

prize winners to go along with the pizzas and slushes so keep getting and peeling those tickets. We ended the day with one of my favorite special activities. Cake bake has always been so much fun and this year it did not disappoint. Huda Stansky said the cakes were awesome but that was only after we had such a great time decorating them with all that candy and toppings. As each bunk sent one boy flying to the master cake to go check how to copy it and design his own cake. In the end there were three winners. Bunk Ilesenburg from pre 1 A, bunk Shimon and bunk Yissochor all had almost perfect cakes. Then the best part was cutting up all the cakes and enjoying the delicious pastries. On Thursday it was another slip and slide, pool, sports and fun all around. As the boys went flying down the slip and slide the playoffs were really heating up in the fields. As the games were being played the refs had such a hard time getting every call just right. There were so many close calls in the football game and the

newcome games. The championships are already in full swing and it won't be till Friday till we have our crowned champions of the leagues. We had an amazing game of who wants to be a Chevre millionaire. No matter how hard the question we couldn't get bunk Avraham or Yitzchok to get anything wrong. They truly walked away with over a million dollars and ended up winning the game for their bunks. Can't say the same for bunk Zevulun who thought Boris Johnson was a goalie for team Russia. As we end this amazing week in camp, we are also coming to the end of the first half. Now if you enjoyed the first half of camp which I know you did, then just get ready for the best four weeks of your life. With overnights, waterparks, and some amazing activities it is sure to be the greatest second half ever!! So, get some rest over Shabbos and get ready for some more action here at camp Chevre. But until then for this week, you can put it in the books!!

Chevra X

By Rabbi Wizel

Squeak...Squeak...Squeak!

Hi everyone, this is Michael the Mouse reporting on the 4th week of Camp Chevra which was both an awesome yet sad week. For one, I found out that it means that the first half is almost over! How did the time fly by so fast?! A lot of campers (and staff) are leaving to go to sleep away camp, leaving us here at Camp Chevra with a deep gaping hole that only cheese and ice cream can (maybe) fill.

We had our first taste on Monday when we had to say goodbye to Nosson Lazarus, Nachman Genuth and Yossi Kut. Round 2 was at the end of the week when we had to say goodbye to Avromy Halberstam, Avi Haas, Shaya Horowitz, and Eli Fleisher, but let's not get ahead of ourselves too quickly (sniff).

Where was I... oh, Monday. Another packed day of leagues where all teams gave it their all, knowing that the playoffs were literally around the corner. Speaking of around the corner, I overheard the Canteen Director tell Baruch Liebovic that he noticed my leftovers at his canteen and he is determined to find me and... well... prosecute me for my deeds. To be fair, I did break my fast on a lot of his yummy food and I might have not cleaned it all up... oh well.

Tuesday and Wednesday were playoffs. All four teams had to face off against each other in a final 3 game series showdown. The Yakobovitch and Musk volleyball game was so intense that they needed to take a small 24-hour break before finishing the game the next day by dismissal. Finally, at 5:15pm the championship game was about to begin. Bezos vs. Yakobovitch in baseball. In an action-packed game with The Rabbi umpiring (the man with the Polo Shirt was not present during the game...his loss) the game ended and Avromy Halberstam and his team Yakobovitch took the gold medal and won the First Half Night Leagues!

On Thursday, it seemed like it was a regular awesome day at Camp Chevra, until around 4:00 pm when a massive 40-seater PARTY BUS rolled into the Pomona Middle School parking lot and parked right in front of Camp Chevra!!!! I overheard younger campers whispering to each other that it was reserved for the Chevra X boys, so being a naturally curious mouse, I squeezed myself onto the bus to get a better glimpse inside- and

boy was that a bus! Colorful disco lights bouncing all over, comfortable leather couches on the side, ice cold drinks in the cooler... this was the next level! Unbelievable! As soon as the Chassidish Guy gave the thumbs up, the party bus started driving off to its destination (I overheard Dovid Kanner saying that we were going to Sportstime USA, so I was quite excited about that). Suddenly Skateboard Zisha hit play on his historically old phone and 'BOOM' - music was blasting out of everywhere! The disco lights were flashing! The boys were jumping! The party was coming to life! (I was running for my life side to side, narrowly dodging 40 pairs of legs jumping up and down).

After a short drive we made it to Sportstime USA and first had supper. As soon as the Canteen Manager came in with the box, my super mouse senses smelled what was inside, and I actually felt my mouth water a bit (I wasn't the only one - Avraham Peikes and Shlomo Fried were also wide-eyed when they saw what was on the menu!). Deli rolls! Hush puppies! Spicy fries! This was taking next level... to the next level - if that is even possible!

After a satisfying supper the boys went crazy and had the time of their lives playing the arcade games (I saw Shalom Venoker win so many tickets, I think he needed Azzi Wolf's help carrying them around), going on the rides, (Yossi Neuman actually conquered his fear of the massive swing and Asher Fried was yelling so loud that I thought it was the loudspeaker), playing laser tag, (The Rabbi would have dominated Shloimy Goldstein's team if only his laser gun would have actually worked), bumping on the bumper cars (I sneaked onto Moishy Kaplovitz's car and actually enjoyed bumping into the Chasidish Guy's bumper car) and playing air hockey (where Azriel Klein lost 5-7). At the end of the day the boys were zonked and during the ride back they sang along together in harmony to all the amazing hits of the past, like Dora the Explora, little Einstein's and Elmo... don't ask. As of now I'm back at home resting up and crying as apparently this marks the end of the first half of Camp Chevra and a lot of guys are leaving. But I'm told that next half it only gets better....

Squeak, squeak, have a great week!

Yours truly,

Michael Mouse

“נַחֲמוּ נַחֲמוּ עַמִּי יֹאמַר אֱלֹהֵיכֶם”

This שבת is also known as שבת נחמו. This is due in part to the הפטרה of “נַחֲמוּ נַחֲמוּ עַמִּי יֹאמַר אֱלֹהֵיכֶם” as well as to the fact that this שבת is the first of the שבעה שבטא, the seven weeks of comfort. In each of next seven weeks we read a הפטרה that involves words of נחמה, comfort, consoling us over our great loss, the tragedy over the חורבן.

However a close look at this week’s פרשה פרשת ואתחנן, reveals that the נחמה does not only take place in the הפטרה but in the תורה reading as well. It is well known that the second giving of the לוחות takes place in פרשת ואתחנן. This has major significance. The ימי המצרים, the three weeks, started on שבעה עשר בתמוז. One of the five tragic events that took place on שבעה עשר בתמוז was, משה רבינו breaking the first לוחות. This was a huge blow to בני ישראל and the future looked bleak. משה רבינו after much davening and pleading was able to gain רחמים for בני ישראל and not only were they not wiped out but they were given a second chance.

When בני ישראל received the second לוחות it was a sign that no matter how far we fall, and no matter how bleak things look, הקדוש ברוך הוא, will one day allow us to rebuild. It is obviously not coincidental that the week we read about the second לוחות, is the week immediately after תשעה באב, the climax of the ימי המצרים. We are receiving a clear message of נחמה. “Don’t despair” the תורה is telling us, “just like there was a second לוחות so to there will be a גאולה, and like the second לוחות this גאולה will be permanent.

It is with this נחמה in mind, that we, in Camp Chevra, look on with pride as our תלמידים made such great strides during the nine days. Despite the camp spirit we were able to channel the true feelings of this bleak period and learn the proper lessons. May we be זוכה to the ultimate נחמה, the גאולה שלימה speedily in our time.

Sincerely

Noam Peikes

BEST IN BUNK

BUNK A - BENNY CHERNS

BUNK B - AVI YUROWITZ

BUNK C - YISHAI BELLER

BUNK D - SHLOMO COHEN

BUNK AVRAHAM - MENACHAM LANDY

BUNK YITZCHOK - YEHUDA PEIKES

BUNK YAAKOV - MICHOEL T. M.

BUNK DAN - AVRUMI HALBERSTAM

BUNK MENASHE - CHAIM STERN

BUNK EPHRAIM - AARON SILBER & ELIMELECH STERNBUCH

BUNK REUVEN - ELI KLEIN

BUNK SHIMON - HUDA STANSKY

BUNK LEVI - MENACHEM GOLDSTEIN & MOSHE BRACHFELD

BUNK YEHUDA - SHLOMO PTALIS & DOVID BENJAMIN

BUNK YISSACHAR - DOVID STANKSY & YOSSI WARUM

BUNK ZEVULAN - AVRAHAM ROSENTHAL

BUNK XTREME - MOISHE KAPLOVITZ

BEST IN LEARNING

RABBI KRASNOW - YONATON DAVIS

RABBI BERMAN - ELI GORELICK

RABBI EISENBERG - CHAIM DOV FRIEDMAN

RABBI WEINSTEIN - DOVID BENJAMIN

RABBI WIZEL - YEHUDA MEIR SCHWARTZ

RABBI WEISS - SHAUL EICHORN

RABBI SHERMAN - YOSSI WARUM

RABBI ZISHA - SHLOMO COHEN

RABBI LOEWY - SHLOMO GOLDSTEIN

RABBI LEFKOWITZ - CHAIM ZANVIL METAL

RABBI ZOOM - ISAAC G.

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League Standings



Major Leagues

Canoe	4-10-3
Kayak	3-11-3
Jet-Ski	10-4-3
Pontoon	9-3-2

Senior Leagues

Camry	4-8-4
Sonata	8-7-1
Accord	12-3-2
Altima	7-7-3



Junior Leagues

Oregano	9-5-3
Paprika	8-6-3
Basil	4-12-1
Curry	9-7-1



All playoffs and championship results will be posted in next weeks article once all the first half leagues are complete!

CONGRATUALTIONS TO ALL THE FIRST HALF CHAMPIONS!