

To borrow the word of the summer from Kayitz 2018, we had an achla (awesome) Week Seven in Sha'ar! From yamim meyuchadim (special days) to out-of-camp trips, chanichim used their Hebrew all over camp and baderech (out on the road)!

Kochavim has been loving the yamim chamim (hot days) of kayitz 2019! When summer ends they know to expect yamim meunanim (cloudy days) in stav (fall), yamim karim (cold days) and sheleg (snow) in choref (winter), and the return of the shining shemesh (sun) in aviv (spring). This week campers explored chameshet hachushim (the five senses): using their oznayim (ears) for shmi'ah (hearing), ainayim (eyes) for re'iyah (vision), pey'ot (mouths) for ta'am (taste), apim (noses) for re'ach (smell), and their yadayim (hands) for mishush (touch). Chanichim also used their chushim on Yom Gibborim (Heroes Day), hearing the siren of the auto mishtara (police car), seeing the flashing lights on the masa'it mechabei aish (firetruck), and touching the various equipment in the ambulance. Kochavim loved talking this week about where klei tachbura (transportation vehicles) are used: a matos (plane) and masok (helicopter) fly in the avir (air), a sira (boat) floats on the yam (sea), and an autobus (bus) and auto (car) drive on the yabasha (land).

This week **Shorashim** enjoyed Yom Beresheet, a day filled with peulot to explore the story of Creation. Chanichim loved visiting the different tachanot (stations) that represented each day of Creation. They made yar'chim (moons) out of Oreo cookies, and created a special project with alim (leaves). They put their yadaim (hands) into a container and closed their ainayim (eyes) while guessing what they felt inside--mayim (water), chol (sand), or avanim (rocks). Continuing with Shorashim's summer theme of "Mitachat L'Yam" ("Under the Sea"), campers have been practicing their dance moves which include brushing off atsot (seaweed), riding the galim (waves), walking like sartanim (crabs), and waving their hands like tamnoonim (octopuses). In bishul bachutz, chanichim made popcorn matok (sweet popcorn) with chocolate and marshmallows, and popcorn maluach (savory popcorn) with tavlinim (spices), including kamun (cumin) and pilpel angli (allspice). At teva (nature) they built kenim (nests) out of zradim (twigs) for tziporim (birds) and they made chamutzim (pickles) in bishul.

This week **Nitzanim** had a special day, Yom Imagineers! Chanichim tapped into their imaginations, making tie-dye shirts and enjoying different peulot. At one station they had a merot mayim (water obstacle course) and for another activity each tzrif (bunk) had to form a whole animal using all of the campers' gufim (bodies). They also created different hamtza'ot (inventions) out of various chomarim (materials). At teva (nature) they used zradim (twigs) to build kenim (nests) and they found tzfarde'im (frogs) in the nachal (stream). Chanichim loved making hats in omanut (art) inspired by the graffiti art found throughout Tel Aviv. In bishul (cooking), they made chamutzim (pickles) by putting sliced melafefonim (cucumbers) into mayim im melach, sucar, v'chometz (water with salt, sugar, and vinegar). Then they added zir'ei cusbara (coriander seeds), batzal (onion), shum (garlic), shamir (dill), and chili charif (hot pepper).

Solelim campers continued to explore hachalal hachitzon (outer space) and received a michtav (letter) this week from "chaizarim" (aliens). The michtav was written in gematria and campers had to translate the Hebrew numbers in order to decipher the message. They also wrote michtavim to each other using gematria and left a message back for the chaizarim by writing a huge shalom with gir (chalk) on a walkway in camp. They discussed the late Israeli astronaut Ilan Ramon z"l, his ometz (bravery), and did a maslul michsholim (obstacle course) to simulate how hard it is to live on a spacecraft. Campers loved making their own kvutzot kochavim (constellations) out of natznatzim (glitter), devek (glue), and chaizarim zoharim bachoshech (glow in the dark aliens). Solelim had a special day this week, Yom Tayarim (Tourist Day)! Chanichim and counselors dressed up as tourists and "traveled" around the world. They visited the Migdal Eiffel (Eiffel Tower), helped build the Chomat Sin (Great Wall of China) and the pyramidot (pyramids) in Mitzrayim (Egypt), and drank tea and ate oogiyot (cookies) in England.

This week **Tzeirim** had a blast during their special day, Yom Mitachat L'Yam (Under the Sea Day). They searched all over camp for tzabei yam (sea turtles) and enjoyed an activity called ladug dagim (fishing for fish) and using their creativity to make sand art, beautiful bakbukei chol tziv'oni (bottles filled with colored sand). Chanichim also discussed the echut hasviva (environment) highlighting the sea. Campers had exciting conversations about rakavot harim (roller coasters) leading up to trip day, and had a moosh time on their trip! They had fun this week at chetz v'keshet (archery), made tasty chamutzim (pickles) at bishul (cooking), and created a maslul for a gula (marble track) at makers, all in Hebrew, of course.

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