

C.G.I. Newsletter

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C A M P G A N I S R A E L



Jewish Identity Week



Terrific Torah Tuesday



Jewish Birthday



Jewish Uniform

LETTER FROM YOUR COUNSELORS

Dear Campers,

What a great feeling it was to be back in Camp Gan Israel this year. Seeing old familiar faces and meeting new campers sure got us excited! As the saying goes "Time flies when your having fun" - boy, did this week fly by so fast! From the smiles on your faces, we know you had an unbelievable, fun-filled week at Camp Gan Israel. Keep up your super CGI spirit until we see you again on Monday.

Don't forget your terrific bunk names connected with our iTune into Judaism theme- Mitzvah Music, Simcha Songs, and last, but definitely not least, Torah Tunes! And hey- remember what we are tuning into- Mitzvot to bring Moshiach! It's up to me and you! So give it all you got to bring Moshiach speedily -He's waiting for our good deeds! We hope to see you all back on Monday. Get ready for another smashing, super-duper week at camp. If you thought this week was fun, just wait and see what we've got in store for you!!! Have a great Shabbos,

Love,

Your Counselors, and JC's

FLASHBACKS

Camp Gan Israel of Fresno had its first amazing week of Camp! Our week was filled fun activities that related perfectly to this week's theme - Jewish Identity!

Monday- We welcomed everybody to the most amazing summer day camp- Camp Gan Israel. From popping balloons to find out who our counselors are, to getting the letters to spell our bunk names, playing "getting to know you" games, and sports, ending off the day with swimming, "Capture the CGI Flag," and hug-a-friend, it was the best start to a great summer at Camp Gan Israel!

Tuesday- We started off the day with line up, learning all about the giving of the Torah, and playing a grand game of Torah Tag! We made play-dough, and made connections to Mitzvot out of them. After lunch, we headed to... SKYWALK! Everyone had a blast, and didn't want to leave at the end of the day. Ending off our day with a massive water SHTICK was just super!

Wednesday- By line up, we greeted

everyone with the funkiest, craziest hats ever! After learning all about our Jewish birthdays, we played a fun game of balloon-a-rama. Then, we decorated yummy, yummy cupcakes, and played a smashing game of musical chairs! Afterwards, we headed outside and had a great mad-science adventure with mentos in coke exploding all over; and a corn starch, water, and oil mixture mixed together that made glue, with lots of different food colorings! After swimming, we had a great game of limbo, ending off our day with a birthday party and some more Shtick!

Thursday- By line up, somehow everyone was wearing green! Oh wait, those are our Gan Izzy T-shirts, special for trip days so we can spot anyone from our camp! After driving to have a smashing day in Storyland and Playland, we took a camp picture! By Storyland, we

heard some really nice stories, such as Little Red Riding Hood; Goldilocks and the Three Bears; and Humpty Dumpty. Everyone really enjoyed climbing in Alice's Courtyard. After we ate lunch, we had a blast by Playland. A carousel, boat ride, roller coaster, water area, train ride, and ferris wheel are to name a few! It really was a smashing trip day!

Friday- We started off our day with learning about the Jewish uniform. Wait, why do I see dough? Oh, we're making Challah! So many different shapes and sizes, yummy! After sending the Challah into the oven, we had sports. Suddenly, a man appeared! Oh, it's the magician! With him was Amazing Nathan. What a great Magic Show it was! Swimming, swimming... After swimming, we had a grand Shabbat party! What a fun week it was!

SONG PAGE

Song #1: Theme Song!

Tuning into Camp Gan Izzy
We are always busy
Fun and learning all day through
Come and join the crew!!

iTune into Judiasm
Bring Moshiach on the run
Come on-just do one good deed
It's you guys that we need!

Mitzvah Music is A-OK!
Simcha Songs: smile today!
Torah Tunes: playing away!!

Song #2: Mitzvah Music

Mitzvos make me happy,
Mitzvos make me smile,
Mitzvos all day long!
Morning, noon, and evening,
And also in between,
Moshiach we will bring!
Mitzvah Music!

Song #3: Simcha Songs

Up, up and away,
It's such a special day,
Every song that we sing,
Will bring Moshiach right away!

Up, up and away,
We are A-OK,
CGI, here we come!
Cause we're Simcha Songs,
Hooray!

Song #4: Torah Tunes

Hi ho, hi ho,
It's off to camp we go
Torah Tunes are here to stay,
We're playing through the day!

Rewind, replay,
The Torah Tunes we play,

Will bring Moshiach right away,
Get ready, TODAY!

Song #5:

Oooh oooh oooh oooh I love G.I.
Oooh oooh oooh oooh I love G.I.
I love, you love, we all love G.I.
I love, you love, we all love G.I.

Song #6:

Swimming, swimming in the
swimming pool.
When days are hot,
when days are cold,
In the swimming pool.
Front strokes, back strokes,
and fancy diving too,
Don't you wish,
that you can fish
In the swimming pool!

Song #7:

Am Yisrael, have no fear.
Moshiach will be here this year.
Am Yisrael, have no fear.
Moshiach will be here this year.
WE WANT!
MOSHIACH NOW! } 3x
We don't wanna wait

Song #8: (repeat line by line)

Everywhere we go
People want to know
Who we are
So we tell them.
We are Gan Izzy.
The mighty, mighty Gan Izzy.

And if you don't hear us,
We'll shot a little louder...!

Song #9:

We've existed so long
Cuz the Torah's kept us strong.
And the Torah will never disappear
Oh no!
Through the ages it was brought
By the children who were taught
To follow it and constantly declare:

I'm a Jew and I'm proud
And I'll sing it out loud!
'Cuz forever that's what I'll be!
Oh yes!
I'm a Jew and I'm proud
And that's without a doubt,
'Cuz H-shem is always watching
over me!

He's watching over me!
He's watching over you!
He's watching over every Jew!

Song #10: (repeat line by line)

I said a hee-ee-ee-nay!
I said a hinay ma tov U'mana'im
She'e'e'ves
Sheves Achim Gam Yachad.

Light those candles Friday night.
Make the world a bit more bright.
Give tzedaka to the poor.
When the come knocking at your
door.

Kosher meat is what we eat.
'Cuz Kosher meat just can't be
beat!

Gan Yisroel is the best
We are better than the rest!
So all you others watch out...
Because CGI is what its all about!

F U N P A G E

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S T O R Y

There was once a man called Yosef. Yosef loved the Sabbath and honored it very much. Everyone called him, "Yosef Mokir Shabbat," for Shabbat was very dear to him.

**Near Yosef's house there lived a wealthy Gentile who owned a lot of property. One day he visited his sages, the stargazers. They said to him:
 "We see in the stars that all of your property will go to Yosef Mokir Shabbat."**

He was afraid of losing all his wealth. He went and bought a very precious jewel with all of his money. He took a fancy hat and sewed the jewel upon it. He thought to himself: "Now I am sure that my wealth will remain in my hands, for it rests upon my head all the time." But HaShem decreed differently. One day he went for a walk on a bridge. Suddenly, a strong wind came and blew the hat into the water.

The a huge fish appeared and swallowed the jewel on the hat.

On Friday afternoon the fish was caught by the fishermen. They brought it to market but they worried: Who would buy such a gigantic fish - especially since by this time, everyone had already prepared fish for Shabbat?

**One of the fishermen said, "Take the fish to Yosef Mokir Shabbat. He will surely buy such a special fish, even if he has already prepared other fish."
 The fishermen went to Yosef Mokir Shabbat and he bought the fish.**

Yosf hurried to prepare the fish in honor of Shabbat. He took a knife and opened the fish.

**And behold! Inside the fish's belly Yosef found the precious jewel!
 After Shabbat Yosef sold the jewel for a lot of money. An old man met him and said, "If someone lends to the Sabbath, the Sabbath will pay him back."**

T O R A H T H O U G H T

Parshat Chukat – in a nutshell

Moses is taught the laws of the red heifer, whose ashes purify a person who has been contaminated by contact with a dead body.

After forty years of journeying through the desert, the people of Israel arrive in the wilderness of Zin. Miriam dies and the people thirst for water. G-d tells Moses to speak to a rock and command it to give water. Moses gets angry at the rebellious Israelites and strikes the stone. Water issues forth, but Moses is told by G-d that neither he nor Aaron will enter the Promised Land.

Aaron dies at Hor Hahar and is succeeded in the high priesthood by his son Elazar. Venomous snakes attack the Israelite camp after yet another eruption of discontent in which the people “speak against G-d and Moses”; G-d tells Moses to place a brass serpent upon a high pole, and all who will gaze heavenward will be healed. The people sing a song in honor of the miraculous well that provided the water in the desert.

Moses leads the people in battles against the Emorite kings Sichon and Og (who seek to prevent Israel’s passage through their territory) and conquers their lands, which lie east of the Jordan.

Shabbat Candle Lighting Time for Fresno:

Friday, June 29

8:04 p.m.Shabbat Ends:

Saturday, June 30

9:08 p.m.

K I D S C O R N E R

I love CGI because...

Mitzvah Music:

Caleb: of the sand box and trips

Danny: I get to play with food

Isabel: I like to play with sand, food, water, and crayons

Kyle: it's so much fun and I love Storyland

Micah: I wove it here! Mommy, I don't wanna leave

Zachary: I get to sit on Ceenena

Simcha Songs:

Aarti: it's fun and we get to learn about Judaism

Caleb: we do fun stuff

Isabella: of swimming

Madeliene: of recess time

Shneur: we get to have so much fun

Zalman: I got to go on the ferris wheel by Playland

Torah Tunes:

Chaya: CGI is the way camp is supposed to be! Fun, Trips, Friends, Happiness and Jewish learning all in one! And, I love seeing everyone so happy!

Aaron: of Skywalk

Alice: of everything!

Avitha: we go swimming

Dean: it's awesome

Karolina: of swimming, field trips, and otter pops

Leon: we go on field trips

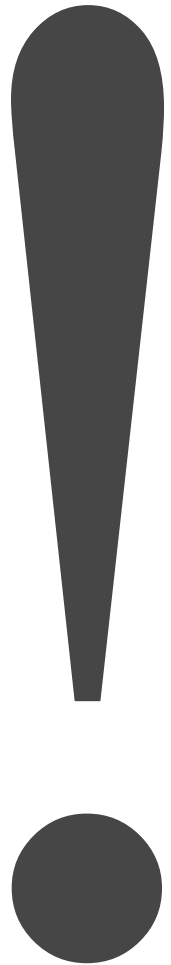
Meir: of the trips

Nir: of the air

Rachael: it's awesome

Rebekah: of the field trips

Sara: of swimming, field trips, and shtick



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Dear Parents,

We hope your child/ren had an amazing week at CGI. To make the atmosphere more fun, please encourage them to give the activities all that they've got! Also, try to remember to give them tzedaka (charity) everyday. Please look over the schedule for next week, and remind them to dress/act according to that day's theme (for instance: topsy-turvy day would be socks on their hands, etc.) Our dress-up day is Wednesday. We thank you in advance for your effort and enthusiasm!

PEEK AT NEXT WEEK

