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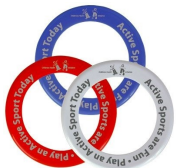
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It's not every summer that we are able to say that the first overnight of the season was beyond words, but this year we can!!! It was really out-of-the-park incredible!!!

The trip began immediately following lunch with campers boarding the coach buses awaiting them outside the Camp. With counselors assisting them, campers chose their seats and made themselves comfortable for the ride upstate to Zoom Flume in East Durham, NY. After a short stop for snacks and Mincha, campers arrived at Zoom Flume, ready and excited to brave the many water rides the Park had to offer.

Before entering, campers enjoyed a delicious dinner and then off into the Park they ran! Many campers were ac-

companied by their counselors as they traversed the Park, while others went off in groups of their own. What a mechaya having the Park all to ourselves with a few other frum camps - no lines, no waiting, just jumping from ride to ride. It was amazing! After spending a good 4 hours in the Park, it was back on the buses to the Poughkeepsie JCC where campers were able to rest their heads for a few hours before heading off to the next day's adventures!

Upon awakening on Wednesday morning to Rabbi Hersh's rendition of Modeh Ani, campers packed up their things and were off to Kiryas Yoel. There, they were greeted by the Satmar Chassidim who provided the Camp with a beautiful Bais Medrash to daven Shacharis followed by a lavish

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course! Campers were hanging from the rafters - literally! Many campers braved the zip-line, tight rope and hung like monkeys from their safety lines. It was awesome!

Following the ropes course, Rabbi Greenfield was waiting with water bottles for each camper and hydrated them adequately before heading off to their next stop - Bear Mountain!

Upon arrival at Bear Mountain, Rabbi Bennett and Rabbi Greenfield boarded the buses and informed campers and counselors that this would be no ordinary hike. It would also be no ordinary scavenger hunt. It would be a League Game Bear Mountain Scavenger Hunt! Each team would be led by their counselor on this amazing scavenger hunt for 18 items! Some would have to be brought back "alive" while others could be photographed. Campers had a great time climbing the mountain and navigating the trails (and avoiding the bears...just kidding). After all was said and

breakfast. In fact, campers had the opportunity to meet with the Satmar Rebbe! It was truly amazing! After Shacharis, campers visited the heiliga tzion of Reb Yoel Teitelbaum, the Satmar Rav. It was an awe-inspiring experience. At the tzion, campers heard divrei chizuk from Rav Yankel Kelner, a talmid of the Rebbe. Everyone was moved and inspired and left on a special ruchniyusdikeh high!

After the visit to Kiryas Yoel, campers then headed off to the Palisades Center where they met none other than Rabbi Bennett waiting for them with 25 fresh pies of pizza and smoking hot French fries! Campers enjoyed a picnic style lunch and then off to the ropes course with Rabbi Greenfield! What an amazing indoor ropes

done, everyone did a fantastic job and two winners were picked from each division and received wins for their league teams!

On the last leg home, campers reminisced about their favorite parts of the trip and arrived home tired and drained, but with stories and memories that will last them a long time!

Thursday was another awesome day at Camp with participants of our Shnayim Mikrah Program taking a trip to 7-11 and receiving Slurpees for their achievements! Shiur was followed by two League activities and a special rain-day activity during which many campers won free canteen!

Friday was another winner with our special Erev Shabbos cholent and kugel lunch plus our Erev Shabbos program!

Can't wait to see what next week holds in store!

Have a great Shabbos!

- Rabbi Yossi Bennett

League Updates

Rabbi Tsvi Greenfield

What an absolutely incredible second week of Arevim Leagues!! This year has shaped up to be the best we've ever had! The games have been awesome, competitive and exciting, but best of all there was such outstanding middos and achdus!

In our 4th and 5th Grade conference, there was a riveting game of football between the Cookies and Cream and the Salted Caramel. The score went back and forth but at the the last second the Cookies and Cream's Michael Englander threw a touchdown pass to Zalmen Twersky to tie up the score! Eliyahu Tusk, Nachi Zinn and Zev Grunfeld of the Salted Caramel all chipped in with touchdowns and overall great play! In a back and forth game of basketball Ari Zlotnick from the Rocky Road hit a last second shot to win their basketball game!

In our 6th, 7th & 8th Conference the games have been one for the ages! The competition this season is unbelievable! In a very exciting game of volleyball the Poconos led by Menachem Finkel and the serving of Moshe Cohen pulled out a close one against the Dorney Parks. Yedidia Esses, Yaakov Moshe Roseman and Moshe Kamin helped their team push the match to the brink! In a great game of hockey the Mountain Creeks had two great performances from Chaim Mermelstein and Yitzy Mishler each netting a hat trick!

Looking forward to another incredible week of Camp Arevim Leagues!! Have a great Shabbos!!

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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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