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## COLORWAR!!!

This week was so unbelievable I can't wait to tell you all about it!

On Monday, after beautiful davening and learning, the boys embarked on a trip to FIVE TOWNS MINI GOLF & BATTING CAGES!!! Campers enjoyed a day of non-stop activity and fun. They went from a challenging mini golf course where at least 15 boys won free games after getting a hole-in-one on the 18<sup>th</sup> hole to unlimited batting cages and paintball. Eli Glazer had a great hole-in-one and Shmuel Feintuch walked away winning 5 prizes from the arcade! Back in camp, Leagues were pumping. As the season drew to a close the games grew more intense and geshmake. Look at Rabbi Robinson's article for the up-to-date highlights and updates. When we gathered for mincha you could see that something was not right. Alex, the owner of our bus company, came into the Bais Medrash really upset. He said that they will no longer be any buses due to the mess and way the buses have been treated. Rabbi Bennett tried convincing him otherwise but it was not working. As he was leaving, Rabbi Bennett went running after him screaming "COLOR WAR BREAKOUT!!!" It was pandemonium!!! Teams were announced as Red-Litvak/Breslov and Blue-Chossid/Sephardi. The General of the RED TEAM was Yoni Nenner and Lt. General is Netanel David! General of the BLUE TEAM was Yisroel Greenfield and Lt. General is Yossi Mandelbaum!

Colorwar Tuesday began with the most amazing shacharis. Boys dressed head to toe in their team colors filled the shul with Tefilla. After we had a "Good Morning" competi-

tion, campers and counselors battled in who can say "Good Morning Camp Areivim" the longest and the winner was....the RED TEAM! Our famed Color War lunch included delicious chicken nuggets and team cheers from both campers and counselors. During sports the boys were locked in for the important blue vs red activities. Even with all this, the amazing thing was to watch boys show achdus and overall menchlichkeit even during these games! Next was on to team time and then the singing of the cheer song followed by races and skills competition in the Gym. Relay races, 3-point shootout, Free throw contest, hockey skills shooting and more!!! Would you believe after such a packed day the teams were only separated by 16 points!

Wednesday brought the final day of color war and you could feel the anticipation and excitement in the air. After davening we were zocheh to hear the Red team D'var Halacha from Daniel Ginian. He spoke about the different reasons why we wash our hands in the morning and the cases that would be exceptions to the rule. Yasher Koach! Our Rabbeim commented that this was the best day in learning this summer! I must mention the bentching after lunch. It was so incredible I was incredibly impressed. Cheers, sports and team time followed as the boys got ready to present their Alma Maters. Rabbi Bennett and Rabbi Greenfield were so moved by the beautiful lyrics and unified singing. An amazing amount of hard work went in to these songs and we thanks all of the counselors who went above and beyond in making this Color War simply the best. Michael Englander gave the D'var



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Halacha for the Blue team discussing the halachos of peiyos and the different min-hagim the are kept. Rabbi Bennett conducted the annual halacha bee which was followed by the hilarious Colorwar skits. Great job by both teams!

After an uplifting mincha, Rabbi Bennett and Rabbi Greenfield got up to announce the scores. A very close race with scores 5418-5390, the winner of this year's Color War was....The Blue Team!!!

On Thursday PLAYOFFS began! Each team fighting for a spot in the championship game, to be held on Erev Shabbos Kodesh. During canteen time all the boys were treated to delicious, refreshing ices

from Rita's!!! Rabbi Bennett made the announcement that IY"H next year Areivim will be having Rita's in our very own Canteen!!! The day ended with a refreshing swim and whiffle tennis ball in the junior campus.

Could you believe our last Erev Shabbos of the summer?! It has truly been an incredible ride! Pizza lunch followed by the Championship game rounded out this phenomenal week.

See next week's overnight itineraries attached to this newsletter! Please read through carefully!

**Please use this time as an opportunity to show your hakoras hatov to our incredible staff. They have quite literally went above and beyond to give our campers the most incredible summer. Please see the tip sheet attached to this newsletter.**

**Rabbi Tsvi Greenfield**  
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## League Updates

## Rabbi Yehoshua Robinson

It's hard to believe but playoffs have arrived!

4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade Conference - We had many heated playoff battles but, to begin, we had a wild card play-in to get into the playoffs, as Areivim is bigger then ever, and we had 10 teams in this conference!

Just to highlight some of the matches. On the Gridiron the Ducks took on the Crimson Tide. The Crimson Tide, led by Avi Kurtz, opened up with a strong drive and a TD. The Ducks retaliated with 2 pick sixes from Shmuel Sinensky, opening up a sizeable lead. The game was 4-1 Ducks at halftime. But the Crimson Tide showed tremendous grit and wouldn't quit. They scored a long TD, with the help of an amazing catch by Shua Lasky. Making it 4-2. Then the Ducks threw a pick six and the Crimson Tide brought it to within one touchdown. With a few seconds left on the clock, Avi Kurtz was driving his team up the field. From midfield and no time left, he heaved a deep pass that just barely missed the receiver. The game ended in a ducks victory 4-3.

On the Baseball Field, the Bulldogs took on the Chargers. The Chargers, heavily favored in this game, met their match. As the Bulldogs pushed hard and came out to a lead. The pitching of the Bulldogs was top-rate, but the high-powered Chargers' offense couldn't be held back, and finally broke through with a four-run inning. After that, the Chargers offense shut the door in route to a 4-1 victory and a berth in the Finals.

6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Conference - On the Football Field the Mountaineers took on the Nittany Lions in a semi-final matchup. The Mountaineers defense was the story of the game, keeping the Nittany Lions in check. The Game was close all the way through, but the higher seed prevailed and the Nittany Lions moved on to the Championships.

On the Baseball field the Musketeers took on the Trojans. Yosef Obadia pitched a real gem of a game, and kept the Trojans offense at bay. But the Trojans, led by the power of Sholom Feldman, broke the game open late. The game ended in a 7-1 victory for the Trojans, setting up a heavily touted matchup between the Nittany Lions and the Trojans in the Championships.

Championships are taking place as this is going to print! Good luck to all teams!

# Something to Say at the Tish

## Rabbi Tzvi Finkel

When a person loses a close relative, it is natural from them to be sad and go into mourning. However, the Torah warns not to go overboard. "Lo sisgodedu..." - one may not scratch their skin from excessive sadness. The reason the Torah gives for this commandment is because "Bonim atem..." we are Hashem's children. Rashi explains that since we are the children of Hashem it is not proper for us to walk around with our skin bloodied and scratched. The Ramban explains that a child understands that their parent would want whatever is best for their child. They would not want to cause unnecessary suffering to their child. We too have to believe that Hashem, who is our father, has our best interest in mind. Even when tragedy strikes and one is supposed to mourn, don't go too far. Understand that Hashem is doing this for our own benefit.

The Gemara learns from the posuk "Lo sisgodedu"- "Lo sa'asu agudos agudos". Klal Yisroel should not be divided into separate groups. The most common application of this halachah is on Chol Hamo'ed when some people have the minhag to wear Tefillin while others do not. In one shul, everyone should be doing the same thing, either all wear or all don't wear.

The question is, besides for being a play on words, there seems to be no connection whatsoever between not making a scratch because of sadness and not being divided into separate groups?

However, once we understand that the reason for not scratching is because we are Hashem's children, the answer is obvious. If Hashem is our father, that means all Yidden are brothers. There is no greater joy to a parent than seeing that their children are able to get along. Hashem, our father, would love to see all his children living in peace and harmony. Let's put aside our differences, come to a compromise, and this will make Hashem very happy.

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## Parsha Questions: Parshas Re'eh

1. What were the sites designated for the "brachos and klalos" to be pronounced by the people?
2. On what condition will Bnei Yisrael receive the Brachos from Hashem?
3. Why does the Torah use avodah zara as an example when describing one who strays from the path that Hashem commanded?
4. What was to be the sign for the Bnei Yisrael that they would inherit the land?
5. During the 14 years of the conquest and division of the land, what types of korbanos were permitted on private bamos?
6. What must one do with hekdesch animals that develop a blemish?
7. In what ways does a hekdesch animal that develops a blemish retain a degree of kedusha even after it has been redeemed?
8. Why was the Shevet of Yehuda not permitted to conquer Yerushalayim?
9. In consecutive pesukim, the Torah repeats the prohibition against eating blood. What two types of blood are referred to?
10. Why were the Bnei Yisrael allowed to see the extermination of the Canaanim?
11. What forms of avodah zara are punishable by death?
12. If a person performs miracles in the name of Hashem and then says that the laws of the Torah have been revised, what is done to this person?
13. The Torah says, "To Him (Hashem) you shall cleave." How does one fulfill this command?
14. The trial of a person accused of encouraging others to worship avodah zara differs from the trial of other capital cases. How?
15. Who has the primary responsibility of inflicting the punishment on one who tried to entice others to worship avodah zara?
16. What is the "source" of the Bnei Yisrael being an am kadosh?
17. How should the Bnei Yisrael maintain themselves as an am kadosh?
18. What is the order of priority regarding to whom one should give tzedakah?
19. What mitzvah recalls Yetziyas Mitzrayim?
20. Which four individuals are under Hashem's "special protection"?

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### ANSWERS

1. 11:26 - Har Gerizim and Har Eval, respectively.
2. 11:27 - On condition that they listen to Hashem's commandments.
3. 11:28 - Because those who worship avodah zara are considered as if they have strayed from the entire Torah.
4. 11:31 - The miracles that would occur while crossing the Yarden.
5. 12:8 - Vow offerings or free-will offerings.
6. 12:15 - They must be redeemed and may then be eaten.
7. 12:15 - Eating it is permitted, but use of its milk or fleece is forbidden.
8. 12:17 - When Avraham bought Ma'aras HaMachpelah, he made a covenant of peace with the Chittim who sold it; his descendants honored this pact regarding the Chittim descendants in Yerushalayim.
9. 12:24-25 - Blood that seeps slowly from the incision as soon as the cut is made and again after it no longer gushes. Blood absorbed into the limbs of the animal.
10. 12:30 - To learn not to follow in their depraved ways.
11. 12:30 - Slaughtering or burning a korban on a mizbe'ach, pouring libations, prostrating oneself, and any normal manner of worshipping that avodah zara.
12. 13:2-6 - He is put to death.
13. 13:5 - One should emulate Hashem's actions by performing good deeds, assisting in burying the dead and visiting the sick.
14. 13:10 - If he was acquitted and new information of a condemning nature arises, he is retried. If he was judged guilty, he is not returned to court to plead in his favor.
15. 13:10 - The person whom the guilty one attempted to entice.
16. 14:2 - The kedusha is inherited from the avos.
17. 14:21 - By avoiding excesses even in permitted matters.
18. 15:7 - The most needy, a brother from one's father, a brother from one's mother, the poor of one's city, the poor of another city.
19. 16:3 - Eating the Korban Pesach and the matzah on the night of Pesach.
20. 16:10 - A Levi, convert, orphan, and widow.



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