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Joey Newcomb & The Giants!!!

Just when you thought Areivim couldn't get any better... "BOOM"... it does!!! This week was exciting, action-packed and, of course, amazing, so let's get right to it!

Monday started off with a bang! The davening was beautiful with the "Amens" ringing throughout the halls and of course "BA'SHOMAYIM MIMA'AL..." was able to be heard at the junior campus! As lunch came, the ANTICIPATION of the announcement of the MYSTERY was in the air! When Rabbi Bennett, Rabbi Hersh and Rabbi Greenfield got on the stage you could hear a pin drop. Rabbi Bennett then took the mic and said, "WE ARE HAVING A LATE NIGHT TRIP TO GIANTS TRAINING CAMP!!!" The crowd went wild! A counselor told me that a camper said, "Just when you think Areivim has done it all they pull another crazy trip out of the bag! It's awesome!!!" The day was then followed up by two incredible league games that Rabbi Robinson has written about in length in his article below.

Mystery filled the air as the boys walked into the building Tuesday morning. Campers were trying to get a glimpse as to what the head staff was doing in the lunchroom. When they came down for lunch a projector was set up and as the lights went out Rabbi Joey Newcomb's music video of "B'nei HaMelech" played on a HUGE screen! The boys were clapping and singing along but, little did they know, they were in for a surprise! As the

video ended, Rabbi Newcomb himself came out and began his own LIVE CONCERT!!! It was unbelievable! With spot lights and fog machines to create the concert atmosphere, campers were dancing, jumping, singing and swaying to the music. Counselors brought an incredible geshmake with their energy and overall excitement. Look out for a "pumping" concert video email on Erev Shabbos! We were still able to squeeze in leagues, swimming and tennis ball baseball into such a packed day!

Wednesday brought with it an air of excitement and exhilaration. Checking the weather throughout the night, we were a little nervous that the Giants might cancel, but when we got the word that training camp would be open, it felt like the roof would come off the building. As we boarded the buses and drove towards the New York Giants training facility, grey clouds formed in the sky and the rain started to fall. This did not dampen our campers, they started davening that it should stop and then as soon we arrived...it stopped! B"H! We were given the VIP service with preferred parking and our own line (the regular line was an hour wait to get in!!!). Every boy received a NY Giant water bottle and key chain as they walked in. There was face painting, simulated video games, bounce houses and the opportunity to get autographs from Giants legends!!! We were able to get an up close and personal look at all the



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players practicing. The facility was gorgeous and an absolutely amazing time was had by everyone. But we were not done. The buses then took us to the Moriah School where Campers were treated to a catered, fleishig meal with an abundance of delicious chicken nuggets, French fries and onion rings. After a cookie desert the boys were on their way back for a good night's sleep. What a day!!!

On Thursday we were back at it with a big 2 league activity day. After the Bulldogs and Trojans won ices for their bunk for loudest Borei Nefashos, the

games were on. The competition this season has been so amazing thanks to Rabbi-Rabbi-Robinson and his incredible running of this year's leagues! Every game counts now as we inch towards the playoffs coming up IY"H next week! Wow!

This Erev Shabbos our already great davening took it up a notch. It is so nice to see the boys shteiging in their Tefilla this summer. At the end of davening Shua Lasky and Elchonon Hirsch were the closest in guessing how many

tickets Rabbi Greenfield was holding! (178!) Everyone's favorite pizza and French fries lunch, league game and weekly raffle rounded out another phenomenal week at Camp Areivim!!!

Can't wait till next week!

**BATTING CAGES
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and.....PLAYOFFS!!!**

Have an amazing Shabbos!

Rabbi Greenfield
Senior Division Head Counselor

League Updates

Rabbi Yehoshua Robinson

Wow! Another action-packed week of Leagues at Camp Areivim! As always, it's going to be especially tough to pick out some highlights but here we go...

4th-5th Grade Conference: We had amazing competition and sportsmanship starting with the baseball diamond. The Pride played baseball twice this week and, boy, are they a team to be reckoned with on the diamond! With the combination of Azriel Shanin's pitching and their high-powered offence led by Ezra Shiwitz, the Pride were able to secure victories in both games.

The Bulldogs took on the Ducks in a highly contested baseball matchup. It was a low scoring affair as both team's defenses were sharp. But the high drama came when the Bulldogs let two men aboard and no outs. The Ducks managed to move them to 2nd and 3rd with 1 out, but Dovid Bouskilla pitched himself out of a jam and didn't let one run score that inning! Big win for the Bulldogs!

The Highlight of the week came on the Soccer field. The Bulldogs, led by Head Coach Shlomo Burg, took on the Bearcats, led by Yosef Burg, in a heated Soccer Match. But the real star of the game was the goaltender Pinny Holzberg, who only let in one goal, but otherwise was unbreakable at goalie. In the end, the Bulldogs were victorious in our first installment in the "Battle of the Burgs."

Finally, on the Gridiron, the game of the week took place between the Ducks and the Gators. Both teams have really come on strong as they are jelling together beautifully. The two teams went back and forth trading touchdowns. But the ultimate difference maker came late in the game as Yehuda Weiss had a couple of sacks to stop the Gators offence in their tracks. Big W for the Ducks.

6th-8th Grade Conference: Let's begin on the football field. In a highly contested matchup between the Nittany Lions and the Mountaineers, the game ultimately ended in a tie, but the hearts were pumping in this one! The Mountaineers had control the whole game, led by the QB duo of Michael Englander and Gavriel Jakobowitz and the stout defense led by Yosef Robinson. But the Nittany Lions fought their way back into this one, led by Zalman Twersky's two late touchdowns to tie the game. The Nittany Lions had one more chance as they drove the ball down the field and looked poised to take the lead. But Zalman Twersky came up with a huge interception to stop the Mountaineers offense in their tracks.

On the Basketball Court, we had a number of great matchups, but the big game of the week took place between the Musketeers and the Trojans. The two teams fought valiantly, but the combination of Naftali Walkin and Eliyahu Glazer proved too much for the Musketeers to contain as each one scored in double digits! What a performance by the Musketeers to hold down the high-octane offense of the Trojans for that long!

Something to Say at the Tish

Rabbi Tzvi Finkel

The Gemara explains why the first Parshah of Shema is read before the second Parshah of Vehaya Im Shamo'ah. In the first Parshah we are accepting Hashem as our king whereas in the second we accept to the Mitzvos. First one must accept Hashem as a king and only then can one accept to do Mitzvos.

The question is, once one accepts Hashem as a king why is it necessary to have a separate acceptance to do the Mitzvos? If the king makes a decree, all his subjects must follow his decree. By accepting Hashem as our king, by definition, we are accepting upon ourselves to keep the Mitzvos?

When a king enacts a new law it must be followed by everyone. It doesn't mean everyone is happy with the law, only that they are forced to go along with it because it is the law of the land. When we accept Hashem as our king we are automatically bound to keep the Mitzvos. However, it doesn't mean we are doing so happily, with love and excitement.

The first Parshah of Shema is where we accept Hashem as our king and thereby obligate ourselves to do the Mitzvos. In the second Parshah we lovingly accept the Mitzvos, to do them with joy, with the understanding that it is the best thing for us to do. For this reason the Parshah begins with the word "Vehaya" which is a language of simcha.

When saying Shema let's take a moment to think about how happy and fortunate we are to be able to do Hashem's Mitzvos.

Parsha Questions: Parshas Eikev

What must the Jewish People do to ensure that Hashem will fulfill His promise to do good for us?

7:12 - Guard even the "easy" commandments.

What were the:

- (a) wonders
- (b) strong hand
- (c) outstretched arm

that the Jewish People saw in Mitzrayim?

**7:19 - (a) The Makos;
(b) Dever;
(c) Makas Bechoros.**

When a group performs a *mitzvah*, whose name is attached to the *mitzvah*?

8:1 - The person who finishes it.

How did the Jewish People do their laundry in the *midbar*?

8:4 - The *ananei kavod* (clouds of glory) cleaned and bleached their clothes.

How did the Jewish People obtain clothing for their growing children in the *midbar*?

8:4 - As their children grew, their clothing grew with them.

How many days did Moshe spend on Har Sinai altogether?

9:18 - 120 days.

On what day did Moshe come down from Har Sinai having received complete forgiveness for the Jewish People?

9:18 - The tenth of Tishrei, Yom Kippur.

How was Aharon punished for his role in the eigel?

9:20 - His two sons died.

Who made the aron in which Moshe placed the second set of luchos?

What special function did it later serve?

10:1 - Moshe. This aron would accompany the Jewish People into battle.

Which sin of the Jewish People was prompted by the death of Aharon?

10:6-7 - When Aharon died the *ananei kavod* departed, causing many Jews to fear war with the King of Arad and to retreat toward Mitzrayim.

Why were the *levi'im* chosen by Hashem?

10:8 - Because they did not participate in the sin of the eigel.

Why do the *levi'im* have no portion in the land?

10:9 - Since they served in the Bais Hamikdash, thus they were not free to work the land.

All aspects of man's life are in Hashem's "hands" except one. What is this?

10:12 - Fear of Heaven, which is dependent upon the person.

What is the "added benefit" of observing the *mitzvos*?

10:13 - There is reward.

What is meant by circumcising one's heart?

10:16 - To remove those things that block the words of Torah from entering.

What are the sources of water for the fields of Egypt and *Eretz Yisrael*?

11:10 - Mitzrayim is irrigated by manually carrying water up from the Nile. *Eretz Yisrael* is supplied by rainwater requiring no work on the part of its inhabitants.

What path does the Torah prescribe for gaining new knowledge?

11:13 - By repeatedly reviewing what one knows, one more easily acquires new knowledge.

Which activity is "serving Hashem with the heart"?

11:13 - Prayer.

When the Jewish People sin, why are they considered worse than the generation of the flood?

11:17 - Because the generation of the flood had no one from whom to learn.

How does one "cleave to Hashem"?

11:22 - Attaching oneself to Torah scholars.



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