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## Clementon Overnight

It's simply incredible when a plan comes together! With so many moving parts and dynamic personalities, for an incredible Overnight like our recent Clementon Overnight to have been so amazing...I love it when a plan comes together!

Sunday night, once again, many 5th-8th grade campers took advantage of bringing their luggage to Camp early in preparation and anticipation of Monday's Overnight.

On Monday morning, campers were buzzing and stirring about the upcoming trips. And I mean trips! Because the 4th grade was also going on not one, but two trips! One Monday, just as the older campers were loading the coach buses for the Overnight, the 4th graders were also loading buses for a trip over to Rita's on Central! Delicious, refreshing Rita's Ices on a hot summer day—what can be better!

But as the 4th graders were enjoying the ices dripping down their chins, the 5th-8th graders were rocking it up at Blackbeard's Cave! Rock Climbing, Splash Warring, Go Karting, Mini Golfing, Bumper Boating, Batting Caging—what DIDN'T they have! Campers and counselors had an awesome time as the fun just didn't seem to end. When it was FINALLY time to go, campers had to be pried off the attractions. But it was for good reason! Because the next stop was Glatt Bite in Lakewood! All campers had pre-ordered their dishes and, upon arrival at Glatt Bite, had mounds of Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Eggrolls (both veggie and

beef) and French Fries waiting for them. Plus, fountain sodas as far as the eye could see! Delicious and refreshing! Campers munched down their dinner and, after benching and mincha, made their way over to the Philadelphia JCC for an exciting Gym & Swim! Many campers took advantage of the expansive, Olympic-sized indoor pool and the HUGE gymnasium. Snack stations were set up, and campers were able to snack and go as they pleased. The MIT Division received a special perk, being able to utilize the gym until...eh, we won't say.

Tuesday started off with a bang. Firstly, for the 4th grade, the Brooklyn Cyclones game was on the agenda! And not just any Cyclones game, but a Cyclones versus the Yankees game! And not just any Cyclones versus Yankees game, but Hat Day! And not just any Hat Day, but Double Hat Day! It was amazing! And, Boruch Hashem, the Cyclones won!

For the 5th-8th grades, day two of the Overnight was simply indescribable! But we'll try!



# The Place to Be for Week 3

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After a good night's sleep (or something like that), campers arose to a beautiful Shacharis at the Lower Marion Shul after which they were zocheh to hear Divrei Torah from a former Rebbe of Camp Areivim (who just couldn't stay away and surprised us on the trip!) Rabbi Chaim Rothstein. Rabbi Rothstein discussed the mitzvah of v'uhavta l'reyacha ka'mochah and the specific importance of it during this time of the year.

Following Shacharis it was back on the buses to Clementon Park and Splash-world! So awesome! 3 hours in Splash-world followed by 3 hours in the

amusement park—it could not have been better! With beautiful weather and exclusivity in the park—only in Areivim!

Wednesday and Thursday were competitions, playoffs and championships! Read more about them in Rabbi Greenfield's League Updates below.

We want to wish a hartzigeh tzeischem l'shalom to our campers and staff members who will be leaving for the second half. It has been a pleasure and honor spending the first half of the summer to-

gether with you. We will miss you! We hope to see you back in Areivim next year!

Have a great Shabbos!

- Rabbi Bennett

## Sneak Peek into Next Week

### Tuesday

Country Fair—Camp T-shirts

### Wednesday

Leagues Begin

### Thursday

Water Fight—Details to Follow

# League Updates

Rabbi Tsvi Greenfield

Put it in the books!! I truly can't believe that the first half of Camp Areivim leagues have come to a close, but it has ended in a historic fashion. The playoff seedings went down to the last game of the season with teams flip-flopping places until the last whistle. The Playoffs and Finals were so incredible with 3 games going into Overtime, a football game going into triple Overtime and the Stanley Cup Finals going into Double Overtime...at least. (At the time of this article the game is not over yet!!) Here are your HIGHLIGHTS!!!

4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Conference: In an exciting PLAYOFF game of Baseball between the Frosted Flakes and the Fruit Loops, **Yosef Kreindler** led the Flakes with an incredible 10 Strikeouts!!! The Chex met the Cookie Crisp in a first-round playoff matchup in a much-anticipated Basketball game. The Cookie Crisp led by **Yisroel Lesser, Eli Glazer** and **Menashe Weissman**, got out to an early lead with great teamwork and timely baskets. Starting the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter down by 11, the Chex, led by **Dovid Bouskill, Zalman Twersky**, and hero of the game, **Menashe Morgenstern**, helped spark an improbable comeback by hitting free throws and clutch baskets. In the conference championship, The Golden Grahams lined up against the Frosted Flakes in what was probably the most exciting football game in Areivim history. **Eliyahu Tusk, Daniel Levine, Avi Kurtz** and **Shmuel Feintuch**, led the Grahams with incredible defensive plays and acrobatic deep catches. **Akiva Applebaum, Eliezer Flaum, Akiva Katz** and **Chaim Diamond**, led the Flakes with their own highlight reel plays and interceptions. The game went to double overtime where **Akiva Applebaum** took a pass to the house scoring the game winning touchdown!! The CTC played the Chex in an intense basketball game. The CTC led by **Michael Englander, Daniel From, Naftali Walkin** and **Dovi Weinberg**, were able to advance to the Finals with great passing and timely baskets. The World Series between the CTC and Frosted Flakes showcased two great defensive teams. **Yosef Kreindler** of the Flakes and **Chaim Shapiro** of CTC matched up in an awesome pitching duel. And the champions are.....**THE FROSTED FLAKES!!!!!!**

6<sup>th</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Conference: The Hockey Playoff game between the Graze and Bistro was an intense battle with **Akiva Bennett, Shmuel Meir Kutner, Uriel Korman** and **Coby Pollack**, playing suffocating defense and great teamwork leading the Bistro to a victory over the Graze. **Avi Dov, Shimmy Holzberg, JJ Rabinowitz** and **Yisroel Wolff** played a great game with amazing goals and achdus. The Chimichurri played Mike's Burgers in a basketball game featuring some of the division's best players. **Doobi Kaluszyner** and **Eli Lousky** led Chimichurri in a valiant effort, but **Moshe Kamin, Yechiel Guberman** and **Akiva Lader** led Mike's Burgers to the win. The Stanley Cup Finals featured the Bistro vs the Mike's Burgers. This game was EPIC!!! **Yosef Rabinow** played at phenominal goal for the Bistro and **Yehuda Flaum** for Mike's Burgers made clutch save after clutch save. **Gavriel Jacobowitz, Reuven Sklar, Nesanel Schwartz** and **Akiva Bennett** helped the Bistro jump out to an 8-4 lead. But Mike's Burgers, headed by **Moshe Kamin, Daniel Ginian** and **Yehuda Mezei** roared back to tie the game at 8-8. The game went into overtime, shots were exchanged but no goals! The second overtime was played on Friday and winner is.....

# Something to Say at the Tish

## Rabbi Tzvi Finkel

In this week's Parsha we learn about the *Arei Miklat*-cities of refuge. One who kills accidentally must leave his home and live in one of these cities, both to atone for the loss of life that came about through his actions and to be safe from victims close relatives who have the right to kill him if he is found outside of one of these cities. He is required to live there until the death of the Kohen Gadol and then he is free to go home.

The Gemara in Makos explains that the freedom of the murderer is linked to the death of the Kohen Gadol because the Kohen Gadol is also partially responsible for the murder. If he would have davened properly, through his prayers, he could have prevented this unfortunate death from taking place. As a result of not praying properly the life of the Kohen Gadol was now dependent on the prayers of murderers. The murderers forced to live in these cities of refuge, are anxious to get home and will pray for the death of the Kohen Gadol to take place sooner rather than later. In fact, the Gemara continues, the mother of the Kohen Gadol would provide food and clothing for the inhabitants of the *Arei Miklat* to encourage them to daven for her son that he should live long instead of praying for his death.

We see here the power of Tefilah and how seriously we must approach our davening. With his davening the Kohen Gadol could have prevented this loss of life and alternately the prayers of the murderer could hasten the death of the Kohen Gadol. Perhaps if we view our davening with the proper respect and realize how much we can accomplish through our prayers, much senseless killing, can be prevented.

## Parsha Questions: Parshas Matos-Masei

### Who may annul a vow?

30:2 - Preferably, an expert in the laws of *nedarim*. Otherwise, three ordinary people.

### When may a father annul his widowed daughter's vows?

30:10 - If she is under 12 and 1/2 years old and widowed before she was fully married.

### Why were the Bnei Yisroel not commanded to attack Moav, as they were to attack Midyan?

31:2 - Because Moav only acted out of fear against the Bnei Yisroel. Also, Rus was destined to come from Moav.

### Those selected to fight Midyan went unwillingly. Why?

31:5 - They knew that Moshe's death would follow.

### What holy vessels accompanied the Bnei Yisroel into battle?

31:6 - The *aron* and the *tzitz*.

### Besides removing traces of treif food, what else is needed to make metal vessels obtained from a non-Jew fit for a Jewish owner?

31:23 - Immersion in a *mikveh*.

### What promise did *Bnei Gad* and *Bnei Reuven* make beyond that which Moshe required?

32:24 - Moshe required them to remain west of the Jordan during the conquest of the Land. They promised to re-

main after the conquest until the Land was divided.

### Why does the Torah list the places where the Bnei Yisroel camped?

33:1 - To show Hashem's love of the Bnei Yisroel. Although it was decreed that they wander in the desert, they did not travel continuously. During 38 years, they moved only 20 times.

### Why did the King of Arad feel at liberty to attack the Bnei Yisroel?

33:40 - When Aharon died, the *ananei hakavod* protecting the Bnei Yisroel departed.

### What length was the camp in the *midbar*?

33:49 - Twelve *mil*.

### Why does the Torah need to specify the boundaries that are to be inherited by the Bnei Yisroel?

34:2 - Because certain *mitzvos* apply only in the Land.

### When did the three cities east of the Jordan begin to function as refuge cities?

35:13 - After Yehoshua separated three cities west of the Jordan.

### There were six refuge cities, three on each side of the Jordan. Yet, on the east side of the Jordan there were only two and a half shevatim. Why did they need three cities?

35:14 - Because murders were more common there.



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