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Parshas Pinchas / פרשת פנחס  
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## A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

This last week gave us fantastic weather and great events. We were visited by Magic of Amore who astonished our tykes. Crazy hat day was a blast. From Yankee streimels to tony the tiger it was a colorful scene. Our campers were seen this week at the Long island Children's museum, Batting Cages, Mini Golf, Lazer Bounce, Rye Playland, Seneca Lake and Splish Splash. A great day was spent together with campers from Ruach day Camp when we hosted them for a nonstop action packed day filled with sports and swim competition. Ohel came in to speak to our campers about the Tzadaka campaign that we will be doing on their behalf through the swimathon. Once again, we finished the week with our raffle prizes being given out during lunch and our weekly Oneg for our older boys. Zemiros are solid and the Ruach is great. Catch the spirit here at Hillel!

Wishing everyone a magnificent shabbos!

*Rabbi Steven Moskowitz*  
**Camp Director**

## CHINUCH CORNER

*A message from Rabbi Aryeh Cohen and the Chinuch Staff*

What an amazing first full week of camp!!!! The enthusiasm that our campers have show for learning is truly inspiring. This week we learned all about the period of The Three Weeks as we prepare for Tisha Ba'av. The children understand that this is a time of the year when we try to focus on Yerushalayim and bringing back the Beis Hamikdash. We focused on the mitzvah that we have the opportunity to fulfill together every day here in camp, Tefillah. We all need to daven to Hashem everyday to thank Him for all that He does as well as ask for what we need.

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TRIP & EVENT  
REMINDER:  
7/ 16 - 7/20

MONDAY 7/16:  
Toddlers - PK  
JUGGLER!

TUESDAY 7/17:  
Kindergarten & Grade 1  
NYCB THEATRE!!

WEDNESDAY 7/18:  
Grades 2 & 3  
LONG BEACH ICE  
SKATING ARENA!

THURSDAY 7/19:  
Grades 4 & 5  
NEW ROC CITY!  
\*LATE DISMISSAL\*

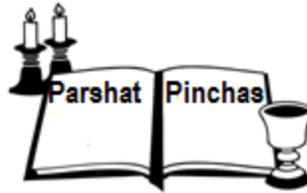
Campers **MUST** wear  
their **YELLOW** colored  
shirt on their off  
campus trips.

## TEEN TOURS

7/17- Ring  
Homestead Camp  
7/18- Bowling  
7/19- 6 Flags Great  
Adventure!

# THE PARSHA PIECE

By Sender Gross, Junior Counselor



Parshat Pinchas relates a story (27:1-12) about the daughters of Tzafchad, descendants of Yosef (Joseph). These daughters wanted and loved the Land of Israel so much that they wanted a piece of it. As Rav Moshe Feinstein asks, why do they have to have a claim in the land, just because they love it? Wouldn't entering or living in the land be fulfilling enough?

Rav Moshe thus concludes that if a person truly loves something, they'd want it to be theirs, and no one else's. This is why the daughters wanted to actually own a piece of the land, rather than simply living in it. This logic applies to marriages, as well as the Torah's preference that every

Jew writes their own Torah (or a portion of it). In our terms, it's not enough to borrow and read Jewish books. We need to love the Torah we read SO much that we feel the need to own it! As this week's Parsha urges, we should not only seek, read and enjoy words of Torah, but we should OWN those books, and live those words!

Good Shabbos, Sender Gross, Editor

## CAMPER'S COMMENTS

QUESTION: What's your favorite activity here in Hillel Day Camp?



Sports are my favorite!  
Jared Goldis 3B

Chocolate making!!  
Kaylie Gordon 1G1

Everything is just so good I can't decide!  
Moshe Khalili 4/5B

I love Swimming, It's my Favorite!  
Elan Beilis 1B2

Cooking is so much fun!  
Ethan Lindenblatt 3B

## CHINUCH CORNER

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This connection to Hashem can surely rebuild the Beis Hamikdash. The campers loved the great stories that helped make all the learning fun as well. On the topic of Tiffilah I have been so impressed by the beautiful benching every day. It could be that the ice cold slushies given to the best benchers have something to do with that.

Have a beautiful Shabbos Kodesh full of Simcha and Bracha!!!!!!!  
Rabbi Aryeh Cohen and the Chinuch Staff

# SPOTLIGHT ON OUR SPECIALTIES

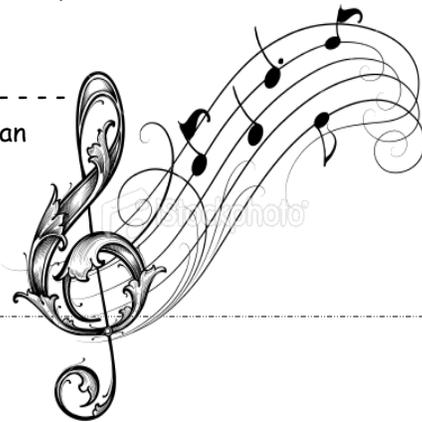
*A message from the Music Staff...*

Music at Hillel Day Camp is off to a great start! Every bunk has been assigned a Hebrew song to perform at the end of the summer! Bunks 1 through teen girls are working hard preparing their song for a special end of the summer performance! Stay tuned...

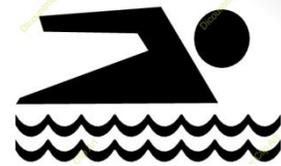


Wishing all the campers an amazing Shabbos!

Danielle



## SWIMMING



Swimming this summer at Hillel Day Camp has been off to an awesome start! This past week, the Pre-School and the Kindergarten campers made their first visit to the big pool! The teen girls swam 500 yards (25 laps) the other day for the Ohel Swim-a-thon! Next week we will post all the campers who passed their deep water test. Stay tuned!

Have an amazing Shabbos!  
The Swimming Staff



# DRIVE THAT SPOTLIGHT ON

*A Message from the Teen Tours Staff...*

The Teen Travel program had a great week of trips. On Tuesday we traveled to Camp Seneca Lake for a fantastic day of activities. The girls went swimming, made a beautiful arts and crafts project, went boating at the lake, and were treated to an exciting juggling show as their night activity. We joined the Seneca campers for lunch and dinner and we were treated to ice cream at Seneca Sprinkles.



## TEEN TOURS

On Wednesday we went for mini-golf, batting cages (rumor has it that Yankee scouts were watching), and some paint ball target shooting. (Some of the girls have a sharp shooting eye) It was the perfect activity after our late-night return on Tuesday night.

On Thursday we had a fantastic day at the Splish Splash water park. The weather was perfect and the girls had a blast on all of the different slides and rides at the park. We're looking forward to more great trips next week.

Wishing everyone an amazing Shabbos!

Rabbi Lichtman, Rachel Amsellem, and Hadar Levy

## PARSHA QUESTIONS

From the Desk of Rabbi Dovid Kupchik

- 1) Who did Pinchas kill and why?
- 2) What 2 rewards did Pinchas receive?
- 3) Which nation did Bnei Yisrael plan to punish?
- 4) Why did Hashem ask Moshe to count Bnei Yisrael?
- 5) What did the Bnot Tzelafchad request from Moshe?
- 6) Who was the leader after Moshe?
- 7) (from previous Parashot :) What is a Para aduma?
- 8) Who tried to curse bnie Yisrael?

Meaningful message of the week: It doesn't pay to be a bully; always be nice!

## IMPORTANT NOTICES:

The Camp office must be notified of any and all arrangements for alternate pickups before 2:00pm on the particular day. Parents picking up children, who usually go home on the bus, must first sign out the camper in the office before picking them up. This also applies to any parent picking up a child before dismissal time.

The camp number is 516-569-5915

## COMING NEXT WEEK IN THE HILLEL HERALD:

- > More Spotlights on our specialties
  - > News & Notes from our Pre-School
  - > Nature's best
- And Much More! Stay Tuned!

## THE RIDDLES OF THE WEEK

### RIDDLE #1

Last summer, four staff members from Hillel Day Camp were driving and they came to a 4-way stop at the same time, each car on a different side. They all started their cars at the exact same time, and moved ahead, without crashing each other and they went on their way. How is this possible? (Think about it!)

### RIDDLE #2

Can you name three consecutive days without using the words Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, or Sunday?

Good Shabbos!

Any Camper Who Brings In A Note To Rabbi Cohen That He / She Learned Torah For At Least A Half Hour Over The Weekend Will Receive An Ice Cold Slushy!!



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