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Second Half Begins!!!

I can't believe that an entire week went by already?!?! The phrase, "Time flies when you're having fun" is so incredibly true in Camp Areivim. Our first week of the second half was so action-packed so here we go...

On Monday the walls of camp were shaking with the arrival of the new second half campers. It was so geshmak to see many familiar faces and so many new ones! It was so great to see that after only a few minutes everyone felt at home. The Bais Medrash was booming with the kol tefilla of the entire division with Rabbi Bennett giving out ice cold soda to a number of beautiful daveners! Our amazing rabbeim got the shiurim off to a great start as the sweet sound of Torah resonated throughout the building. After a delicious baked ziti lunch, League Eval day began. Football games, soccer and baseball in the gorgeous LHS turf, baseball in Cedarhurst Park and of course hockey and basketball in our very own state of the art gym!! When the campers were done swimming in the Areivim Junior campus, the smiles on their faces were priceless!

Tuesday brought the much anticipated and highly touted Areivim Leagues!! When Rabbi Robinson took the mic at the end of lunch you could hear a pin drop. This half joining our returning counselors Eli Chesner, Yossi Mandelbaum, Rafi Calderon, Moshe Behar, Yoni Nenner and Eliyahu Chait are Yisroel Greenfield,

Yosef Burg, Shlomo Burg, Moshe Pifko, Yehuda Malek, Eli Rekant, Netanel David and Shaya Gross. These counselors are returning to Areivim after a year of shteiging in Yeshiva in Eretz Yisroel! After the teams were announced, the boys went running with enthusiasm to their activities. Some of this season's creative team names are Golden Gophers, Razorbacks, Nittany Lions, Blue Devils and Crimson Tide. The games were competitive, nail-biting and fun, but as always full of achdus and sportsmanship. Look at Rabbi Robinson's article for a more complete update.

This past Wednesday our first trip day was to BOUNCE!!! With a lip-smacking chicken nugget and French fries lunch, Campers were ready to go. As the boys loaded the buses you could just hear how pumped they were. One boy even said "How is it possible that Areivim does all of the best trips?!?!?" Walking around, it was amazing to see all the campers enjoying themselves. I watched Yisroel Lesser dunking, Naftoli Walkin and Asher Abittan flipping into the foam pit, Avrumi Weinberg and Ezra Kay in the obstacle course and the counselors and campers dodgeball game!!! On the way back to YKLI for swimming, the boys got chocolate chip cookies and freezing cold ices. WHAT A DAY!!!

Thursday morning after davening, Rabbi Bennett got up and said that he couldn't believe that it



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was Thursday already! Rabbi Finkel took the Shnayim Mikrah boys to Season's Express for their well-deserved slurpees. Keep it up and look for the Shnayim Mikrah and Masmidei Areivim in the back of this newsletter. This year's amazing Minute-to-Win-It took place at lunch. Each team had to complete a specific task in order to take home the prize and glory for his bunk. The first task was the "Spoon Volley". Starting from the counselor a ping pong ball had to be passed from camper to camper and from spoon to spoon that was in their mouths! The excitement was off the charts and in

the end, Chesner's Trojans came in first!!! The next task was "Teeter Tower". The bunk that could build the highest tower using plates and cups would win. This time the winning team was Rekant's Razorbacks!!!

Erev Shabbos Nachamu started with an unbelievable davening! We had the z'chus of Rabbi Chait's shiur joining us and together there is no doubt that these tefillos reached the Kisei HaKovoid! I asked the boys who can guess how many tickets I

gave out during davening that morning and Shlomo Stoll got the closest with 2,875!! After finishing our trademark pizza lunch, Campers were off to another amazing day of leagues followed by our Erev Shabbos Program and Grand Raffle!!!

Can't wait till next week!

MYSTERY....

Have an amazing Shabbos!

Rabbi Greenfield

Senior Division Head Counselor

League Updates

Rabbi Yehoshua Robinson

Wow! What a packed week of Areivim Leagues! It's hard to compact it all in this piece, but I'll just give some of the highlights. Second half got started with a bang on Monday. We immediately conducted evaluations so that we could start our famous Areivim leagues right away. The head staff stayed up to close to 3 o'clock in the morning making the teams so that Leagues would be competitive and fair.

4th-5th Grade Conference: Let's start on the diamond. Greenfield's Golden Gophers took on Y. Burg's Bearcats. Chaim Shapiro pitched a gem of a game. He was able to hold down the Bearcats until the final inning, when the Bearcats broke through with a 2 RBI triple leading the Bearcats to a walk off win.

In another dramatic game, the S. Burg's Bulldogs took on the Pifko Pride. The Pride jumped out to a 3-0 lead and looked like they were going to cruise to an easy victory. But the Bulldogs, utilizing their last licks, fought back and were able to score 3 runs in the bottom half of the inning. The Game ended in a tie.

On the Basketball court, we had another exciting game between Y. Burg's Bearcats and Rekant's Razorbacks. The two teams went back and forth trading buckets but the Razorbacks were able to take a 2 point lead coming down the stretch. The bulldogs hit a game-tying buzzer beater fade-away from Yirmi Kirschenbaum and this game also ended in a tie. Wild!

6th-8th Grade Conference: On the baseball diamond Nenner's Nittany Lions took on Mandelbaum's Mountaineers. The game was full of excitement and great plays by both teams. But ultimately the Mountaineers took the lead with a walk off RBI hit from Gavriel Jakobowitz.

The Hockey Rink had a crazy game between Chesner's Trojans and Mandelbaum's Mountaineers. The Mountaineers took an early 2-1 lead and held onto that lead throughout. The Trojans were able to tie the game on a slow rolling ball that ever so slightly passed over the goal line. After tying the game, the Trojans were able to take the lead on a late goal from Shimmy Holzberg.

Overall we had an awesome week and the boys are looking forward to another exciting week at Camp Areivim!

Something to Say at the Tish

Rabbi Tzvi Finkel

Moshe Rabeinu very much wanted to enter into Eretz Yisroel. He davened 515 tefillos asking Hashem to allow him entry, until Hashem had to tell him to stop davening. The Medrash relays one of the arguments used by Moshe in the course of his Davening. "If Yosef had his bones buried in Eretz Yisroel, why can't I be buried in Eretz Yisroel as well?" Hashem answered him that when Yosef was put in jail, the Sar Hamashkim described Yosef as an "Ivri" - someone who comes from Eretz Yisroel. Since Yosef associated himself with Eretz Yisroel, he would be buried in Eretz Yisroel. Moshe, on the other hand, was referred to as an "Ish Mitzri" when the daughters of Yisro described him to their father. Since Moshe did not associate himself with Eretz Yisroel rather with Mitzrayim, he would not be buried in Eretz Yisroel

How do we see that Moshe considered himself an Ish Mitzri? This was just the description of the daughters of Yisro! Perhaps Moshe personally considered himself a Yid from Eretz Yisroel! Furthermore Yosef never verbalized that he was an "Ivri" it is just based on the words of the Sar Hamashkim! How do we see what Yosef's personal beliefs were?

The answer is from the way Yosef conducted himself; his mannerism, his dress, etc. It was clear to all that he was an Ish Ivri. It was only natural for the Sar Hamshkim to describe him as an Ivri. Moshe, on the other hand, wasn't so clear that he was an Ivri. As a matter of fact the daughters of Yisro mistakenly thought he was a Mitzri! This is the difference between Moshe and Yosef. Not so much what their personal beliefs were, rather how they projected themselves which determined who would be zocheh to be buried in Eretz Yisroel. We have to be careful how we conduct ourselves when we are in public. It should be clear to all who we are and what we represent.

Parsha Questions: Parshas Va'eschanan

"And I prayed to Hashem at that time." Why "at that time"?
3:23 - Defeating Sichon and Og, whose lands were part of Eretz Canaan, Moshe thought perhaps Hashem had annulled the vow against his entering the Land.

What characteristic trait is represented by Hashem's "strong hand"?
3:24 - His willingness to forgive.

What is *ha'levanon*?
3:25 - Ha'levanon means the Beis Hamikdash, which makes "white" (lavan), i.e., atones for, the Jewish People.

What did Hashem tell Yehoshua after the battle of Ai?
3:28 - Yehoshua must lead the army into battle.

What will happen if the Jewish People fail to keep the *mitzvos* properly?
4:9 - The non-Jewish world will regard them as foolish.

How did the decree that Moshe not enter the Land affect him even in death?
4:22 - Even his remains weren't buried in the Land.

What is hinted by the word *v'noshantem*?
4:25 - The gematria of v'noshantem, 852, hints at the number of years until the first exile.

Why were the Jewish People exiled two years earlier than indicated by Moshe's prophecy?
4:25 - So that the rest of the prophecy "that you shall utterly perish" would not be fulfilled.

"You'll serve man-made gods." Is this literal?
4:28 - No. It means you'll serve others who serve idols.

Why is east called *mizrach*?
4:41 - It's the direction from which the sun shines (mizrach means shining).

"Keep the Shabbat day *as I have commanded you.*" When had Hashem previously commanded us to keep Shabbat?
5:13 - Before Matan Torah, at Marah. (Shmos 15:25)

Where did the Jewish People first receive the command to honor parents?
5:16 - At Marah. (Shmos 15:25).

What is meant by "Hashem, our G-d, Hashem is One"?
6:4 - Hashem, who is now our G-d, but not [accepted as] G-d of the other nations, will eventually be [accepted as] the one and only G-d.

What are two meanings of loving Hashem "with all your might"?
6:5 - 1) With everything you own. 2) Whether Hashem treats you with kindness or harshness.

How well-versed must one be in Torah?
6:7 - If asked a Torah question, one should be able to reply quickly and clearly.

Where does the word *totafos* come from?
6:8 - Tot means two in Caspi. Fos means two in Afriki. Together they allude to the four sections of tefillin.

Who is fit to swear in Hashem's name?
6:13 - One who serves Hashem and reveres His name.

What does it mean that the Jews are the "smallest nation"?
7:7 - B'nei Yisrael are the humblest nation.

When someone serves Hashem with love, how many generations receive reward?
7:9 - 2,000.

Why are evil-doers rewarded in this world?
7:10 - So that they get no reward in the next world.



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