

2018 Day Camp Chal'er

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Chots' Shot

Another week of J Day Camps has come and gone. This week we battled the heat and the rain but neither slowed us down. There is not much that impedes J Day Campers on their quest for fun and friendships. I have such a great job. I spend all week experiencing the ruach (spirit) at flag pole, I see the smiles in the pool as campers play with their counselors in those bright pink swim shirts, I hear the laughter at lunch as friendships grow, and I get to help lots of kids grow, learn and succeed. Thanks for giving us the opportunity to work with your children this summer.

If you enjoy the pictures in this weekly newsletter, there are a lot more in our new 2018 picture gallery. You can find the gallery at grantbarberphotography.com by clicking on the "J Day Camp 2018" link. The password is JDayCamp2018.

I hope everyone has a restful Shabbat and an enjoyable weekend. See you next week.

Happy Camping
Chots

Quick Hits from around **Camp!**



Essman Gadol

We had so much fun at Essman Gadol camp this week. We made a few different art projects including tissue paper murals, stuffed sock dolls, and puppets! Later in the week we learned how to make lava lamps in science and made banana boats in cooking. In tag this week, campers acted out their own skits about the Ten Commandments. Each day campers splashed around in the pool for either swim lessons or free swim. On Wednesday we got together as a large group for Essman Extravaganza and had a super fun carnival where we had face painting, ice cream sundaes, corn hole, ring toss and arts and crafts and the kids had a blast! Later in the week, we joined together again for Shabbat where we watched a photo slideshow of the week, presented the spirit stick and sang lots of fun songs. Thanks for coming, we loved spending the week together!



St. Louis Blues Crew Street Hockey

This week, our campers took their hockey skills to another level! Our kids enjoyed competitive drills such as, shootout, relay races, and two-on-one. After lunch, we finished our day with fun, competitive, full court games of hockey.



Camp Sidney R. Baer

This week's heat just made Camp Baer that much hotter! On Monday we moved our afternoon activities into the air conditioning and on Tuesday we got 30 extra minutes of free swim! Campers beat the heat in cooking with s'mores ice cream cones. In team building, campers played headbands and pass the water, where they had a cup of water and had to pass it behind them trying to get as much water into their teammate's cup. In Israel alive, campers played Israeli memory game, Israeli music games, and created the map of Israel. Baer campers made rope (which some turned into necklaces) and paper holders in art. Turning the rope really tested some kids' patience, but they were all excited with the final product in the end.

The week ended with our annual Maccabi color games. Campers laughed at the staff eating contests that included catching bologna on one's face, finding candy in a bowl of pudding without using any hands and more. They played a version of Fortnite in the gym, tested their Israeli trivia knowledge, tossed bean bags in a corn hole, threw noodle javelins, and showed lots of spirit and sportsmanship throughout the entire competition. We give a huge thank you to Natalie and all the specialists for planning such a great all-day, all-camp program!

Hyman Multin Sports Camp

The summer heat hit hard this week as campers got ready for their next tournament. While they couldn't hit the ice rink that didn't stop our young athletes from competing in the annual camp NHL floor hockey tournament. Hard slapshots led to great goals and even better saves as the camp fought hard for the championship.

For the new sport this week campers took their shot at Pin-bowl Soccer. This variation of soccer adds three pins to the game for an additional way to score. Players dribble soccer balls around and attempt to either score a goal in the net or knock over the three pins of the opposing team. Campers can choose to pick up the ball. If they pick it up they cannot take any more steps and must (1) pivot like basketball to get a better angle (2) pass to a teammate, or (3) bowl at the pin or goal for points. Each pin is worth one point and a goal is worth three points. Players enjoyed the ability to have more chances to score making this a new camp favorite!



Camp Nat Koplar

We learned about seeds and how they travel from place to place in nature. In art we painted with watercolors and did some resist paintings. In yoga we stretched with Miss Kelly to some rocking music! Mr. John shared some old favorite camp songs like "On Top of Old Smokey" and "Joe's Buttons."



Teen Camp

On Tuesday we went to Great American Human Football. It was such a hit! Wednesday, we went to see The "Incredibles 2" and the teens are now obsessed with the movie, Thursday we had a fun-filled lock-in where we cooked, played volleyball, tie dye, played glow in the dark capture the flag and so much more. We can't wait to see what next week brings!





Essman Katan

Give me a “J”! Give me an “O”! Give me a “Y”! What’s that spell? Simcha (or joy). We focused on how we can spread joy to others, as well as finding joy in daily experiences. It was a fantastic week watching our friends work together to practice helping, sharing, and rejoicing in each other. We had a plan to share our joy with each other through hugs, but it got rained out, so we can’t wait to do it next week as we build it into our next mitzvah. We celebrated each other and our favorite sports teams during our Wacky Wednesday dress up.

In art, each camper made their own mezuzah, or small door decoration, which is a Jewish tradition that reminds us of the values we practice as we leave and enter a place. We spent this art class making our individualized mezuzahs, and next week we will paint them.

Around the World Art Camp

We went around the world this week in Art Camp. The campers made many adventurous crafts, such as Japanese lanterns, hieroglyphics, African drums, South American masks and Italian mosaics.



Gymnastics

Campers focused on holding hollow bodies within their skills on bars, beam, and vault. On floor, we developed new skills such as cart wheels, back tucks, and even back handsprings! Apart from learning new gymnastics skills, we created a dance to perform in front of the entire J camps! Every camper worked hard and had fun while they put the dance together for an excellent performance!

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