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The Place to Be for Week 3

Week 3 started off with a bang! After a morning of beautiful davening and shtark learning, campers and counselors boarded the buses out to Flushing Meadows Park for an afternoon of Wheels of Fun! But that wasn't all! Right after Shacharis, Rabbi Bennet announced an amazing surprise! Not only would the Senior Division have full access to the Wheels of Fun, but the Boats of Fun as well! That's right! Only in Areivim! Campers were met with all sorts of wheeled contraptions. 2, 4 and even 6 wheeled trollies were available for campers to race and ride all over Flushing Meadows Park. Plus, all campers had the opportunity to paddle boat or kayak through the gorgeous Meadows at the Park. With delicious sandwiches, punch and cookies, campers stayed hydrated and satiated throughout the day and had an amazing time!

For the MIT Division, the day was just beginning. As their next installment of the MIT Extreme Night Activities, campers met Rabbi Robinson at Heimish on Central and enjoyed exclusivity to their expansive All-You-Can-Eat Buffet! Poppers, chicken fingers, Moroccan cigars, French fires and onion rings were available for the taking. Plus sodas for everyone! A whole bunch of additional staff showed up for this one to help devour the buffet. Rabbi Robinson ran his chain-letters gameshow and campers simply had a blast!

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Tuesday was Shiva Asar b'Tamuz, and after a meaningful davening with slichos led by Rabbi Greenfield, the MIT Division watched a moving film entitled Strike on Heaven, part of the Zechor Yemos Oilam Program.

Wednesday was the Ice Cream Lab, always a favorite activity with the campers. Each bunk was given the necessary ingredients to create their own delicious ice cream plus a whole slew of mix-ins with which to flavor their ice cream concoctions. Campers and counselors were going wild shaking and tossing and squishing their ice cream mixtures after which each team was judged by Rabbi Hersh, Rabbi Bennett and Rabbi Greenfield. Although everyone did a great job, the winning bunk was...Chait's Chex! The bunk all received ices as their reward for a job well done!



Thursday was the anticipated Splash Wars! Now, anyone who has never seen Splash Wars cannot understand the excitement and intensity it elicits from those involved and even spectators! Two opponents going head-tohead in a game of War... with a major twist! A cup of ice-cold water splashed into the loser's face! Competitors were chosen from lists provided by Rebbeim of campers who learned well during shiur that morning. Kids had a blast as Rabbi Bennett hosted the competition. Even Rabbi Hersh went up against Yedidya Lazar, our Kitchen Manager, and got doused! Although there were a number of great rivalries, including a brother versus brother round, the icing on the cake was Rekant versus Malek, two of our amazing counselors! In the end, Eli Rekant took the win of the best of seven round and double splashed Yehuda Malek. It was awesome!

We want to wish a tremendous yasher ko'ach to the campers who participated in the Masmidei Areivim Learning Contest and our Shnayim Mikrah v'Echad Targum Program. Many boys received their slurpees this week! We hope even more campers participate next week! Thank you to Rabbi Finkel, our Learning Director, and our incredible Rebbeim for being mechazek the learning programs.

Have an amazing Shabbos!

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HAKARAS HATOV

A reminder that our 1st trip ends next week. Please show your hakaras hatov to our staff who have really gone above and beyond and have given your children an amazing summer experience. A suggested tip schedule is included with this week's newsletter.

Sneak Peek into Next Week

<u>Monday-Tuesday</u> 5th-8th - Clementon Overnight <u>Tuesday</u> 4th - Late Night Cyclones Game <u>Wednesday</u> Playoffs

> Thursday Championships



Rabbi Tsvi Greenfield

What an absolutely incredible and amazing week of leagues! Get ready for the highlight reel.....

4th & 5th Grade Conference: After an exciting baseball game between CTC and the Fruit Loops, there was a lot of trash on the floor and **Binyomin Szlafrok** and **Shaya Grunstein** went around picking up all of the cups until it was clean. AMAZING!! **Aryeh Rubenstein** if the Frosted Flakes displayed fantastic skill when he crossed over multiple defenders and had a tremendous finish at the basket! **Yosef Okun** used his superb goalie skills to pitch a shutout stopping 35 shots!!

6th, 7th & 8th Grade Conference: In a late comeback victory, **Gavriel Jacobowitz** of the Bistro made clutch bucket after bucket and **Uriel Korman** played a phenomenal Point guard, to end the game on a 10-2 run. **JJ Rabinowitz** led the Graze with 6 goals, but even more impressive he showed great achdus and honesty by calling a no-goal on his own team.

Looking forward to PLAYOFFS!!!!!

Have a great Shabbos!

- Rabbi Bennett

Something to Say at the Tish

Rabbi Tzvi Finkel

What qualities do we look for when choosing a leader?

In this week's Parsha, Hashem tells Moshe to take Yehoshua as his successor. The Gemara explains why Yehoshua deserved to be the next leader of Klal Yisroel. It was because he was the one that set up the tables and benches in the Bais Medrash. It would seem like the reward is disproportionate for such a simple act? One would think that, in order to become a leader, one needs the z'chus of tremendous acts of kindness, davening with total concentration and learning many hours of Torah uninterrupted. The Torah is teaching us that it is not the big act that makes someone great, rather it's the small little things that are a sign of true leadership. When one walks into a Bais Medrash and notices a mess, and cleans it up, that is a sign of greatness. It is not a difficult task and chances are he will not get any recognition for it. It is an act done simply because someone truly cares. "It is not kavod for a Bais Medrash to look like a mess. I'm going to organize it." This is a sign of true greatness, and that is why Yehoshua was chosen as the next leader.

Each and every one of us is capable of achieving greatness, as long as we make sure to pay attention to the small details.



Why was Pinchas not originally a kohen?

25:13 - *Kehuna* was given to Aharon and his sons (not grandsons), and to any of their descendants born *after* they were anointed. Pinchas, Aharon's grandson, was born*prior* to the anointing.

Why was Moav spared the fate of Midian?

25:18 - For the sake of Rus, a future descendant of Moav.

What does the *yud* and *hey* added to the family names testify? 26:5 - That the families were truly children of their shevet. These two letters spell Hashem's Name.

Korach and his cohort became a "sign." What do they signify? 26:10 - That *kehuna* was given forever to Aharon and his sons, and that no one should ever dispute this.

Why did Korach's children survive?

26:11 - Because they did Teshuva.

Who was Yaakov's only living granddaughter at the time of the census?

26:46 - Serach bas Asher

How many years did it take to conquer the Land? How long to divide the Land?

26:53 - Seven years and seven years.

Two brothers leave Mitzrayim and die in the *midbar*. One brother has three sons. The other brother has only one child, a daughter. When these four cousins enter the Land, how many portions will the daughter get?

26:55, 27:8 - Two portions.

What do Yocheved, Ard and Na'aman all have in common? 26:24,56 - They came down to Mitzrayim in their mothers' wombs.

Why did the decree to die in the desert not apply to the women? 26:64 - In the incident of the *meraglim* only the men wished to return to Mitzrayim. The women wanted to enter *Eretz Yisrael.*

What trait did Tzlofchad's daughters exhibit that their ancestor Yosef also exhibited? 27:1 - Love for *Eretz Yisroel*.

Why does the Torah change the order of Tzlofchad's daughters' names?

27:1 - To teach that they were equal in greatness.

Tzlofchad died for what aveira?

27:3 - Rebbe Akiva says that Tzlofchad gathered sticks on Shabbos. Rebbe Shimon says that Tzlofchad was one who tried to enter *Eretz Yisroel* after the *chet* of the *meraglim*.

Why did Moshe use the phrase "Hashem of the spirits of all flesh"?

27:16 - He was asking Hashem, who knows the multitude of personalities among the Jewish People, to appoint a leader who can deal with each person on that person's level.

Moshe "put some of his glory" upon Yehoshua. What does this mean?

27:20 - That Yehoshua's face beamed like the moon.

Where were the daily *korbanos shechted*?

28:3 - At a spot opposite the sun. The morning *korban* was *shechted* on the west side of the *shechita* area and the afternoon *korban* on the east side.

Goats are brought as *musaf* sin-offerings. For what *aveira* do they atone?

28:15 - For unnoticed *tumah* of the Bais HaMikdash or its *keilim*.

Why is Shavuos called Yom Habikkurim?

28:26 - The Shavuos double-bread offering was the first wheatoffering made from the new crop.

What do the 70 bulls offered on Succos symbolize? 29:18 - The seventy nations.













































