the rest of the camp. Campers also had the opportunity to browse and shop the Book Fair put on by the Early Childhood Center. Later in the week, campers cooked yummy Spongebob Rice Krispy treats. Throughout the week campers splashed around in the pool for swim lessons and free swim. On Friday we welcomed in Shabbat with fun dancing and music as well as a slideshow of pictures displaying our fun week.



Essman Katan

Another successful week has flown by at Camp Katan. We spent our week focusing on kindness, or chessed. Over the past weeks, we have been collecting pet food for a local rescue and on Friday they came in to pick up our donation and talk about how we can be kind to animals in our community. Our Wacky Wednesday dress up also was a huge success, with everyone dressing up as super heroes and practicing kindness around the building.

A huge thanks to all of those that made purchases at our book fair! It was a huge success, and many families generously donated books in order to grow our library. Thank you so much for practicing what we teach your children: tzedakah (charity) and chessed (kindness)! We love seeing our students extend their learning beyond the classroom to the community.



Fred McConnell Baseball Camp

We had our special guest, Fred McConnell, who won numerous championships as a baseball coach for Parkway South and John Burroughs. Fred taught the fundamentals of baseball out on the field and brought the boys in for batting practice in the afternoon. The boys gained a lot of experience as they work hard each day to develop their skills.

Maccabi Sports Camp

Our boys gathered up with Essman during gym time to play a big game of kickball! We also trained on how to catch a baseball and proper ways to throw a baseball! Coach Fred McConnell inspired us as he stopped by and taught us a few drills for baseball. Wednesday, The Scholastic Book Fair stopped by the J, and the boys could pick out some books to add in their wish list.



Hyman Multin Sports Camp

With the World Cup upon us soccer made for the perfect sport for Week 6. As the campers scored their own goals they could cheer on their World Cup hopefuls. During water breaks all our young athletes could check in on the games to see who was winning and moving on to the next round.

This week our new sport was Sabakiball. This game pulls its inspiration from handball with some twists as the goalie can also be used as an offensive weapon and not a defensive specialist. With rules that enforce teamwork by making no goal count unless three passes are made players are made to work together in order to achieve victory.



Gymnastics

Campers cooled off this week with some fun team building games. They continued to progress throughout the week by learning and accomplishing skills on the beam, bar, floor and vault. Gymnastic campers participated in the Wet N' Wild Day with their friends and had the opportunity to show their friends at Shabbat what they learned throughout the week.



Camp of the Arts

This week in Arts Camp the kids had an awesome time staying out of the heat and using color to bring wonderful works of art to life. After starting out the week by creating art folders so as to help the campers learning organizational skills required by any professional artist, Arts Camp jumped into complimentary colors with tissue paper flowers, and some beautiful contrast pieces via watercolor and black construction paper. However, even though Botanical Gardens was theme, the camp-wide wacky Wednesday of super heroes caused Arts Camp to maneuver, flip the script, and call an audible to make life size drawing of super heroines and heroes from the tracings of each respective camper! Which was a great lead into next week, and even though we got wet and a little wild on Wet n' Wild day on Friday, once we're dried off Arts Camp will begin their themed week of Spellbound Superheroes, focusing on story telling found in tales of magic and super powered heroes and heroines! Stay cool and have a fun weekend!



Teen Camp

Teen camp had such a fun week this week! On Tuesday we went to Demolition Ball, on Wednesday we went to Stacy Park and 7-11 to get some free slurpies and on Thursday we went to Skyzone.



Camp Sidney R. Baer

We had such an awesome week culminating with Wet 'N Wild Day! Campers made pizza bagels in cooking and paper geisha fans, wood dice, and toilet paper roll creations in art. In sports, they played balloon badminton, ultimate frisbee, musical hula hoops, hand ball, capture the flag and soccer. In team building, campers did activities with a string spider web such as crawling under it without knocking items off the top and passing a ball through each hole. The specialists came up with awesome new activities for Wet 'N Wild Day such as building wood boats and playing with them in the pool, playing splash ball (handball where campers jump in a pool of water to score), painting with feet, playing messy twister with shaving cream, tie-dying shirts, shooting off water rockets, and more. And of course, the day ended with some campers getting to pie their favorite counselors. Thank you to everyone who brought in items to support NCJW's Back to School store.



Camp Nat Koplar

We have had a wonderful week of camp. In nature we have explored trees and rocks. In art we made "stress balls" and monster rocks. Movement has done some stretching that includes Super Hero moves. In music we have learned some new songs and enjoyed moving our bodies to different tempos. Our spirit stick is getting really big adding Group 4 to our "Campers of the Week!" Have a great weekend!

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