

# THE CHEVRA SHMOOZE

The week started off with us thinking how are we going to top such an amazing week that we had last week? I mean bowling, pizza day, amazing leagues, add it up, candy crush and so much more it just can't get any better right!!!? Wrong!!



Camp just gets better and better. This week we had the great and amazing hypnotist Ronnie Baras come to camp. He succeeded in putting many people to sleep, but only Shua Dahan remained hypnotized. In an ironic twist Donny Kleiman suddenly wasn't tired. Shuah was transformed into



another world where he met Moshe Rabeinu and Aharon Hakohen. Rabbi Peikes was so excited to be a

great leader and Schiller or is it Hass, was privileged to be the great Aaron. Rabbi Sherman was privileged to watch. After davening by the Kossel and making us all laugh Shua woke up realizing it was COLOR WAR!! Not only that but he is the general of the green team!! He really thought he was still sleeping he just couldn't believe it was color war 2022 but color war it was. The teams were divided and sent to the alumni of Chevra where it was met with approval. Yitz needs a new Gabai and perhaps a new brand of announcing. The teams were Green – Shalom and Blue – Emes. Zisha who is an expert speed reader announced the teams in 25 seconds which was precursor to Rabbi Sherman taking 25 minutes to announce the staff. Our well decorated staff came in to an amazing resounding standing decorum and

tranquility. (Not only is my thesaurus terrible, it is also terrible.) General of the blue team was Yosef Gross and Lt general Boruch Pollack and the Green Dynamic duo included Genral Shua and Lietenant Donny Alexander Stanislav Fetisov Ginsberg. Camper Captains Gedalia Siklos and Abie Shenker were introduced as well, and everyone was ready to go! The learning groups were even better than usual and the points were really adding up quick. The races and skills were so competitive that NBA scouts came to watch. It was a shame to lose Daniel Haas to the Bulls, but he turned them down when he won the Mega Billions lottery. (He remained anonymous so don't tell anyone.) The skills competition ended with a tie and the races were extremely close. Zisha then raced Rabbi Peikes and Zisha won by a yet unknown time as Rabbi Peikes hasn't finished yet. Rabbi Sherman is happy. We then moved on to lunch and watched the skits. The green skit was planned on stage and the blue team had an amazing skit and like most staff members spent a lot of time talking to the wall. Halby is no longer thirsty and gets tired riding the escalator. We then moved on to sports in camp and Orchard hill while Swikers swiked and the pre-laers got wet. We then had team time to learn the cheer songs. The teams had rocking cheer songs and both teams were so close after day 1. (This may or may not be true but we say it anyway because מְנַהֵג אַבְרָהָם בְּיַדְיָנוּ.) We then dismissed everyone and Chevra X played their league games. Shalom Kut has a few questions for the commissioner, and needed to qualify for the playoffs, which superseded his big role in color war. Luckily he has a talented family. Day 2 of color war was just as intense. The grand bechina was grand, and the talmidim

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impressed us all. The Spivaks new so many answers they got arthritis just from raising their hands. And that was for the 7<sup>th</sup> grade questions. Sports were played and green won a couple of games. Blue won the rest. After lunch it was time for all out games. All out basketball was close but I wasn't there so I can't describe Abie's three pointer, or Erez's dunk. I can't even describe Avi Haas flying through the air at 17 MPH while spinning, and finishing with a windmill dunk. In football the game was tied, due to an amazing comeback by the Green team. All the Blue team could do was watch. We then had the plays. Green team continued the Red team's Olympic skit, which was perfect as we are not really sure what either skit was about, but the atomic bombs were captured, and Donny Ginsberg looks good as a cow. (CPW would like to know why? לממה). The blue team made sure the curtains were working and that Chezky was fine before they started their play (end scene). What? That was their play? Oh (end scene). After. He. Told (end scene). The. Emes. He saved. His. Own. Life "thank you hashem . It was amazing!! After team time the Grand Sing began. The cheer songs were belted out and the pre-1a knew their songs by heart. The Hebrew songs were so beautiful you could barely tell them apart. The alma matter songs were sung so well and really made me realize that I wish I was in Chevra all year long. Could you imagine the Chevra schmooze week 37!! I can't get the tune out of my head. The banners were once again amazing as CPW and Shalom Kut's ----- renewed their competition. In the end everyone tried hard & gave it their all, but that wasn't enough for one team. And..the... winner...of...color war 2022... is the team of .....BLUUUUUEEE!!



Great job Yosef and Shua. Great job staff and campers. Chevra X had Rita's ices, but they had permission so it was okay. Moshe Zidell wants doubles. Pre-1a

continued their arts and crafts with Morah Mindy and are ready to join Swikers. On Thursday we all had an amazing family feud game where all the campers and staff tried to win an amazing ice-cream party for their bunks. All the bunks had to list the top 8 answers on the board. In the end it was bunk Don and bunk Reuven who won



the top prize. List the top 8 reasons why the head staff lost to the staff in baseball. We know why the other camp didn't show up for the intercamp game. That's right; they were scared of Rabbi Wizel. Chezky fine and his team played great as the staff beat the head staff (current and future) in a baseball game at orchard hill park. I told Rabbi Peikes to go easy on the pizza but he said he always has four slices before games. (I had eight so that sums it up.)The leagues are really shaping up as we head into the final two weeks. Everyone is playing so well and it's so amazing watching all the achdus in camp as we get ready for tische bav. On Friday (cholent and kishka day) we had an amazing cantata which really gave over the message of being in galus and how hashem is in control. We hope to see you all next week as we celebrate the arrival of mashiach together in Chevra Yerushalyim.

רַב־לְקָם סָב אֶת־הַהָר הַזֶּה פְּנֹי לְכֶם צִפְנָה (דברים ב: ג.)

"You have enough, circle the mountain, and turn to the north."

The **יקר** lived during a time when the בני ישראל enjoyed prosperity, and he did not approve of the way they dealt with it. He urged them to be more discreet, to keep a low profile and not draw attention to themselves with ostentatious lifestyles.

He supported his exhortation with a homiletic interpretation of Moshe's words to the Jewish people. "רַב־לְקָם סָב אֶת־הַהָר הַזֶּה פְּנֹי לְכֶם צִפְנָה" "You have enough, circle the mountain, and turn to the north (צִפְנָה)." The word צִפְנָה can also be translated as "the hidden." In other words, you have enough material things. Now hide them! If you've got it, you don't have to flaunt it!

Eisav has a long memory, writes the **יקר**. Whenever he sees **יעקב** prosper, he believes with all his heart that it is only because of the **ברכות** that he believes **יעקב** stole, the **ברכות** that should have gone to Eisav.

**יעקב** himself was already worried about this. When famine struck all of the Middle East, everyone was forced to run to **מצרים**, the only place where large stockpiles of food existed. It was the only way to avoid starvation. **יעקב**'s pantry, however, was well stocked with food, and his family could have gone a long time without a trip to **מצרים**. Nonetheless, **יעקב** sent them to buy food. "Lamah tisra'u?" he said. "Why should you show off?" According to **רש"י**, **יעקב** was concerned about the children of Eisav and Yishmael. Why should they see that you have plenty of food while they are starving? That would be a foolish thing to do.

Living in the United States, which is so liberal, so tolerant, we tend to forget this important lesson. Regardless of how benign American society is, it is still **גלות**. We still live among non-Jews, not all of whom share the full measure of tolerance which has made this country the superpower that it is today. We still need to watch our step. If we have been blessed with prosperity -- money, real estate, nice homes, automobiles and clothing -- there is no need to flaunt our wealth.

In Camp Chevra we take this one step further. We try and instill in every talmid a feeling of responsibility for all his actions. If one has been blessed with wealth, a talent, athletic ability, or something that others do not have, he should not flaunt it and cause jealousy and hurt feelings. Rather he should quietly use all of his **ברכה** to help others. May we be **זוכה** in this merit to the coming of **משיח** very soon and may **תשעה באב** this year be a **יום טוב**. Have a great Shabbos.

Sincerely,  
Noam Peikes

"I didn't think this past article was so funny"- yitz/ "your article is too choppy. Stick to one topic"- rabbi shermin/ "yeah, you have to make it more like rabbi shurman's article"- zeshe (but he's just parroting others to fit in. he doesn't actually read my article or rebbashirm's)/ "do it and you're cool? Is this an article about peer pressure?"- shaya Steinhart/ my parents never read your article because they can't understand it"- manny Herzberg/ "not a single typo this week!" – shalom gross/ "even I didn't get the jokes in this article!"- donni ginZberg/ "you see, rabbi pikis, you try writing an article for me ONE week, and you did a very close forgery, but everyone can still tell it's not my usual work. You made too many references to your articles."- CP3

# How Dare You Slap The General

*Written anonymously by CPDubbs*

While shua dahan was praying at the kosel, (the small one from vegas) our ventriloquist decides hypnotizing hillel stein to sit still for three minutes is not a big enough feat. He will now attempt to have rabbi shermin, avi haas avocado, aka aharon hakohen, and anyone else on the staff chat (why'd they tell me to come up?) all somehow think of the same two words.

Honestly, there really is a pattern here, so I'm kinda disappointed in myself for not figuring it out, but anyways: whenever we see avi Greenbaum, we know it's almost color war. That's it. It's that simple. First half. Avi Greenbaum. Olympics. Second half. Bowling. Avigreenbaum. Colorwar. Shkoyach.

So rabbi shermin says: tuna fish. Wait, wasn't that what it said on the chat? And color war it was, with the most competitive sports in monsey, and jennifer dony gynzburg was in commander mode, having Shloimy Goldstein put up green streamers EVERYWHERE ("did someone sneeze in here?"- someone) and rabbi piikiis told me: you're too important so we didn't put you on a team" (I feel so cool that now I know about color war before it happens, and all the jc's snicker cuz it's on the chat) And then Yosef gross calls me and be like: ok, we flipped a coin, and you're on our team." Ok...

Shakespear ginburg was sorry he made his play too moral themed by first half, so he decided to take a page out of red team's book- but then he just took the whole book. Green play starred some VERY ENTHUSIASTIC cast, first a guy named "Danny" ("a" pronounced like in "grand") who looked a lot like meir halpert, only slightly mor dazed. Then was the tall guy, I think his name was chaim shmerhold, and then abie the lama. They crashed a plane (wow that's original) (rabbi pikus, now I understand the taiva to make fun of plays.) blueteam's backs were even more pumped in the next play. When they announced the winner, there was so much energy it started raining and got the floor wet. Good thing I had an umbrella.

We had a fun sing off DJ ari kraz vs cpdubbs, and all the kids said to me, "do you know any *normal* music, cuz all the songs were songs rabbi sherm knew. Swikers went on a cool hike but I missed it cuz I was making the banner ("you work in swikers?"- ari krasnow to me) there's probably a cantata coming up, but I don't know whatelse this camp has in store to stay busy and dry at the same time ("I can't go in the sprinkler, it's the 9 days"- hillel stein, 6) if the cantata is eitan zimmerminion (had to get your shoutout) proving tom the terrible's loyalty to jeff, or even cow Jacob making shalom with shuadahan, that will be very moving, but I guess we'll just have to wait and see.

Everyone have a great Shabbos, an easy meaningful Tisha bav, and I'll see you on Monday for crazy music (not "normal") and other stuff.

# Chaim Pesach Weiss

*Who?*

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

<b>P-A</b>	<b>Mordy Moore</b>
<b>P-B</b>	<b>Yaakov Bromberg</b>
<b>P-C</b>	<b>Dovid Moshowitz</b>
<b>Avraham</b>	<b>Nachi Fried</b>
<b>Yitzchok</b>	<b>Chanoch Lowenstein</b>
<b>Yaakov</b>	<b>Shlomo Reiss and Yitzy Wolf</b>
<b>Reuvein</b>	<b>Moshe Gelb and Yehuda Peikes</b>
<b>Shimon</b>	<b>Ami Hanfling</b>
<b>Levi</b>	<b>Shmuel Katz and Naftali Rubin</b>
<b>Yehuda</b>	<b>Manny Hertzberg</b>
<b>Yissachar</b>	<b>Shalom Adler and Daniel Benshlomo</b>
<b>Zevulan</b>	<b>Eli Klein</b>
<b>Dan and Naftali</b>	<b>Ezzy Felsenburg and Avraham Peikes</b>
<b>Extreme 1</b>	<b>Shlomo Fried and Shimon Weinstein</b>
<b>Extreme 2</b>	<b>Avi Haas</b>



