



Westchester Summer Daily

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Parashat Devarim
Candle lighting: 8:05 pm

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WSD Kids Bring Warmth, Welcome — and Food — to Seniors, Children and Soup Kitchens

Earlier this week, our children put mitzvot into action, by helping others in nearby communities and on campus.

On Tuesday, some CIT2s visited the Sinai Free Synagogue in Mt. Vernon to help serve lunch to the seniors, while others traveled all the way into Manhattan to share a pizza lunch with the guests of the kosher soup kitchen at Emunath Israel Synagogue.

The Yarden division (inter 3s) spent lunch at the Esplanade in White Plains, talking and eating with the seniors who live there. Some CITs went to Nichols Cottage of New York Presbyterian Hospital, where they played games and worked on arts and crafts projects with the children in residence.

The youngest divisions – Teepim, Mayanot and Neha-



rim – spent the day on campus, doing mitzvot for others (see article below).

All in all, it was a rewarding day that showed WSD children how many varied ways there are of making a difference in the world.

It's the little things that count ...

Being considerate of others starts with very small things, as our young participants are learning this week. A simple “please” or “thank you” can make someone else feel good, and

that's one of the ways in which our Teepim, Mayanot and Neharim put the mitzvot into practice.

A slip of paper (or verbal instruction) told each child what

task he or she could do. From holding the door, to passing food in the cafeteria, to telling friends they look nice, our youngest participants showed how they would make other people feel good.

Next week:

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| <i>Petting Zoo</i> | July 23 |
| <i>Softball Clinic</i> | July 23 |
| <i>Tisha B'Av - WSD closes at 2:00 pm</i> | July 24 |
| <i>CITs to Broadway</i> | July 25 |
| <i>Neharim Boys Late Night</i> | July 25 |
| <i>Mets Game—Yarden through CITs</i> | July 26 |
| <i>Neharim Girls Late Night</i> | July 26 |
| <i>Chai Lifeline Swim-a-Thon</i> | July 27 |
| <i>Picture Make-up Day</i> | July 27 |

Save the Date:

- Tuesday, July 31, Eilat Luau
- Wednesday, August 1, Breakfast and Boogie
- Wednesday, August 8, Western Night



In Their Own Words

SUNSHINE ON A RAINY DAY

by Eli Berger, CIT

“On Wednesday, July 18th, ten CITs visited the Columbia Presbyterian Hospital. We did a variety of arts and crafts with the kids. We made key-chains, pipe cleaner figures, name signs, and the most creative, mini-ping-pong tables. The CITs and the patients had a great time. On a terribly rainy day, the children at Columbia Presbyterian found that every cloud has a silver lining.”

Lost and Found

Baseball Gloves (and Other Things) Gone Missing ...

Baseball gloves, towels, hats, goggles — every summer, favorite items go missing around campus. Many of them end up in the Lost and Found in the office. But with so many identical items, kids sometimes pick up someone else’s stuff, thinking it’s theirs.

Check the labels on **EVERYTHING** your child brings home in case it belongs to someone else. Then, return the item to WSD and let us know so we can reunite the owner with his or her (often) special things.

Thank you for helping us keep all our children happy.

CITs to Vermont and Beyond! (Montreal)

Our intrepid travelers trekked north last week. Here's their report:

"We began our trip in Vermont. We started our excursion with the Ben & Jerry's factory, where we got a chance to taste the ice cream and discover its origins and production process. After that we had dinner, then we headed straight to our evening activity, a cruise on "The Spirit of Ethan Allan" on Lake Champlain with a DJ. The boys took over the dance floor and put on a break-dancing competition. It was lots of fun.

"We started the next day with a tour of the Vermont Teddy Bear Factory where we learned how these cuddly toys are made. We also learned the history of the factory and how it became what it is today. After the tour, we had the opportunity to purchase bears and accessories.

"Then we were off to Montreal. Our journey wasn't very long, but we were thrilled to arrive at Six Flags La Ronde. Many of us won basketballs and other prizes, while others got queasy on the roller coasters. We left the park

late in the afternoon and headed for a Chinese dinner. Our evening activity was Laser Quest, which included four action-packed games of laser tag on three levels. It was amazing.

"The third day of our trip consisted of leisurely biking and paddle boating followed immediately by the Human Labyrinth, where we tried to find the code for the (imaginary) safe. Our next activity was high speed jet boating. We were soaked to the bone by the class five rapids on the St. Lawrence River. We returned to the hotel exhausted.

"On the last day of our trip, we set sail (figuratively) for home. With stops for shopping at the Roots store in Montreal, and for hiking and rafting at Ausable Chasm, we didn't return to WSD until 10 PM.

"It was an awesome trip!"

Peter Cohen, Dov Gold, Jordan Mor

KEEP US UP TO DATE



If your child is going home with a friend, you **MUST** notify us in advance with a note or phone call before 3:00 PM. In addition to making sure we know where everyone is, we must also make sure there is room on the friend's bus. Our office opens at 8:00 AM. Call us at 914-698-

8900, ext. 100.

Early Pick-up—If you plan to pick up your child early, please send a note with your child in the morning or call the office. When you give us advance notice, you can pick up your child in the WSD office. The latest pick-up from the office is 3:30 PM.

Pick-up Area—If you are instructed to meet your child at the pick-up area across from the volleyball court, please wait on line in your car for your child and the "pink pass" that you need to give to the security guard at the exit. We thank you for your cooperation in this safety measure.

Picture Make-up Day



Irvin Simon Photographers returns to WSD on Friday, July 27, 2007 to finish taking pictures. CITs and any other WSD kids who were absent on Tuesday, July 10, may have their pictures taken at that time.

If you want to have your child's picture taken on this make-up day, send a note and a check for the

photos you want.

Packages available include:

Package Z – 5x7 group photo only, \$10.00;

Package C – 5x7 portrait, 2 3x5 portraits, 4 wallets, 1 5x7 group photo, \$21.95;

Package B – 8x10 portrait, 2 3x5 portraits, 4 wallets, 1 5x7 group photo, \$25.95;

Package A – 8x10 portrait, 2 5x7 portraits, 2 3x5 portraits, 8 wallets, 1 5x7 group photo, \$33.95.

For information about additional prints you can order, call Irvin Simon directly: 516-437-4700.

REMINDER

Tisha B'Av, July 24

Dismissal on Tuesday is at 2:00 pm. Busses will leave WSD at that time. Walkers should be met at the pick-up playground at 2:00 pm.

Dvar Torah — Parashat Devarim

In this week's Parsha, Bnei Yisrael are poised on the brink of Eretz Yisrael on the banks of Moav. Moshe Rabeinu begins gently reminding Bnei Yisrael of the sins of the desert in order that this second, younger generation will be able to avoid similar pitfalls as they enter their new home. Aside from recounting the sin of the spies and the golden calf, he also speaks about the fearsome foes Bnei Yisrael will encounter in Eretz Yisrael. Moshe tells them that with Hashem's aid they can overcome anything.

This message is still relevant today and particularly during the three weeks as we mourn for the destruction of Jerusalem, the Temples and the glory of Am Yisrael. Even though our nation has been in exile for thousands of years, we have finally returned to Eretz Yisrael.



Jewish Enrichment This Week

This week Westchester Summer Day studied the stories and lessons of Tisha B'Av. We learned classic stories like "Kamtza & Bar Kamtza" and then had the opportunity to act them out in improvisational skits involving both children and counselors. They learned about the tragic famine that plagued Jerusa-

lem in its final days and the heroic, risky attempt of R' Yochanan ben Zakai to save our nation's heart and spirit. The children enjoyed learning these exciting stories in an interactive format and then winning prizes for creativity or effort.

Other enrichment time has also continued to

be a blast. Lunch time has been packed with many Israeli-themed games like "Pin the Jewish Star on the Flag," "Israeli Idol-Hatikva Competition," and others while Friday's Shabbos Onegs are filled with exciting (and hilarious) skits, new Shabbat songs, and Jewish dancing contests.



Parasha Questions—Parashat Devarim

- Who is speaking to whom at the beginning of the Parasha?
- In which year did this happen?
- Who did Moshe appoint and why?
- What did the spies bring back from Israel?
- How did the nation react?
- What did Hashem respond?
- Who were the only 2 spies not to be punished?
- Why?

**Shabbat
Shalom from
the Jewish
Enrichment
Staff**

THE WEEK IN REVIEW

Sports Clinics: Our kids had the opportunity to learn skills from world class experts in soccer this week. Associate Director Michael Orth and Coach Jack Gigli of White Plains Soccer Elite taught our kids the skills. They then had an opportunity to put these skills into practice. Upcoming clinics include softball, basketball, hockey, and soccer.

Frisbee Mania: Gary Auerbach, a member of Spinning Bees, visited on Tuesday and taught our children all about Frisbees. Our Neharim division and up learned how to throw, catch, and do tricks with Frisbees. They also played Ultimate Frisbee and other games and activities.

Mitzvah Day: Everyone had the opportunity to perform mitzvot this week. See the articles on pages 1 and 2 to learn how the various divisions spent the day.

Pirate Day: The WSD campus was the scene of an invasion on Thursday, as pirates of all sizes and shapes raided the campus. Pirate captains and queens followed the clues on an exciting scavenger hunt led by Akiva Nyer and Jamie Frand.

Chai LifeLine: We had a very special visit from some familiar guests this week at our Shabbat Onegs. Hilly Newhouse and his crew from Chai Lifeline presented the guidelines and procedures for our annual Chai Lifeline Swim-a-Thon. All children were provided with information packets delineating the rules and regulations for this awesome annual event. We look forward to raising money next Friday, July 27, and helping those in need.

PERMISSION SLIPS

Please return the permission slips for these upcoming events as soon as possible:

Wednesday, July 25—Neharim Boys (JB2) Late Night

Thursday, July 26—Neharim Girls (JG2) Late Night

Thursday, July 26—Yarden (Inter 3s), Nachalot (Inter 4s), Kineret (Seniors) and CITs to Mets Game

Monday, July 30—Kineret (Seniors) and CITs for “Batting and Burgers”
