



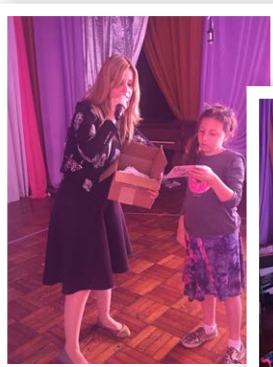
MESSAGE FROM THE  
CAMP DIRECTOR

**To My Dear Rena Campers,**

Another amazing week and more incredible memories continue to unfold each moment here in Camp Rena. New friendships and many new skills are being developed daily, making the Camp Rena experience second to none!

Practice, practice, practice! This week we launched our initial practice and preparation for our grand musical, "The Spark Within." All across the building, we are jumping, dancing, singing, playing, acting... There is a real spirit of achdus and excitement in the air, as we all work together to make a beautiful production. We can't wait to see everyone and look forward to sharing nachas of our campers with you!

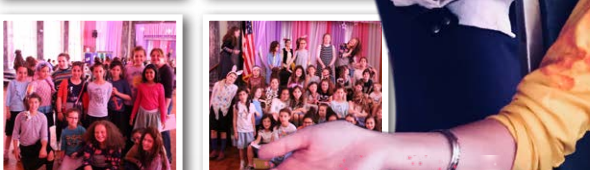
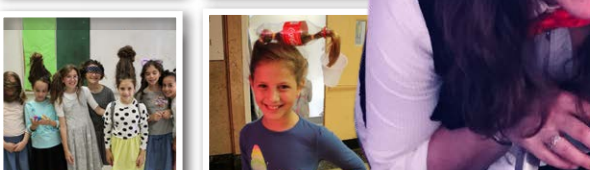
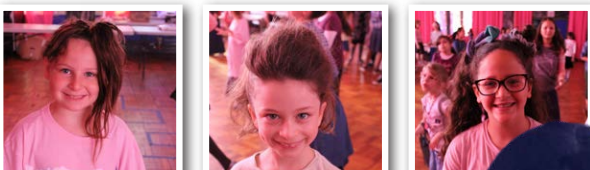
Wishing everyone a wonderful shabbos and an amazing week ahead,  
Mrs. Chaya Levy  
Camp Director



# HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEK

Our book of the week was... Pinocchio! What a week! Pinocchio greeted us on Monday with his VERY long nose. We loved seeing everyone's crazy hairstyles on "bad hair day"-Camp Rena was full of hairy creativity!

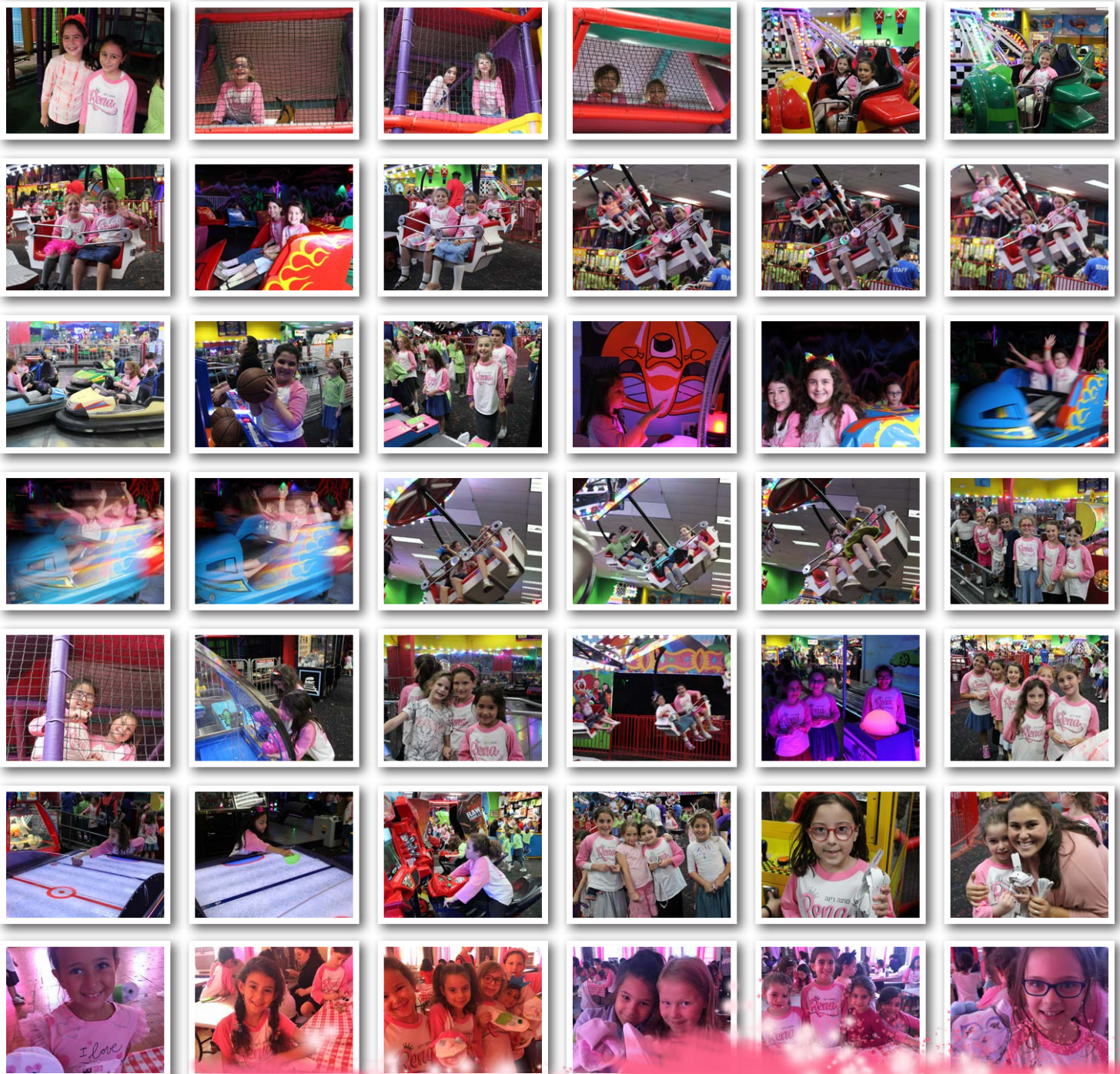
After a day packed with action and fun, our second and third graders enjoyed a smashing late night experience! We ate a delicious supper together, played a thrilling game of Truth or Dare Bingo, and ended off our night with a super special concert from our very own Shaindel Antelis! We had a fabulous night!



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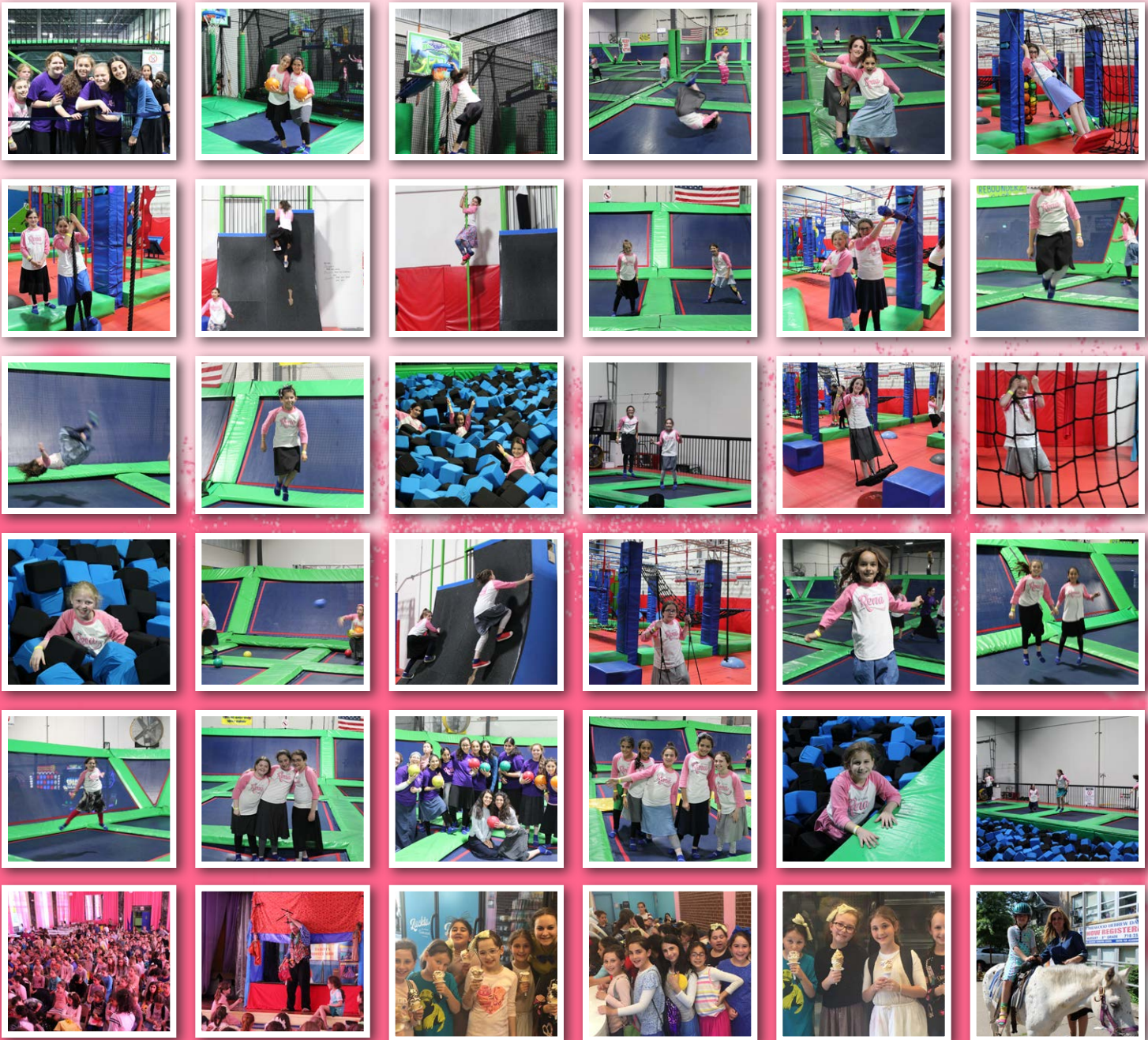
On Tuesday, our 2nd-4th graders drove off to... Fun Station! Camp Rena campers are full of camp spirit; in the air-conditioned facility, we enjoyed unlimited rides and nonstop fun!

Back in camp, for main activity, we played Headbanz and Two Truths and a Lie, with hysterical stories from our counselors and campers. Second grade enjoyed making personalized "puppets" and created real "show-stoppers"! We also started practicing for our upcoming production... We can't wait to see all our hard work result in a beautiful play!!



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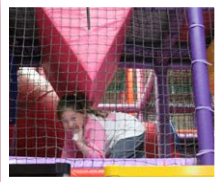
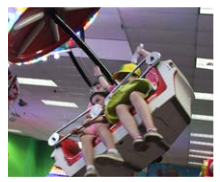
Grades 5-7 were off to Rebounderz on Wednesday, where they jumped, bounced and flipped to their hearts' content! Everyone enjoyed a refreshing experience in Pacplex after a energy-packed day of practice.



With Thursday came even more production practice and fun! We had an entertaining "marionette" show for Pinocchio week! Those puppets danced around, filled the room with funny voices, and had us in stitches! Fourth grade was treated to an exciting late night with Truth or Dare Bingo and a special trip to Zucky's ice cream store!

On Friday, everyone enjoyed our indoor pool with extended swim time and practiced some more for play. Guess who trotted by to visit Camp Rena... two ponies! Our campers got to mount the pony for a stupendous pony ride!

Good shabbos Camp Rena! Who "NOSE" what next week will bring... you won't have to wait too "LONG" to find out which amazing things are in store for all of you!!



# SPECIALTIES

## UPPER DANCE

Dance this week was incredible. We are working so hard to give you an amazing show! The girls are really catching on to complex choreography. We learned more than half way of our dance routines and are continuing to perfect them. The girls' skills improved so quickly, which is a pleasure to see! With only one week of practice, the girls gained so much knowledge of how to perform on stage. The goal is to have fun, cultivate creativity, improve coordination and balance, and build self-esteem. I know you can't wait to see your stars perform... I can't wait either! Each girl is a true star that "Sparkles!"

## LOWER DANCE

We are working on getting ready for the grand show! Our ballerinas are practicing their twirling and leaping. In jazz, we are tutting, turning and improving our passes. We are reaching new heights and becoming real dancers! We can't wait to perform for all of you!

## KEYBOARD

We are each advancing at our own individual pace on the keyboard! We are improving how we play-some of us with our right hand, and some are even playing comfortably with both hands, using chords. Some of our Rena star keyboard players will be featured in our performance and are preparing for the big night!!

## GUITAR

Wow! Can't believe it! We're all practicing and practicing more for our performance next week! Everyone is working on Twinkle, One Small Candle, and a surprise song!!! It's coming together nicely, baruch Hashem. Looking forward!

## VOICE

There is so much excitement in the air here at Camp Rena! The girls in choir have been working hard to practice the songs and memorize the lyrics for the show. They sound great! I am so proud of them and I'm sure their mothers will love the show! I'm so excited that the girls started to record "This Is Me"! It's a wonderful experience to get to record with professional equipment and with a frum, female studio engineer. Looking forward to meeting you next week!



# SPECIALTIES

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## PAINT

We all finished the beautiful paintings which we were working on and are ready to bring them home. We are going on to working on bringing canvases to life by designing our own personal patterns as a background, and adding stencil designs.

## ACCESSORIES

This week, we designed elegant champagne glittery headbands, bedecked with a big bow! What fun!

## SKETCHING

This week, our second and third graders drew a playful rocking horse and beautiful menorah scene. Our fourth and fifth graders sketched different kinds of flowers—we are “growing” in our sketching skills! Our sixth and seventh graders learnt about one-point perspective and drew a landscape utilizing this new technique.



## ARTS AND CRAFTS

This week, we decorated picture frames with decorative napkins and mod podge! They came out “picture-perfect”! Some of us also designed an artsy drawing with our name in bubble letters.

## BAKING

In honor of our book of the week, Pinocchio, we decorated cake pops with sticks as long as Pinocchio’s nose! Our colorful cake pops came out looking great... and tasting delicious!

## SHIUR

This week we learned about the great mitzvah of tzedakah. We heard the story about Abba Yudan and his wife, who wanted to give tzedakah, even when they became very poor. Ask us what he did in order to get money to give to tzedakah... and which great reward Hashem gave to him in return! Some of us also heard the story about Mrs. Lerman’s grandfather, the electrician who did the mitzvah of tzedakah in a very special way. We finished off with a dramatic story about travellers on a train, which connected to a Chodesh Elul message... See the special Rosh Chodesh feature in the parsha section for more table talk! Have a wonderful Shabbos!



# TABLE TALK ON THE PARSHA

## Parshas Re'ay

### Parsha Riddle of the Week

A piece of a siddur  
Or sefer so dear  
If it rips and falls off  
You should put it in here

#### WHAT AM I??

*The answer is in this week's parsha...  
and will be featured in next week's issue  
of the newsletter, be'ezras Hashem!*

*Last week's answer:  
Shivas Haminim*

## ARE YOU A PARSHAH PRO?

This week we discussed the mitzvah of tzedakah in shiur. See if we remember...

1. Does the mitzvah of tzedakah only apply to giving money?
2. What else can we give to people in need?

## CHODESH TOV!

This Shabbos and Sunday are Rosh Chodesh Elul! We learnt how the months of the year are like stops in different cities on a long train journey. If the train would make a long stopover in each city it passes through, what would the smart people do? They'd run and see what unique, special things that city has to offer! They would not miss out on the opportunity to buy the "good deals" in each city!

Just like every city has its own special goods to offer, every month has something unique that we can gain when we "pass through" that time of year. During each month, there is something special for us to accomplish. Hashem gives us extra help-siyatta dishmaya-in accomplishing that goal of the month!

**TABLE TALK:** What is our mission to accomplish in this month? What unique opportunity do we have in Elul that we don't want to miss out on?

Don't forget to say Hallel and Ya'aleh V'yavo on Shabbos and Sunday!

**CHALLENGE QUESTION:** Which special shmoneh esrei is said when Rosh Chodesh falls out on Shabbos?

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My daughter, \_\_\_\_\_, in bunk \_\_\_\_\_, discussed this week's parsha at the shabbos table!

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Detach the slip above and bring it in on Monday for a special treat!



# INTERVIEWS

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## INTERVIEW WITH A DEVOTED STAFF MEMBER OF CAMP RENA...

### **LIEL MORDHAYEV**

**What do you do in Camp Rena?**

I'm the head counselors' assistant.

**What makes Camp Rena such a great place to be?**

The campers and staff!

**What's the most fun part of your job?**

Getting to know all the amazing campers and staff.

**Who in Camp Rena is a role model, and why?**

For me, everyone is because everyone has something to learn from!

## INTERVIEW WITH STAR CAMPERS IN CAMP RENA...

### **MIRIAM CHALOM, RIKKI STEIN AND DORI WEISS**

**What bunk are you in?**

Miriam: 6A

Rikki and Dori: 4C

**Everybody "NOSE" that we are having a great time with Pinocchio week! Can you share with us something exciting or funny that happened in camp, in connection with this week's book of the week?**

Miriam: We made a cake pop with the stick as Pinocchio's nose!

Rikki and Dori: Aviva dressed up in a cute Pinocchio costume.

**What did your bunk do this week that was extra-special?**

Miriam: We watched an amazing Marionette show.

Dori: We started practice!

Rikki: We started practice-I'm in gymnastics!

**If you could add another talent/activity to the fabulous Rena program, what activity would you add?**

Miriam: Sewing

Rikki and Dori: Ice Skating

**If you could give a message to the whole Camp Rena, what would you tell everyone?**

Miriam: Even if you didn't get into what you wanted for the performance, you can still have fun and shine!

Rikki and Dori: Come next year!

EVERYBODY “NOSE” THAT WE WISH CAMP  
RENA WOULD BE “LONGER” THAN JUST  
TWO MONTHS!

If you could come back to Camp Rena in the winter  
for just one day, what would your dream activities  
for that day be??

HERE'S WHAT SOME OF OUR CAMPERS HAVE TO SAY...

**Sari Kupfer and Hadassah Aryeh, 3D:** gymnastics and shiur

**Rachel Kupfer, 3D:** gymnastics and accessories

**Zahava Gadayev, 2A:** baking

**Hila Schwartz, 2B:** shiur!

**Michal Gadayev, 2A:** swimming

**Michal Mikhli, 3B:** guitar and paint

**Zahava Jaski, 5B:** guitar, voice and going to Spring

**Estie Greenwald, 5D:** swimming, dance, Spring, choir, paint and a snowball fight!

**Yakira Greenwald, 5D:** baking, paint, choir, guitar, and arts and crafts

**Grace Beyda, 4A:** gymnastics

**Bas-sheva Levenson, 7A:** swimming, art, gymnastics, and snow tubing

**Sarah Merzdov, 6A:** swimming and shiur

**Yehudit Levichaim, 6A:** drama and singing

**Chanala Kozlov, 3A:** snowball fight, giant water slides, 200 trips and a late night!

**Leora Singer, 6A:** drawing and swimming

**Shifra Shub, 3A:** paint and dance

**Shifra Hirsch, 4B:** swimming and painting (I'd want painting to be before swimming!)

**Rikki Stein, 4C:** gymnastics

**Dori Weiss, 4C:** color war

**Avigail Jacobs, 3A:** My dream would be that we play outside in the snow at the playground, go on a lot of trips til the end of the day, go on a late night and overnight-and play in the snow by the late night!

**Aliza Kaplan, 3B:** have a snowball fight!

**Aviva Gross, 3A:** have one trip, then play guitar for an hour, go to Spring for three hours, then party, do arts and crafts, shiur, go on an overnight by Mountain Creek and go on their 100-foot water slide... and much more!

**Michal Kupfel, 3D:** I love swimming.

**Ariella Raymon, 3C:** They let the young kids go on late nights.

**Hadassah Aryeh, 3D:** I love every single thing we do in Camp Rena!

WOW, WE HAVE BIG IMAGINATIONS IN  
CAMP RENA!!

# THE Spark WITHIN

You are cordially invited  
To a musical production  
Summer 2018

THE *Spark* WITHIN

August 16th  
7:00 p.m.

The Grand Ballroom  
1256 East 21st Street

Starring our fabulous  
performing arts campers

*Looking forward to greeting you*

Mrs. Chaya Levy  
Camp Director

Mrs. Miriam Hersh  
Musical Coordinator

Shaindel Antelis  
Maayan Davis  
Avichajil Nahari  
Fridy Emanuel  
Dobby Baum  
Chava Schneider

Elisheva Winiaz  
and much much more!

\*women only



Complementary admission  
Two tickets per family