

THE CHEVRA SHMOOZE

Wow!! Who can believe it's another summer in CAMP CHEVRA?? After the long winter months the wait is finally over. As the cars pull up on the first day, the music is pumping, the counselors are smiling and the atmosphere is just rocking. There are many old faces that I was so great to see again and some new faces who I am just getting to know. The dining room is completely packed as we begin a brand-new summer.



After we go to learning groups, it's off to the gym for an amazing game of musical lines™. We all held our breath as Donny Kleiman spun the huge die and got people out. While the younger division was eating some delicious pizza it was the seniors who were playing a wicked game of dodge ball and jailbreak. When the rain finally stopped, we were able to play a few bunk sports outside. It was then time for the all-out Camp Chevra Family Feud. Each bunk tried guess the top ten answers that were on the board. Bunk Yakov and bunk Extreme A are just finishing their



amazing ice cream parties as you read this right now.

On the second day of camp, we had more rain, but that doesn't stop us



here in camp!! Well for five minutes it did. Except for Swikers who are already well into

their first project. Welcome Rabbi Salzman, we are so excited to have you on our team. We had an amazing first swim by the pool and some of us swam at Orchard Hill Park.

After we returned to camp we were treated to the most fantastic magician and mentalist David Levitin!! We had two separate shows.



The younger half of camp had a comedic magic show and the older half had a mentalist/magic show. He fooled us all with trick after trick. How does Rafi Weinraub always get called up for the entertainers? It must be his amazing smile. We ended the day with a crazy fun game called find your group™. Each boy tried as hard as he can to find the missing people from his group. In the end it was team BANG!! Who got everyone together and won the game. Chevra X had already started on day 1 but they

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went all –in on day two with refreshing Rita’s ices. Cotton candy, wild cherry, blue raspberry had the lucky campers refreshed and begging for doubles, and triples.

On Thursday was the first awesome trip in camp. We all loaded the air-conditioned beautiful busses and headed off to Thrillz and Jumps. The younger

division also headed out to the gorgeous Ruach Hachayim

park. In Jumps and Thrillz campers and counselors all jumped, tumbled, dove and climbed all over, as they had a blast



testing their limits on all the obstacles and trampolines. There was trampoline

volleyball, soccer and two different ninja warrior courses. As Zisha was making his third attempt at the rock wall, Rabbi Peikes was flying down the zip line at full speed. After two hours of soaring through the air, it was time to get back on the coach busses to take a very slow and scenic trip home. That traffic must



have been people trying to sign up for Camp Chevra.

Chevra X wasn’t done yet. After a league game they had another short jaunter to Rose Hill Lane for a BBQ and pool party. Rabbi “Chef” Peikes grilled burgers and hot dogs which had the lucky campers refreshed and begging for doubles, and triples. Hmmm I see a trend developing here.

Friday is the last day of the week but it won’t stop us from having another amazing day at camp. With ice cream parties, sports, crazy raffle and even Shabbos party for the youngest bunks. As the leagues take shape and the competition heats up we cant wait for week 2 here in camp!!

Things To Look Forward To

Monday: **Bowling Trip**

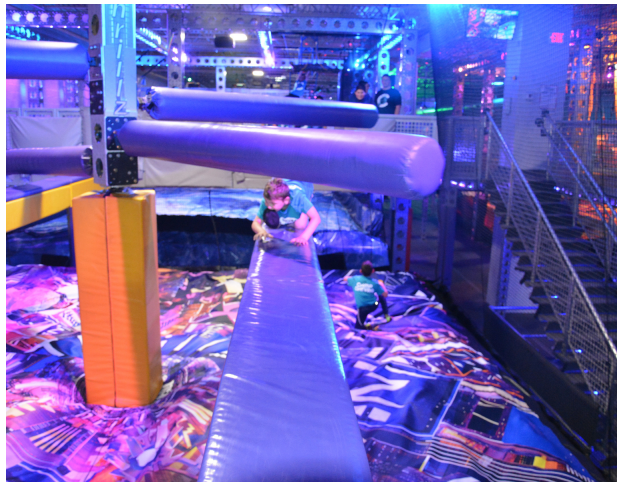
Tuesday: Yes, we have camp, Camp Chevra does everything right.

Wednesday: **X-treme Division Major Trip**

Thursday: Shiva Asar B’tamuz – Dismissal at 12:30PM

Friday: Ice Cream Day (hopefully)

**HAVE A
GREAT SHABBOS**







Dear Parents,

In this week's פרשה חקת, פרשת חקת, we learn about the story of the נחש נחשת בני ישראל. בני ישראל complained to משה רבנו about not having food to eat. ה' punished בני ישראל for this by sending snakes, and many members of בני ישראל were killed. בני ישראל realized their mistake and begged משה רבנו to daven to ה' to remove the snakes. ה' accepted בני ישראל's תשובה, but instead of removing the snakes, ה' instructed משה רבנו to make a copper snake and place it on a pole. ה' explained that anyone who was bitten by a snake must look at this copper snake and would then be healed.

The מפרשים were puzzled by this strange solution. Why didn't ה' just remove the snakes and prevent any more casualties? What was the purpose of having people bitten by snakes and then healed? Rav Mattisyahu Solomon answers this question by analyzing Rashi's explanation of בני ישראל's complaint. Rashi explains that בני ישראל were worried that now that the מן was no longer falling they would no longer be able to survive. The reason for this was that the מן was completely absorbed by the body, and there was never a need for anyone's body to digest food and perform bodily functions. חז"ל say that if one would understand the extent of the נם that goes on every time he performs bodily functions, he would send a letter to his family every time reassuring them that he survived the danger. בני ישראל were concerned that since for forty years their bodies had completely absorbed their food, they were no longer capable of surviving this process.

Rav Mattisyahu Solomon explained that since the complaint of בני ישראל came from fear, simply punishing them would cause them to do תשובה, but would not erase the fear. Therefore ה' made בני ישראל look at the נחש נחשת after being bitten by a snake. It was well known that in order to survive a snakebite, one must try and avoid looking at the snake that bit him. By forcing בני ישראל to look at the נחש נחשת, something completely against nature, ה' was teaching them to trust in him and to overcome their fears. That being said, removing the snakes would not have accomplished this and instead בני ישראל needed the נחש נחשת.

In Camp Chevra, we also try and teach our talmidim to overcome the natural urge to take the summer "off" at the expense of their עבודת ה'. With our excellent Rebbeim and exciting curriculum, baruch Hashem, we have already seen some great shteiging. We look forward to a summer of ruchnius where every talmid has an עלייה. Have a great Shabbos.

Sincerely,

Noam Peikes

"It's so nice to finally meet you in person"- Mr greenfield/ "mordechai loves to read your articles"- mrs rubin/ "theres nothing else I'd rather read on Shabbos afternoon" – elon musk / "this is my favorite article"- Nissim black/ "these articles are delicious"- moshe schiller/ "Who even is this cpdubbs guy?"- dov kelman / "camp starts Tuesday"- Bentzy preiserovitz at the 100 ride barbecue/ "you better not be doing these articles again"- rabbi pikes, dov karoli/ "you gotta be careful what you say around here cuz you never know when you'll be in the quote of the week" - noam bechhoffer, 2012 chevra shmooz/ "stop calling me avi haas avocado" avi haas AVOCADO

Presenting... Edward The Dog, Edward The Cat

By Chat CPW

I was gonna try to avoid my old habit of the first article being a list of names, but what can I do- there are so many names! We welcomed back somany old faces, shua shanker was walking towards me, I thought it was to say hi but then he just took my speaker. Nachi fried and aryeh smith blasted tunes on the pool bus elisha kohn aryeh Rosenfeld Binyomin berman came to krank up the party. For staff we had the famous doni kleinbart, eitan pollack and of course eliyahu Nisenbaum. some ohr Reuven guys came for these days before yeshiva camp starts, like Shloimy Goldstein and eli Fleisher, and Also yesh od 'arry bakamp. In the pool we had the inseparable Yakov okolica and yomo levenshteyn and soon it started to rain cus jonny ginsbert jumped in and splashed all the water out of the pool. Also it was raining. Abie halpert organized a steal the salami game for bunk 2 that lasted a whopping three hours – but Shlomo topo was like, bro letzz have leagues already! At least ginzberg had the highscore for normal music. Who else came is Daniel benshlomo dovi kaplovitz akiva kahana and Menachem Goldstein came to keep up shabat shalom traditions. Also shoutout to doni stern aka Donatello.

Well leagues it wasn't cus it was wet so we had a rectangular game in the gym that involve me standing on tzvi karps head. Later we all went down to play a fun family feud game where we named our favorite presidents, types of shoes, and of cours animals that start with e. rabbi Jacob Sherman ran the whole game and for some of the less known Estarting behaimos, please refer to the title. Another one was elk. The winner got cookies and treats. We also had very nostalgic songs from 2003 to enhance the game because I couldn't connect to the speaker. I sense a conspiracy theory

Wenzay (yup that's today because that's when I'm writing this) was bright and sunny, and most of all dry (at least the beginning) so we began real sports (bunk games, but davey shiller wants real leaggs...) so we had supersonic, newcom over der, and of course wel that's actually it but if you want the mvp ok you'll have to ask someone who was watching the game. I had to provide musical accompany ment to all the fields with jake and elija hynamin. Also shoutout to zimermins cuz I have to. For lunch we had lunch, and if you don't have lunch, rabbi pykes was so pumped to announce that we also have tuna fish and jelly (jellyfish?) he then proceeded to hand out portions that he blessed. Everyone rocked to the chai olamim song, sung by tani kahana.

Finally we had a magic show by David levitation, and after getting all the dogs back in, he took out a dove and a real bunny. He also guessed meir's card and produced smelly socks. Yonatan stein became a purple wizard and Chanoch Lowenstein taught the magician how to do magic with rings. Finally he shrunk his head too small and then the show was over. Last we had a game of drills and thumps where we all got papers with words on them. All the sounds in the room were deafening. Just ask levi balsam. Tomorrow is thrills and jumps and I don't know what happened cuz it didn't happen yet, but let's go rock it and I'll see you in the series! Have that crezzi shabos and till next time

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