



Chots' Shot

A BIG THANK YOU to all of our J Day Camp families. We put so much time and energy into planning and running the day camp summer and then just like that it comes to an end. The smiles on our campers' faces and the sense of accomplishment that accompanies those smiles makes all our effort worthwhile. I would like to thank each of you personally for choosing J Day Camps this summer. It truly has been our pleasure to work and play with your

children each day.

It is now time to make the transition back to school – back to learning indoors from books and black boards instead of in the pool and on ball fields. We hope that your camper's memories of fun in the sun last throughout the school year and well beyond.

I would like to wish everyone a fun and safe fall, winter and spring. Before you know it, it will be summer again, and we'll be seeing you back at J Day Camps.

Thanks again for an awesome summer!

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

Our last week of Essman Gadol camp was one to remember! For Art this week, campers used watercolors and white crayons to make beautiful masterpieces. We played games like Party Island and sang karaoke. During focus this week, we had the choice between melt-a-beads and Gaga. Team building was fun too. The campers worked hard to untangle themselves from a human knot. For our Jewish Learning activity, TAG, we talked about the Jewish lifecycle, gave ourselves Hebrew names, learned a traditional dance and had a fake wedding. In the middle of the week, the whole camp got together for a fun, energetic game of Capture the Flag. The kids tested what dissolves in water during science and even baked their own delicious pizza bagels for cooking. 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. We had so much fun this week, thanks for coming and have a great rest of the summer!



Maccabi Sports Camp

In Maccabi sports, we enjoyed our last week together playing many games. The boys enjoyed playing fun games of hotbox and kickball, as well as playing a few hockey games. The weather outside was amazing, so we got the most out of the pool and swim lessons. It has been a great summer, and we can't wait to see everyone again next year.



St. Louis Blues Crew Street Hockey

This week in the specialty sports camp, we had the St. Louis Blues Street Team with us. The Street Team led everyone in drills and mini games during the morning sessions and games in the afternoon. Everyone got a little bit better this week, and it was great to see the progress from the start of the week until the end. All the kids had a blast this week, and we hope to see them again next summer!



Gymnastics

As we conclude this summer, Gymnastics Camp has gained much knowledge and progressed their skills on beam, bars, vault and floor. The campers showed the importance of working as a team, having fun and gained many friends in the process.

We are very proud of all the campers we met each week and happy to see everyone advance with their gymnastic skills and knowledge. Have a great rest of your summer, safe travels and have a great school year!

Hyman Multin Sports Camp

This week, in addition to our traditional sports, campers had the opportunity to experience a new game called Endzone Trappers. The game is played on a basketball court with two teams facing-off in an exciting match trying to put each other into their jail (endzone) and escape from a jail by catching a football thrown to them. The court is split in half and an "endzone" is set up for each team. To start the game, beanbags, Nerf footballs & dodgeballs are set in the middle of the court and players begin on their respective walls. The goal is to try to get players from the other team in jail by sliding the beanbag on the floor to hit opponents' feet or hitting with them with dodgeball below the waist. When hit by either item, that player goes in the opposing team's jail. To get out of jail, one of your teammates must throw the nerf football and it must be caught in the air in the end zone – when caught the player can return to their team's side. Teams can have up to two defenders in their endzone trying to intercept balls before the jailed players can catch them in order to keep them in jail.

This camp season has been a huge success as kids learned important lessons about teamwork and sportsmanship. These lessons should take the campers further if they apply them not only on the field but off it as well. Many thanks to all our campers and great counselors for a wonderful summer.





Camp of the Arts

Toodles Arts Camp! We wrapped up our last week of a fun and awesome summer with Land of the Lost Part 2. The campers used air-dry clay to explore modeling techniques such as scoring and using slip to attach clay pieces together. Also, we made our own board games, danced to a nice tune and lip-synced it to the whole camp! We hope everyone has a great school year and a nice rest of the summer. Oh! And remember: in a field of horses, be a unicorn, Arts Camp!



Camp Sidney R. Baer

We had a great last week to conclude a fantastic summer! In cooking, campers made puppy chow with Chex Mix, chocolate and powdered sugar. In art, campers assembled and decorated wooden spinners. During sports, campers played balloon badminton, soccer, tennis baseball, line tag and floor hockey. Campers did a relay with a giant ball and tried to all fit in a hula-hoop during team building. Finally, in nature, after searching all summer, campers followed the map and found Captain Green Jeans' buried treasure chest. Since the rain kept us out of the pool on Tuesday, we spent the afternoon enjoying a movie together. In addition, each group had an outstanding performance during the annual lip-sync at Friday's Shabbat.



Teen Camp

Teen camp had such a fun this week! We went to Incredible Pizza Company, Sports Fusion and we ended the week hiking at Castlewood State Park. We are so sad that camp has come to an end, and we can't wait until next summer!

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