



## Weeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeek 2

WE'RE THE CAMP THAT CAN'T BE BEAT SO LET'S STAND UP AND STAMP OUR FEET!! BOOM! BOOM! BOOM!! BOOM!! This week camp Chevra was absolutely rocking. The cheering and chanting the screaming and playing. It was all an amazing week had by everyone. We started this amazing week on a beautiful Tuesday morning as Dovid Stansky and the Lewis boys piled out of their carpools and made their way into camp. it was all about candy and sweets and Netanel Klein couldn't be happier. Rabbi Sherman came to camp with a huge bag of over twenty-six different candies. Each bunk had to find and earn these precious gems and collect them for their bunk. When they were done collecting all that

candy, they then had to find out what each candy was worth. It reminds me of the pirate named George the Terrible. He also found a treasure off the coast of Nicaragua and when he opened the chests, he found only graham crackers. It was very sad for him. Akiva Deutsch had his AKIVA hat, so he was able to fill that up with tons of candy and bring it back to his bunk. Elya Adler also worked extra hard to snatch up all that candy and give as many people cavities as possible. In the end when all the candy was snatched up it was all counted and tallied. The winners were bunk EXTREME with over 2600 points!! they got first choice in candy and made off with a huge bag of sugar. Each bunk

got their choice of candies, and it was a very fun day had by all. At lunch Eitan Zimerman single-handedly beat all the other bunks in a challenging word game! Wednesday was SSSSTTTTRRRREEEETTC CHHH day. As leagues get fired up who will be able to stop team Camry or team Sonata as they all make a push for the playoffs. AH PLAYOFFS??? Shuey Rosen, the all-star shortstop, has come in from the minors to save his new team. They are so happy to have him and hope he can make the huge difference that they need. Avraham Hellman was a huge part in his team getting the win and Dovi Friedman made some amazing plays to help his team to an amazing victory. As the rubber bands were all given out, it was really time to stretch your limits here in Camp Chevra. After a real Kiddush Hashem of a learning groups, we had a bunk game and then it was off to lunch. Rabbi Sherman had eight counselors line up for the annual watermelon eating contest. When we were about to start,

we realized that we only have seven counselors and we needed one more. That is when we pulled Gershon Korn out from the bullpen and told him he is in the contest. Dovi and Rabbi Sherman laughed at the idea of Gershon on in this race as there were some big eaters like Menachem Rosenberg and the JC from bunk Avraham who is really the counselor. Rabbi Sherman counted down three, two, one and they were off as the counselors all started to dig into their watermelons. We were shocked as Gershon Korn took a commanding lead and never gave it up. He ripped into that watermelon and was down to the rine in thirty-five seconds flat. He took the watermelon crown and was our new champion for 2021. This reminds me of a pirate named Forest the Insane who once found a treasure only to realize that a much weaker and smaller pirate already got it. He was shocked. And sad. As we continued rubber band day, we realized that we have so many rubber bands that we may

have to go from camp, around Pomona, and back!! As we got to the fields with all the rubber bands connected the bunks started to unroll their bands. Well, most of them anyway. Bunk X-treme is still in the field trying to untangle the huge mess of rubber bands. Someone should tell them that it's raining and there is a winner already. Yes!! After Davey Shenker and Sruli Rosen went neck and neck it was bunk Yissachar and Sruli who made it the furthest. Now, this was even with Azriel Klein the secret agent helping Davey and bunk Zevulun. Just to give Azriel a shout-out for winning the football game with an epic pick six! After we all got back into the lunch room it was time for late (really 4:20 early) dismissal. Thursday was trip day here in camp Chevra. We were so pumped to be headed off to the amazing JUMPZ AND THRILLZ!! As the gorgeous 2021 COACH BUSES pulled up, we all loaded up and made our way off to Danbury, Connecticut.

After a loud, but at least, comfortable ride we made it to Jumpz. All we had to do was put on these rubbery socks and it was off to two hours of jumping, trampolining, twisting, turning, sliding, swinging, flipping and falling a lot of falling. The purple arms of death had a great time knocking all our campers to the air bag below. The rolling pin thing was having a blast making sure no one got across it besides one boy. Huda Stansky was the champion of the challenges as he calmly ran and jumped and swung and made it across everything he tried. After some amazing fun we all had to get back to the buses and play rush hour. That's where you try to get out of traffic. As we got back to camp you could tell every boy had such an amazing time on the trip. Friday started off with rain but that wasn't going to stop us here in camp, as we have an amazing day with 100's of scratch-off ticket winners, to end off the week.

# Chevra X

By Rabbi Wizel

Squeak...Squeak...Squeak!

Hey, it's Michoel the mouse here, back for the 2nd week, and what a week it was! At first, I got concerned when I saw that no one came on Monday. There were so many creative thoughts that passed through my mind (more imaginative than any of Yossi Warum's guesses for the match game), but I was relieved the next morning when I heard the Really Big Jolly Loud Gentleman's voice on the mike the next morning welcoming the campers to another fun day of Camp Chevra. At the end of the day, after Mincha, the boys were out on the fields again for another intense game of leagues. I don't know who made up the team names (rumors has it that the Chassidish dude and the Man With the Polo Shirt did them together) but Avrumy Halberstam's and Zisha the Skateboard Man's team the 'Yackobobiches' definitely sounds like the sound a contortionist makes as he sticks his head through his legs. Despite the odd name, the leagues at Chevra X this year are competitive as it gets, as evident from the beads of sweat on Daniel Haas and Moshe Weisberg's foreheads after the games.

After a thrilling 1st game, the Chassidish Guy came with these new squeeze-up ices that looked both refreshing and delicious. I could see Shaya Genut and Gedaliah Siklos relishing every morsel of those ices before they threw their wrappers in the garbage. I had my eye on Azriel Klein as I remembered that he had leftover ice cream on his wrapper last week, so as soon as he threw out his pomegranate vanilla flavored ices, I made a beeline for it but got stopped by the most unexpected thing imaginable.....RAIN!!! All the boys bolted into the building where there was shelter from any rain and they played an incredibly fun game of match (in hindsight they were better off in the cold rain outside than in the heat provided inside). Apparently Really Big Jolly Loud Gentleman loves his mike, the Man with the Polo Shirt can't pitch, and the Canteen Director loves his maintenance guys. After that fun game,

the boys were escorted by the Chassidish Guy who was holding a tiny umbrella to their cars, wrapping up another fun day at Chevra X.

Wednesday brought with it another packed day of night leagues in which the boys also played flag football (and Azzi Wolf's volleyball game that made Mincha start late) and an earlier dismissal in which the Man With the Polo Shirt was left waiting for Zalmen Light to go home before he made his way and finished all the leftover ices. I just spent the time chilling at the canteen. Best supper ever!

Now I am not sure myself what happened on Thursday but as a nosy little mouse I have my secret sources that provide me with some of the information (which reminds me that I must give a shout out to CeePeeDubs for the favor ...)

Apparently, there was this awesome trip that the camp went to, and when they got back, get this, the Chevra X boys got to have a late-night pool party with a BBQ!!! Not one to miss the action I made my way there (hitched on the Chassidish Guy's car again) and boy did I not regret it! The pool looked so refreshing and yummy, and just as I was about to jump in, I smelled the sweet smell of a BBQ! Burgers! Hotdogs! Leftovers of said burgers and hotdogs! (Camp Chevra always gets a lot of food 😊.) Boy, was I thrilled to be a mouse at Pomona Middle School Camp Chevra X! Suddenly the sky gave way and it started to pour (a full 10 minutes after the Canteen Director's phone said that it would... Azriel Klein won that bet) the boys were all dismissed early but I got busy eating. I ate so much that by the time I was stuffed all the boys were gone (even Asher Fried)! The best part was that amazing birthday cake!! As of the time that I am writing this I am sopping wet and have yet to come back home, but there is a forgotten bag in the lost and found with the name Shaya Horowitz here, so I am hoping to eventually make it back for next week as apparently, it only gets better...

Squeak, squeak, have a great week!

Yours truly,  
Michael Mouse

כל דבר אשר יבוא באש תעבירו באש וטהר... (לא:כג).

“Any object cooked in fire, must be purified through fire...”.

At the end of the war with מדין, the Jewish victors were left with many spoils. In order to be able to use their newly won vessels of the gentiles they needed to kasher (purify) them, by removing the absorbed materials inside their walls. The formula for determining how to purify the vessel is simple, yet fascinating. רש"י states the rule, “however it was *used*, that’s how it must be *cleaned* out”. If a pot was used over an open fire, then this was the heat required to burn out the nonkosher from it. If it was used for roasting, then that was the heat required. If it was only used for cold items, they simply had to rinse it off!

This concept applies to our relationship with Hashem as well. We follow Hashem and strive to fulfill his מצוות everyday of our lives. Sometimes though we get sidetracked and commit an עבירה. Other times we get *very* sidetracked and commit a large עבירה! We then catch ourselves and desire to do תשובה. How is this to be done?

The Seforim tell us that whatever body part was used to עבירה, that limb must be used for service of Hashem. Also, however *enthusiastically* one acted to commit the עבירה, so too that is how much effort he must put in to repent! If, for example, one ran excitedly to go to a place that he should not have ventured, then in order to fully repent, he must correspondingly *run excitedly* to go to the Bais Midrash to learn or to daven! If one got distracted by a pleasurable עבירה and put in much thought to arrange for its actualization, then he should learn תורה and *exert* his mind to attain understanding.

The ארז"ל writes that when one goes to burn חמץ before פסח and he gets near the fire and begins to sweat, this gains him forgiveness for his עבירות which he exerted himself to do and and perspired while pursuing them! חמץ represents the Yetzer Hara and thus when one desires to *burn the חמץ* he is symbolically ridding himself of the Evil shackles. Thus, just as he welcomed the Yetzer Hara’s suggestions at an earlier time and exerted himself to do an עבירה, now, when he comes to receive a כפרה, he correspondingly breaks a sweat doing a Mitzvah!

רבינו יונה (Sha’arey Teshuva I:15) states that when דוד המלך felt that he had sinned to Hashem by following after his eyes, he *cried* to Hashem to forgive him. He used the exact body part which he sinned with to do his repentance.

The גמרא in בבא מציעא tells us that before ריש לקיש became the world renowned תלמיד חכם that he was, he was a most successful thief! His specialized in sly stealing and dishonesty. The Seforim point out a beautiful idea worth noting. After he repented and accepted upon himself the yoke of תורה, he raised to heights in the תורה world. What is amazing is the specific quality which he became known for. The גמרא in יומא tells us that any person whom ריש לקיש acknowledged as *honest in business* was unanimously accepted by all. ריש לקיש *became the epitome of honesty*. He took his bad trait and made it his strength! He transformed himself from being a *pathological liar* to a *passionate advocate of truth*!

Indeed, this is parallel to the purification of the vessels. If there is טמא, impure substances, inside them, the only way to remove it is to counter the Evil with an equally powerful surge of holiness! So in Camp Chevra we try and use what are distractions during the year and use them as “vessels” of good during the summer by teaching middos and derech erez.

Sincerely,  
Noam Peikes

BEST IN BUNK

BUNK (A) TRAINS - NAFTALI KLEIN  
BUNK (B) PLANES - SHAUL EICHORN  
BUNK (C) CARS - TANI KAHANA  
BUNK (D) SHIPS - DAVEY SCHILLER  
BUNK AVRAHAM - DANIEL MUHLBAUER  
BUNK YITZCHOK - AVRAHOM HELLMAN  
BUNK YAAKOV - CHAIM KRISHEWSKY  
BUNK DAN - MOSHE CHAIM SALVAY  
BUNK MENASHE - IZZY STREICHER  
BUNK EPHRAIM - CHAIM ZANVIL METAL AND MOSHE LAMPERT  
BUNK REUVEN - BINYOMIN GRUENBAUM  
BUNK SHIMON - DOVY KAPLOVITZ  
BUNK LEVI - AKIVA KAHANA AND SHAMAI KANNER  
BUNK YEHUDA - YISRULLY GOLD  
BUNK YISSACHAR - MOSHE WEISBERG AND SHIMON GREENSPAN  
BUNK ZEVULAN - EITAN GABAY  
BUNK XTREME - TZVI ISRAEL

BEST IN LEARNING

RABBI KRASNOW - YOSEF DOVID ADELMAN  
RABBI BERMAN - EITAN ZIMERMAN  
RABBI EISENBERG - SHMUEL STRIMLING  
RABBI WEINSTEIN - AKIVA WEINRAUB  
RABBI WIZEL - AKIVA DEUTSCH AND HUDA STANSKY  
RABBI WEISS - AVRUMI GINSBERG  
RABBI SHERMAN - SHIMON GREENSPAN  
RABBI ZISHA - MORDECHAI DEUTSCH  
RABBI LOEWY - SHALOM VENOKUR  
RABBI LEFKOWITZ - SHAYA RUBIN  
RABBI ZOOM - SHUA BERMAN

Please visit [www.campchevra.com](http://www.campchevra.com) and follow us on Instagram @campchevra for all the latest pictures and videos

# League Standings



## Major Leagues

Canoe	2-5-1
Kayak	1-6-1
Jet-Ski	6-1-1
Pontoon	5-2-1

## Senior Leagues

Camry	1-6-1
Sonata	5-1-0
Accord	4-2-2
Altima	3-3-2



## Junior Leagues

Oregano	5-2-1
Paprika	4-3-1
Basil	1-6-1
Curry	4-3-1

