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## Welcome Second Half!

What an incredible start to our second half! After saying Tzeischem l'Shalom to some of our first halfers, Monday was time to welcome our second halfers! The morning began with shiur assignments and general instructions about how geshmak Camp Areivim is! Both Rabbi Hersh and Rabbi Bennett took time to welcome boys personally to ensure that every boy felt comfortable in Camp. Additionally, many full summer campers took the initiative to welcome their friends and other new campers and "show them the ropes" around the Areivim campus.

Monday also included major competitions following lunch. To kick off the half, Rabbi Bennett and Rabbi Greenfield directed an exciting accuracy competition in which many boys who davened, learned or benched well that day participated.

In the afternoon, it was time for evaluations. In order to ensure fair and competitive Leagues—which in Camp Areivim Senior Division, are VERY intense—evaluations are given by our amazing counselors, together with our Head Staff, which help determine the League teams. It was quite clear during the evaluation games that campers were giving it their all and showing the staff everything they can offer to their team! It was quite an athletic talent show!

On Tuesday, the Senior Division embarked on the first trip of the half. It

was out to the Country Fair in Long Island! Outdoor laser tag, batting cages, mini golf, go karts, a driving range and so much more! Campers had a blast enjoying all the attractions at the Park. In the Head Staff Mini Golf Showdown, once again, Rabbi Greenfield took the trophy! Lunch and punch was served throughout the day as campers remained nourished and hydrated! Campers were having so much fun, that Rabbi Hersh even decided to add extra time to the trip! Only in Areivim!

Wednesday was the first day of Leagues! Immediately following lunch, Rabbi Greenfield announced this half's League Divisions—the 4th & 5th Grade Sneakers and the 6th & MIT Sushi Rolls! Team counselors were announced to rousing cheers as campers crowded around their counselors together with their teammates. It was clear from the start that this season was going to be awesome!

The first 2 games were played on Wednesday and the results were nail-biting. Be sure to read Rabbi Greenfield's League Updates on page 2!

Wednesday night was the first installment of the MIT Extreme Night Activity program—a major staff basketball game versus Machaneh HaKayitz! Under the guidance of Rabbi Robinson, the MIT's walked down the block to Season's Express for some pregame refreshments—slushies for all! Plus, campers also received a geshmakeh

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pizza supper!

As the Kayitz buses pulled into our parking lot, our amazing staff team was finishing up their warmups. Representing the Senior Division were Rabbi Greenfield, Rabbi Robinson, Yisroel Greenfield, Gavriel Velenski and, Transportation Coordinator, Zev Teitelbaum. Joined by some amazing staff from the Junior Division, the team was looking unstoppable! With Rabbi Bennett coaching and announcing the play by play, the Areivim Staff were feeling good about a big win! After the starting 5 for both teams were announced, Gavriel Velenski set up for the game opening tip off. Rabbi Hersh explained all the ground rules to both teams and the opening whistle was blown! Although Areivim

came out to a slow start, keeping the game close, by about 5 minutes into the game, it was pretty clear that this would be an easy win for Areivim. A number of our MITs also got some playing time including Gedaliah Zupnick, Moshe Cohen, Yitzy Muchnick and Joseph Joslan. The final score at the close of the game was 54-27.

Thursday was our annual Water Fight! What an amazing activity! Water guns, water pumpers, water cannons, water balloons, water BAZOOKAS—what a refreshing and fun activity! Water balloons were popping, cups, cones and buckets were splashing, guns were squirting—everyone, campers and staff alike, had a great time!

Friday included our trademark cholent and kugel and incredible raffles for the end of the first week of the second half.

Can't wait for next week!

Have a great Shabbos!

- Rabbi Bennett

## Sneak Peek into Next Week

### Monday

2:30 Dismissal

### Tuesday

NO CAMP

### Wednesday

Wild West Paintball

### Thursday

Chopped

# League Updates

Rabbi Tsvi Greenfield

The only word that comes to my mind is INCREDIBLE! The first week of Areivim second half leagues was off the charts. The games were outstanding, the competition fierce and the trademark Areivim midos and derech erez really shone. Here is your recap!

4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade "Sneakers" Conference: In an intense dodgeball game, **Akiva Katz** led the Under Armour dodging balls and making phenomenal catches, but **Binyomin Solomon** led the Puma to victory as the last man standing. Despite being down by 13 points late in the game, **Shia Wallach** almost led his team to victory by scoring 8 straight points down the stretch! In a game of hockey, **Yitzy Feller** volunteered to be put in on a later shift so that his friends could be put in first. In a highly anticipated baseball game, **Yaakov Ganz** crushed a ball to deep left field but **Yechezkel Aber** made a spectacular diving catch. Unfazed, **Yaakov** crushed a 2-run homer on his next at-bat.

6<sup>th</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade "Sushi" Conference: **Yosef Rainbow** led the Godzilla Rolls by dominating the paint, scoring 13 points down low and dishing out a few nifty assists. Listen to this... all of the campers that were in Areivim for the first half on the Dragon Rolls allowed the new campers to start so that they could get used to our Leagues! Nachas! **Ami Dube** of the California Rolls played a great game at safety and **Akiva** Ackerman did a marvelous job rushing the quarterback. Finally, **Gedalia Zupnick** was all over the game with tenacity in an intense volleyball game securing the victory for the Spider Rolls!

Looking forward to an amazing second half of Leagues!

Have a great Shabbos!!

# Something to Say at the Tish

## Rabbi Tzvi Finkel

In this week's Parshah, Moshe describes in great detail the mistake of sending Meraglim into Eretz Yisroel. Suppose that after spending many years of forced labor, a prisoner learns of his imminent release. He is so excited that he doesn't even care where he will end up after his emancipation! The last thing on his mind is what type of house he will live in, how many bedrooms it will have or how large it will be. Anything he would have would be better than his current situation.

After being slaves in Egypt for 210 years, the Bnei Yisroel were finally free and were about to begin their conquest of Eretz Yisroel. They asked permission to send spies in order to learn more about the land, its people and the strengths and weaknesses of their enemies. How many people lived there? What would be the best strategy to attack? They also made a seemingly strange request: get the spies to bring back some of the fruit! One might wonder: What difference does it make what type of fruit grows there? Even if the fruit turned out to be bland, anything would be better than what they had in Egypt! Why was it so important to see the fruits of the land prior to entering?

The answer is that after being freed from Egypt they spent a little over a year in the desert, where miraculously all their needs were provided directly by Hashem. They were given food, clothing and shelter. They got used to perfection and quickly forgot what it was like only a few months earlier. Anything less than perfect would be a letdown. That is why they wanted to see the fruit, to make sure it met their standards. When it didn't, they complained, leading to forty years wandering in the desert.

We have a hard time accepting things when they don't work out exactly as we plan. When things are going well we take it for granted. If we would always remember the steps it took to get to this point, that things have not always been ideal, we would have a much easier time responding positively to things that don't work out exactly as we might hope.

## 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 Pilshtim?**

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

**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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