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## Week 4: But Wait, There's More!

Wow, wow, WOW!!! Not many words that can really adequately describe this past week and our second overnight of the season, but "WOW" just barely does it justice.

Campers enthusiastically boarded the coach buses with help from their counselors after lunch on Tuesday and trekked out to Scranton, PA to cheer on the Scranton/Wilkes-Barre Railriders as they took on the Buffalo Bisons in a double-header! But before entering the stadium the entire division "tailgated" with a delicious barbeque of hot dogs and hamburgers. Yum!

What a game! The first game concluded with a big "W" for the Railriders as they beat the Bisons 3-2. Campers noticed Rabbi Greenfield disappearing during the intermission between the 2 games only to realize that he had walked down onto the field! He was throwing out the first pitch! Up onto the pitcher's mound, the wind up, the pitch - STRIKE! What a pitch! Rabbi Greenfield exited the field to cheers of "Rabbi, Rabbi Greenfield!" But the best was yet to come! As the game entered the fifth inning, Rabbi Bennett now disappeared! "Now welcoming Rabbi Yossi Bennett to sing G-d Bless America!" Oh my goodness!!! Rabbi Bennett belted out an incredible rendition of G-d Bless America in front of the standing only crowd! He exited the field to cheers of "USA! USA!" and "Rabbi Bennett!" from the entire stadium. Only in Areivim!

But the night was still young! After the Railriders won their second game, campers boarded the buses and arrived at the Scranton JCC just 10 minutes away from the ballfield. But they weren't getting into bed just yet! A 2 hour gym and swim awaited them! The regulation size gymnasium and brand-new pool were available to campers and they took full advantage of them! The Staff versus MITs basketball game was definitely one of the highlights of the night as well as the use of the Camp's new GoPro in the pool. After snacks and punch, campers were off to bed for a good night's sleep. MIT campers received an additional hour of playing time and then it was light's out for all.



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The next morning after wake up, the staff at the JCC informed us that Republican nominee for President, Donald Trump, would be speaking later that day in Scranton! How amazing is that! He must have heard that Camp Areivim was visiting Scranton.

It was off to Camp Bonim! A short drive up to Camp Bonim, campers were greeted with open arms by Camp Bonim staff and old friends (some of which were former Camp Areivim campers!) and a leibudikeh shacharis ensued. Following Shacharis, breakfast and Rabbi Greenfield's D'var Halacha, campers had full use of Camp Bonim's Horseback Riding, Kayaking, Ziplining and basketball in the gym. What an amazing time they had as counselors helped campers overcome their fears and try something new. What was the highlight, you ask? No way to know for sure, as

everything was so great, campers had a hard time deciding!

Campers then visited National Bakery in Scranton for lunch and had delicious, fresh bagels and cream cheese. Doubles, triples and quadruples were distributed for campers who wanted. Together with refreshing ice cold Hawaiian Punch - delish!

On the last leg of the trip, campers took a quick hike at Dingman's Falls, a gorgeous waterfall hidden in the Pocono Mountains. After the hike, each camper was given a cold water bottle and one of National Bakery's "Wicked" Chocolate Chip Cookie! What a trip!

The 4th grade joined the Junior Division on their incredible trip to Coco Key Water Resort and had a fantastic late night trip themselves! Together with their counselors, campers were

the "oldest in the division" for a day and had a great time at the water resort. They met Rabbi Bennett and Rabbi Hersh upon arrival back at camp and related all the amazing rides and slides that they enjoyed.

After such a week, you would think that maybe Thursday would be a slow day, but not in Areivim! Playoffs and Championships were played and they may have been the most intense ever. Be sure to read the recap below in Rabbi Greenfield's League Updates.

**We wish a heartfelt Tzeischem l'Shalom to those campers and counselors who are leaving us for the second half and hope to see you next year in Camp Areivim Yerushalayim!**

- Rabbi Yossi Bennett

## League Updates

Rabbi Tsvi Greenfield

As I sit down to write this I am just at a loss of words in how to express what has transpired this past week in our leagues. With teams vying for the top seed in each conference, Monday's games were incredibly amazing! After our unbelievable overnight, Thursday was PLAYOFFS!!!! As commissioner I must say that I've been so impressed with all of our outstanding counselors and campers in making this first season of 2016 an absolute smash hit!

The playoffs began with a bang! The Mocha Fudge played the Salted Caramel in a game of Newcomb, and the Cookies and Cream played the Rocky Road in a game of flag football. These games were exceptionally exciting. Rabbi Hersh refed the football game which came down to the wire. With 2 minutes to go the game was tied up with and incredible touchdown catch, but with 30 seconds to go the Rocky Roads went ahead with a great drive. What ensued was remarkable. With 3 seconds left a hail mary by the Cookies and Cream tied up the score to send it into sudden death overtime! The Cookies and Cream's defense was on display and won it on a SAFETY!!!! In a back and forth Newcomb game, the Salted Caramels pulled off the incredible upset. This game was so intense but tremendous achdus, middos and menchlichkeit was on display. The Championship game between the Cookies and Cream and Salted Caramel was a STANLEY CUP!!! The goalies showed off their skills stopping shot after shot but at the end.....the COOKIES AND CREAM are the CHAMPIONS!!

The 6<sup>th</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade conference was phenomenal! The matchup in the playoffs was the Mountain Creeks vs. the Dorney Parks in a Hockey game and the Catskills vs. the Poconos in a game of basketball in the Gym. Rabbi Bennett refed the Hockey which in his words, "it was probably the best game that I ever refed in Camp Areivim!" With 51 seconds left in the game the Dorney Parks tied it up and sent it in to a sudden death overtime!! But only 37 seconds into the overtime the Mountain Creeks won with a beautiful wrist shot in the top right corner! What a game!! The basketball game was back and forth with great shooting and awesome defense. At the end the Catskills pulled away with a victory to set up a much anticipated World Series between the Mountain Creeks and Catskills. This game was one for the ages. With stellar pitching from both teams it was really close. But there can only be one winner....or can there.....the ended in a TIE!!!! The first ever EXTRA INNING World Series will be played today. Hatzlacha Rabba to both teams!!

I can't believe that the first half is over, but as they say, "THE BEST HAS YET TO COME!".....

Have an amazing Shabbos!

# Something to Say at the Tish

## Rabbi Tzvi Finkel

Trump or Clinton? Who do we want to be our next president? 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.

Have a great Shabbos

## Parsha Questions: Parshas Balak

### Why was Pinchas not originally a kohen?

25:13 - *Kehuna* (priesthood) 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 tribe. These two letters spell Hashem's Name.

### Korach and his congregation 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 repented.

### Name six families in this Parsha whose names are changed.

26:13,16,24,38,39,42 - Zerach, Ozni, Yashuv, Achiram, Shfufam, Shulcham.

### 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. 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 Yisrael*.

### 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 transgression?

27:3 - Rabbi Akiva says that Tzlofchad gathered sticks on Shabbat. Rabbi Shimon says that Tzlofchad was one who tried to enter *Eretz Yisrael* after the sin 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 dispositions 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 offerings slaughtered?

28:3 - At a spot opposite the sun. The morning offering was slaughtered on the west side of the slaughtering area and the afternoon offering on the east side.

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

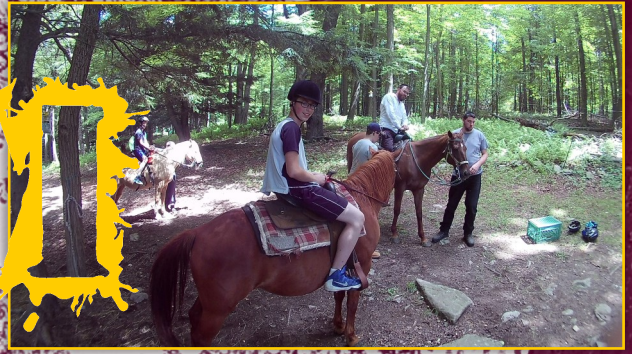
28:15 - For unnoticed ritual impurity of the Sanctuary or its vessels.

### Why is Shavuot called *Yom Habikkurim*?

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

### What do the 70 bulls offered on Succos symbolize?

29:18 - The seventy nations.



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