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## 2019 Day Camp Chall'er

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### Chots' Shot

We hold this truth to be self-evident: J Day Camps are the best. They are endowed by the staff to be safe, fun and engaging for all. To secure their daily fun, campers swim, climb, draw, tumble, cook, eat, run, and play Gaga. There is friendship for all and plenty of laughter to go around. There is agreement throughout the land, there is no camp better than at the J.

I hope that everyone had a wonderful 4th of July and that you all have a great weekend. This week we reached the halfway point of our summer. I hope to see you all during the second half of the summer, too.

Please check out the photo gallery at [facebook.com/groups/jdaycamps2019](https://facebook.com/groups/jdaycamps2019)

Happy Camping.  
Chots



## Quick Hits from around **Camp!**



### Camp Essman Katan

Camp is flying by so fast! Everyone was excited to celebrate International Mud Day! The campers had a blast using a variety of cookware to make tasty mud pies! They also created masterpieces on paper using brushes and buckets of mud! The sprinkler was spraying water so everyone could run through it! There were pools of water and mud for everyone to jump and play in along with sensory tables filled with mud for all the campers to get their hands dirty! What a fun, hands on terrific day!!



### Gymnastics Camp

This week Gymnastics Camp jumped into four different stations: vault, floor, beam and bars. At each station, campers got to experience different gymnastics techniques and skills to excel them into the next station and expand their gymnastic knowledge. Gymnastics campers learned how to share, care and do their very best. We concentrated focus on participation, helping others, and team spirit -- as well as, many other character-building activities.



### Camp of the Arts

This week in Arts Camp we celebrated the Fourth of July by making 'Merica-based art, for 'Merica... because, 'Merica! All jokes aside, Camp of the Arts explored color theory and color systems. Some of our young creatives went for glory and attempted to embark on a world record of intertwining string whilst others of us learned basic clay skills with our air-dry clay. Also, the camp implemented implied line techniques with a water-color background to make some awesome pieces! With Wet N' Wild day on Friday and America's birthday on Thursday our week of art seemed short but was nevertheless a creative filled experience that we look forward to continuing next week! Enjoy your weekend campers!





## Sports Camp

Happy 4th of July! Campers worked on their teamwork and hand-eye coordination in this week's Olympic Handball tournament. Five teams faced off in round-robin play to earn their seed in the single elimination tournament. All of our teams put in maximum effort but only one was able to come out on top. Congratulations to the blue team on your victory!

This week's new game took the game of four square and brought it to a tabletop. Three players per table faced off against each other as one player begins the game by rolling the ball across the table towards player two. Player two then has to let the ball bounce on the floor once before hitting it back onto the table with an open palm. Player three is then responsible for moving around the table as necessary to retrieve the ball that player two hit before it bounces on the ground twice. Players continue the same rotation until someone is unable to return the ball. This player is given a strike and the game ends when one player has five strikes.



## Teen Camp

This week at Teen Camp we started our week off with 4th of July cooking and a trip to Bowlero. While at Bowlero we bowled and competed in intense games of Laser Tag! Following that, we relaxed on Tuesday with "Secret Life of Pets 2." Lastly, we explored West County Mall and went to R&M Shaved Ice, a Teen Camp favorite! Looking forward to next week!

## Camp Nat Koplar

Happy Independence Day from Camp Koplar! We had lots of fun this week making rockets in Art. In Campativity, we made "explosions" with milk, dish soap and food coloring. In music, we sang some patriotic songs. For Literacy/STEM, we read "America the Beautiful" and "It's America's Birthday, Charlie Brown!" and made fizzy projects with watercolor paints and baking soda. In Nature, we pretended to be bees and ran around and "collected pollen." We had tons of fun! Have a safe holiday! Check out our Facebook page at Camp Koplar 2019 to see all of our pictures!







## Camp Baer

Happy Independence Day to everyone! It's hard to believe that the 4th of July happened in between such a good week of camp. This week, we saw more warm weather each day. Our camp days have been fortunate enough to avoid most of the pop up storms that plagued us in the beginning of the summer. With the heat in full effect, the pool was once again a favorite activity for campers. Wednesday brought a streak of national pride as the Red, White and Blue Wacky Wednesday theme took full effect. This week in the gardening focus, we learned more about the garden while also doing a good mitzvah for the community by harvesting 171 pounds of cabbage, all of which we donated to the Harvey Kornblum Food Pantry down the road. Campers also flexed their brains during the chess focus! Our instructor from the World Chess Hall of Fame taught the campers more strategies that were subsequently employed in many intense chess matches.

Camp was concluded with an annual favorite event, Wet 'N Wild Day. On this day, campers rotated through various water-based activities including a water balloon toss, sponge ball tag and dodgeball, water rockets, messy twister and more throughout the morning. The highlight of the day – undoubtedly – was the inflatable dual lane slip 'n slide! Campers raced one another to see who could slip across the fastest. Camper donations made on Wednesday and Friday for the NCJW Back to School store led to another camp favorite activity, the Counselor Pie Off! Campers who donated at least five pairs of new socks and underwear received raffle tickets to pie their favorite counselor in the face. Needless to say, great fun was had for a good cause! I hope everyone has a great weekend!



## Camp Essman Gadol

We had another fantastic week at Camp Essman Gadol! We started the week by decorating our own flower pots and planting seeds to grow different plants. Campers will bring their plants home today. In music, we made our own maracas and created dances and songs with them. For drama, we created our own skits of traditional stories. The kids loved presenting their unique interpretations! We spent some time at the playground, played various sports and stayed active all week. Because we celebrated America's birthday this week, we showed our pride dressed in red, white and blue. At Essman Extravaganza, we had an exciting carnival filled with cornhole, bowling, ring-toss, crafts and even face painting. Lastly, today was Wet 'N Wild Day where the kids splashed around and had a great last day.



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