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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 Suk-

kah (25a). 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!

New additions to Camp this year include veteran lifeguard Rabbi Ari Glazer joining Rabbi Diamond as our co-head lifeguard PLUS heating for our 2 ginormous pools!!! The new MIT Extreme Night Activity Program, directed by Rabbi Yehoshua Robinson, is also sure to be a hit!

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, Newcomb, 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! Before dismissal, Campers received their brand new Areivim T-shirts (which should be worn on trip days). 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 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 phe-

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nominal time playing trampoline dodgeball, trampoline basketball or just bouncing from trampoline to trampoline. A variety of delicious sandwiches and fresh, crisp, Fiji apples were distributed to campers for lunch and snacks, keeping them well-nourished during their outing. One campers even boasted how he ate 5 apples! Wo!

Upon return from the trip, campers davened mincha. Enjoyed some more snacks and were still able to enjoy a swim in the pool or pickup soccer and baseball.

Thursday marked the start of Leagues,

which got off to a tremendous start. After a morning of geshmakeh 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.

Thursday night was the first installment of the MIT Extreme Night Activities. MIT Campers met Rabbi Robinson and Rabbi Bennett at Woodmere Lanes for an hour of unlimited EXTREME bowling. Then, the entire division walked over to Pizza Pious for pizza, soda and zeppolis taking over the restaurant! Areivim Trivia was the name of the game and double sodas were given to winners. It was awesome!

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!

Reminders for next week:

Monday: Minute to Win It

Tuesday: NO CAMP

Wednesday: Pennsylvania Overnight!

Have an incredible Shabbos!

Can't wait for next week!!!

Rabbi Yossi Bennett

Senior Division Head Counselor

League Updates

Rabbi Tsvi Greenfield

Wow! I can't believe that the summer is already here! Areivim Leagues are underway! B"H we have started off so unbelievably strong that it looks like this year will be the best we have ever had. In our 4th and 5th grade conference the competition is amazing but the achdus and sportsmanship really rose to the top. **Shmuli Gorlin** was made the QB but he saw that someone else wanted it so he gave it to him. The Cinnamon Toast Crunch were down 14-12 with 2 minutes to go and **Doniel From** hit a clutch shot to tie it up. In our 6th, 7th & 8th grade conference it is better than ever. **Moshe Kamin** led the Mike's Burgers to a victory in flag football with 4 TD throws and 3 interceptions. In a very windy baseball game between the Chimichurris and the Bistros, **Doobi Kaluszyner** saw that **Hudi Teigman** on the other team was having a hard time keeping his yarmulke on his head so Doobi called a timeout and ran over from shortstop to give him a clip! Simply Amazing! Can't wait till next week! Have a great Shabbos!

Something to Say at the Tish

Rabbi Tzvi Finkel

In this week's Parshah, Parshas Chukas, we are taught about the laws of Parah Adumah. One who comes in contact or is in the same building as a dead body becomes Tamei. He is not permitted to enter the Bais Hamikdash, eat from Karbanos or eat Trumah until he has the ashes of the Parah Adumah sprinkled on him. The laws of Parah Adumah are considered a חוק - a law which we do simply because it is Hashem's will, even though we don't understand the logic. Although the entire concept of Tumah and Taharah and how a Parah Adumah purifies a Tamei person may be beyond our comprehension, nevertheless, the Chofetz Chaim says there is an important lesson we can learn from this Parshah.

"וכל כלי פתוח אשר אינ' צמיד פתיל עליו טמא הוא" - The rule is that if there is Tumah in the airspace of an earthenware vessel the vessel becomes Tamei. If, however, the earthenware vessel is sealed shut, the vessel remains Tahor. This concept is actually comparable to a person. If a person does not think before he speaks and his mouth is simply "open" he is liable to allow Tumah to enter his body. It is so easy to get caught up in speaking negatively about others or speaking inappropriately. If however a person is careful and thinks before he speaks thereby "sealing" his mouth, such a person is Tahor.

Let's think before we speak and always use our power of speech positively - making sure we have the proper seal in place. With this, we will be zocheh to "זרקתי עליכם מים טהורים וטהרתם מכל חטאותיכם לפני ה' תטהרו".

Parsha Questions: Parshas Chukas

"Take a perfect *para aduma* (red heifer)." What does the word "perfect" -- *temima* -- mean in this context?

19:2 - Perfectly red.

How many non-red hairs disqualify a cow as a *para aduma*?

19:2 - Two.

A man dies in a tent. What happens to the sealed metal and earthenware utensils in the tent?

19:14,15 - The metal utensils are impure for seven days, even if they are sealed. The sealed earthenware vessels are unaffected.

What happens to the one who: a) sprinkles the water mixed with the ashes of the *para aduma*; b) touches the water; c) carries the water?

19:21 - a) Remains *tahor*; b) He, but not his clothing, contracts *tumah*; c) He and his clothing contract *tumah*.

Why was the *mitzvah* of the *para aduma* entrusted to Elazar rather than to Aharon?

19:22 - Because Aharon was involved in the sin of the golden calf.

Why does the Torah stress that *all* of the congregation came to *Midbar Tzin*?

20:1 - To teach that they were *all* fit to enter the Land; everyone involved in the sin of the spies already died.

Why is Miriam's death taught after the laws of *para aduma*?

20:1 - To teach that just as sacrifices bring atonement, so too does the death of the righteous.

During their journey in the *midbar*, in whose merit did the Jewish People receive water?

20:2 - Miriam's.

Why did Moshe need to strike the rock a second time?

20:11 - After he hit it the first time, only a few drops came out since he was commanded to *speak* to it.

When Moshe told the King of Edom that the Jewish People would not drink from the well-water, to which well did he refer? What do we learn from this?

20:17 - To the well that traveled with the nation in the *midbar*. This teaches that even if one has adequate provisions he should purchase goods from his host in order to benefit the host.

The cloud that led the Jewish People leveled all mountains in their path except three. Which three and why?

20:22 - *Har Sinai* for receiving the Torah, *Har Nevo* for Moshe's burial, and *Hor Hahar* for Aharon's burial.

Why did the *entire* congregation mourn Aharon's death?

20:29 - Aharon made peace between contending parties and between spouses. Thus, everybody mourned him.

What disappeared when Aharon died?

20:29 - The clouds of glory disappeared, since they sheltered the Jews in Aharon's merit.

Which "inhabitant of the South" (*21:2*) attacked the Jews?

21:1 - Amalek.

For what two reasons did Hashem punish the people with snakes specifically?

21:6 - The original snake, who was punished for speaking evil, is fitting to punish those who spoke evil about Hashem and about Moshe. And the snake, for whom everything tastes like dust, is fitting to punish those who complained about the manna which changed to any desired taste.

Why did the Jewish People camp in Arnon, rather than pass through Moav to enter *Eretz Canaan*?

21:13 - Moav refused them passage.

What miracle took place at the valley of Arnon?

21:15 - The Amorites hid in caves in the mountain on the Moabite side of the valley in order to ambush the Jews. When the Jews approached, the mountain on the *Eretz Canaan* side of the valley moved close to the other mountain and the Amorites were crushed.

What was the "strength" of Amon that prevented the Jewish People from entering into their land?

21:24 - Hashem's command, "Do not harass them" (*Devarim* 2:19).

Why was Moshe afraid of Og?

21:34 - Og had once been of service to Avraham. Moshe was afraid that this merit would assist Og in battle.

Who killed Og?

21:35 - Moshe.



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