



## Chots' Shot

The Camp day always seems to go by so quickly, I believe that is because we cram so much into one day. From car pool to car pool we are in a consistent state of motion; one activity into another followed by one smile into another. I love when parents share the pictures of their campers asleep on the car ride home. Pictures like this always make me fill like we have done our job well that day.

I believe that one of the toughest parts of camp for parents is getting their camper to share what they did all day. Campers are quick to give one word replies to parent question of "What happened at camp today?" Last summer I shared a list of questions you can ask to solicit deeper answers. I'd like to share that list again:

1. What made you smile today?
2. What was the funniest things that happened this week?
3. What is one helpful thing you did today?
4. What challenges did your group face this week?
5. What made you proud?
6. If you could be counselor for a day, what would you do with your group?

Open ended questions allow for broader answers, which will help both you and your camper debrief the camp day and week. I hope that everyone had a wonderful Independence Day and that you have a restful Shabbat and an enjoyable weekend.

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

Happy Camping  
Chots

# Quick Hits from around **Camp!**



## Camp Sidney R. Baer

We didn't let the rain ruin our fun at Camp Baer this week and We celebrated the 4th of July this week with several America-themed activities. In cooking, campers made American flag cake with pound cake, whipped cream, strawberries and blueberries. Campers created an American flag and on-the-go tic-tac-toe in art. During sports, campers played red white & blue tag, sit down hockey, kick the can and kickball. For teambuilding, campers had to work together to move a pyramid out of cups and also played a relay version of charades. During Israel Alive, campers played pass the present with Israeli games and questions and had Israeli boot camp training. And in nature, campers found the lost journal of Captain Green Jeans and used it to hunt for more treasure.



## Teen Camp

Teen camp had such a fun week this week! On Tuesday we went to Pottery Hollow and painted! We will be getting our pieces back next week. On Thursday we went to Purina Farms! It was so cool to see the dog show and milk the cows. We had so much fun this week and can't wait till next week!



## Camp Nat Koplur

An awesome short week at camp. It's been a hot one! We have kept cool at the pool and enjoying Free Swim Friday and Diving Board Thursday. We made exploding rockets and enjoyed lunches inside most of the week. We are drinking lots of water and staying cool in the shade! Friday we enjoyed "Mud Day" a week late Camp Koplur style!



## Hyman Multin Sports Camp

We are at the halfway point of camp as we come into Week 5. In the middle of NBA free agency, the campers were primed and ready for their own basketball tournament. As big names put their name on the dotted line, so did the young athletes in this year's biggest tournaments. Emulating their favorite teams or players the campers competed in a strong tournament after working on their fundamentals in drills throughout the week.

This week we also played a new game that draws its inspiration from an overseas sport in Cricket. Longball is a game where players must run between two bases to score points before they are gotten out. The ball can go any direction so long as it does not go behind the batter. This simplified version of Cricket was different from most baseball themed games we have played in the past but left a lasting impression on the campers as they enjoyed a new challenge.



## Gymnastics

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!



## Camp of the Arts

What was lost is now found as Arts camp wraps up this week's theme of Land of the Lost! The campers started the shortened week with a team-building collaboration project as they created the backdrop scenery for their choreographed dance of Under the Sea. They presented the dance on Friday at Camp Shabbat and learned along the way that there are really no such things as mistakes in art -- every "oops" can be an opportunity to learn and develop as young artists. Also, after a nice one-day holiday break the kids dove back into art and created air-dry dinosaur clay projects on Thursday and ended the week by painting said dinosaur sculptures. We hope everybody had a safe and fun 4th of July and that his/her summer continues to be awesome!



## Essman Gadol

We made a bunch of art projects this week including nature paintings, Fourth of July wreaths to hang up at home and a camp Western Wall. Since we did not have camp on Wednesday the campers dressed up in their America spirit apparel for Tacky Tuesday; they all looked so cute! We also had a blast baking delicious watermelon cookies on Thursday. During science kids learned about heat and made their own solar cooker! Throughout the week campers splashed around in the pool for swim lessons and free swim and even had a fun day of water activities for Wet and Wild Day on Friday. Also 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!



## Wet & Wild Camp

It's Wet & Wild week! We started off going to Chesterfield pool. Tuesday, we went to sports fusion and played all sort of games from laser tag to mini golf. Thursday, we made our way to Raging Rivers to enjoy a full day of water park fun. Friday, we host our wet and wild day and played games outside along with additional pool time.



## Maccabi Sports Camp

This week the boys spent a lot of time playing various sports. We played intense games of soccer and kickball as well as learning how to get out of a pickle when we played hot box. We enjoyed a couple of great days at the pool and got better at swimming during our swimming lessons.



## Essman Katan

Cans! Cans! Cans! We have been overwhelmed with the donations brought in for the Jewish Food Pantry. This week's Monday Mitzvah was tzedakah, or charity. As a camp, we've worked to collect food for the less fortunate, as well as learning about what it means to give back to the community in other ways. We had a very rewarding week filled with lots of good conversations and opportunities to practice charitable acts.

Make sure you check out our Scholastic Book Fair items next week! All campers will have the opportunity to look at the fair during the day, as well as purchase. If you are unable to attend in person, we invite you to visit our online fair at <http://www.scholastic.com/bf/jecc> (which is open for purchasing through 7/15). Thank you for your support!

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