



Westchester Summer Daily

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WESTERN NIGHT

The American West showed up at WESTchester Summer Day this week, as our Maayanot and Neharim divisions entertained friends and family at Western Night.

Blending Israeli and American popular songs, the musical program



spanned two traditions. The two grades performed their dances and songs beautifully!

After the performance, friends and family joined the children for a fun lesson in Western line dancing outdoors. Then they all gathered for a delicious barbecue dinner.



Next Week at WSD:

COLOR WAR	Aug 13
Make Your Own Munda	Aug 13
Petting Zoo	Aug 13
Magic of Amore	Aug 14
LAST DAY Banquet	Aug 15

Shabbat Shalom and Best Wishes for a Wonderful, Joyful, and Meaningful Year from the Jewish Enrichment Staff

Parashat Re'eh — Dvar Torah

In this week's parsha we find that the Torah reviews the dietary laws that define kashrut. Why does the Torah need to repeat these laws since we should already know them from Sefer Vayikra [Leviticus: Parshat Shemini]?

At least one lesson that we can

glean from this is the great importance of making sure that what we put into our bodies is pure and holy. The dietary laws are about food but this principle holds true for the other things human beings take in as well: education, recreation, and culture. We must strive to involve our-

selves with holy, positive, and constructive activities so that we can live the most truly pleasurable, meaningful, and joyful lives possible.

Jewish Enrichment

This past week was full of excitement as we learned about the special agricultural mitzvot that exist only in Eretz Yisrael: Shemittah, Terumah, and Maaser. The children learned about how all the people in

the Jewish nation need to unite and support each other in order to fulfill the mitzvah of Shemittah.

Our kids then enjoyed getting hands-on, using their own dough to separate Challah before making

individual loaves.

This summer has been an intense and fun Israeli experience for all of us at WSD. We hope that we will soon merit to live together with peace and happiness in Israel!

NEWS NOTES

CHAI LIFE-LINE -- WSD raised more than \$25,000 for Chai Lifeline this summer.



SOFTBALL SUMMER LEAGUE – The WSD Staff Team won 2nd place in the Mohawk Invitational Softball League tournament.



The Week in Review

Despite the rainy weather this week, WSD had many bright and exciting events, from the Yehudah concert (see article below) to Western Night (see article page 1).



Totally Teepim

The week began with the Yehudah concert, and ended with the breakout of color war. In between, the youngest division enjoyed a lollipop hunt, Western Day, and a visit from the Greenburgh Nature Center.

CIT Corner

CITs have been scarce around WSD the last two weeks—they've been on the road! Last week took them to the Middle Atlantic States to visit Chesapeake Bay and the Inner Harbor of Baltimore. This week, they headed out through Pennsylvania to Ohio, stopping at Kennywood Amusement Park, the Football Hall of Fame, the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, and – for their last water park adventure of the summer – a stop at Camel Beach. They arrived back at WSD Thursday night.

Lost and Found

ATTENTION PARENTS!

There are many lost items in the WSD office. Remind your children to check there before the program ends this Wednesday.

Lights, Singing, Dancing: Yehudah in Concert

The entire summer program was entertained Monday afternoon when the renowned singer Yehudah came to WSD.

His dazzling show included special lighting effects, prizes, audience participation, and lots of favorite songs.





Paper Airplane Contest

Some flew. Some glided. Some took a nosedive.

But they were all part of the creative and lively paper airplane contest that took place at WSD on Thursday. Neharim and up (Junior 2s

through Seniors) colored, folded and let fly their cleverly-engineered pieces of paper all around the high school shul.

A good time was had by all the paper pilots!

Greenburgh Nature Center



The Greenburgh Nature Center brought some of their star performers to WSD this week.

Spike, the spine-tailed iguana from Australia; Shadow, the

ball python from South Africa; and FlutterMutter, the chinchilla from South America, were among the visitors who intrigued our kids.

Music is Special at WSD

Our music specialists have worked overtime this summer to bring lively and joyous programs to WSD.

Not only are the groups entertained each day, but every division has had their chance to shine in the spotlight at a show.

Thanks to Randi Wartelsky for coordinating orchestrating and rehearsing every performance. Thanks too to Jamie Frand, of "The Chevra," who brought many talents to WSD.



A Memorable Summer

It's been a wonderful summer! With innovative new programs, lots of spirit and more adventures every day. Visit our website for more pictures. We look forward to seeing you again next summer.



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