

SHALOM SCHMOOZE

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DEAR CAMP SHALOM SCHMOOZERS

As we dive into the second week of summer, the ruach at Camp Shalom continues to soar! We've had another week packed with incredible activities and unforgettable moments. Here are some of the highlights that have made this week so special.

SUPERHERO DAY!

It's a bird, it's a plane—no, it's Superhero Day! The camp was alive with themed music, and everyone dressed up as their favorite heroes. Our superhero-themed chug activities had campers crafting their own superhero masks! The evening program was the grand finale, and it did not disappoint. Campers were given the mission to dress up their counselors in their most elaborate and imaginative superhero gear. Once transformed, the counselors faced off in a series of epic battles, each more thrilling than the last. Cabins cheered on as their champions displayed their newfound powers. A “super” fun time was had by all!



YOM ISRAEL

What an amazing time we had celebrating Yom Israel! The day was filled with Israeli activities - Master Chef: Hummus Edition where campers got creative with their hummus recipes, and a Dead Sea beach party that was perfect for cooling off. Campers also tapped into their inventive sides by building mini boats and testing them "Baby Moses" style on the lake. Throughout the day, campers earned Shekels for participating in these activities, which they later traded for camp prizes and experiences at the bustling Shalom Shuk. What a great opportunity for our campers to continue to connect with their Jewish heritage, learn about the rich culture and history of Israel, and celebrate their identity with pride.



ISRAEL ADVENTURE: AN INSTANT CLASSIC

As a send off to this day, we introduced a new campwide evening program, "Israeli Adventure," and it was a huge success! Campers roamed around camp, meeting staff who presented them with various challenges. The fun part was in the negotiation process. Campers had to haggle with staff to reduce the difficulty of the challenges as much as possible. A huge *Yechi Heidad* to our amazing Israeli Mishlachat and Shin Shinim who bring a taste of Israel to our camp every day.



MAGEN BOYS

Just when we thought the week couldn't get any better, we had an unforgettable evening at the Magen Boys social! Radio Dave (a Camp Shalom legend) along with the rest of the Magen Boys crew brought their infectious energy and turned our camp into a big dance party that felt like a Bar Mitzvah celebration! The kids were all over the dance floor, showing off their moves, and winning swag for their enthusiasm. It was wonderful to see everyone cut loose and create memories that will have us all saying, "Remember that epic night?" for years to come.

CAMP SOLELIM TRIP

Our Seniors got to see into the future with a glimpse of life at Solelim! They explored new chugs, getting a feel for the activities they'll enjoy next summer. They also met their future Posts; it was wonderful to see them making new friends and building connections. The highlight was the Coachella-themed Evening Program! Campers wore their best festival attire and enjoyed tasty treats, lively music, and lots of dancing. It was a fun and memorable night, giving our Seniors a taste of the exciting times ahead at Solelim.

SQUID GAMES & PET EGGS

To wrap up an incredible second week, the Lovers, Uppers, and Seniors participated in a thrilling "Squid Games" competition. Campers faced off in a series of intense challenges inspired by the Netflix series. The competition included tug-of-war, red light/green light, and the Dalgona challenge. Meanwhile, the Freshys and Juniors went back to school to learn to raise their own little egg babies! Campers carefully designed and cared for their "babies," creating unique personalities for them, and listening to their needs with "Egg Man Says". They scrambled to keep their eggs safe, with plenty of egg-citing challenges that had them walking on shells. It was certainly a fantastic learning egg-sperience!

MEET OUR MISHLACHAT - SHANY FOKMAN

This summer, we are thrilled to have Shany Fokman, one of our amazing members of the Israeli Mishlachat at Camp Shalom. Shany hails from the small kibbutz of Gvulot in southern Israel. She discovered the opportunity to join Camp Shalom through a message from the education management in her kibbutz. Torn between taking a gap year in Israel with her youth movement, Shomer HaTza'ir, and this new adventure, Shany chose to come to Canada and share her culture and experience with us. She has found it very rewarding to be part of such a unique camp experience, and wouldn't trade it for the world!

Shany has been a wonderful addition to our camp community. She enjoys music, dancing, and connecting with people, which makes her a perfect fit for the lively environment of Camp Shalom. She has formed a special bond with her campers, who she affectionately calls her "little girls." Shany's favorite moments are those filled with laughter and shared jokes, which have made her feel like part of a new family here at Camp Shalom.

Reflecting on her experience, Shany said, *"The hardest part is being far from home, but you make a new family here. It's amazing."*

Shany's presence at Camp Shalom exemplifies the spirit of cultural exchange and the creation of lasting memories. We are grateful to have her as part of our camp family and look forward to more wonderful moments together.



LOOKING AHEAD



We can't wait for what's next! Our upcoming week will continue to be packed with exciting activities and events that promise even more fun and adventure. Keep an eye out for updates and photos - we're just getting started! Thank you for being a part of our Camp Shalom family.

Warmly,
Camp Shalom