

# YOUNG ISRAEL OF STATEN ISLAND DAY CAMP

Bertha and Karl Soeier Summer Program

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## Happy Birthday To...

**Friday 8/19**

Rebecca Wiater

**Sunday 8/21**

Shmuly Binyaminov

**Wednesday 8/24**

Sophia Gidalowitz

**Thursday 8/25**

Ariel Mirocznik

**Friday 8/26**

Dovi Kimmel  
Isabella Weinstock

**Monday 8/29**

Orian Cohen

**Wednesday 8/31**

Adina Wolbrom  
Aharon Wolbrom

## A WEEK IN REVIEW....

Dear Parents,

What a week, what a summer! Color War was exciting and fun. Both teams, from the counselors to the campers, worked extremely hard. The Ruach and Achdus displayed was felt throughout the camp. The Apache race will go down as one of the closest races in our history as Rachel Stern and Leora Feder both did a remarkable job wrapping their generals with toilet paper. At the Staff Bowling, our counselors had a great time earning points for their teams. Congratulations to Zack Burack on pulling out a turkey in the final frame to win the General Bowl-off by one point. But, in the end it was the Blue team of Mayim that prevailed to win Color War, sparked by a united effort in their Comedy Skit and Comedy Song.

Not to be out done, our K'tan Tan campers had a fantastic week of their own. With a fun filled bowling trip, our campers enjoyed rolling the ball down the lane and racking up the points towards the Ohel bowl-a-thon. On Wednesday, our K'tan Tan campers enjoyed spending the day in Bloomingdale Park, playing sports and running through the sprinklers.

On Thursday, our entire camp was treated to a program run by Musical IQ. The campers loved banging on the drums and learning how to keep a beat.

On Friday our Tweens had a magical time exploring the world of Harry Potter at Harry Potter, The Exhibition in Times Square. Getting up close and personal to some of the props and costumes used in the movies was a thrilling experience.

We are pleased to announce that the camp collectively raised \$1,683.73 for Ohel through our campwide Ohel Bowl-a-thon.

We hope to see everyone here Monday night at 7 p.m. for our annual YISI Day Camp Slideshow, which will be held in the gym. Light refreshments will be served following the slideshow. All campers must be accompanied by a parent.

As the summer comes to a close we would like to thank everyone for making this summer a success. A special thank you to our head staff for all their hard work and efforts, both in the months leading up to camp, as well as throughout the summer. We hope your child enjoyed their summer with us and we can't wait for YISI Day Camp Summer 2012!

Have a good Shabbos and a happy and healthy New Year!

Josh and Stefanie Sturm

**DISMISSAL FOR CAMPERS ON THE LAST DAY OF CAMP, TUESDAY, AUGUST 23<sup>rd</sup>, WILL BE AT 1 PM. THERE WILL BE NO LATE PICK UP THAT DAY.**

Please feel free to come and check our **Lost and Found** for your child's belongings either before or after camp. The lost and found will be brought upstairs on evening of the slide show as well.

If the camp EMT has medication for your child, you must come pick it up in person on Tuesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>. Medication will not be sent home with campers.

A special thank you to **Essen New York Deli** for hosting our Staff Appreciation Dinner, Wednesday evening. The food was delicious and the service was superb!

## K'tan Tan

The week started off raining, so our trip to Willowbrook Park was changed to Rab's Country Lanes. Our K'tan Tan campers had a great time bowling. For a lot of our campers, it was their first time bowling and they were super! Thank goodness we had beautiful weather for our trip on Wednesday to Bloomingdale Park. The campers had an awesome time playing in the sprinklers and park. We had a delicious picnic lunch in the park too. What an incredible day! On Thursday we had a great experience getting to play bongos when Musical IQ came to visit us. On Friday we wrapped up our summer Chinuch learning with our K'tan Tan campers making Challah. All summer long we have been concentrating on learning the various brachot we make each day. This past week we spent time learning the special brachot we make on Shabbos. Our K'tan Tan campers and I are sad that camp is coming to an end, but we hope to see everyone back here next year.

From our K'tan Tan campers here at camp to your home, have a good Shabbos!

Leah Commer – K'tan Tan Division Head



Anaphim

For the past 8 weeks while writing the newsletter, the Anaphim division heads have worked tirelessly to think of words other than 'awesome' and 'blast' to describe our summer. But there are no other words to describe the past week, 'cause it was truly a blast! What made this week stand out from all of the others?! What made it so awesome was COLOR WAR of course! This year's color war teams were Blue Mayim and Red Aish. The Generals and Lieutenant General for the blue team were Josh Eisenberg, Yafit Fishbach and Danny Binyaminov. The Red Generals and Lieutenant General were Zach Burack, Shelly Cohen, and Gabby Tsatskin. Our campers really gave it their all and fought hard to win points for their teams. The campers participated in various head to head competitions. From track & field to Chinuch games, swimming races to singing cheers, everyone was awesome! Our campers had a great time watching their counselors and friends act in the comedy skits. After three long days of preparing and competing, the BLUE team won by a very close margin, congrats! We would like to congratulate all of the campers and counselors on a job well done. A special thanks to the Generals and Lieutenant Generals for working so hard to ensure that this year's Color War was a great one! Even though the blue team won on paper, we honestly do believe that all of our campers were the real winners! We wanted to end the summer with a bang, so we had a great time making our own music on bongos when Musical IQ came to visit. It is hard to believe that this week's newsletter is already this summer's last. The summer went by way too fast! We would like to thank you, the parents, for trusting us to take care of your child over the last 8 weeks. The campers are truly special to us, each and every one of them is unique and we love them for that! We hope that everyone had an awesome summer and we look forward to seeing you here next year! Have a good Shabbos!



Aviva Miller – Anaphim Division Head  
Tzvi Broker – Anaphim Division Head  
Scott Kalmikoff – Assistant Anaphim Division Head



**MENU FOR  
AUGUST  
22<sup>ND</sup> AND  
23<sup>RD</sup>**

### Monday

Baked Ziti  
Plain Pasta  
Sliced Cucumbers  
Chocolate Pudding

### Tuesday

Deli Platter  
Rye Bread  
French Fries  
Pickles  
Watermelon  
Sprinkle Cookies

### Also Available:

Everyday – salad and dressing, soy butter, jelly

On Dairy Days – cheese

On Meat Days – hard boiled eggs

### Swim

Fantastic! Color War swim was so impressive. Everyone had a chance to show off what they've learned all summer long (only faster). The enthusiasm on both sides was contagious! Campers you did me proud. Have a great summer and a great year!

Joanie and Co.

### Arts and Crafts

Dear Parents,

*It's so sad that the last week of camp is ending. This last week K'tan Tan made many creative projects, including rainbow collages, small trays, toothbrush holders with timers, and kaleidoscopes. The Anaphim and Tween campers were busy with Color War but they found time to make jewelry, bookmarks, airplanes, mosaic magnets and sports boxes. See you next week Beezrat Hashem!*

Mrs. Gelber – Arts & Crafts Director

### Dance

It's hard to believe that camp is almost over. It was a busy week with color war! The Anaphim and Tweens were full of team spirit. Between the apache relay race, skits and songs, the blue team danced their way to victory. The K'tan Tan campers were busy boogying down the lanes at Rabs on Monday. They were so excited with getting spares and strikes; we were dancing all over the place! On Wednesday, we went to Bloomingdale Park. What a blast we had dancing in the sprinklers. The laughter and joy on their faces was infectious. We ended the week with our usual hustle with Zumba, freeze dance and the ever popular limbo. It was a pleasure dancing with your children this summer. I hope they remember all we learned and have a great year. See you next summer!

Naomi Weintraub – Dance Coordinator

### Sports

It's hard to believe that camp is over in two days! This past week, as you all know, was Color War! It was an intense week of sports! Monday was our track and field event, with relay races including the potato sack race and the 50, 100, and 200 yard dashes. Wednesday was the ever important Apache relay race. Throughout the race, the blue team was in the lead, however, it all came down to the famous wrapping the General in toilet paper station. The red team was quick enough to mummify their general and pull off the win. It was a great week! Have a good Shabbos!

Avi Frist – Head of Sports

### Tweens

Our last week of camp was full of competitive fun! We started off the week with Color War! The red team, Aish and the blue team, Mayim had a challenging start because of the rain so they competed in the track and field in the gym. A yasher koach to both the red team and the blue team for all of their hard work.

Thursday, we had a musical visit from Musical IQ. We learned how to play our own music on the bongos. The campers had a great time! Friday we headed to the city to visit Harry Potter, the Exhibition. We had the opportunity to sit in Hagrid's chair. We all felt really small! We also had a chance to see the costumes which were worn in the actual movies. It was a lot of fun! We can't wait to see everyone back in camp on Monday.

Have a good Shabbos.

Pamela Merl – Tweens Division Head

### Chinuch

This week in Chinuch was a little different than normal because of all of the Color War activities. On Monday and Tuesday Chinuch was a little shorter than usual so we used the time to discuss a few important current events. On Monday, we discussed the events of the day, namely, Tu B'av. We explained to the campers the various happenings which took place on this day and why the Rabbis call it one of the happiest days of the year. Tuesday, we discussed an important mitzvah in this week's parsha, Parshat Ekev, Birkat Ha'mazon. We discussed some of the important halachot pertaining to this mitzvah, as well as explaining the meaning of the words we say each day when we bench. On Wednesday, we had the annual Color War Chinuch competition. Each kevtzah played a trivia game where the categories were all of the various topics we have learned about throughout the summer. Everyone had a great time. At the end of the week we spoke about the importance of listening to others and we played various games to work on this critical skill. Have a good Shabbos!

Rabbi Binyamin Miller – Chinuch Coordinator

### Parshat Ekev

In this week's parsha, Parshat Eikev, the Torah teaches us about the very important mitzvah of Birkat Hamazon, otherwise known as benching. After we eat a meal with bread, we have to thank Hashem for all of the food that He gives us. Why is benching so important? The following story explains its importance.

There was once a famous Rabbi who was traveling with a group of non-Jews. When the group stopped to rest, the Rabbi sat down with them, made a bracha, and ate his bread. When the group got up to leave, the Rabbi remembered that he did not bench. He wanted to bench in the place where he ate, but he knew that the group would not want to stop just so he could bench. He went up to the leader of the group and said that he had to go back because he had forgotten a golden dove. The leader said they would wait for him. The Rabbi went back to the spot where he ate and benched. The Rabbi suddenly realized that he had lied to the leader and he would have to explain that he lied. As he left the place, he saw something shining on the ground. He saw that it was a golden dove. He took it and showed everyone in the group what he found.

The Rabbi chose to say he forgot a golden dove since he knew that doing Mitzvos saves people's lives just like the wings of this golden dove helped protect his life. The Mitzvos are as precious as gold. Though the Rabbi was saying that he had forgotten a precious golden dove, in reality he had really forgotten a precious Mitzvah. We should always feel that the Mitzvos are as precious to us as gold, and that they always protect us from danger. Have a good Shabbos!

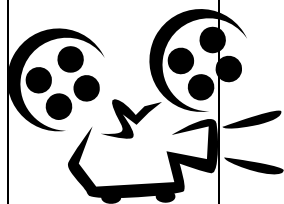
Josh Goldstein – Chinuch Instructor

**Week of August 22<sup>nd</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>**



**Monday**

**August 22<sup>nd</sup>**



**End of the Year Extravaganza in the Park**

All campers must wear socks and sneakers in order to participate in the activities.

**Annual YISI Day Camp Slideshow**

Everyone is welcome to come see a slideshow featuring our wonderful campers. It will be held in the Shul gym at 7 PM. Light refreshments will be served following the slideshow. Campers **must** be accompanied by an adult.

**Tuesday**

**August 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**Last Day of Camp**

**Camper dismissal is at 1 PM**

**There is no late stay after camp**

We can't wait to see you back here for summer 2012!

Have a great year and a shana tovah!

