

We've had an achla second week of Sha'ar! Campers love using all of their new Hebrew words and phrases, and are continuing to enjoy all of their daily peulot (activities). This week we enjoyed fun water activities to stay cool on the Yom Cham (Hot Day), which was a great opportunity to introduce a wide array of weather and water-related words. Campers started exploring the topography of Israel, focusing on different parts of the country.

Kochavim had an amazing second week of camp! This week they had fun practicing their Hebrew colors, numbers, and body parts. They continue to love their daily post-lunch singing and dancing with Shorashim! They had a great time keeping cool on Yom Cham using new Hebrew words and phrases for various water activities and games, extra pool time, staying cool in the shade, and, of course, drinking lots of *mayim* (water)!

This week **Shorashim** explored the *nofim* (landscapes) of Israel! They had so much fun "walking" on the *adama* (land), "playing" in the *chol* (sand), "hiking" up the *harim* (mountains), "climbing" over the *gva'ot* (hills), and "staying cool" in the *tzel* (shade) of the trees all while using a whole new set of vocabulary words. They loved learning about the map and topography of Israel.

Nitzanim continued their exploration of *Bri'ah* (Creation) this week. They focused on *Yom Rishon* (The First Day) and the creation of *or v'choshech* (light and darkness), and how the earth was formed. They also enjoyed all of the fun water activities camp had for *Yom Cham*, *omanut* (art), and time in our makers space.

This week **Solelim** explored *olam hachai* (the animal kingdom) using Hebrew words to describe different parts of an animal such as tails, horns, and wings. They also played fun interactive games to discover the different places where animals live including nests, caves, and tree trunks, had an amazing time playing gaga, and made exciting discoveries in robotics.

Tzeirim had a great week enjoying *teva* (nature), *ma'ayan* (beading), *bishul* (cooking), and *migdal* (high ropes). They also had a special *peula* (activity) this week that explored contemporary and biblical *gibborim* (superheroes), such as Wonder Woman and Superman, Miriam and Moses. They discussed the values that superheroes have and how the campers can emulate those attributes, all in Hebrew! And they ended the program, of course, by making their own special capes.

It is truly amazing to see our **Nevonim** campers' language skills flourish. This week they loved their time in *etz* (woodworking) with *etz* staff member, "Gever Yoni" (Mr. Yoni). Campers conversed with him completely in Hebrew, fully engaged in the *peula* (activity) in Hebrew, and followed all directions in Hebrew!

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