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Week 6: There's More Where That Came From

What an incredible week in Camp Arevim this week! Ice Cream Lab, Bowling, The Living Torah Museum, Water Fight and so much more! So let's start at the beginning...

Monday began this amazing week with the Ice Cream Lab! After a shtark morning of davening and learning, so many campers were questioning what we were going to do. "Are we going somewhere? Are we doing something here?" In the end, everyone got their answer... because it was both!

Following lunch, Rabbi Bennett and Rabbi Greenfield opened their Ice Cream Lab with all the delicious ingredients - heavy cream, a splash of milk, sugar, a pinch of salt and flavoring of your choice - that go into ice cream. After quizzing the campers about some ice cream trivia, contestants were called up to make their very own ice cream! Flavors included vanilla, cookie dough, coffee and (Rabbi Greenfield's favorite) Mint Chocolate Chip! Many campers created their own concoctions, but they all turned out delicious! Following the ice cream experiment, the entire division hopped on the buses and took a refreshing trip to Berrylicious to enjoy some delicious Berrylicious frozen yo-

gurt! It was sooo good!

Monday was also very special with our 3rd hanachas tefillin of the summer. A big Mazel To to Moshe Kamin and his entire mishpacha on his hanachas tefillin.

Tuesday the fun didn't stop! Following lunch and an exciting lunch activity, the entire division headed over to Woodmere Lanes for a few rounds of intense bowling - Areivim style! With unlimited bowling and soda, campers had a blast. Congratulations to Eli Chesner who had the high score overall - 188 - and Yisroel Wolf who had the highest camper score - 136!

Wednesday was a double whammy! Firstly, the annual staff basketball game was held, and it was a nail-biter! The score was so close, at some points, no one even knew who was leading! With Rabbi Greenfield leading our team, and Shmuel Weingarten and Yisroel Hoffman



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supplying some key points, the senior division was looking at possibly winning its first game in 5 years! As the clock counted down, the Junior Division brought in the elusive Rabbi Open. But the Senior Division retaliated and called upon Rabbi Tzachie Diamond off the bench. When the dust settled, the Senior Division had won, 37-33!!! What a game! The obvious cheering and dancing followed the victory and refreshing snacks for the entire division!

But the day wasn't done yet! Not even close! After an intense League game, the campers convened in the Bais Medrash for an exciting presentation by Rabbi Shaul Shimon Deutsch and

his Living Torah Museum! This year's presentation was focused on Shofros. It was truly amazing to see the wide variety of shofros, those that are kosher for blowing and those that are not. Rabbi Deutsch even brought the shofer used only once every 50 years. Do you remember which animal it comes from??? Replicas of the animals that the shofros come from were also on display and campers were able to touch the artifacts as Rabbi Deutsch explained what each one was.

A special attraction that Camp Areivim was zocheh to see was an actual stone from the Bais HaMikdash. In fact, the stone even had ash marks from when it was destroyed, may Hashem rebuild it, b'meheirah v'yameinu.

The final attraction was the stone used in the catapults in the siege against Yerushalayim. Each one weighed over 40 pounds. Rabbi Deutsch challenged anyone (counselor or camper) to hold the stone over their head for over 9 minutes, if over Bar Mitzvah,

and 4 and 1/2 minutes if under. Congrats to Yitzzy Mishler who held the stone over his head for 4 and a 1/2 minutes. Amazing!

Thursday was the very much anticipated Water Fight. After two intense league games and a basketball challenge, campers assembled on the football turf and it was an all out water war! Campers had a great time dousing their counselors (and Rabbi Bennett and Rabbi Greenfield) as they got soaked themselves! It was great fun for everyone!!!

Friday, campers were zocheh to hear divrei chizuk from the Camp's Rov, Rav Nosson Greenberg, shlit"a. Rabbi Greenberg spoke about Tisha b'Av and gave campers a frame of mind with which to approach the solemn day.

BE"H, may we be zocheh to celebrate this Tisha b'Av as a mo'ed in Yerushalayim together!

Have a great Shabbos!

- Rabbi Yossi Bennett



League Updates: Rabbi Tsvi Greenfield

4th & 5th

In a Game of Baseball between the Shells and the Exxons, Doni Gerbitz played an exceptional center field, Reuven Sklar played a stellar first base and Yehuda Diamond excelled as well. For the Shells, Aryeh Scheininger hit a homerun to get the scoring started, Daniel Kopelowitz pitched an amazing game and Yitzchok Zachter fielded an outstanding shortstop.

During a game of Newcomb one of the players from the Hesses had dropped the ball thrown to him by the other team, Menashe Morgenstern was the first one over to tell him not to worry about it and that he'll get it next time. What Achdus!!

6th 7th & 8th

Daniel Ginian of the Fong Wong Gais turned a beautiful double play during a tight baseball game, Nachi Sklar pitched the last inning for the save and Meir Scharf played a stellar first base!

With the Chow Mein holding a 4 point lead with 30 seconds to go in a tight game of basketball against the Hunan Lambs, Eliezer Applebaum came up with a clutch steal and finished off with a breakaway layup to seal the win.

Moshe Kamin of the Hunan Lambs was the last man standing against the Moo Goo Gai Pan but singlehandedly won the game! In their game against of Flag Football, Dovid Wolberg led the way with 4 quarterback sacks!

Dovid Barkany pitched an amazing game against the Fong Wong Gai, while Avrohom Yaakov Roseman, Ezra Brody and Chaim Yehuda Walkin helped seal the win!

Something to Say at the Tish

Rabbi Tzvi Finkel

I instructed your judges at that time, saying, "Listen among your brethren and judge righteously between a man and his brother or his litigant." (Devarim 1:16)

Moshe instructed the judges to attempt to understand people's claims and to avoid rushing in making judgments. He told them that even if they had seen a similar case two or three times in the past, they should still deliberate and take pause before issuing a ruling. The first mishnah in Pirkei Avos states this precaution: "*hevai mesunim ba'din - Be deliberate in judgment.*" *Pirkei Avos teaches lessons for daily living. It consists of morals and ethics that the Sages wished to impart to their students. Why did they choose to begin with a lesson for judges, something that appears not to apply to everyone?*

Every driving manual opens with a caution to the driver to be aware that while driving he is constantly making decisions. He is constantly thinking, "Should I brake now? Should I go through the yellow light? Do I have enough time to make this turn?" If these choices are made in haste the results can be tragic.

Daily living involves constant judgment and decision-making. When we meet people we immediately size them up. We are quick to judge people's actions. We make personal decisions. We decide where to live, how to lead life... The mishnah is telling us, "Be deliberate in judgment." Every man is a judge. In all matters he should act with intent rather than in haste. Never jump into a decision which you may regret later on.

Have a great Shabbos!

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.

What were some of the achievements that resulted from the Jewish People "dwelling" at Har Sinai?

1:6 - They received the Torah, built the *mishkan* and all its vessels, appointed a Sanhedrin, and appointed officers.

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.

Why did Moshe describe the desert as great and frightful?

1:19 - Because the Jewish People saw huge, frightening snakes and scorpions in the desert.

Which tribe 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 Philistim?

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

How did Hashem instill the dread of the Jewish People 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.



