

# THE CHEVRA SHMOOZE

Wow it's the seventh inning stretch and chevra is winning 24-2. That's right just when you think it's time to take a break we come roaring into the seventh week with a bang. The week started off with pumping music and thrilling games as we were able to crank up the volume on our sound system. Monday had two special activities. We started out with a show from the King of Schnitzel himself.



The green suit rebbe entertained the younger boys first with a comedy magic show (the tricks were a joke). He then entertained the older bunks with a game show. First he coated Mayer Freund's head



with margarine and then added the cheerios. Then Mayer went home baked his head for an hour at 350 F and was soon

all ready. It was then time for swimming. The pool was wet even after the 9 days and so refreshing. Leagues were back in style and then another air conditioned special activity was in play. The boys all had such a fun time playing extreme deal or no deal. With over 100 envelopes to choose from, each bunk chose their one envelope. It was then time to pick some numbers off the line and make some deals. After turning down Rita's, popcorn, danishes, sour sticks, and more, some bunks ended up with nothing. I'm not going to mention any names, Donny Kleiman from bunk Shimon or Zevy Krinsky from bunk Reuvain, but next

time don't be so greedy. Bunk prela 1 ended up with the million-dollar envelope and earned a pizza, yes

real pizza, not pizza wheels for their bunk!! In the older division things got really crazy when so many bunks had such high numbers left. When Rabbi



Sherman offered them an all out-ice cream party they wisely took him up on the offer and accepted the deal. On Tuesday of this week, it was time for the extreme overnight. This is not like the extreme deal or no deal, this is the trip for extreme which happened to be mega extreme. We started the trip headed to six flags New England. Since that drive took two and half hours, I will use the time to update you on what was going on in camp (hope this isn't getting you cross-eyed). Yitz being just amazing played a great game of code-names. Just to show he wasn't biased he took a point off one bunk to make it a tie between the two bunks that had Rabbi Peikes' kids in them. This the day after Rabbi Sherman's son's bunk won pizza. Hmmmm is this suspicious or what? Now back to the trip. When we got there we were amazed at how huge this park was. Then we realized this was just a gas station. How awkward. Finally we were there, well most

of us, some drivers are slower than others. First we conquered the water park with



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all the slides and huge wave pool. (Rabbi Sherman doesn't like waves so he went to the lazy river. Typical! He missed Nussy's) After two hours of wet roaring fun we all got treated to the most delicious cold cut sandwiches in the world. This also came along with a side of Danishes and snacks.

Don't forget the cola and brisk. (What did the shtarkeh guy drink in eretz Yisroel?

Brisk!!!) After a

shtark maariv, we were ready for more.

When the amusement park opened we all took off for the sky high rides but no matter how fast we ran we couldn't catch up with Rabbi Sherman. He went on the scream 100 foot drop, but his feet were still touching the ground. A different staff member did not fit on the ride. We had such a blast on the superman ride as it twisted and soared hundreds of feet in the air. By the time we found everyone and got out of there it was late but we are chillers and our night ahead had just begun. We all headed west to Albany New York. There we unloaded into a one-of-a-kind rock-climbing cave gym. I'll tell you all about it in the morning but right now I'm so tired I must go to sleep. We all got out our sleeping beds and cots and before you know it we were all snoring away. Now I couldn't fall asleep for another two hours as I just couldn't get comfortable on the cot that was smaller than me. It was funny as all the campers claimed to have stayed up all night, yet we could barely wake them up for shachris. As we all woke up we had a beautiful davening with an all-out



halacha shiur from Rabbi Peikes. Who knew a guy can give over so much information in one davening. We were able to start because

Rabbi Peikes had finished his coffee and the daf. Rabbi Sherman had also finished his coffee.

It was then time for a rejuvenating breakfast. We all sat

for cereal and milk which was awesome. I owe my life to Rabbi Peikes who supplied us with hazelnut coffee. After two hours of instructions and another two hours of caving/climbing we were all ready to hit the road back to camp. Can't say I witnessed any of the climbing though as I was making up some much-needed sleep

(and that is after the coffee). I heard it was great!! When we got back to camp, we were shocked that Yitz Greenbaum had absolutely nothing planned and it was only



3 o'clock. We whipped out the trusty projector and played know that video. We played over the weekly camp videos and asked questions to see how many people were paying attention. Chezky Fine thought it was dumb because there was no prize for the winner. Rabbi Peikes thought it went to long (4:22 sorry) and the carpool line stretched to Grandview. Bunk Yehuda had the longest line of cars and won two gallons of gasoline at Exxon on the hill.

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Then came Thursday. We had a great day on Thursday (of course) as we all headed off to the pool. Two league games helped set the table for the upcoming playoffs. (Unlike the maintenance people who did not set the table.) After a thrilling game of human mancala that started strong but didn't end, we moved on to a game of higher lower. Rabbi Sherman sulked and ate 6 dozen fish nuggets as everyone else had a blast with the huge deck of cards. It was then time for the amazing carnival.



Swikers had been working for weeks on amazing state of the art carnival booths so we knew that this carnival

would be special. Rabbi Sherman was bailed out by the hard working maintenance staff, and when he got to the back, there was an amazing carnival in progress. Not wanting to disappoint, Rabbi Sherman picked up 30 pounds of popcorn kernels to make sure everyone had a popping time. By the time all the tables and booths were set up it was time to get the show on the

road!! The music was pumping and the tickets were flying as the raffles prizes were being given out.



Everyone had an amazing time doing the water melon race and the water dunking thing was fun because nothing beats dropping Donny into the water. Dovi Wizel loves carnivals and the Peak program had an amazing laser tag booth..

While that was all going on Rabbi Sherman was busy cutting his finger open trying to cut 2000 frozen solid hot dogs. Then he turned the knife the right way and grilled them to perfection. As the party busses pulled up Rabbi Sherman put the camp back together with an amazing cleanup so that the Chevra-x grand trip to High Exposure could get underway. When we got there we were granted a waiver and began to climb. Erez and Gedalia were super speedy, but only Zisha reached the top of the wall (now you know what happened to Humpty



Dumpty) Shimon Eisenbach conquered the



Rubik's cube and Gabi Sabol almost made the impossible jump. We had an amazing time. (Feel better Shael.) We the party bussed home and passed out in bed. What a week. But wait, they tell me

Friday also counts. I heard something about a big Milchigs Ice cream party which is always awesome because I can eat it with my cholent and Kishka. What a combo. Grand trip, Let's make a deal, playoffs, and banquet are coming up so stay tuned. Have a great Shabbos.



## ”נַחֲמוּ נַחֲמוּ עַמִּי יֹאמַר אֱלֹקֵיכֶם“

This *שבת נחמו* is also known as *שבת נחמו*. This is due in part to the *הפטרה* of “נַחֲמוּ שבעה שבועות *שבת נחמו*” as well as to the fact that this *שבת* is the first of the *שבתא דנחמתא*, 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 *שבעה עשר בתמוז*, 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-ל* and the future looked bleak. *משה רבינו* after much davening and pleading was able to gain *רחמים* for *בני ישראל-ל* and not only were they not wiped out but they were given a second chance.

When *בני ישראל-ל* 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 שלמה* speedily in our time.

Sincerely

Noam Peikes

“why do you always give shoutouts to the z-----n’s?” - Yosef friedman on Tisha bav/ “I liked this article” - yitz  
“can I wear a unicorn wunzee?” gavi itzkowitz/“stop breaking your phone” - nachi fried, izzy streicher, avi itzkowitz

# Do You Have Any Normal ANYTHING?

*A Week 7 Production By CP Dubbs*

Was the team of.

Meir halpert looks up from his pillow. Wasn't color war *last* week? Oh, yah. Awkward. Rabbi Sherman pauses the video and shouts, “cpw what are you doing” (he didn't get too much sleep last night) we then proceed to play one mordechai Shapiro song instead of the other. I don't know when carnival is, but swikers seem to think it's soon, (I heard it's tomorrow [Thursday]) – but who knows. Wednesday activity was a video game.

Cantata was a cool story about zecia who's always jelous that other counselors are more popular than him. Some chasidish guy named victor tried to get rabbi Sherman mad at Baruch pollik but doni stern had his camera out at just the right moment and videoed him admitting that he made the mistake. Yoel shneerson acted as the janitor which took a lot of acting skills and rabbi pikos had to dress up for the play by taking his chevra shirt off his white one. Later he was seen in chevra shirt and no whit shirt! Oy vay. For the record, I read the rabbi pie kiss article from last week, and though I may now enjoy making fun of plays, he's still better at it.

Speshel activity on Tuesday was envelope thing, which is a spinoff of a game we did last year that involved popping balloons with folders. (what they had in common was no one knew how to play) we had who wants to be a millionaire, but nobody was wearing costumes (besides the usual.) Rabbi pekkis told us jokes about his parrot and dooni gingerg and avrumi saqs won 10000000000 scratch offs in hier loer. (#yosef gross learning group) After that he jumped to the ceiling together with noam hoffman and benny greenfield (some others tried but didn't make it all the way.) dovi silber said put on music and I did and zeshi said don't put on music and I didn't. when I did, dj Ginsberg took me over and played music too. Zishy was then on the red team. (heh heheh) and rabbi shermin says don't play music when I pause it. “what just happened?” - rabbi pikes when rebbashirm said that (and everyone who read my articles. Also was aryeh smith and Yakov elbaum birthday.

We had the shnitzly guy in camp this week, who made us much fun, and gave out crazy prizes, like helicopters and cans of whip cream. Tzvi “no-tail lemur” Klein and cow/lama doniklimin were his henchmen (in addition to shaya Spivak) as joshy k dahan chose eight kids every time Donny shnizzle asked for six, plus rafi Weinraub. Akiva kahana did cottonball vazeleen game and moishy kaplovitz cleaned mike and ikes off the table.

Don't tell anyone but camp is running out! This week HAS to be the most CRAZYIST most INSAYNEEIST absolute NUTZNESSKEIT you ever imagined and you have all shabbatt to come up with your most ridiculous crazyhood for next week. Pressure's on. See YOO next week!

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