

KOCHAVIM KHRONICLE: WEEK 6

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What a fanan week we've had together! Our Kochavim chanichim can be seen running around camp with confidence and huge smiles across their faces. We've enjoyed incredible peulot, tzrif (bunk) bonding, and so much more. On Tisha B'Av, we spoke about what made the day different from other camp days. We focused on what it means to take care of others and be nice to different people. The campers took turns complimenting their bunkmates, and tossing a string back and forth with each compliment. At the end of the program, there was a giant web of string in front of us — it reminded us that we are all connected, and that each bunk is a community. We also explored the significance of Jerusalem and the Kotel, and made cards to put in our model of the Kotel.

This week we continued exploring Oseh Shalom. We have practiced numerous tunes for Oseh Shalom over the course of the summer. **Ask your child to teach you some of them!** Over the past few days, we focused on the word "shalom" and all of its meanings. We loved that "shalom" means "peace" and we shared our ideas for bringing peace into our own lives. We also continued milat hayom (Hebrew word of the day) during tefillot; we are flying through the aleph bet!

In shiur, Kochavim campers have been visiting places in Israel. They traveled to Jerusalem where they placed notes in the Kotel, and met different people who live there including a falafel store owner, a Druze soldier, a member of the Knesset, and a soccer playing student. They also 'volunteered' on a kibbutz and spent time milking a cow in the 'refet', hanging laundry, washing dishes, and cutting fruit for a fruit salad which they all enjoyed!

We loved watching chanichim swim in the breicha (pool), score goals and pass to each other in kadur regel (soccer), and create beautiful projects in omanut (arts and crafts). Chanichim loved using the Ramot gym for some of our sports activities, as they worked on sports skills such as passing, kicking, and shooting balls!

It is hard to believe that our kayitz is soon coming to a close. We are excited for another fanan week full of kef (fun) programming, including our trip on Thursday! If today was your child's last day of camp, we cannot wait to meet you on the migrash again next year and see your child's Shorashim sagol (purple) shirt. Shabbat Shalom!

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