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Championship Games and So Much More!!

"What an absolutely incredible week!" yelled a 4th grade camper as he ran through the hall of the beautiful Senior Division campus. This has been an action-packed week so let's get to it!

On Monday, Rabbi Hersh led a gevaldikeh davening with the *אמן יהא שמיה רבה* resonating throughout the building. Afterwards Rabbi Hersh did his famous "Price is Right" calling on the best daveners to participate. Following the amazing shiurim the boys went to lunch for French toast and Camp Areivim's famous SPLASH WARS!!!! This is a battle of the classic card game of war but with a twist. The winner of the best of 3 gets to "SPLASH" a cup of water in the his competitor's face. This all culminated in an epic battle between Rabbi Robinson and Rabbi Hersh. Rabbi Hersh won 3-2 but in a surprise move both Rabbi Robinson and Rabbi Hersh spilled their cups on Rabbi Bennet! Rabbi Bennett retaliated with an entire pitcher of water on Rabbi Hersh! Now that's what I call SPLASH WARS!

Tuesday was our annual Junior-Senior Staff Basketball Game!! The juniors came to the senior campus and were awed by the unbelievable gym and facilities. Many of the 3rd graders exclaimed that they couldn't wait until next year when they could be in the Senior Division! In the game, the juniors got out to an early lead with hot shooting from the outside, but the seniors, led by Yossi Mandelbaum and Rabbi Greenfield, cut the deficit down to 3. The cheering was so loud that they heard it in Gourmet Glatt! But in the closing minutes, the juniors were able to hold on to a 45-40 victory. A well-fought game, we can't wait for the 2nd half rematch!

Later in the day, as Hashem

was bestowing Gishmei Bracha upon us, we had our LEAGUES MEGA-DODGEBALL GAME! Teams were announced and a round-robin ensued, reffed by Rabbi Bennett and Rabbi Greenfield. The games were exciting and incredibly important, as they finalized the seeding in the PLAYOFFS!!!

Wednesday had an aura of anticipation as the world famous Areivim League Playoffs began. Check Rabbi Robinson's League article for the play-by-play details! As we are zocheh every year, the Living Torah Museum, led by Rabbi Deutsch, came with all of its artifacts, relics and HUGE, life-sized animals! Rabbi Deutsch showed us how malkus were administered by Beis Din (thank you Shmuel Rabinow!) and Ari Schreiber even had the zchus to hold a piece of the wall around the Bais Hamikdosh. We also learned about the "Avnei Blistaros", the catapult stones that the Romans used to breach the walls of Yerushalayim on Shiva Asar B'Tammuz. Campers were challenged to hold these heavy stones above their heads to try and break the record of 4 and a half minutes. Rabbi Chait and Rabbi Greenfield also participated and, using his training from the Israeli army, Rabbi Chait was able to hold it for over 4 minutes! At the close of the presentation, Rabbi Deustch challenged the boys with very tough yedyos questions for a chance to win incredible videos made by the Living Torah Museum. Yasher Koach to Eliyahu Glazer, Nesanel Schwartz and Yehoshua Lipshitz on answering correctly!

The boys who did Shnayim Mikrah this past Shabbos were treated to Slurpee's by Rabbi Finkel on Thursday. Keep it up and look for the Shnayim Mikrah and Masmidei Areivim in the back of this newsletter. At lunch Rabbi



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Greenfield had his "Guess that Gematria" game, where selected boys had to add up the gematria of a name given to them in 10 seconds for a chance at ices. It has become an instant hit!

Finally on Thursday, with the weather holding up, we were able to have our much awaited Water Fight!! Water balloons, pitchers, water guns and just about anything that held water was in play at the turf field in YKLI. To top off an exhilarating day our MIT Extreme Night Activity Program featured an inter-camp basketball game against the CITs from Machaneh Yisroel. In a back and forth game, our MITs

took home the victory in convincing fashion. After the game Rabbi Hersh treated both teams to refreshing ices from Rita's! Thank to Rabbi Robinson for arranging everything!

On Erev Shabbos we had the z'chus to hear divrei hisorerus from the Rov of the camp, Rav Nosson Greenberg, shlit"a. The Rov stressed that the only way to get rid of sina'as chinom is with ahavas chinom. We were told a story of the Chozeh of Lublin being that this Tisha b'Av is his 203rd yahrtzeit. The brocha given by Rabbi Greenberg to the campers was "kivan

she'nidcheh, nidcheh", since Tisha B'av was pushed off it should be completely pushed off and we should celebrate the Yom Tov Sunday morning in Yerushalayim. The First Half was capped off with our amazing mega-affle!

We would like to wish a tzeischem l'shalom to all those campers and counselors leaving us after this half and we can't wait to see you in Areivim Yerushalayim next year!

Rabbi Tsvi Greenfield
Senior Division Head Counselor

League Updates

Rabbi Yehoshua Robinson

It is hard to believe that the first half of Camp Areivim 5777 is in the books, but wow did we end off with a bang. With a full slate of games throughout the week, the competition was fierce yet mentchlich, as each team jockeyed for the higher seed. In fact, in both of our conferences, the very last games of the season decided the seeding, creating quite an amazing atmosphere.

4th-5th Grade Conference: With an eight-team bracket, this division was full of excitement and drama. The lower seeds put up a strong case for upsets, but the higher seeds all advanced into the semi-finals. The semi-finals were simply awesome! The Sheep battled the Bears on the gridiron. It was close the entire game, but the Bears defense stole the show. Dovid Greenspan led the bears with four touchdowns, including two pick-six's, and the Bears completed the upset of the Sheep, ousting the #1 seed out of the tournament.

On the Soccer field, the #2 seeded Aardvarks battled the #3 seeded Quails. Regulation time saw no goals as each defense was stout. The game went into overtime, and the overtime period ended nil – nil. The game went to a shootout! In the first two rounds of the shootout neither team could take the lead. But in the third round the Quails called Momo Yaish's name. Momo approached the ball and looked as if he was going to kick the ball left, as the goalie lunged in that direction, Momo sent the ball to the right side of the net sending the Quails to the Finals!

The championship saw the Bears take on the Quails in basketball. The Quails jumped out to a large lead, but the Bears battled back. Again, the Bears defense was the highlight as they shut down the Quails the entire second half. Unfortunately, the Bears dug themselves too deep of a hole and couldn't climb there way back in time. The star of the game was Avi Kurtz, who led the team in scoring and, with the help of his teammates, the Quails were rightfully named the Champions, as both teams congratulated each other.

6th-8th Grade Conference: The older conference had its share of drama as well. The Cheetahs faced the Moose on the Hockey Rink. The Cheetahs stormed out to a 4-0 lead, led by Shimon Greenspan, but the Moose came back to even the score. The Cheetahs showed tremendous resiliency, even after giving up the lead, they still fought and managed to eke out a 7-4 victory, led by Yitzky Aidelson's two goals to seal the deal.

On the other side of the Gym, the Hens battled the Chimps in basketball. The game went back and forth like a see-saw, seeing the two teams tied at halftime. Neither team was able to create distance on the scoreboard. With four minutes remaining, the Hens passed the ball to Yehuda Flaum who heaved up a prayer that WENT IN!!! That basket proved to be the difference maker as the Hens iced the game with free throws.

The Finals saw the Hens battle the Cheetahs on the Gridiron. Again, the Cheetahs raced out to a 4-0 lead. But the Hens didn't give up, scoring two touchdowns. The Cheetahs then designed a short screen pass to Yosef Gorelick, who took the ball the ENTIRE length of the field for a touchdown. That touchdown proved to be the difference as time winded down and the Cheetahs took the W 5-3. The Cheetahs victory was highlighted by Gavriel Jakobowitz throwing for 5 touchdowns and Yehuda Diamond and Avi Kransler leading the way with a pair of touchdowns.

Well that concludes our First Half of leagues at Camp Areivim. A special Yasher Koach to the all the coaches and refs and a very special Yasher Koach to our wonderful campers, who always maintained a high level of mentschlichkeit as well as sportsmanship throughout.

See you next half for all those returning, and for all those leaving us, we will miss you!

Something to Say at the Tish

Rabbi Tzvi Finkel

On that fateful day that the *meraglim* returned from spying Eretz Yisroel, the B'nei Yisroel cried the entire night not to go into Eretz Yisroel. Hashem said, "Because you cried for no reason, I will give you something to cry about." Years later the Bais Hamikdash was destroyed on Tisha b'Av the same night that the *meraglim* returned.

When Moshe was presented with the original idea of sending *meraglim*, the B'nei Yisroel came as an angry mob. There was utter chaos and confusion as the youngsters were pushing their elders. Each person needed to be the one to speak because they couldn't agree on one leader to represent everyone. This comes from not being able to get along with one another. Why should someone else take credit for my idea? Why should someone else be my representative if I am so much better than him? These are the types of arguments made when there is no unity. Contrast this with the request that was made on Har Sinai. (The people were frightened from hearing the *Aseres Hadibros* directly from Hashem and asked if Hashem would speak to Moshe alone who would then tell them over to the B'nei Yisroel.) The leaders came first, followed by the elders, followed by the rest of the nation. They were able to come in an organized manner showing respect to those deserving respect. By Har Sinai they were united - there was *achdus* - as was evident by the way the request was presented.

The result of sending *meraglim* was the destruction of the Bais Hamikdash. Chazal say the Bais Hamikdash was destroyed because of *sinas chinam* - baseless hatred - and a lack of unity, which was rooted in the request of sending the *meraglim*. If we work on getting along with each other, putting aside our differences, united as one nation, we can be *zocheh* to see the rebuilding of the Bais Hamikdash, *b'meheira v'yameinu*.

Parsha Questions: Parshas Devarim

How do we see from the beginning of *Parshas Devarim* that Moshe was concerned for the Jewish People's honor?

1:1 - Moshe mentions only the names of the places where the Jewish People sinned, but does not mention the sins themselves.

Moshe rebuked the Jewish People shortly before his death. From whom did he learn this?

1:3 - From Yaakov, who rebuked his sons shortly before his death.

Why does the Torah single out the names of the *avos* in connection with the giving of the Land?

1:8 - Each of the *avos* possessed sufficient merit for the Jewish People to inherit the Land.

What did Moshe convey to the Jewish People by saying: "You today are like the stars of the Heavens"?

1:10 - They are an eternal people, just as the sun, moon and stars are eternal.

Moshe was looking for several qualities in the judges he chose. Which quality couldn't he find?

1:15 - Men of understanding.

Moshe told the judges, "the case that is too hard for you, bring it to me." How was he punished for this statement?

1:17 - When the daughters of Tzlofchad asked him a halachic question, the law was concealed from him.

Which sheivet was not represented among the spies?

1:23 - Levi.

Which city did Calev inherit?

1:36 - Chevron.

How many kingdoms was Avraham promised? How many were conquered by Yehoshua?

2:5 - Avraham was promised the land of ten kingdoms. Yehoshua conquered seven. The lands of Moav, Ammon and Esav, will be received in the time of the *mashiach*.

Why were the Jewish People forbidden to provoke Ammon?

2:9 - This was a reward for Lot's younger daughter, the mother of Ammon, for concealing her father's improper conduct.

Why were the Jewish People not permitted to conquer the *Pilishtim*?

2:23 - Because Avraham had made a peace treaty with Avimelech, King of the *Plishtim*.

How did Hashem instill the dread of the Bnei Yisroel into the nations of the world?

2:25 - During the battle against Og, the sun stood still for the sake of the Jewish People, and the whole world saw this.

Why did Moshe fear Og?

3:2 - Og possessed merit for having once helped Avraham.

What was the advantage of Reuven and Gad leading the way into battle?

3:18 - They were mighty men, and the enemy would succumb to them.



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DAVID



ARBITRARY



MASMIDEI AREIVIM

SHABBOS HASMODAH CONTEST

TO ENTER:

**LEARN AT LEAST YOUR GRADE'S ALLOTTED TIME
WITH ANY ADULT (FAMILY MEMBER OR CHAVRUSA)
AND HAVE THEM SIGN THE FORM BELOW.**

**TEAR IT OFF AND BRING IN TO
YOUR REBBE ON MONDAY!
EACH WEEK RAISES YOU ANOTHER LEVEL!
IT'S THAT EASY!**

**MAJOR RAFFLE WITH
UNBELIEVABLE PRIZES
AT THE
END OF THE HALF!
DON'T MISS OUT!
BE PART OF
MASMIDEI
AREIVIM!!!**

GRADE	MIN. TIME LEARNED	LEVEL	PRIZE
1ST	20 MINUTES	1	\$1 IN CANTEEN
2ND AND 3RD	30 MINUTES	2	\$2 IN CANTEEN
4TH AND 5TH	45 MINUTES	3	\$3 IN CANTEEN
6TH - 8TH	1 HOUR	4	ספר חשוב

**EACH WEEK THAT A NOTE IS BROUGHT IN
IS ANOTHER LEVEL!
DON'T MISS A WEEK!**

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AREIVIM**
WE'RE ALL IN IT TOGETHER

This form certifies that _____

in Rabbi _____ shiur learned _____ minutes

over Shabbos (and/or Sunday), Parshas _____.

Signed: _____ Relationship: _____

CAMP AREIVIM

שנים מקרא ואחד תרגום

PROGRAM

Size of SLURPEE Awarded for Each Age Group

	Until (not including) שני	Until שלישי	Until רביעי	Until חמישי	Until ששי	Whole פרשה
Coming out of 4 th Grade	X	SMALL	MEDIUM	LARGE	LARGE	LARGE
Coming out of 5 th & 6 th Grades	X	X	SMALL	MEDIUM	LARGE	LARGE
M.I.T Division	X	X	X	SMALL	MEDIUM	LARGE



In order to be eligible for entries,
campers must read each פסוק twice & the תרגום once.

My son, _____ in Rabbi _____'s shiur
completed שנים מקרא ואחד תרגום up until _____.

Parent's Signature: _____

MAJOR RAFFLE AT THE END OF THE HALF!!!