



Chots' Shot

Another week of summer has come and gone; camp days are long and weeks are quick. We do so much in a day, it is often hard to remember what we did yesterday. That is why we take so many pictures each week, to help preserve the memories. We share several of the pictures each week in the newsletter. We share even more with the campers at the weekly slide show. To see all the pictures, you'll need to join the J Day Camps Facebook gallery at facebook.com/groups/jdaycamps2019

We have decided to turn the camp picture gallery into a contest. Starting this week, we will pick a random winner from everyone who has joined the camp photo gallery. The winner will receive a free month of J membership (good for both current members and non-members). We'll do this a few times throughout the summer. Then, at the end of the summer, we will pick three random winners from the gallery members and they will receive a free week of camp in 2020!

I hope that everyone has restful Shabbat and an enjoyable weekend. Please check out the photo gallery at facebook.com/groups/jdaycamps2019

Happy Camping.
Chots

Quick Hits from around **Camp!**



Sports Camp

The tournament of the week brought together the NBA's final four in an epic showdown for court supremacy. Campers represented the Raptors, Warriors, Bucks, and Blazers and faced off in a round-robin style tournament to determine the true NBA champion. There was no shortage of bounce passes, shots from downtown, and zone defense as each team fought hard for first place and bragging rights by the end of the week.

This week's new game flipped the sport of soccer upside down as campers were encouraged to use their hands to play the ball and were penalized for using their feet. Monkey soccer was played with a softer soccer ball that has more bounce to it than a normal soccer ball. Campers were split into two teams, each received a unique number that matched someone on the other team and stood on their respective sideline. The referee would yell out as few as one number and as many as eight numbers which identified the players that would run out on to the field to try and score. Once one team scored, all players returned to the sideline and the referee would call out more numbers to play for the next point.



Teen Camp

This week at Teen Camp we explored the city museum, got art exposure at Laumeier Sculpture Park and some candy at Lolli and Pops! Lastly, we are capping off the week at Sports Fusion for some fun laser tag, mini golf and obstacle courses! It was a great week!



Gymnastics Camp

This week the campers continued their skills on the beam, bars, vault and floor. They also enjoyed team building games as we all worked together to accomplish these skills. The campers worked on cartwheels on the beam, handstands, back hip circles on the bars and many fun new skills. Campers are all progressing in skill level and learning new skills throughout the week! Each week they will have an opportunity to show what they have learned to all their friends! Having fun and keeping safe is our number one priority. I am very excited to see everyone's gymnastics knowledge expand throughout these fun weeks ahead!



Camp Essman Katan

All the campers in Essman Katan had a blast during swim lessons and free swim! They are becoming more confident putting their faces in the water, blowing bubbles and floating on their backs with the help of the lifeguards. To see the smiles and giggles as everyone takes turns going down the slide and swinging on the tire swing in the water is such a joy. We can see so much growth in the children's development in the water in such a short period of time! The new friendships that have formed have also warmed everyone's heart. *Chessed* (kindness) is contagious in Camp Essman Katan!



Camp Essman Gadol

Campers made new friends and were kept busy with exciting activities. It was especially great learning about the kids dream jobs for career day on Wacky Wednesday. Using their artistic abilities, the kids made paper bag puppets and did leaf paintings. Music was fun-filled with making their own instruments and writing songs with shapes. For science, the campers made sun art impressions. In drama, the kids were able to combine their favorite movie characters to create their own scenes. Cooking was delicious as always because they made cheesy pizza pockets. Our large group activity, Essman Extravaganza, was a photo scavenger hunt and the kids had a blast meeting friends of all ages. They swam and played every day and even got to practice archery skills. Many of the campers have been really enjoying a fun game called gaga. We closed out the week with shabbat songs, challah and a video montage of photos from the week of fun. We are so glad we got to hang-out and play with this awesome group of campers.

Camp Baer

We made it to the end of another great week of camp! It was a wet week, but for the most part everyone was able to enjoy their scheduled activities with the occasional rainy day afternoon schedule mixed in. After quite a bit of anticipation, the Archery equipment arrived and was utilized by all of the groups! Campers were taught the proper techniques and protocols to safely nock and shoot a bow and arrow. Wacky Wednesday brought out the future athletes, astronauts, and even rocket scientists for the future job theme! Cooking, with Miranda, produced tons of quesadillas for the campers to munch on during the week. Dorito, our Nature specialist, had the campers searching for treasure around the camp grounds. In all, campers were able to build closer relationships and enjoy an assortment of fun activities creating a fun filled week!





Camp of the Arts

After a dreary, rainy start to the week, the campers battled the downpour and murky weather to create stunning sun catchers just in time for the passing rain clouds to disappear and the sun to illuminate the young creatives' work here at Camp of the Arts. As the week progressed our creative campers showed off their cutting skills and ingenious creativity to create some cool collages that had everyone interested from campers to counselors. We also implemented fractal-based art ideas to create watercolor art with "crumpled" paper allowing the campers to focus on using colors. There were many laughs and smiles with each passing day filling more of the pages of our Camp of the Arts "story." With one more chapter in the books we hope that everyone has a fun and safe weekend so that we can get back to the creative fun that is Arts Camp.



Camp Nat Koplar

What a great week at Camp Koplar!! Our weekly STEM focus was Humpty Dumpty. We tried to keep Humpty safe while he was sitting on the Wall. We had lots of fun exciting ways to keep Humpty safe! Check out our Facebook page for pictures and more information at Camp Koplar 2019.



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