

THE CHEVRA SHMOOZE

Week 2 began where week 1 left off. Yup, it was raining...again. Once again we stared the rain in the face...and got wet. Actually we plan so well ahead that in March we reserved the bowling alley knowing that it would rain on July 3. So off we went to Montvale Lanes.

As the campers piled in, the pins starting falling down. Many campers were getting strikes and spares and really getting great scores. It was such a



pleasure watching bunk Levi all get higher scores than their counselor.

“Let the good times roll” screamed Yonah Moshen as he got his fourth strike in a row. Actually, he said “RABBI SHERMAN RABBI SHERMAN FOUR IN A ROW!!!!” As he ended his game with a 139 it was more than enough to be the camp Chevra camper’s high score. With a chorus of “Yonah Yonah Yonah” he was announced as the slush winner. While no one beat Rabbi Sherman’s 174 or his 153(except for Rabbi Peikes who beat both, I hate when that happens) it was still an awesome day of bowling.



When we got back to camp it was time for league games. As the leagues are getting fierce the standings are all so close. Its just a few games in and already it’s a fight for first place.



On Tuesday we had camp!! What better way to celebrate our freedom than to be free in camp and have a great time running around in the rain totally drenched. Yes, as we got to the pool the skies opened up and it was really coming down. We ended up back in camp and played who wants to be a millionaire. Question after question went up on the board and each bunk had to use their real intellect and knowledge to come up with the right answer. After 20 question it was bunk Yakov and the brainy Abie Halpert who got every question correct to win the right to play game #2 which was Deal or no Deal. After choosing case 14 it was only downhill from there. He was offered popcorn, slushes, sodas and jumbo ices but his greed got the better of him and his bunk and they turned down the offer. In the end they ended up with 31 dollars which got them the privilege of cleaning the lunchroom after lunch. They turned that down as well. Gershon Korn led our Juniors in an exciting game of bean-go which is bingo with beans (as a rebbi I make a lot of corny jokes).

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By the time the game was over we still had time for a league game. This was followed up with a monsoon dismissal and some very wet head counselors. This explains why they were walking around barefoot.

Wednesday bought with it sun and heat. As we had an amazing time at the pool, we followed that up with some amazing league games. Swikers were sanding, drilling and screwing their boxes together as

their master pieces all came together. The painting process is finishing up as well as their projects all look simply stunning. We ended the day

with a new game called Chevra Top Golf. Each bunk tried their hand in getting an array of golf balls, tennis balls and hockey balls into the targets. Bunk Aharon cheated and bunk Yakov says that they tied. While this was going on, our X-treme was having their X-treme



trip. They started off with real top-golf with Rabbi Peikes hitting a 158 yard drive dead center, Kobi Goldfarb hitting 172 yards, and Sruli Rosen hitting Nesanel Roizman. Shlomo Eichler enjoyed the soda while the Gongola brothers defeated all the other brothers on the trip.



Bowling followed and after the air conditioned break, which was highlighted by Harry getting three balls stuck in the gutter



at the same time, the happy campers headed over to boating and tubing. After a short hour and half delay sponsored by WAWA, they were on their way.



Avraham and Moshe set the record after submerging 3 seconds in, while Moshe Berman was unsinkable. Pizza for supper ended a most successful trip.

Thursday started beginning of the three weeks. As it was a fast day, which went by very slow, we had a vide to help us all realize the importance of treating others with respect and kindness. Friday is Ice Cream day but now it is Thursday so I can't explain further.

A Partial List of Things To Look Forward To Next Week

Monday: Candy Crush etc...

Tuesday: Wacky Races

Thursday: **Grand Trips Camel Beach**

**HAVE A
GREAT SHABBOS**









CAMPERS OF THE WEEK

1A	Tzvi Kaff	
1B	JJ Zlotnick	Chaim Gelb
1C	Akiva Villinsky	Chaim Roth
Avraham	Shlomo Toporowitz	Avi Sendrovic
Yitzchok	Tzvi Rand	Yosef Szanzer
Yaakov	Bentzion Steinman	Yitzy Sherman
Moshe	Ari Tenenbaum	Gavriel Adler
Ahron	Shaul Eichorn	
Dovid	Chanoch Lowenstein	Avrumi Ginsberg
Reuven	Doni Broyde	
Shimon	Dovi Saks	Joe Taub
Levi	Calev Moskovitz	Yomo Gutman
Yehuda	Chaim Stern	Baruch Goldenberg
Yissachar	Meir Rubin	Akiva Kahan
Zevulun	Dovi Josephson	Shimmy Stern
Extreme A	Gavriel Halpert	
Extreme B	Shlomo Eichler	Moishy Kaplowitz
Head Staff	Zisha F	CPW

"you mean to tell me supersonic and newcomer aren't real sports?"- shak/ "nostalgic music from 2003! Great line!"- rabbi Sherman/
"there, I solved the problem"- r' pikis as he cuts a hole in a bus tire/ "there are a lot of good things about you"- song/ "I hate that song!
Never play that song!"- donni gynsburg/ when I was a kid, they had frogs in the pool"- mrs zimmerman/ "this article leaves much to be
desired, including many fundamental literary elements"- dov kelman/ "whatever you do, keep doing it, cuz it's working"- Donny weinraub

I'm A Sheep

By Sheepy Dubbsh

What gets wetter the more it dries? You guessed it, it's- You, when you went swimming and your towel got rained on- but more on that later. Dovi saks was steering his evil pirate ship on Thursday (last week) we passed a truck of cows and zebras- but other than that we got to thrillz uneventfully. Rabbi sherm chickened last minute from doing the monkey bars, so giraf harry did it instead. I had a foam blok war with Naftali rubin, Yisroel Shulman and eli rubin, and the line for the ladder grew as huda Stansky took every selfie imaginable from the top. I was so wiped that I collapsed on the trampoline- but that didn't end well cuz chaim hutman tripped over me to get to the zipline. On the way back wiskey wicentowsky whisked away Avraham hellmans Avraham cap and put it on rafi Weinraub, so rafi became Avraham, and moshe zydel put on meaningful people podcast. Also we danced with momo, dubi glassman, tzvi rand and yosef josefson.

There wasn't any special activity on Friday.

This week we got to hear our leag teams, ranging from the dizzerdoos to the kaboozies and swikericious sessions commenced, staffed by the famouche Binyamin heinamonster and Daniel gotesman aka the gote. Aryeh smith and mordechai Eisenberg made cool painted shirts and Yisroel Shulman had black gloves. Rabbi saltsman led chazanus and gave out scratchoffs galor, then zisha took the speaker and played music from five years ago. Bla bla bla. Rabbi shermin plays old music. Rabbi pikis doesn't like my music. Zisha has curly payos. Next

On tosdai the only people who didn't get wet were the people who went in the pool. I put my towel and shirt in the first aid kit, so they stayed dry, but basically everything else got wet, so YY fried wore his Shabbos shoes to camp. Since they were all wet anyway, TUNNNNZ of staff came in the pool today (wez) and made a big splash as swikers got double swim. Yesterday there was one shift for everyone, but today First shif was medium divizion then oldies and pre1a and shaya genut/ zevi Jacobs went in pants. SOO worth it. Wen we all went back on the bus (not buses) we had to hold on tight, but we all got back ok. Then we had the fourth game show activity this week. Rabbashirmin was telling a story and called up yitz but yitx forgot his lines so they just broke out color war instead. There is a lot of talk about Olympics lately ("I think the breakout is gonna be robbers"- meir weil) so Yakov stam wrote a fake day on the bored to confuse everyone. he also wrote other stuff. Shoutout Yakov Moeller with cheek star. Rabbi sherm already used lilililili song for camp song, so what will we use for Olympic song? ("how bout shwekey first album?" r' pikes, zisha, etc) we'll have to see...

Special activity today is golf ball. Your turn

Monday dawned brite and sunni as we boarded buses for bowling. This is the first time I remember not getting lost on the way, and it was all uphill. R sherm, pikas zishka etc said if you beat me you get slush, so rabbi pikis got slush for yona moshen and dani shonfeld, and zisha got for everyone else in camp. We had unicorn tzvi Klein scoring all the goals and aryeh kreisman/asher zucker chasing eitan pollik, and crazy music (I feel like I'm talking too much about the music. [r pykys: "yah."] good thing the three weeks came just in time, just when I can't listen to the "soon the day will come" song any more. [r pykys: "me too"] hav an easy fast (awk you're reading this after the fast) and keep rokkin till nex tweek

Chaim Pesach Weiss

Everyone's Favorite Head Staff Member

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

ל' (נשא יא:תנחומא) say there were three times that משה רבינו was startled by commands that ה' gave him. These מצוה which he was being taught, were very perplexing to him:

- 1) ה' commanded each Jew to give one half שקל calling it, “כפר נפש” (a redemption for their soul). משה רבינו wondered, considering how precious and valuable life is, how could one simply redeem himself with a small coin?
- 2) ה' commanded that the משכן, be built in a place where He could *dwell*. משה רבינו wondered how mere humans could possibly produce a resting place for the Infinitely Great G-d?
- 3) In our פרשה ה', commanded that קרבן תמיד כלל ישראל-ל bring the Daily Offering, calling it “an offering for Me”. משה רבינו wondered how כלל ישראל-ל could offer anything sufficient enough for ה'?!

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