

SHALOM SCHMOOZE

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF CAMP SHALOM

DEAR CAMP SHALOM SCHMOOZERS

Get ready for the final homestretch of our July session because it is definitely going to be an exciting ride. This month has been nothing short of spectacular, with every day being packed with fun and laughter. We've seen incredible teamwork, discovered new talents, and celebrated each other's achievements. As we look back on this amazing journey, let's cherish the highlights and gear up for an epic finale.

NUT WARS

In a camp where nuts are banned, the allure of this forbidden snack has given rise to the biggest evening program of July - Nut Wars! This thrilling game combined strategy, negotiation, and a touch of espionage to create a night that everyone goes absolutely nuts over!

Campers went around in groups, each representing a faction eager to get their hands on the coveted nuts. Their mission: to negotiate with the elusive nut dealers scattered across the camp. Each dealer held a variety of nuts, each with different values.

But the game wasn't just about making deals. Campers had to be vigilant, as the camp was crawling with cops and secret cops disguised as nut dealers. One wrong move could result in a raid, where all their hard-earned nuts could be confiscated in an instant. The thrill of the chase, the excitement of a successful deal, and the suspense of evading capture kept everyone on their toes.



FRIGHT NIGHT

Fright Night at Camp Shalom was a perfect blend of spooky and fun! Camp was transformed into a Halloween wonderland with tons of thrills waiting around every corner. From cats and dogs to toilet-paper mummies, everyone dressed their best to tackle the night ahead. Trick or treat stations were set up, where campers competed in spooky challenges like "What's in the Box?", and "Witches Brew.". After completing each task, they received either candy or a surprise spray from a water gun. It's **Trick** or Treat, after all!

Down at the waterfront, campers gathered 'round the campfire to hear scary stories. Stories of the legend Anson Minor with his step-drag leg, and "real" accounts of patients from the nearby shut-down asylum haunting Shalom sent shivers down their spines.

The Ulam stage was transformed into a haunting game show, where each knock on the door could lead to a delightful encounter with whimsical fairies and friendly ghosts. Those who were not as lucky were met with jumpscare from corpse brides, insane asylum patients, and sinister clowns. The mix of laughter and screams echoed as campers eagerly took their turns, never knowing what awaited them behind the door.



COFFEE HOUSE

Hold onto your hats, folks! This was the night Camp Shalom turned into a grand talent spectacle. Campers wowed the audience with marvelous performances: singers, dancers, magicians, and even a few comedians! Every performance was unique and reflected the various talents of our campers. And the crowd—super great in response; Everyone cheered strongly for their friends. It was an evening of pure fun, laughing, and moments that are not to be forgotten. We are so proud of all our campers for the hard work and bravery that they showed getting up on stage.

BAMA 2: INTO THE WOODS

The uppers and seniors did the most amazing job on their production of 'Into the Woods' last night here at camp. Bringing one of the most beloved musicals to life, the cast really outdid themselves with stellar acting, singing, and dancing. Every camper was a star—be it a charming prince or a wicked witch. Applause rang at the end of every scene as a testimony to the audience's indulgence in the same. We are so proud to have campers who work hard, put their mind to it, and make this play a smashing success.

FINAL SHABBAT OF JULY

Our final Shabbat of the July session was a touching and beautiful farewell, a time to reflect on the incredible month we've shared. As the setting sun illuminated Camp Shalom with a magical glow, we gathered by the waterfront to celebrate our final Shabbat. Filled with songs, prayers, and heartfelt goodbyes; bittersweet is the best word to describe this night. For some of our Seniors, this final Shabbat marks not just the end of a session, but the closing of their chapter at Camp Shalom before embarking on their next adventure at Solelim. For the Freshys, Juniors, Lowers, and Uppers, while they will be back next summer, saying goodbye is still a challenge. The friendships they've made and the times they've shared make parting difficult, yet they look forward to reuniting and creating even more memories next year. While some of us bid farewell and carry these memories home, others will continue their journey at Camp Shalom, joined by new friends arriving for the August session.



GOODBYE JULY, BRING ON AUGUST!



As we wave goodbye to an unforgettable July at Camp Shalom, we can't help but feel a mix of nostalgia and excitement. This past month has been filled with laughter, friendship, and countless memories that we'll cherish forever. With August on the horizon, we're thrilled for the new adventures and fresh faces it will bring. Whether you're continuing your journey with us or heading home with stories to share, Camp Shalom remains a special place in our hearts. Here's to more joy, camaraderie, and treasured memories in the month ahead. Bring on August - we're ready for you!

Thank you
Camp Shalom Team