

Geshem (rain) did not stop Sha'ar from having an incredible fifth week of camp! Sha'ariya was on Wednesday and chanichim loved exploring "the chagim" (the holidays) through exciting and fun peulot throughout the day. We were thrilled to welcome so many parents and family members to our special Shishi With Sha'ar program today. We hope you enjoyed getting a ta'am (taste) of Sha'ar, seeing and hearing your children's flourishing Hebrew skills, and sharing in the joy they feel each day here at camp.

Kochavim had a moosh week discovering chayot (animals)! They loved going on an "animal search" around camp where they looked for a chatul (cat), kelev (dog), tzfardea (frog), tarnegol (rooster), arnav (rabbit), devorah (bee), parpar (butterfly), dov (bear), and dolfin (dolphin). They also shared about the members of their mishpachot (families) and talked about how every mishpacha is different. Some chanichim have ima v'abba (a mother and a father), some have shtai imahot or avot (two mothers or fathers), and some have rak ima or rak abba (only a mother or a father). On the Yom Cham (Hot Day) campers had a blast staying cool in the mamterot (sprinklers) and playing on the mitnapchim (inflatables), which were covered in cool mayim (water) and on Yom Pijama (Pajama Day) they loved wearing their PJ's to camp. Kochavim's theme for Sha'ariya was Rosh Hashanah, and tzrifim (bunks) dressed up as rimonim (pomegranates) and tapuchim b'dvash (apples with honey).

This week **Shorashim** continued their exploration of hadarom (southern Israel). They visited the city of Be'er Sheva, where they talked about how to build an ir (city): kikarim (traffic circles), rehovot (streets), and midrachot (sidewalks). They used bread buns to form Machtsh Ramon (Ramon Crater), and discovered all of the breathtaking tzva'im (colors) of sand. They also talked about the things necessary to build a community in the desert like mayim l'shtiya (water to drink), mekomot avodah (places to work), and batim (homes). Chanichim had a moosh week in their camp activities as well, baking oznei haman (hamentaschen) in bishul (cooking), pita im chocolad (pita with chocolate) in bishul bachutz (outdoor cooking), and making creative projects with the alim (leaves) they collected during teva (nature). Shorashim's theme for Sha'ariya was Chanukah and they made bowls for Chanukah in ceramica (ceramics) and had fun doing galgalonim (cartwheels) to Chanukah songs in functional fitness!

Nitzanim felt proud this week when they concluded learning about Creation. They celebrated with a special chagigat Shabbat (Shabbat party) featuring songs with Amichai the Music Guy (camp's music director) and they made milchiyot (salt shakers) to use on Shabbat at home. They also began to explore the story of Adam V'Chava (Adam and Eve) and the etz hada'at (tree of knowledge). Nitzanim's Sha'ariya theme was Purim and all of the chanichim made their own masechot (masks)! They loved their time at ma'ayan (loose parts) this week where they created omanut mufshetet (abstract art) by making shapes out of chut v'tziv'ei goash (string and different colored paints).

This week **Solelim** chanichim went exploring using a mapat haolam (map of the world). They found the kav hamashveh (equator) and discussed how avir (air) moves around the earth. To test their theories about the ruach (wind) campers made tziporim m'niyar (origami birds) and sent them flying! To represent Nitzanim's Sha'ariya theme of Shavuot, madrichim (counselors) dressed in all white, wore garlands on their heads, and learned about taking the bikkurim (first fruits) to the Beit HaMikdash (Temple). Chanichim loved baking oznei haman (hamentaschen) in bishul (cooking) using kemach (flour), beitzim (eggs), sucar (sugar), tamzit vanil (vanilla extract), chocolad (chocolate), and ribah (jam). In robotica (robotics) they created their own dmuyot (characters) that dance and talk and in etz (woodworking) they made ma'amadim l'mapiyot (napkin holders). Campers also had so much fun playing plonter (Twister) this week!

Tzeirim's Sha'ariya theme was Pesach! Madrichim dressed up as B'nei Yisrael (the Jewish people) and various chanichim dressed up as yam suf (the Red Sea), the makat tzfardea (plague of frogs), and kneidlach (matza balls)! They had a special lunch in a Sukkah-themed chadar ochel (dining room) with a fun tacharut shirim (song battle) with chagim-themed songs. This week, campers enjoyed baking oznei haman (hamentashen) in bishul (cooking) and creating projects out of maklot artik (popsicle sticks) in makers.

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