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Welcome To Camp Areivim!!!

Wow! What an amazing first week of Camp! This one is for the books! Tuesday began with Shacharis followed by important announcements from Rabbi Hersh and Rabbi Bennett explaining many of the protocols and guidelines of Camp, including the importance of achdus among the campers. In doing so, ensuring that everyone - both new and old - feel comfortable in Camp and are having a blast! Shiurim were then announced as campers cheered for their friends and rebbeim and raced off to breakfast.

The 4th grade division - our SIT's (Seniors in Training) - met their rebbeim in their shiur rooms and almost immediately one could hear the kol Tefilah and kol Torah reverberating throughout the halls of the Camp building.

Camp Areivim's famous "Hat-Trick Tickets" were already flowing throughout shacharis and shiur which can be used for three separate uses. Campers can (1) use them in the canteen and (2) enter into the end-of-the-week raffle and (3) the Grand Raffle at the end of the half! These tickets are worth a lot, and campers earn them throughout the day for learning, having good midos, showing good sportsmanship, cheering and going l'fnim mi'shuras ha'din. To date, more than 8000 tickets have already been distributed!

An engaging and exciting learning curriculum has been expertly prepared by

our incredible Learning Director, Rabbi Tzvi Finkel, tailored to each age group's level. The 4th grade is learning Mishnayos Sanhedrin and Parshas Korach, the 5th grade is learning Masechtas Brachos (4th Perek), the 6th grade is learning Masechtas Kiddushin (29a) and the 7/8th grade is learning Arvei Pesachim. The shiurim are already in full swing and we are looking forward for this summer to be a summer of shteiging in addition to all the incredible Leagues, swimming, activities and trips Camp Areivim has planned for Summer 2015!

Tuesday was also League evaluations. Rabbi Tsvi Greenfield, MIT Division Head and League Commissioner for the Senior Division, was introduced to the campers and detailed many of the guidelines and rules of the Leagues. Campers were then divided up by shiur and got the ball rolling with all the amazing athletic games Camp Areivim provides. Football on the amazing football turf, hockey in the hockey rink, basketball in the gym, volleyball, soccer and baseball were just some of the sports that shiurim played as counselors coached and "scouted" the campers for Leagues. Games were fun, menchlech and intense! Combined with mincha, snacks and a refreshing swim in the Areivim pools, the first day of Camp came to a close with campers and counselors waiting for more!

Wednesday was the first trip day for the Senior Division. Rabbi Hersh and

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Rabbi Bennett led the Division out to Skyzone - the original trampoline park! Each camper received his very own Skyzone issued and certified trampoline socks and had a phenomenal time playing trampoline dodgeball, trampoline basketball or just bouncing from trampoline to trampoline. A variety of delicious sandwiches and fresh plums were distributed to campers for lunch and snacks, keeping them well-nourished during their outing.

Upon return from the trip, campers davened mincha and were still able to enjoy a swim in the pool. We want to thank Rabbi Tzachie Diamond, Head

Lifeguard, and his amazing staff of lifeguards for their stellar shemirah of our pools.

Some new additions to the campus include 2 custom-made gaga pits, hydration centers throughout the campus and freshly painted lines for our volleyball and soccer fields. These additions, along with the incredible amenities Camp Areivim has offered in past years, are sure to add to the incredible Arevim Experience campers are sure to have!

Thursday marked the start of Leagues, which got off to a tre-

mendous start. After a leibudikeh hal-lel and mussaf, and a serious morning of learning, campers convened in the lunchroom for a pizza and French fries lunch after which Rabbi Greenfield announced the League teams and League coaches. See the League Updates below for more details about this year's Leagues.

Rabbi Hersh and Rabbi Bennett already began discussing the upcoming first major overnight for the Senior Division this week and campers were "jumping out of their keilim" upon hearing some of the details of the trip. Itineraries and instructions will be emailed home next week.. Please read them carefully.

Erev Shabbos Kodesh was another one for the books! Shtark learning was followed by a delicious cholent and kugel lunch and another intense League activity and topped off with the Erev Shabbos Program including this week's end of the week raffle. Congratulations to all the winners!

Have an incredible Shabbos!

Can't wait for next week!!!

- Rabbi Yossi Bennett

League Updates

Rabbi Tsvi Greenfield

Put it in the books! What an incredible start of the world famous Camp Areivim Leagues!! This year proves to be the best season ever. The 4th & 5th grade teams - Cookies and Cream, Salted Caramel, Mocha Fudge and Rocky Road have started off incredibly. The 6th 7th & 8th grade teams - Catskills, Poconos, Dorney Parks and Mountain Creeks have really hit the ground running!

We are so excited for an absolutely amazing summer of achdus and sports at Camp Areivim!!! Have a great Shabbos!

Something to Say at the Tish

Rabbi Tzvi Finkel

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Rashi points out that although four generations of Korach's family are mentioned here, it stops by the fifth generation. Yaakov, the father of Levi, is not mentioned. The reason for this is because Yaakov davened that his name not be mentioned during the dispute of Korach. As it says at the end of Sefer Bereishis, בְּקִהְלָם אֶל־תִּתֵּד כְּבֹדִי.

The question is, what did Yaakov gain by not having his name mentioned? After all, everyone knows Yaakov was the father of Levi? In fact, Rashi points out that even though in Parshas Korach Yaakov's name is not mentioned, in Sefer Divrei HaYamim, when mentioning Korach's lineage, the posuk does mention "ben Yaakov." If there was any doubt that Yaakov was Levi's father, it is written right there. Why did it mean so much to Yaakov not to have his name mentioned that he davened בְּקִהְלָם אֶל־תִּתֵּד כְּבֹדִי?

One can say that Yaakov was concerned that the character traits with which a child is born are hereditary. If Korach possessed the middah of machlokes, it must be that he got it from one of his ancestors. Yaakov davened that his name should not be mentioned in reference to this machlokes so that no one should make the mistake that Yaakov was the source of this middah.

In reality, the middah originated by Levi, who initiated the attempt to kill Yosef and who also killed out the city of Sh'chem. Everyone knows Yaakov was the father of Levi. That is not what Yaakov was concerned about. Rather, he was concerned with being associated with the middah of machlokes, something we should all be concerned about. Have a good Shabbos.

Parsha Questions: Parshas Korach

Why did Dasan and Aviram join Korach?

16:1 - Because they were his neighbors.

Why is Yaakov's name not mentioned as part of Korach's ancestors?

16:1 - Yaakov davened that his name not be mentioned in connection with Korach's rebellion (*Bereishet* 49:6).

What motivated Korach to rebel?

16:1 - Korach was jealous that Elizafan ben Uziel was appointed as leader of the family of Kehas instead of himself.

What did Korach and company do when Moshe said that a *techeles* garment needs *tzitzis*?

16:1 - They laughed.

What warning did Moshe give the rebels regarding the offering of the ketores?

16:6 - Only one person would survive.

Did Moshe want to be the *kohen gado*?

16-6 - Yes.

What event did Korach not foresee?

16:7 - That his sons would repent.

What does the phrase *rav lachem* mean in this week's Parsha? (Give two answers.)

16:7,3 - *Rav lachem* appears twice in this week's Parsha. It means "much more than enough greatness have you taken for yourself (16:3)" and "It is a great thing I have said to you (16:17)."

What lands are described in this week's Parsha as "flowing with milk and honey"?

16:12 - Mitzrayim and Canaan.

When did Moshe have the right to take a donkey from the Jewish Community?

16:15 - When he traveled from Midyan to Mitzrayim.

What did Korach do the night before the final confrontation?

16:19 - Korach went from tribe to tribe in order to rally support for himself.

What sin did Dasan and Aviram have in common with Golias?

16:27 - They all blasphemed.

Before what age is a person not punished by the Heavenly Court for his sins?

16:27 - Twenty years old.

What happens to one who rebels against the institution of *kehuna*? Who suffered such a fate?

17:5 - He is stricken with *tzara'at*, as was King Uziyahu (*Divrei HaYamim* II 26:16-19).

Why specifically was ketores used to stop the plague?

17:13 - Because the people were deprecating the ketores offering, saying that it caused the death of two of Aharon's sons and also the death of 250 of Korach's followers. Therefore, Hashem demonstrated that the incense offering was able to avert death, and it is sin, not ketores, which causes death.

Why was Aharon's staff placed in the middle of the other 11 staffs?

17:21 - So people would not say that Aharon's staff bloomed because Moshe placed it closer to the *Shechina*.

Aharon's staff was kept as a sign. What did it signify?

17:25 - That only Aharon and his children were selected for the *kehuna*.

Why are the 24 gifts for the *kohanim* taught in this week's Parsha?

18:8 - Since Korach claimed the *kehuna*, the Torah emphasizes Aharon's and his descendants' rights to *kehuna* by recording the gifts given to them.

Who may eat the *kodshei kodashim* (most holy sacrifices) and where must they be eaten?

18:10 - Male *kohanim* may eat them and only in the *azara* (fore-court of the *Beis Hamikdash*).

Why is Hashem's covenant with the *kohanim* called "a covenant of salt"?

18:19 - Just as salt never spoils, so this covenant will never be rescinded.



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