



## WEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEK 5

“Hello?” “Yes, is this expert exterminator?” “Yes, it is may I ask who’s calling?” “It’s Camp Chevra how are you?” “Oh, camp Chevra, great thank you so what’s the problem, ants, wasps, bees?” “No no we have a mouse problem. Well really its only one mouse who likes to roam around our camp and make us all crazy. We have been trying to catch it for five weeks already but its simply to fast. It scoots around camp and takes in all the action. Its mainly shows itself later in the day around five o’clock.” “Oh boy, it seems you have a big problem on your hands. I’m going to send you our best mouse catcher. His name is Kalman the cat. He has been part of our crew for some time now and he is best at catching the hardest to get rats and rodents.” “Thank you thank you so much” the next day in camp a truck from Expert Exterminators pulled into camp and dropped off a cage. They told us to just open the cage when they left and Kalman the cat would do the rest. Well, this was on

Monday and on Friday I sat down with Kalman and asked him how things were going. “It’s been really rough” he said. It started on Monday when I got dropped off. I was so excited to catch that stinken rat that as soon as you guys opened the cage I was out and running. I was so pumped up I didn’t even bother to watch where I was going and I slammed right into Mordechai Amsel. After apologizing, I started to slow down and take in my surroundings. As I walked into the lunchroom, I saw Shua Greenfield cheering away with his bunk and Michoel Fromer waving a GRAND PRIZE ticket over his head jumping for joy. I can’t wait to see what he is going to win!! It was a little later in the day when I Gavriel Halpert running around with his bunk searching for clues. It was this fun game called code breakers. Every bunk tried to break the code by getting the secret numbers all around camp. if only extreme and zeshe would have actually moved around a bit

they might have won. In the end it seems like bunk Shimon won with Yossi Newman and. I'm really excited because I love hot dogs and they will be getting a delicious BBQ for their bunk. But that's when I remembered what I was really in camp Chevra for, and it was time to get to work. It seems that this rat even has given himself a name. that's what happens when you get comfortable somewhere. This rats name is Michoel, so it seems, and he comes out to play at 4:30. The first day I don't like being too aggressive, so I just hung back and waited to see what this extra program thing was about. I again got so distracted that I didn't even think about the mouse. I really have to stay focused its just to hard with everything going on here in camp. as Tuesday, my second day in camp arrives, I'm more than ready to catch this rat and get this job done. As I get to witness another amazing day of leagues and fun, I'm all ready to hide out and put an end to this Michoel the Mouse craziness. All I had to do is just wait till 4:30 when he comes out to play. But wait, what's this? Why are coach busses pulling up and all the boys are leaving? Off to a water park? What? I'm a cat I hate water!! But since I have a job to do, I must go along. As we roll down the high way the bus is so excited to get on these amazing waterpark rides. Its when we pull in do, we really see just how amazing this place really

is. I hear rabbi Sherman singing I SAID A BOOM CHIKA BOOM!! As I watched the campers fly down the big blue slides and rip down the red body slides, I cuddled up on this comfortable chair and decided to get a little nap. Just as I was snoozing and falling into my favorite dream of yarn and tuna fish with milk, BOOM CRACK AHHHH RAIN!! I hate getting wet!! It was a thunderstorm as all the boys came running inside. I wonder if Michoel the Mouse is even here. After a short wait it was back to the amazing wave pool and water slides for the campers. On the bus ride home, I heard so many boys saying that this Chevra camp is the best camp ever. Then they all fell asleep much to the delight of Bentzi Warum. Wednesday it was an awesome day of leagues and sports. I saw a boy name Elya Adler and Benny Newhouser smack some baseballs all the way out to deep left. I saw Moshe Levy and Moshe Weisberg hit some nice shots in the gym. I also saw Dovid Stansky and Chaim Shue play an amazing game of volleyball that was so close and competitive. As we waited for the Extreme to get back from their amazing six flags overnight trip the campers all played balderdash in the lunchroom. Rabbi Piekas and his crew couldn't be stopped as they had answer after answer. Ahhh now it's time to get serious and catch this mouse once and for all.

As it gets closer to 4:30 I'm all ready to pounce and find this little rat. But wait what's that smell it throwing off my whole scent. I follow the smell all the way to the pre 1a classrooms where there's challah dough. I love challah dough and there's no way I can catch a mouse if I have this delicious challah smell. It will just have to wait till Thursday. Well Thursday was a terrible day for me but a wonderful day for the campers. Did I forget to mention that I hate getting wet? As the black clouds came over camp, I wanted no part of being outside. I figured I'll just cuddle up again in the corner of the gym and take a nice nap. Next thing I know Zeshe is throwing water all over the place and my nap was disturbed by loud shouting and crying. What is going on here??!! As I crawled back to the lunchroom, I saw a very fun game of family feud going on and then I saw Avrami pikes picking cases in deal or no deal. I got so into it, and I also filled

with suspense I can't even think about that little mouse running around by extra. As Friday rolls in, there are many campers running up the hill to the baseball game. It's so intense as every play there are points being given. The best part of the day was watching the grand prizes being given out at lunch. As we begin to end the week it was my chance to get Michael. As all the campers left for Shabbos I was sneaking into the office to get some more Oreo cookies. That's when I saw him for the first time. On the top shelf nibbling on crackers was Michael the Mouse. This was my chance. I crept up slowly as to not alert him. Just as I was about to pounce and get the job done I smell a delicious smell of Yitz Greenbaum cholent coming from over the hill. I can't say no as I run out of the office and charge to the Greenbaums house. I guess we have to wait till next week to catch that little mouse....

# Chevra X

By Rabbi Wizel

Squeak...Squeak...Squeak!

Hey everyone! It's Michael Mouse. For all you guys that just came this half, let me introduce myself. I have been living at Pomona Middle School for the past 14 years, and life has been quiet around here until a month ago when Camp Chevra moved in and has had this building rocking on wheels from 9:00 till 4:30. Now I can tell that those boys are having the time of their lives even though I usually keep away from large crowds (I am a mouse after all). Each day after camp ends, there is a group of around 40 boys that stay late and seem to really be enjoying themselves in a close-knit, fun setting. It is usually at this time that I poke my nose out of my secure mouse hole, and I report on what I observe.

Now, this Monday was a very exciting day. The Chassidish Guy and The Man with the Polo Shirt (and Azriel Klein) made new league teams for the second half! The teams were announced right after mincha, and you could feel the excitement in the air. Elya Adler was sitting on the edge of his seat in total suspense waiting to hear his team for this half. After the teams were announced, everyone made their way to the top of the hill for the first league game of the season. Bull Sharks vs. Great White Sharks and Hammerhead Sharks vs. Baby Shark...da...da...da...da (yes that's their official team name... Shuey Rosen rolled his eyes as well when he heard the whole thing). The games were fun and intense, just like all of Camp Chevra sports. After the game, the boys were treated to squeeze up ices, where Azzi Wolf nearly destroyed the Chassidish Guy's car to get a better flavor.

A cool thing that happened to me on Monday was that Daniel Halpert, who is an incredible athlete yet sits and works all day in the canteen, happened to have caught me mid-snacking on some canteen grub. We had a great conversation and he told me that he really enjoys reading my articles (am still waiting for that compliment from his manager. BTW he officially set up traps in the storage freezer... yikes).

On Tuesday there was no Chevra X, mainly because of the amazing trips that were going on!!! The X-tremes went on an overnight to New England with The Rabbi, where they had a blast going on crazy rides in Six Flags (yes, even Avromi Kopstick got convinced to go on a ride) and indoor caving (if you saw Abi Shenker's face you would've seen the pure joy shining from it [it's either that or the fact that Davey was out and he had his own room... whatever the reason, Abi is happy]). The rest of the Chevra X Crew made their way to Tannersville, Pennsylvania where they went to the Camel Beach Waterpark!!! What a trip that was! From what I hear the lightning storm had our campers running for shelter for the first hour of the trip and it was in the second hour that the boys made lifetime memories going on slides and wave pools till midnight! By the time I got home from the front lines of the trip I was zonked and went straight to bed. After all tomorrow is another day in Camp Chevra...

Apparently not everyone thought along the same lines as me, as most of the X-treme campers were so knocked out from their trip that they just went home to bed as soon as they were able (guess they wanted to get re-energized for Thursday Trip Day), so that left Chevra X with a massive deficit of boys on Wednesday. So instead of leagues there was an intense game of baseball. Meanwhile the Chassidish Guy and Chaim Ansbacher went to get 26 LARGE SLURPEES for all the hard playing Chevra X athletes. Turns out that the Chassidish Guy went the wrong way (who taught him how to drive? He is almost as bad as the Canteen Manager with his Camry) and it took him an hour, yes, a whole entire HOUR, to get slurpees. On the bright side the leftovers were delicious as in my humble opinion (and I know that Akiva Deutch agrees with me) SLURPEES are WAAAAAAAY better than slushees from the canteen, so I had a blast later that night 😊

On Thursday, the Canteen Manager's app, known as Black Heavens, claimed that it was going to rain the entire afternoon, but that did not stop Camp Chevra X from having their awesome trip day! The boys started off with Mincha (led by our new chazzan, Noam Deutsch), followed by 2 amazing basketball games featuring the Man with the Polo Shirt and Skateboard Zisha as refs. After the game, all the

boys packed into one of 4 cars: The Rabbi's 12 passenger miracle van, The Chassidish Guy's roller coaster, The Man with the Polo Shirt's equipment-mobile, or the Canteen Manager's Camry. All cars drove to the same direction - Garnerville Kosher Grill!!! I personally snuck into The Man with the Polo Shirt's car and when I got there I went straight to the back of the restaurant where I chowed down on leftover burgers, chicken fingers, poppers, and fries. Man, that was a fulfilling meal!

After that awesome supper, The Rabbi and Skateboard Zisha played an awesome game of Pyramid with all the Chevra X guys. It was on the way back that I got into a schmooze with Moshe Weissberg, Elya Adler, Netanel & Azriel Klein in The Chassidish Guy's car (he was too distracted listening to music that was at the highest volume literally shaking the car with every beat), and they let me know how much they enjoyed reading my articles! Apparently, other than the Canteen Manager, I have a lot of fans out there. (BTW if there is anyone else out there who likes reading my articles, then please leave me a note by my mouse hole so that I could give you a shoutout next week 😊)

We also are saying goodbye to the Kleins and Kanners this week, which is really sad as they really were a massive part of the Chevra X family.

Overall, this week was a packed and intense week that can only be found at Camp Chevra, and being a sharp little mouse, I am going to use this weekend to rest up, as apparently it only gets better...

Squeak, squeak, have a great week!

Yours truly,

Michael Mouse

# MUNCHkin HaPPenings!!

**By: Shua Berman!!**

Wow!! Another incredible week has come and gone filled action!! What a week!! The boys continue to enjoy the sports and the board games and there has been plenty of other exciting activities for them!! On Monday the boys took part in another swikers project with Rabbi Oppen!! He brought us some styrofoam airplanes which the boys put together themselves before decorating it with different stickers including their names!! Yitzi Appel and Chanoch Lowenstein made some very intricate designs!! On Tuesday we went on our second trip!! Right after learning groups the boys boarded the bus to head to BounceU!! The races were on through the bouncy house obstacle courses!! The boys had a blast jumping and climbing around everything!! Yehuda Lesson and Yaakov Eliyahu Pantierer tried everything with gusto!! Upon returning to camp we had pizza day!! Everyone got to have a delicious slice of pizza and a cup of soda!! Wednesday brought more swimming and more board games and more sports!! After lunch we had a fun play put on by some counselors!! The boys laughed uproariously at the funny scenes!! After that we were visited by the great teacher and entertainer Rebbe Alter!! The boys sang along with the songs and we're enraptured by his stories!! Thursday brought more of the same excitement!! The slip n slide was brought out again after lunch to the delight of the boys!! They had a grand time sliding down and getting wet!! After drying off, the boys got another incredible project from Rabbi Oppen!! He gave them a kind of do not disturb sign for a doorknob but they could design it however they wanted by scratching off the black part to get to the colorful stuff!! After that, the head staff put on a very funny skit to the boys' delight!! On Friday the games continued before a delicious lunch!! After lunch we ended the week with a great skit and some delicious shabbos party!!

**Looking forward to next week for more great excitement!!! Can't wait!!!**

***Shua Berman***

ועתה ישראל מה ה' אלקיך שואל מעמך... (י:יב).  
"Behold ישראל, what does ה' requests from you..."

This פסוק is the hint to the מצוה דרבנן of pronouncing מאה ברכות, one hundred blessings a day! Let us understand what this is all about.

Originally, this precept was enacted by משה רבינו. After time, it was partially forgotten and neglected. דוד המלך came along and reinstated it as a protection against a terrible plague that was killing one hundred men every day! The גמרא in מסכת מנחות (מג:) tells us that a play on words spells out this obligation. Read the פסוק replacing the word מה with מאה. "ה' requests **one hundred** (ברכות) from you!" The מפרשים struggle with the strength of this hint and offer many other hints found in the פסוק.

The בעל הטורים adds two other points here. Firstly, the פסוק itself contains a total of *one hundred letters*! Additionally, the word ממך has the numerical value of one hundred. Hinting to the fact that ה' desires one hundred ברכות, ממך, from you!

What is the understanding of all three of these hints? In a relationship, we have the opportunity to develop closeness by expressing gratitude and thanks. This is the way that people grow dearer, by recognizing and appreciating what the other provides for them and expressing thanks! Hence, in our relationship with ה' we make ברכות! ברכות are a vehicle through which we acknowledge all that ה' so generously provides us with! There are three requirements for this. The best thank you is expressed with the following three characteristics:

1. It is well thought out.
2. It is stated articulately and not mumbled.
3. It emanates from our own heart, and is not forced.

It is possible that this is what the three hints found in the פסוק express!

1. מאה and מה: The Berachos should be **thought out**, otherwise they are מה, not worth too much (Based on Sefer HaChaim)!

2. 100 Letters: This shows that it should be **expressed clearly** and not just sped through sloppily, just as every letter in the verse is important and expressed!

3. ממך: Hints to the idea that it must come **from you**!

These are the keys to the best ברכות and thanks to ה'!

In the building of the משכן, we find the appearance of the number one hundred in a unique place. There were one hundred sockets that held up the walls of the משכן. They were the foundation and ground support for the entire building. The purpose of the משכן was to provide a dwelling place for ה' in this world. Our job is to bring ה' into our lives as well. Hence, חז"ל established for us guidelines as to how to accomplish this bond. They gave us מאה ברכות which are the **foundation** for getting close to ה'! When we make a ברכה, we are thanking ה' and bringing down many more ברכות in return for our gratitude! Just as the sockets were the support and foundation of the Mishkan, so too מאה ברכות are the foundation of gratitude and support of our relationship with ה'. May we all merit that ה' should bestow His ברכות upon us in return for our proper adherence and care in making ברכות properly for Him!

Sincerely

Noam Peikes

BEST IN BUNK

BUNK A - MORDY SILBERBURG, SHLOMO GELMAN

BUNK B - YEHUDA PESSIN

BUNK C - ARIEL KAHANA

BUNK D - YITZI APPEL

BUNK AVRAHAM - ELIYAHU GELBEIN

BUNK YITZCHOK - M. EISENBERG

BUNK MENASHE - ELI GROSSBERGER

BUNK EPHRAIM - ARI LIPSZYC AND ASHER SINGER

BUNK REUVEN - MOSHE GELMAN

BUNK SHIMON - SHALOM ADLER

BUNK LEVI - ZALMAN LIGHT & DONI STERN

BUNK YEHUDA - GAVRIEL HALPERT

BUNK YISSACHAR - CHAIM ANSBACHER AND SHUA GREENFIELD

BUNK ZEVULAN - NETANEL KLEIN

BUNK XTREME - AZRIEL KLEIN

BEST IN LEARNING

RABBI KRASNOW - ELI BAUM

RABBI BERMAN - SHUEY ROSEN

RABBI EISENBERG - DANIEL MULBAUER AND EITAN VILINSKY

RABBI WEINSTEIN - GAVRIEL HALPERT

RABBI WIZEL - MENACHEM GOLDSTEIN

RABBI WEISS - SHLOMO STERN

RABBI SHERMAN - SHUA GREENFIELD

RABBI ZISHA - GAVRIEL ADLER

RABBI LOEWY - DANIEL HAAS

RABBI LEFKOWITZ - YISROEL SHULMAN

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