

# Chevra Shmooze

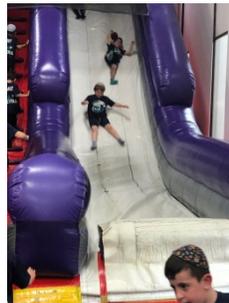
They say it's dangerous to start a newsletter with a corny joke, but I will anyway. Why did the first half say goodbye? It saw the heat wave. While you recover from that, we can take a look at the amazing week. On



Monday morning the weather looked dark and gloomy, but the campers were bright and cheerful cause Monday was trip day (sorry Moshe Brachfeld). When we got

to camp, we were ready for three, yes THREE major trips. First we sent youngest bunks to Bounce U. They had all graduated from bounce high school and were ready for higher bouncification (my spell check claims that, bouncification is not a word but they also claim that Chevra is not a word so what does it know?). The happy campers were bouncing all over the place and even Yitz Greenbaum couldn't contain himself and jumped so hard he got a flat tire. They all had such

an amazing time on the humongous slide that even touched the ceiling. Thank you, Yitzy Sherman for your detailed account.



The two other trips were outdoors, but we weren't going to let a little rain get in our way. Unfortunately there was a lot of rain and get in the way it did. After checking the weather, we saw rain all day we decided to wait for another day for the younger division trip to Rye Playland.

The real bummer was when Camel Beach called us and said they were expecting nonstop lightning and they wouldn't be open at all that day. With two trips canceled we had not yet begun to fight. We are



Camp Chevra and no one tells us we can't go on a trip. We decided to take it up a notch. We called all our contacts in high places, and arranged



an amazing trip to **The American Dream Nickelodeon Amusement Park**. However we now still had four hours of camp and it was raining. We cancelled the pool and instead played water polo in the gym. Zishe was lifeguard so it was safe, and it was almost like a water park. Then we decided to play a game of human



Bingo!! Everyone filled in their boards, from the list 250 different campers. Everyone picked their favorite 25 and filled in their Bingo board. Daniel Lewis was confident. His last choice was going to be Azi Wolf, but the hunter from the little red riding hood story came and you know how that ends. Bingo was so much fun as number after number was picked. The two winners went home with a



box FULL of sodas, candy, nosh bags, and much much more.

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After some fun dodgeball games (except for Donny Kleiman who tried to catch a ball with his glasses) it was time for dismissal number 1. Grades 3 and up all went home, and ate an early supper. Those who ate a late supper needed to eat again after riding on the rides.

Everyone then came back to camp screaming and

yelling as they got ready to board our brand new 2022 Monsey Tours Coach Busses. At this time, I would like to thank Bose for saving our head counselor. For all your noise canceling headphones you should shop at Bose.com. They have great sound, and great noise canceling functions which can save your life, as they did with Rabbi Sherman. When we got to American Dream, we ran to an amusement park to enjoy a night of really crazy rides. Some kids rode the escalator 6 times before realizing that it wasn't a ride. We all flipped, screamed and went flying all over the place on some really crazy roller coasters. We even had a few demonstrations of what an animal needs to be kosher. We all know what split hooves are but what does regurgitating mean?? Ohhhh that's what it means. Now I know why we were told to eat that early supper. After going on the flipping thing with Yehuda Atedgi and Yishai Flohr, and doing the Shredder with Gidalia Sickless (yes you heard that right Gidalya Sickless), it was time for me to take it easy. The boys all had an amazing time and were all exhausted from running around all day. As we were all ready to leave Shaya Baker still wanted



to play hide and seek. So, we all counted to 2,589 as he went to hide. In the end we just gave up and he came out of his hiding spot so we could finally leave. After a short night it was Tuesday and boy were we into it!! It was the last day of the regular season in leagues and some teams were all tied up



in the standings so it was no time to just sit around. (Please pass the corn again). Every

game was so meaningful and intense that we ignored the 90+ temperature played our best (except for Moishe Bernstein who sat in the air conditioned building) . After a much-needed swim, there was another league game.

Swikers on the other hand were cooling off while adding to their amazing projects. They all look so amazing.



Then we had our annual fantasy baseball game. Each staff member was drafted and headed out to the field. As every hit, strikeout & run were worth points for your team, the staff were really trying to earn points. Azi Smith drilled a long shot to deep right field to start off the scoring. Meir "Jeter" Halpert at short, made some gold glove highlight plays and saved some runs. The game was so much fun and was a real blast. Rabbi Peikes' team extended its



winning streak to 2 while Rabbi Sherman's didn't. In the fantasy end bunk Avraham had the most fantasy points and won the activity.

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On Wednesday it was off to Rye Playland for the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade guys. They waited outside



and watched with open mouths as **A PARTY BUS** pulled up. The bus was a blast and even though Rabbi Peikes did not have Bose items with him, he still rode on the bus (how did he hang on to the hood for so long). The rides were amazing and the Playland plunge was refreshing. Everyone had an amazing time.

In camp everyone else was treated to another sweltering hot day.



Rabbi Sherman was seen carrying in 17 cakes it must mean one thing....He's hungry!! Actually it's Cake Bake!! Every bunk got a whole container of ingredients to try to copy Rabbi Shermans cake. The gum



must go here, the twizzlers over there, the gummy worms go on the side, the chocolate chips go in the corner,

and the jolly joes go around the cheerios. No wait, go check if the cheerios go on the top or the bottom. All the bunks did a great job decorating the cakes and an even better job eating them. As the playoffs shape up I can't imagine what tomorrow will bring.

The heat came to play that's for sure!! And I'm not talking about LeBron, Bosh and Wade. The high temps didn't stop us as each team played for their seasons lives. Donny Kleiman and Momo Celnik are actually still playing their first kickball game hoping to make it to the second round. As they enter the bottom of the 49<sup>th</sup>

its really anybody's game. Jacob Berkowitz took his team to a loss in hockey but came



storming back in kickball. There was some great playing by Akiva Deutsch. Nachi Reifer's team took the dub in kickball against Zevy Krinsky's team but lost a real nailbiter in football with the score 6-5. They went back to kickball for game 3 and this time Zevy was having none of it.

He was leaving nothing to chance. It was a 11-10 victory for The Krinskys and the boys as they made it to the championships tomorrow. Next week we will know the winners of the championships and of the first round kickball game (we hope). We also hope to crown a rock paper scissors champion soon. We then had a skit to remember (except for the actors who forgot



most of their lines) starring our staff and pre1-a ers. Chevra X enjoyed a Kapao supper and went on an amazing bowling

trip. Second half starts Monday which means it is Pizza Day. Hooray.

Tomorrow is cholent and kishka day which is good enough for me. Have a



great Shabbos. Anyone who read this article should bring in a sticky note with their name on it to be entered into a raffle. SHHHHHH don't tell anyone, it will hurt your odds.

צו את בני ישראל ואמרת אליהם את קרבני לחמי ריח ניהוחי... (כח:ב).  
“Command the Jews to bring an offering for me...” (28:2).

ה' gave one answer to all three of his quandaries. “Moshe, I’m not asking you to give according to *My standards*, I am asking you to give according to the best of *your abilities!*” ה' wants our effort and sincerity!

Every person is born with their own potential and abilities. Our job in life is to give it our all. Nothing **more** is expected, only **our best!** ה' say in ברכות (:ה), “whether you produce a lot or a little is not important, שמים only looks at your intentions and efforts!

Reb Naftoli Amsterdam once bemoaned his deficiencies to his Rebbe, Reb Yisrael Salanter. “If only I had the brain of the Shages Aryeh, the enthusiasm of the Yisod V'Shoresh HaAvodah, and מדות like you, Rebbe, then I could be a true servant of ה'!”

Reb Yisrael set him straight with the proper perspective. “You need to strive to serve ה' to the best of *your* abilities, with **your** brain, **your** heart and **your** מדות! That is what ה' desires from you!”

This idea is found once again in the פרשה when יהושע is appointed as the successor of משה רבינו. משה רבינו requested from ה' that the incoming leader possess *one fundamental trait* and ה' agreed with him regarding the importance of that trait. The leader must understand each Jew *individually*, according to his own capabilities!

Every morning we say a ברכה expressing our appreciation to ה' for who we are. “שעשה לי” “Thank You ה' for giving me everything that I need!” You provide me with all of my physical needs as well as my spiritual needs. We recognize that ה' provides us with all of our needs, to serve Him the best that we can! There is no competition to outdo anyone else! We are all here for the unified purpose of serving ה', and each of us possess different talents and capabilities which ה' has endowed us with. Our job is to bring out our unique potentials and to serve ה' to the best of our ability! We at Camp Chevra strive to accomplish these same goals. To allow all of our תלמידים to use the pressure free environment to grow throughout the summer as individuals coming closer to ה'. Have a great שבת.

Sincerely

Noam Peikes

"I heard there's another awesome article today" - rabbi shermin/ "your article was great- there was nothing to take out!" -yitz/ "you misspelled something- see, you spelled his name right"- someone "I didn't get any of your jokes"- eitan Zimmerman/ "ok I did a flip, now do I get a shoutout?"- Yosef friedman/ "blah blah blah"- rabbi Sherman/ "...is...the...team...of.."- rabbi pikezz/ "I give up"- meir halpert "I didn't read your article yet"- Kleiman, baker, Ginsberg and everyone else besides zimmerman and yitz

# *"How Do You Drive This Thing?" Do You Have Any<sup>Or...</sup> Normal Accapella? By Chaim Paychas*

I'm actually proud because as much as people claim my articles are written with ruach hakodesh, I never thought I would be able to predict future events- but the day has finally come! (this could solve my problem of never knowing what happened the rest of the week after I write my article...) I was reading my article on Sunday (not mundaie cuz I forgot to print it out-#primitive) and I'm like "the skits creamed" "how is it that I went swimming and showered and there's still frosting inside my nose?"- tom the terrible. Little known fact- harry potter likes slurpies.

Yeah so day 2 of oy limpics was plays and songz. First was a "Laugh Out Loud Comedy" starring our three favorite staff members, rebba sherm, jaake, and someone else. (nobody wanted to act as me. Oh well.) the pilot was rolling on his back with laughter as berman got slapped off his chair and the zoo plane passengers (like Daniel gotesman and gedalya siklos) were on the floor. Doni klimin sowed my onesie back together and we found out that avi Greenbaum and harry were both on the same team. (avi, do you loyk sluhpees?) the blue team's cantata actually brought me to tears, dani the yellow car chasid ate the banana phone and yitz had to leave early for an appointment. Ansbacher, erez and others almost got him but then his daddy came and saved him (hi dani's dad) then halpert said tehillim

I digress to discuss the three weeks. Here we is, and remember, rabbi shurm, plus his frinds, doyvee widgel and zishka, don't like songs they don't know (or in zisha's case, songs they do know) (that's why rabbi Sherman actually liked blue team's song better (at least it was normal) and when he heard red team song, he's like, "what is this? This song isn't from before 2010! How does anyone know it?!" ) so we're down to about three accapella songz for the trip (at least that we can play in front of rebbishirm or zicha, dovi wiggle will just cry but his opinion doesn't actually hold any weight anymore) and schedule was as follows. First was awesome trip to Bounceioo led by zevi aka jeff, and momo sang along to songs about chanuka (dreidel, my latka, etc.) then camp reunion at sheiners (I saw tzvi eli, shaya and seefu genut plus others) then AMERICAN DREAM where the giraffe escaped from toys r us. Moshe zidel almost gave me a Danish, ariel stein did SCARY rollercoaster and moshe dovidgola had his eyes open the whole drop. It was MEIR RUBIN'S BIRTHDAY and huda kirsh gave out the sodas. Daniel haas saw spongebob, Akiva deutche said the best ride was sliding down the railing and rabbi reich said it was the bus. Even azarya nemtzov was there with a past chevra counselor. (I thought the mariv at the end was kinda fun.)

Today was bake kake won with no help of their counslor by yitzi richmind, gavi voss and Yehuda leib baum, who ate rabbi sherman's wife's cake, all I got was some pez and a gummy worm. Asher singer and Shmuel katz got a toad. Don't eat it. One more thing: rabbi kram. Have one fanatical Shabbos and I'll see Y'all Next Week! Till nextime

*Chaim Pesach Weiss  
Giraffe Giraffi*

## **RITA'S CAMPER OF THE WEEK**

<b>P-A</b>	<b>Shlomo Richmond</b>
<b>P-B</b>	<b>Tzvi Rand</b>
<b>P-C</b>	<b>Avrumi Saks</b>
<b>Avraham</b>	<b>Shaul Eichorn</b>
<b>Yitzchok</b>	<b>Chanoch Lowenstein</b>
<b>Yaakov</b>	<b>Yosef Ahron Steinman and Nosson Shulman</b>
<b>Reuvein</b>	<b>Yosef Ben Shlomo and Yehuda Balsam</b>
<b>Shimon</b>	<b>Dovi Saks</b>
<b>Levi</b>	<b>Noam Deutsch and Aaron Silber</b>
<b>Yehuda</b>	<b>Boruch Goldenberg</b>
<b>Yissachar</b>	<b>Dovid Benjamin</b>
<b>Zevulan</b>	<b>Yisroel Moshe Gelman</b>
<b>Dan</b>	<b>Dovid Benjamin</b>
<b>Extreme 1</b>	<b>Moshe Berman and Dovid Stansky</b>
<b>Extreme 2</b>	<b>Yehuda Gottlieb</b>







