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Va'etchanan

Candlelighting: 7:59

The Week in Review



The heavy rains on Monday didn't dampen our spirits the rest of the week. Our plucky WSD kids enjoyed a full and varied schedule from the low-key activities of Tisha B'Av to a bunch of special events.

On Wednesday, July 25, the **CITs** had a late night – a very late night. After a festive Chinese dinner on

campus, we whisked them into Manhattan to Broadway for a performance of "Mary Poppins."

You might have heard shouts of "Let's go, Mets!" on Thursday, July 26. The **Yarden (Inter 3s), Nachalot (Inter 4s), Kineret (Seniors) and CITs** traveled to Shea Stadium to watch the Mets play the Pitts-

burgh Pirates in the afternoon.

Neharim (Junior 2) boys and girls had their late nights on Wednesday and Thursday. The extra swim was refreshing, and the dinner was scrumptious!

The visit from the Petting Zoo, which was rained out on

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Next Week at WSD

Steve Max July 30
All divisions

Basketball Sports Clinic July 30
Neharim and up

Batting and Burgers July 30
Kineret and CITs

Eilat Luau July 31
Yarden, Nachalot and Kineret

Breakfast and Boogie Aug 1
Teepim

Keep on Rolling Aug 2
Neharim and up

Magic Mania July 30-
Registered participants Aug 3

Save the Date

August 8 — Western Night
Mayanot and Neharim families
Singing, line dancing, and a barbecue
4:30—6:30 PM

Dvar Torah—Parashat Va'Etchanan

This past week, on Tisha B'Av, we commemorated the destruction of Jerusalem and both Batei HaMikdash (temples) in addition to many other tragedies that befell the Jewish people. It is indeed incredible that so many tragedies occurred on this date: the Spanish Inquisition, the Expulsion from England, and most recently the assassination of Archduke Ferdinand which sparked WWI and indirectly set in motion the events of WWII and the Holocaust.

Nonetheless, this coincidence is a clear sign of G-d's hand since



G-d himself says in the Torah [Talmud Sanhedrin, Perek 10] that He is establishing Tisha B'Av as a day of tragedy as a result of the Sin of the Spies, the first tragic event to occur on this day.

In light of this, Tisha B'Av is both a day of tragedy and a day

which serves as a testament to the Jewish nation's eternal bond and covenant with G-d. Let us hope that we soon merit the building of the Third Temple so that we can fulfill our charge of being a true Light unto the Nations.

Jewish Enrichment This Week

WSD children had a meaningful and moving Tisha B'Av this past week as every group in camp participated in a special Tisha B'Av project. Each group first had an inspirational discussion about how Tisha B'Av is not just a day of tragedy but also the same day on which the Mes-

siah will be born. They also learned about the need to be kind to others and to have respect for all people.

Afterward, the kids participated in several quiet arts and crafts projects. Some painted a mural of Jerusalem; others made stained glass windows, decorated Jerusalem-

Picture Frames, or colored a mural of Eretz Yisrael. They also enjoyed lunchtime entertainment of "Let's Make a Deal-Kotel Style" and "Dairy-Chocolate Chip Hunt" (in honor of eating dairy during the Three Weeks).

*Shabbat
Shalom from
the Jewish
Enrichment
Staff*

Totally Teepim

The littlest children at WSD have their own special schedule. Our Teepim Division (PN1 and PN2, N1 and N2, KG, KBI and KB2) share many activities with our older divisions (notably Lunch and Swim and Carnival), but they also have a bunch of activities that tailor their day to them. Earlier this sum-

mer they had their own special “Treasure Hunt.” This week, Wednesday was “Crazy Hat” day. Next Tuesday will be “Pajama Day.” And the following week there’ll be a “Lolly Hunt.”

But the highlight of the summer is happening next Wednesday: **BREAKFAST AND BOOGIE**

at 9:30. Each Teepim group has been diligently rehearsing and we know the show will be a sparkling success. Remember to dress your children in the color assigned to their group (see box to the right), and let us know how many guests you are bringing (the response form is online; or write us a note).

Breakfast and Boogie: What Color is Your Shirt?

PN1 and PN2 — white
N1—Red
N2—Yellow or orange
KBI—Dark Blue
KB2—White
KG—Pink

Sports Clinics

The rain on Monday wiped out the softball clinic for the day. It has been re-scheduled for Friday, August 3.

Other upcoming Monday clinics include basketball on July 30, hockey on August 6, and soccer on August 13.

If your child is interested, please send in a note or call the office (914-698-8900, ext 100).



Yehudah Concert

Singing sensation Yehudah returns to WSD this summer. He’ll do two shows on Monday, August 6.

Always entertaining, Yehudah engages children of all ages with his lively, spirited music.

We know everyone at WSD will enjoy this concert.

The Week in Review (continued)

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Monday, was rescheduled for Thursday, July 26. Kids from **Teepim, Mayanot, and Neharim (pre-nursery through the Junior 2s)** got up close with assorted rabbits and ducks, as well as Tiny, the goat; Daphne, the Vietnamese pot-bellied pig; and Cowgirl, the sheep. (Maybe we should invite Cowgirl back for Western Night!) The Petting Zoo will return on Monday, August 13 for the enjoyment of the other divisions.

And we kept the spirit of mitzvot going with our participation in the CHAI Lifeline Swim-a-Thon on Friday. **Every division** took part. Look in your child's backpack for information on the number of laps they completed. Return your donations by Wednesday, August 1.

For more pictures, go to the picture gallery on our website, www.westchesterday.org (login and password are both **user**).



KEEP US IN THE LOOP

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 of-

fice. 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.

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