



The Simcha Scoop

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Looking Forward to SDC 2026!!



Torah B'Simcha

חקת/בלק

MESSAGE FROM OUR LEARNING DIRECTOR, RABBI ROSENBERG:

What an amazing start to the season! Thank you Hashem for allowing us to be together again at SDC 2026! It was truly a **קידוש ה'** this week to walk through the hallways and hear the beautiful sounds of davening and learning coming from the classrooms again. It is a credit to you, the most amazing campers around and your incredible Rabbeim who are working so hard to give you your greatest summer yet. We look forward to a great summer here at Simcha Day Camp with learning, fun, and lots of prizes.

Our main goal this summer at Simcha Day Camp is to be **מקדש שם שמים** in whatever we are doing. Both in the classrooms and out, on the courts and fields, during trips, and at the pool. Davening nicely, learning well and always acting with good middos are what make up a Simcha Day Camp camper. We should always be a source of **קידוש ה'**.

The **פרשה** begins with the words **זאת חקת** תורה - this is the law of the תורה.

One would think that if this is the **פרשה** with the **דינים** of the **אדומה** it should begin with **זאת חקת הפרה**. Why does this **פרשה** begin with the words **זאת חקת התורה** if there are no other **דינים** discussed here besides for the **אדומה**?

ר' משה פיינשטיין זצ"ל explains that from these words we learn a very important lesson. The **תורה** writes **זאת חקת התורה**, to teach us that all the **מצוות** in the **תורה** should be done

like the **אדומה**. The **אדומה** is a **חק** (a law which we don't understand the reason). Even though we don't understand the reason the **בני ישראל** are very careful about doing the **מצוה** of the **אדומה**. Likewise every other **מצוה** in the **תורה**, even those which we understand the reason, should be done only because **ה'** told us to and not because it makes sense to us and we agree with the reason. The **תורה** chose **אדומה** which is clearly a **חק** to teach us this for all other **מצוות**.



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
29 20'S LATE NIGHT	30 PETTING ZOO SDC MIDZ FARMER DAY 40'S LATE NIGHT	1 CARNIVAL Ducks SDC TREND LATE NIGHT	2 17 TAMMUZ 3PM DISMISSAL	3
29 Fish Sticks Spaghetti Tomato/ Chickpea Salad Chocolate Pudding	30 Lasagna Plain Mac Israeli Salad Fresh Fruit	1 Franks/Buns Hash Browns Cole Slaw Pickles Fresh Fruit	2 Bagels Tuna Cream Cheese Sliced Tomatoes Fresh Fruit	3 Pizza Fries Salad Watermelon

BIRTHDAY PARTIES

We are so excited to celebrate your son's birthday in camp. The bunk can enjoy a special trip to the canteen to celebrate this very special milestone.

For campers entering 2nd grade and up:

Please send in money using sdc.canteenapp.org and follow the steps in CANTEEN.

Alternatively, you can send money to the office labeled "birthday party" and your son's full name and bunk number. Please write that this is for birthday party We suggest \$2 per camper. You can email the office to find out how many boys are in your son's bunk.

For Juniors (boys entering K, P and 1st grade):

Please contact the office to schedule a birthday party for your son.

No outside refreshments will be allowed on campus.





LIVE REPORT FROM THE JUNIORS!

What an incredible first week of camp! The boys had a wonderful time making new friends, meeting their Morah's, and jumping right into all the fun.

Our summer theme, "Guess What's in Store?", is off to a great start, with each day bringing exciting surprises, laughter, creativity, and unforgettable memories. It has been such a joy watching the campers settle in with big smiles and excitement. We can't wait to see all that's still in store for the rest of the summer!

Wishing everyone a wonderful Shabbos!

Love,

Morah Mirel and Morah Aliyah

- Please label all towels and articles of clothing.

DISMISSAL PROCEDURE

Parents who wish to pick up their children from camp or meet their children after camp must make arrangements by emailing sdcbus@darchei.org before 2:00 pm or by calling the camp office at 718.868.2300 ext 383. **EMAIL IS PREFERRED.** Parents may NOT pick up their children directly from the counselor without informing the office. In order to streamline and ensure that you receive a response in the most timely fashion, whenever emailing or calling camp about any matter, please indicate your son's name, bunk and bus.

The following regulations regarding alternate dismissal are in effect:

- ☛ All dismissal changes must be called into the office **before 2:00 pm.**
- ☛ Friday dismissal changes must be called into the office **before 11:00 am.**

THERE ARE 4 PICKUP TIME OPTIONS ON FRIDAYS: 11AM, 12PM, 1PM & REGULAR 2:45/3PM

☛ All pick-ups are done at our Beach 17th Street circular drive. Juniors are picked up at the preschool office in the corner. All other campers are picked up at the main entrance in the center of the driveway

☛ PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU SIGN YOUR CHILD OUT.

LIVE REPORT!



Whaaaaaat!!!!!! 10 long cold snowy wintery months have dragged by so slowly, I thought that This day would never come! Finally! After all this waiting, It's here! **SIMCHA DAY CAMP 2026!** Can't wait!

Day 1 at **SDC** kicked off with a BANG, filled with excited campers pouring out of buses onto our 9 acre campus! Excitement crackled in the air and it felt like the ozone layer was combusting all around us as the pumping ruach and pounded our new **SDC** theme song out of the 4000 watt speakers! Friends reunited, new friendships began, and campers jumped right into all the fun camp has to offer.

The morning was packed with action as campers, filled with delicious cereal, made their way to their shiur rooms for some intellectual stimulation and Teffilah. The rest of the was packed with action as campers competed in sports, swimming, eating lunch and so much more! Everywhere around camp there was excitement, laughter, and nonstop activity!

Thursday exploded with **THE LIVE GAME SHOW** for the entire camp! Campers cheered, competed, laughed, and showed incredible camp spirit as the whole camp came together for an unforgettable experience!

The fun didn't stop there! Thursday night featured an amazing **XTREME LATE NIGHT** for the Xtreme Division 60'S, 70'S and CIT's. The XTREME division, led by our newest Head Staff member, **RABBI KRAMER OF HALB YESHIVA,**

LIVE REPORT!

rocked the house with an extended Late night packed with awesome activities including a massive intense game of **KING DODGEBALL**, a delicious dinner from **SMASH HOUSE** including Smash Burgers galore, coated fries, popcorn chicken with and without popper sauce, and plenty of freezing cold lemonade! After a smashing supper, we were treated to an intense game of **ESCAPE THE ROOM** challenge that had campers working together, competing, and having an incredible time together.

Friday kept the excitement going and ended the week on a high note! Campers enjoyed another awesome day at camp, highlighted by the very first **ONEG** for the **MIDZ DIVISION**. It was a special opportunity to come together, celebrate, enjoy time with friends, and create even more unforgettable camp memories. Let's not forget the davening and learning tickets for the weekly raffles!

Week 1 may have only been three days long, but it gave us an amazing start to what is shaping up to be an unforgettable summer filled with fun, friendship, and **SIMCHA!**

A big thank you to our campers, staff, and families for making opening week so special. We are excited for an amazing summer ahead.

Have a great Shabbos and get ready for another incredible week at **SIMCHA DAY CAMP!**

Simcha Reporter





CAMP CHEER

[Verse 1]

10 cold months, summer's here
Best one yet, have no fear
Revving up now, 1,2,3
S.D.C., the place to be

Bags are packed, fields are green
Pool is full, sweet canteen
Staff's A1, trips so fun
J.S.L., second to none

[Pre-Chorus]

Count it off
One, two, three
Pound the floor
Follow me
Hands up high
Let it fly
Now's the time
Come alive

[Chorus]

Simcha, we're on fire
Pump it up, go higher
Simcha Day Camp, shout it loud

Simcha, we're on fire
Pump it up, go higher
Simcha, Simcha, shout it loud

[Verse 2]

Sports league games, take the gold
Overnights for the bold
Carnival, slides go wheee
Color War, we'll have to see

Late-night games, Extreme is lit
Chef's great food, what a hit
Lean in close, hear that cheer
2026, have no fear

[Pre-Chorus]

Count it off
One, two, three
Pound the floor
Follow me
Hands up high
Let it fly
Now's the time
Come alive

[Chorus]

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SDC AMAZING SPORTS LEAGUES— WITH A TWIST!



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**KEEP YOUR
SPORTS
SKILLS SHARP**

**FOR THE CHILD WHO LOVES SPORTS—
TRAINING FROM WORLD FAMOUS
JSL SPORTS COACHES**

**SPECTACULAR
LEAGUES
KICKOFF**

**SPORTS CLINICS
TEACHING REAL
TECHNIQUES**

**HONE YOUR
SPORTS ABILITIES
TO THE MAX!**



RABBI AVI TAUB
CAMP DIRECTOR

RABBI NAPHTALI SUDWERTS
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

RABBI ARON ROSENBERG
LEARNING DIRECTOR

RABBI SHRAGI POLTER
SENIORS HEAD COUNSELOR

RABBI DOV MOSKOWITZ
MIDZ HEAD COUNSELOR

MRS. MIREL KRASNER
JUNIORS DIRECTOR

RABBI CHAIM ASHER KRAMER
SENIORS DIVISION HEAD

RABBI YAAKOV BERMAN
MIDZ DIVISION HEAD

RABBI YAAKOV SHAPIRO
SENIORS DIVISION HEAD

RABBI YEHUDA KLINKOWITZ
NEW AQUATICS DIRECTOR

APPLY TODAY AT SIMCHADAYCAMP.COM SIMCHADAYCAMP@DARCHEI.ORG • 718.868.2300 X233

Who's Who in SDC?



Rabbi Avi Taub.....Camp Director

Rabbi Naphtali Sudwerts.....Assistant Director



Rabbi Aron Rosenberg.....Learning Director

Rabbi Dov Mokowitz.....MIDZ Head Counselor



Rabbi Yaakov Berman.....MIDZ Division Head

Rabbi Yaakov Shapiro.....40's Division Head



Rabbi Shragi Polter.....Seniors Head Counselor

Rabbi Dovid Orrin.....Seniors Assistant Division Head



Rabbi Chaim Kramer...60's - 70's; Xtreme Division Head

Rabbi Yair Adler.....CIT Division Head



Rabbi Yehuda Klinkowitz.....Head of Aquatics

Mr. Dovi Glatzer.....Medical Director

Mrs. Mirel Krasner.....Pre-School Director

Mrs. Aliyah Steiner.....Assistant Pre-School Director

Mrs. Mazal Rubinoff.....Administrative Assistant

Miss Rivky Sudwerts.....Dismissal Coordinator

CANTEEN



✓ CHIPS

✓ DRINKS

✓ CANDY

✓ SLUSHIES

✓ ICES

For campers entering 2nd grade and up:

Prices for various refreshments range from approximately \$0.25 to \$2.50. The boys will have opportunities throughout the week to purchase snacks. We recommend starting your son off with \$20. To add money to your son's canteen account, please go to sdc.canteenapp.org and enter your email address. Once logged in you will see all your children and be able to add funds to their accounts. Alternatively, you can send money to the office labeled "canteen" and your son's full name and bunk number.

For Juniors (boys entering K, P and 1st grade):

Please send in a one-time canteen fee of \$20 to cover all Canteen visits for the summer. Cash or check should be sent in an envelope labeled "canteen" and your son's full name and bunk number.

You cannot use the sdc.canteenapp.org for Juniors canteen or birthday parties.



SUMMER 2026

FIRST HALF

JUNE/JULY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

718.868.2300 x 233
SDC@darchei.org • www.simchadaycamp.com

Please remember to send your son with his
CAMP T-SHIRT on trip days!

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**FIRST DAY
OF CAMP**



FIRST

SUMMER 2026



PLATE

JUNE/JULY

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WE ARE A NUT AWARE CAMP!

**No outside food containing any allergens
such as nuts or sesame seeds may be
brought onto our campus or buses since
there are kids with major airborne allergies.**





LATE NIGHT

for Next Week:

20's MONDAY, JUNE 29

40's TUESDAY, JUNE 30



WEDNESDAY, JULY 1

Dismissal from Camp at 6:30pm

WE ASSUME ALL CAMPERS WILL BE STAYING FOR THE LATE NIGHT AND WILL NOT BE SENT HOME ON THE 4:30PM BUSES

You must notify the camp office before 2pm
if your son WILL NOT be staying for the late night by
e-mailing SDCBUS@DARCHEI.ORG or calling 718.868.2300 x383

STAFF SPEAKS:

"Xtreme!!"

Rabbi Sudwerts

**WHAT ARE YOU
MOST LOOKING
FORWARD TO ABOUT
SDC 2026?**

**"The world series
celebration and
trophies!"**

Rabbi Polter

**"Giving the
Campers and
Staff the best
Summer ever!!"**

Rabbi Berman

**"1st day campers
walking off the
bus smiling!!!"**

Rabbi Moskowitz

**"Giving out
Chai Lifeline
prizes!"**

Rabbi Taub

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

NEXT WEEK'S CAMPERS' QUESTION:

**What part of SDC 2026 are
you most looking forward to?**

Submit your answer by Wednesday, July 1st with
your name and bunk to SimchaScoop@gmail.com
or submit it to the office.

**"A safe
summer!"**

Mr. Glatzer



SDC XTREME!

are going to a



LATE NIGHT

WEDNESDAY, JULY 1

**Buses will leave the game at approx. 9:30pm
TO THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:**

LOCAL CAMP PICKUP: Circular Driveway on Beach 17th Street
Arriving approximately at 10:30pm

Brooklyn Pickup: Yeshiva Tiferes Yisroel, 1271 E 35th Street
Arriving approximately at 10:30pm

Queens Pickup: Shevach High School, 75-07 Main Street
Arriving approximately at 10:30pm

West Hempstead Pickup: BTU, 401 Hempstead Avenue
Arriving approximately at 10:00pm

All Brooklyn, Queens & West Hempstead campers will be
bused to their respective pickup locations after the late night
unless the camp office is notified otherwise.

Pickup times will be
updated on the
What's App chat
ONLY.

Please make sure to
join the group:



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KEEP YOUR COOL THIS SUMMER!

DIVE INTO OUR
NEWLY RENOVATED
OLYMPIC-SIZE

POOL

Pool Dates:



**JUNE 16 -
AUGUST 16**



Rates:

WEEKDAY: \$10
SUNDAYS & JULY 4: \$20
*Half and Full Summer
Memberships Available*

COMMUNITY CENTER
OF THE ROCKAWAY PENINSULA
264 BEACH 19TH STREET
FAR ROCKAWAY, NY 11691

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
718.868.2300 EXT. 316
RBORENSTEIN@DARCHEI.ORG

Men's Hours:

Sunday: 2:30 PM - 7:30 PM
Monday - Thursday: 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM
Friday: 3:15 PM - 5:30 PM

Women's Hours:

Sunday: 9:45 AM - 2:15 PM
Monday - Thursday: 6:45 PM - 8:15 PM
Friday: NO HOURS



Shiva Asar B'Tammuz
Thursday, July 2nd
3pm Early Dismissal



This week's Simcha Scramble Topic is: "OCCUPATION/JOBS!"

RULES: To enter, you must find the correct words or phrase by filling in the remaining letters of the puzzle.

Limit 1 entry per person. Multiple entries will be disqualified.

TO ENTER: E-mail your answer to: SimchaScoop@gmail.com or answers may be submitted to the office.

All entries must be received no later than Wednesday, July 1, 2026.

All entries with the correct answers will have their name appear in the next Simcha Scoop.

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BONUS WORD JUMBLE

After solving the puzzles correctly, put the circled letters in the correct order.

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Name:	
Bunk:	
Grade:	
School:	

**Check our website
regularly for pictures,
newsletters & more at:
www.SimchaDayCamp.com**

