

EDITION \#2, WEEK \#4
Parshas Pinchas- Candle lighting: 7:59



We're wrapping up a month of growth, and we are already gearing up for another month of enthralling entertainment and fun times here in Camp Rena! Our campers enjoy our spacious, air conditioned facilities and beautiful playground. What a joy to watch the kids run around and enjoy the rooftop, the outdoors and a full array of indoor activities. We aim to continue utilizing each day to its fullest, enabling the girls to build their self-confidence and develop their skills.

It's hard to believe that first half is coming to a close. It's been an incredible privilege to watch another successful camp season unfold! As I greet the girls each morning, there's no better feeling than knowing that we have prepared an action-packed schedule for each girl to enjoy.

I am so proud of how much each and every girl has blossomed and grown throughout these past few weeks. Looking forward to making more memories together during second trip!

Wishing you a beautiful Shabbos,
Mrs. Chaya Levy
Director

## Highlights Rena

What an AWESOME week! Backtrack to last Friday, CRANIUM day, when Tova and Yaffa B. danced with the bouncy eyeballs! Then we got them, too, and joined the dancing. Truly eye-opening experience! Grades 4, 5 and 6 got to roller-skate in camp, as an in-camp trip. It was amazing how fast we zipped around the gym! The science show also wowed us with cool experiments and displays. Our Royal Rena Raffle winners got exciting prizes, and so did the Middos raffle winners and Magnet raffle winners. On Monday we skipped to camp rejuvenated from Shabbos, ready for another fantastic week. We were greeted by our Head Counselors who were detectives for the day. Yaffa B. CLUE'd us in to the theme of the week by following the hints to find Tova with the help of our very own magnifying glasses. After that, 4 th grade hopped onto the buses to iPlay America where they spent the day going on rides, playing games and earning tickets for prizes. 5 th grade got to go to Dave \& Busters, winning tickets and receiving incredible prizes. On The Beast, 6 th got soaked as they sped along the Hudson River, having a total blast! Tuesday began with yellow and blue inflated Head Counselors, who hid their faces and made the person at the door GUESS-WHO was who. The tiny sticky men we got also resembled Yaffa B. and Tova's costumes. Costume day was unbelievable- the creativity and ruach was through the roof! Every girl who was dressed up got a sparkly wand or fidget spinner. The other thing on giant scale that day was our 2 nd and 3 rd grade main event: we played a huge guess Who Game across the lunchroom! Congrats to Blue team for the win! The 5 th grade stayed when everyone returned home for an exclusive late night. Our girls bounced high with the Kangoo shoes, and the energy was really something unique. Shout out to Mrs. Sittner for the best BBQs all week long, they were delish!


## Fighlights Rena

Wednsday came and with it a question: WHERE'S WALDO? Soon after everyone got their red noses that look like Waldo's pom-pom, 2 nd and 3 rd grades loaded buses and headed out to their trip to Turtleback Zoo. Grades 4, 5, and 6 got to play Where's Waldo during main activity, when we searched for Tova, Yaffa B and other tutu-clad counselors (thanks Yehudis, Sophia, Rachel, Rochel Leah, and Aliza). We got tons of exercise running around both buildings to get their signatures, and it ended in a very close tie between two bunks. Winners for the astounding Rena's Got Talent and costume contest were announced and prizes awarded- every girl was and continues to be a shining star! Thursday, FRAME-IT day, was also the day of our pool-party and grand banquet. Before we left to the Pac-Plex each girl ate a yummy black and white cookie and took a bag with a beach ball, sunglasses, keychain, Laffy-taffy and Mondo. We made quite a splash and had a ball! When we came back we sat down to a beautiful banquet. On each table were black and white bandanas with Rena R's that we got to decorate. The awards the counselors gave were all so accurate and well deserved. We're so proud of you! We went home looking forward to the very last day of first half-Friday. Friday dawned, I SPY day, and the head counselors spied 'lions and tigers and bears- oh my!' Aside from the exciting Royal Rena, Middos, and Magnet raffles, we were treated to a S'mores bar. Yum! Malky Giniger led us in a melodic kumzitz, in which we sang our hearts out together. The achdus that Rena campers built over first half was truly evident in the way everyone sang together! Girls, you gave us a medal-worthy first half! Thank you!

Looking forward to another incredible week on the Camp Rena game board, Dassie (Main Events Coordinator), Tova and Yaffa B. (Head Counselors)


## Highights OFtHE WEEK

The fun times continue with Rena Teens! Wow, what an incredible week! We started off on Monday with a day chock-full of exciting activities on-grounds, followed by an amazing Tuesday trip... Dave and Buster's! We had a blast! And, of course, Rena Teens did it again-we made a beautiful kiddush Hashem! The staff at Dave and Buster's was very impressed... not surprising! Wednesday was another day of fun in camp. Thursday we headed off to Marine Park for an outdoors biking experience! We enjoyed a special end-of-the-half lunch, which was delish. On Friday, we were treated to a delicious cappuccino and muffin breakfast, followed by a donut-making and eating contest. Thursday we were treated to a delicious cappuccino and muffin breakfast, a donut-making and eating game, and a refreshing swim, followed by a trip to Marine Park for an outdoors biking experience! We enjoyed a special end-of-the-half lunch, which was delish. Enjoy those beautiful leather pillows with your initial and cute picture frames to hold your bunk picture, as a memento of all those fun times.

Rena Teens, it's hard to believe that our first half is coming to a close! We shared so many good times together, developed new friendships, and have created fond memories to look back at. To all those star Rena Teens who are leaving for second half: we'll miss you! And to all those lucky Rena Teens who are staying fullsummer: we can't wait to see what else is in store...

Wishing you all a wonderful Shabbos,
Mrs. B


## Costume Day




## Grand Banquet \& Pool Party






## Frog Day

We played "Five Speckled Frogs," and some kids even got to wear special frog hats.
How do frogs breathe? How do they jump and eat? We heard all about it! The kids made adorable frogs using egg cartons. The bubble show sure was a spectacular delight!


## Fish Day



We played "catch the counselor fish" at main activity! Then, we hunted and found the fish hidden in the classroom. We learned all about fish and sang "Let's go swimming.... In the bottom of the ocean." The kids had a blast making fish tanks with sheet protectors!

## Duck Day

We sang "Five little ducks went out to play." The kids made cute foam duck balls and enjoyed a yummy Shabbos party!


Nursery: We baked yummy cinnamon buns and watched an amazing bubble show! We learned in shiur that every mitzvah rebuilds the Bais Hamikdash! We also enjoyed our weekly challah-baking activity.

PG2: What a super-busy, action-packed week we had in Camp BalleRena! We painted ceramic hearts, baked delicious cinnamon buns, and made 3-D frog projects. The trip to the Jewish Children's Museum was so much fun! Everyone got to shop in a kosher supermarket and create a Bais Hamikdash scene with colorful pegs. We were all mesmerized by the fantastic bubble show. Can't wait for an exciting second trip to start next week!

KG: KG's are learning to color with different colors and in the lines, too! Did you see our BalleRenas in ballet? We all have adorable tutus.
In shiur, we learned all about the Kosel and asking Hashem for what we need. We added a bunch of cute new dolls to our toys, and we are sharing so nicely. Our morahs love us and are enjoying us so much!

KB: We are having so much fun swimming, playing and running around. We are so sad that first half is over and are looking forward to second half. It is sure to be amazing! We can't wait to see what's in store... Have a great Shabbos!


## A PEEK INTO OUR WEEK

| B-1: <br> The Jewish Children's <br> Museum was so <br> much fun <br> There was excitement <br> there for everyone! <br> We explored, we dis- <br> covered, we learned <br> so much |  |
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| There was so much <br> for us to touch <br> A great time was had <br> by all <br> It really was a ball! | PB: What a fun week <br> we had! We really en- <br> joyed the Jewish Chil- <br> dren's Museum. We <br> can't believe that first <br> half is over-it went by <br> so fast! We can't wait <br> to see what's in store <br> for us second half. <br> Goodbye Baruch, Ezi <br> B. and Avi-We will <br> miss you! |

> PG1: We loved the Jewish Children's Museum, and the bubble show was a BLAST! We can't believe first half has come to a close. It seems like just yesterday that we greeted the girls for the first time! Shout out to the greatest counselors for always helping and truly being there for the girls! Thank you, Malky, Nechama and Odelia!

G-1B: We had such an exciting week. Aside from enjoying all our daily activities, the girls had so much fun in Kids ' $n$ Action and the Jewish Children's Museum!


## A Message From:

R' Shloimy Berger,

Head Counselor and Rebbi

As we approach the halfway point of our summer season, I want to take a moment to acknowledge how much the boys eagerly learned during the first half! All of the boys enthusiastically contributed to our kriah and middos discussions in a variety of ways, whether by sharing personal stories about how they were strong like lions to do what's right even when it wasn't easy, or how they learned from the fish (ask the boys about the fishy-faces they made!!) and helped out their friends by sharing, talking and playing nicely. Some brave boys even showed off their acting skills by acting in skits, based on the stories that the boys had shared (which was adorable!).
The boys have showed over the course of the half how they really are learning what it means to have good middos! Bli ayin hara!
Another spectacular scene in Renanim is our davening; the boys daven beautifully, out loud, \& together like big mature boys! It is an unbelievable and special sight-if a parent ever wants to come in and see-it is really an incredible sight and source of nachas!!
In our Parshah Focus, the boys learned how the Yomim Tovim, Rosh Chodesh and Shabbos are all mentioned in this week's parshah. We discussed the special role each one plays in our lives- for example, Yom Tov is a special time for Klal Yisroel to increase their achdus and bein adam lachavero, which is why on Yom Tov we are allowed to carry and do cooking-related work. Shabbos is a special time for us to connect to Hashem, which is why we are not allowed to carry or do other foodrelated work. (See Meshech Chachmah, Parshas Emor)
B"H, our Renanim boys have had an incredible summer so far. In addition to the learning and davening, another highlight of our day which the boys really look forward to is the sports activities that we play together. Over the course of the summer, the boys have played basketball, baseball, soccer, steal the salami, relay races, dodgeball, Gaga, amongst other exciting activities! The boys really love to move around, and they display great teamwork and sportsmanship! B"H they are great players, both athletically and in terms of their middos tovos! Shep nachas!!!
We sadly say goodbye to all the special Renanim boys that are leaving us and wish them a great rest of their summer. We look forward to meeting all the new Renanim boys joining us for second half!!



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## Rena Division:

"Hey, did you see Leah cutting class"? "Did you know that Shani stole snack from another girl in the class"? NO WAY!!!! That just can't be!!!! This week in shiur we learned that there can always be another side to the story. We just need to follow the advice from Pirkei Avos, הוי דן את בל האדם לכף זכות.
It's a big mitzva to judge a person favorably and give him/her the benefit of the doubt. We heard a few incredible stories that demonstrated this concept beautifully. We even heard the story of the Three Little Pigs from the wolf's perspective. It turns out he wasn't such a big bad guy after all!
As a follow up to this lesson, we got our creative juices flowing and wrote some creative "other sides to the story". Mrs. Hagbi started a story about a girl named Chani who apparently wasn't following camp rules when she went swimming without her bathing cap! Well, you should have heard our creative endings! One girl even turned Chani into a hero!!! It turned out Chani didn't have time to put on her bathing cap because she spotted a girl struggling in the water, so she quickly jumped right in and saved her life!!!! WOW!!!!
It's really a powerful tool to be דן לכף זכות because when we have positive thoughts about a person, that creates positive feelings, and then we are not tempted to speak loshon horah! This is a great mitzva to work on during the Three Weeks!
-Mrs. Hagbi



This week in shiur we went on a very exciting trip! We pretended to pack our bags, get on a big airplane, and travel all the way to Eretz Yisroel!!! For many of us, it was our very first time in Israel!
Mrs. Hagbi read us a story titled "The Waiting Wall", which is all about the Kotel. The Kotel is the most special place in the world to Daven to Hashem. Some people even write personal Tefilos on note paper, and stick those notes in cracks in the wall.
After listening to the story, we all had so much fun drawing pictures for Hashem. Most of us drew pictures of things that we are thankful for. This was a fun and colorful way to say "Thank you Hashem"! Then we folded up our picture notes, and stuck them in our imaginary Kotel hanging in the room.
This was the most wonderful trip! We can't wait to go back to Eretz Yisroel and Daven at the Kotel again very soon!
-Mrs. Hagbi



## Spotlight on:

## SPECIALTIES!

Voice: Headed by Ms. Shaindel Antelis
Upper Dance: Headed by Ms. Fraidy Emanuel

Rena Reporter: Hi! I hear you're doing fantastic things with our Rena campers! Can you tell us a little bit about what you do with the girls?

Ms. Shaindel Antelis: The girls have lots of awesome energy! We start with some warmups, how our posture is supposed to be, what we should and shouldn't be doing while singing, and more! We go over singing techniques to get vibrato-the girls all know the "drop your jaw" technique by now! So far I have been teaching the girls a few of my new songs, called "Standing Tall" and "Life is an Adventure," from my newest album, "The Sun is Rising." I am impressed with how fast they pick it up! The girls can see the songs we learned and kosher music videos at www.shaindelantelis.com.
Ms. Fraidy Emanuel: The girls are definitely doing fantastic things... they are honestly an amazing group of individuals; in spirit, personality and in the way they move. And that is exactly what we do in the upper dance. We like to take the spirit and personality and put it into motion. As we explained on the first day, the definition of dance is the expression of movement through music. So each class we start with a warm up and then comes a routine which has choreography that intrinsically tries to showcase some individuality that shines forth from each girl.

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## Rena Reporter: What is your favorite part of your job here?

Ms. Shaindel Antelis: I love watching girls be excited about singing and improving their skills. And it's so nice to meet so many sweet faces who are eager to grow and work on singing as best as they can! Everyone is unique and beautiful inside and out and doesn't have to be like anyone else or sound like anyone else ;).
Ms. Fraidy Emanuel: Whew. Hard question. I would probably say that my favorite part is after a good class where the girls are smiling and dancing their way out the door.

Rena Reporter: From your experience working with the campers, what makes Camp Rena girls special?

Ms. Shaindel Antelis: Camp Rena girls are very passionate! I wish there was a camp like this when I was younger! Today was my last time having some of the groups for the first month, and I'm going to miss the campers who won't be here second month!

Ms. Fraidy Emanuel: Definitely the mix and variety of the group as a whole, and the way they treat each other with that factor in play. It's an incredible treat to be a part of their learning experience, which has turned into mine as well, as they teach me a whole lot in return! You guys rock!


CORRECTED CHALLAH RECIPE:
$41 / 2$ Tbsp dry yeast
5 cups warm water
$1 / 4$ cup sugar
Mix. Allow to stand for 10 minutes so yeast
starts to bubble.
1 cup oil
3 eggs
$11 / 2$ cups sugar
1 tsp baking powder
2 Tbsp salt
5 lbs . Flour
Add oil, eggs, sugar, baking powder, salt and half of flour to yeast mixture. Mix until it forms a paste, continue adding the rest of the flour and kneading until a dough forms. Cover bowl and allow dough to rise for 2-3 hours. Braid, allow to rise for 30 minutes. Brush with egg and bake at 350 degrees for 30-40 minutes.





[^0]:    Thank you, Camp Rena for submitting so many responses! We wish we could have included all of them! Stay tuned for next week's interview question...

