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Week 7: Mountain Creek And More!!!

Inter-camp Games! Bounce! Scranton JCC! Scranton Yeshiva! Mountain Creek Water Park! Fireworks & Fights! COLORWAR!!! Let's get this started...

The 6th grade split up and played two simultaneous basketball games. Although they put up a tremendous effort, we came up just a little short for the win.

The week began with an early week overnight for the 5th-8th grades and a trip to Bounce! Trampoline Park for the 4th grade! After an early lunch, campers boarded the coach buses and headed directly up to Camp Dora Golding! It was great to see all the familiar faces of staff members and campers who we all know from school and the neighborhood. Campers divided up into three groups and



participated in go-karting, zip-lining and inter-camp games. The go-karting track was incredible! A brand-new, half mile track with top-of-the-line karts - it was just amazing! The zip-lining over the Dora Golding lake was breath-taking. Campers lined up and braved the amazing 30 foot zip-line. It was really scary! But what took the cake were the inter-camp games we played against the CDG campers.

Next was the 5th grade's football game. What an incredible game! It was close, but with amazing pressure by Reuven Sklar on defense late in the game and stellar quarterbacking by Ephraim Wolf throughout and 2 touchdowns by Yehuda Zachter, Areivim took the win 3-2! Following the nail-biting football game, the MIT division engaged in a thrilling softball game against CDG's CITs. With

Avigdor Benhaim on the mound, it was no contest. The MITs took the shutout win 5-0! What a way to end the day! After a delicious indoor barbeque and Rabbi Bennett losing his voice, campers were back on the bus and headed for the Scranton JCC.

Upon arrival at the JCC, Rabbi Hersh invited campers to take full advantage of the pool and regulation

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the Scranton yeshiva.

From there it was off to Mountain Creek Water Park! What an amazing water park! From the Colorado River Rapids and the Canyon Cliffs to the Gaultey, Thunder Falls and Thunder Run - it was all just amazing! Upon leaving, each camper received a refreshing bottle of water and a delicious cinnamon

size gymnasium. A snack and punch stand was set up and, as the night was still young, campers enjoyed an awesome evening including staff games, slam dunk competitions and more! The night finally came to a close and campers were off to sleep dreaming about what the next day would hold in store...

Meanwhile, back on the range, the 4th grade accompanied by their counselors, took a trip out to Bounce! Trampoline Park in Syosset, NY! What a great trip! Campers were bouncing off the walls and had an incredible time! From the dodgeball to the basketball to the dump jump - just an amazing trip from beginning to end!

The next morning on the overnight, campers awoke to the Modeh Ani's of Rabbi Bennett and Rabbi Greenfield as they packed their bags and drove over to the Scranton Yeshiva. After an inspiring davening led by Rabbi Hersh, campers were zocheh to hear divrei chizuk from the Mashgiach, HaRav Turin, shlit"a. Afterwards, each boy lined up and gave shalom to the Mashgiach, shlit"a. Following breakfast, campers took advantage of the amazing Scranton Co-op Makolet which was a great way to end a special visit to

bun!

But just as the buses began to pull away, campers realized that something was going on. Rabbi Hersh was directing the buses away from the exit. All of a sudden the buses stopped and Rabbi Hersh, Bennett and Greenfield started a fireworks show! It was awesome! Sparkles

and smoke - WOW! But it seemed as though someone had

spotted them. There were, after all, over 30 buses and over 1000 other kids in the parking lot of the water park! But that didn't stop us! The buses followed the Rebbeim to another secluded spot and started up the fireworks show again!

But this time, it seemed that some of the neighboring camps were not happy about it. One of them even came over and starting yelling and pushed Rabbi Bennett! Rabbi Greenfield tried to break it up and, all the while, Rabbi Hersh was still setting off the fireworks!!! But in the end, it was all planned!!! It was

COLORWAR Breakout!!!

Upon arrival back at Camp, campers were notified of their teams - Milchigs Blue or Fleishigs Red - and their Generals and Lt. Generals and the next morning showed up supporting their team colors. What ensued over the next 3 days is what legends are made of. From davening and learning to competitions, sports, songs and skits - COLORWAR at Camp Areivim cannot be beat! The score was going back and forth, with points being given for good sportsmanship, good middos and going lifnim mi'shuras ha'din! These were an unparalleled 3 days of COLORWAR. The cheering, the achdus, the intensity - just off the charts! A tremendous yasher ko'ach to our incredible staff, in particular, our Generals and Lt. Generals for mobilizing and motivating



the troops! They did an outstanding job! But in the end only

one team can be victorious. So, this year the winner of Camp Areivim COLORWAR 2016-5776 is the team of...

MILCHIGS BLUE!!!

HAKARAS HATOV

A reminder that Camp ends next week. Please show your hakaras hatov to our staff who have really gone above and beyond giving your children an amazing summer experience. A suggested tip schedule is included with this week's newsletter.

Something to Say at the Tish

Rabbi Tzvi Finkel

We read the Posuk every day in the Shema, "You shall love Hashem, Your G-d, With all your heart" (6:5)

Chazal tell us that "all your heart" means with both your Yetzer Tov and Yetzer Ho'rah. Why is it necessary to tell us to serve Hashem with our Yetzer Tov? The Yetzer Tov by its very nature moves us to do only good things!

Rav Moshe Feinstein tells us the answer is very simple. He says: When people follow the dictates of what their own thinking tells us is "good" they often do bad things. For example, a person might give tzedaka to institutions that he thinks are good but actually he is supporting activity which is not only not good but can sometimes even be bad. One must seek a wise person on how and to whom he should give. Similarly the midah of Rachamim can yield bad results. Many merciful people have mercy on resha'im and mistakenly don't reprimand them when necessary. Every Good trait has the potential for bad. Therefore we have to be reminded and warned to love Hashem with our Yetzer Tov by seeking direction from a Rebbe and not to rely just on our own feelings.

Have a good Shabbos.

Parsha Questions: Parshas Va'eschanan

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 will happen if the Bnei Yisroel fail to keep the *mitzvos* properly?

4:9 - The rest of the 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 body wasn't buried in the Land.

Why is east called *mizrach*?

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

Where did the Bnei Yisroel first receive the mitzvah to honor parents?

5:16 - At Marah. (*Shmos 15:25*).

What is meant by "Hashem, our Hashem, Hashem is One"?

6:4 - Hashem, who is now our Hashem, but

not [accepted as] Hashem of the other nations, will eventually be [accepted as] the one and only Hashem.

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.

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.

E.C. - 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.



