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## LUNCH ACTIVITIES



## Week 5: Welcome 2nd Halfers!

Welcome! Welcome! Welcome! Although it was sad to see some campers leave after the first half of Camp, it is amazing to see all the new and old faces of campers joining us for second half. And what a week we had to kick off the new trip!

On Monday morning campers were welcomed with the trademark welcoming from Rabbi Hersh, "Goooooooooooo morning Camp Arei-

lunch, campers headed out for evaluation. Coached on by counselors, campers played their hardest in all of football, hockey, volleyball, nukem, basketball and baseball. In fact, campers found out that the Senior Division Head Staff stayed up until 2:08 AM making the league teams and bunks this half! Wow!!!

Tuesday brought with it an incredible trip to the Country Fair Entertainment



VIM!" the excitement on campers faces was clearly noticeable as they embarked on a new action-packed half at Camp! After some important announcements about Camp by Rabbi Hersh and Rabbi Bennett, campers enjoyed a quick breakfast and were off to shiur for a morning of geshmakeh learning!

Following shiur and a scrumptious

Park. What a trip! Between the Miniature Golf, the Driving Range, the Batting Cages, the unlimited Go-Karts, the outdoor Laser Tag and Gaga Pits - what more could we ask for!!! Campers had a ball engaging in all the fantastic activities the Country Fair had to offer. Lunch, snacks and drinks were served throughout the day and kept campers nourished and hydrated throughout the day.

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

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Wednesday we wished Mazel Tov to Yisroel Wolf on his Hanochas Tefillin which took place a few days earlier in Chicago!

Wednesday was also the beginning



of Senior Division Leagues. Camp Arevim's Leagues are well-known for their intensity and, at the same time, the demonstration of sportsmanship amongst the campers. This season's themes for team names were campers chosen and ended up being gas stations for the 4th and 5th grades and Chinese food for the 6th, 7th

and 8th grades. Read more about Leagues in Rabbi Greenfield's League Updates.

Thursday we wished Mazel Tov to Ezra Katz on his Hanochas Tefillin and enjoyed delicious donuts provided by the Katz family for the entire minyan!

Thursday was also the second installation of Super Splash Brothers! Also known as Water Wars, campers and counselors battled it out in rounds of War ending with a big splash for one of the competitors! Rabbi Medetsky from the Junior Division, passing through, couldn't help himself and got involved as well!

Thursday continued with more intense league games and one camper commented, "The teams this season are really tight! I really can't figure out which team is best! Everyone has so much talent, it's gonna' make for a really competitive season."

Friday was Rosh Chodesh and campers participated in a leibidikeh davening with Hallel! Leagues and Erev Shabbos raffles ended off an awesome first week of our 2nd trip! Can't wait for more!!!

- Rabbi Yossi Bennett

## **CALENDAR CHANGE:**

Please note that this coming Monday will be our Ice Cream Lab Trip and Tuesday will be our Bowling Trip.



# League Updates: Rabbi Tsvi Greenfield

What an AMAZING start of the second half! The boys have really brought their A-Game! The teams this half are super-competitive.

## **4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Shaya's Shells played a great game of baseball against Aharon's Exxons. Ephraim Wolf led the way with a home run and great plays at 3<sup>rd</sup> base. Daniel Kopelowitz pitched an amazing game for the Shells. The Exxons' Dani Gurbitz played an amazing center field and threw someone out at the plate and Gavriel Jacobowitz threw 5 pitches for 5 outs!!

During the baseball game between the Hesses and the Sunocos a player popped out with 2 outs and men on base. As he was walking back JJ Rabinowitz went over to him and said "Nice try you get it next time". What Middos!

## **6<sup>th</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>**

The mouth-watering theme this season is Chinese Food dishes! In an intense game between theFong Wong Gai and the Chow Mein, the goalies for each team Avigdor Benhaim and Shlomo Werzberger were already in midseason form keeping their respective teams close in a great game of hockey that ended in a 4-4- tie. The volleyball match between the Hunan Lamb and the Moo Goo Gai Pan went down to the wire with The Hunan Lamb pulling away at the end. Yehuda Gruenbaum led the way with many Olympic-like spikes!!

Looking forward to another great week of leagues!

# Something to Say at the Tish

## Rabbi Tzvi Finkel

In this week's Parshah 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 Jewish People not commanded to attack Moav, as they were to attack Midian?

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

Those selected to fight Midian went unwillingly. Why?

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

What holy vessels accompanied the Jewish People into battle?

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

Besides removing traces of forbidden 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*.

During the conquest of the Land, where

did *Bnei Gad* and *Bnei Reuven* position themselves?

32:17 - At the head of the troops.

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 remain

after the conquest until the Land was divided among the tribes.

Why does the Torah list the places where the Jewish People camped?

33:1 - To show Hashem's love of the Jewish People. 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 Jewish People?

33:40 - When Aharon died, the clouds of glory protecting the Jewish People 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 Jewish People?

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 tribes. Why did they need three cities?

35:14 - Because murders were more common there.







