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CAMP SHABBAT



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YOUTH PROGRAMMING OFF TO A STELLAR START

Despite a hectic whirlwind start to the academic and Jewish year, youth programming has been very successful. In our first month, we organized 7 sessions of groups, had two sukkah hops, a lizard guy, mini-hakafot, color war, leadership training, Teen Minyan, TLC's (Torah Learning and Chulent) for all age levels and Tic Tac Torah.

We've been busy, but it was fun!

Groups update

Groups have gotten off to a great start despite the extra challenge of three day yom tovs. On a typical week we had between 80-100 kids engaged in davening, singing and playing during groups time. The school aged children were exposed to parts of hallel and musaf in their tefilah times. We also have instituted a weekly raffle with tickets being given out for participation.

During the first days of Sukkot, we had **COLOR WAR** with the boys battling the girls during tefilah, a heated game of **MONKEY SEE, MONKEY DO** (thank you Greg Dallas for donning the gorilla suit), an edible sukkah building contest, a torah bee (Thank you David Schwartz for being the quizmaster) and finally a zimriah. Although the boys were able to hold on to their early lead, there were enough celebratory silly bandz for everyone.



DID YOU KNOW OVER 40 LEADERS ARE INVOLVED IN THE COMPLEX ROTATION TO COVER GROUPS?

Lizard Guy



We had over 50 kids thrilled and amazed at a special presentation of the most entertaining lizards, snakes and other reptiles.

Special thanks to Deena Segal and Susan Weinstock for organizing this event and we look forward to many more of their special events throughout the year. (Bingo is this Sunday!!)



TLC Torah Learning and Cholent

In an innovative YIOT original, we have developed a new learning program for our middle school and high school students. Each time the 6th-8th grade boys, girls or high school boys or girls gather after the 8:00 minyan and walk to the host's home. There the Torah program is led by volunteer college students (thanks to Nachi Friedman, Lauren Berger and Suchi Weinberger). Thanks to Shalom Bombay for providing the delicious food and to all of our host families. Special kudos to Michael G. and his team of organizers for starting this program amidst the chaos of the chagim.



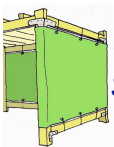
Group Leader of the Month



In an effort to encourage professionalism among our groups staff and to acknowledge leaders that go the "extra mile", we are implementing a group leader of the month program. In addition to their financial incentive, these leaders deserve a heart "yasher koach", so be sure to congratulate them when you see them. Each month a group leader from both the pre-school and grade school aged groups will be selected. This month the outstanding group leaders who we wish to acknowledge are:

Rivka Oshin - Pre-K group

Rachel Mendelson - 1st and 2nd grade girls



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