

# THE CHEVRA SHMOOZE

If you thought that week 2 couldn't be better than week 1, than you are new to Camp Chevra. The week started off with a bang (July 4<sup>th</sup> pun intended) as we all shteiged away in our fabulous learning



groups. We noticed Yitz working very hard with Eli Smith (who works in slow motion) and wondered what treat was in store. We found out pretty quickly, as the brand new super cool t-shirts were given out. Chaim Ansbacher thought we had given him a Chevra dress when he realized there is a difference between Youth XL and Men's XL (Yitz and Ezzy Katz were sympathetic).

We were now ready for the start of our super competitive yet fun filled leagues. The sportsmanship was great, and even Jacob managed to win a game (miracles happen). The standings are really close as the teams are playing with all their heart, unfortunately hearts can't shoot basketballs, so some teams have more wins than others. Of course if leagues have started, that means our world famous, unmatched, Swikers program is underway as well. Rabbi Oppen continues to come up with amazing ideas, and contributes to the global rising costs of lumber. We can't wait to see what the first project will look like, but I took a close look at Yisroel Shulman's project and now I have blue paint on my nose.



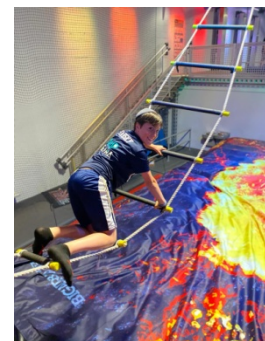
The day included a refreshing swim and some more amazing sports and we still had time for a special activity. We played switch. (This is shocking to some.)

There were nine different stations and each bunk tried as hard as they could to get as many points as possible. From football throw to the cup stack there was so much fun had by all (Azi Wolf figured a way to cheat in this too). We then took our t-shirts home because.....



Tuesday was trip day in camp Chevra. Five busses, two vans, and Donny Kleiman's private jet lined up to take the entire camp on their amazing trips. The older boys went to Jumpz and Thrillz (which Rabbi Sherman and CPW love cause their spelling is as bad as their own) while the younger campers went to Chuck E.

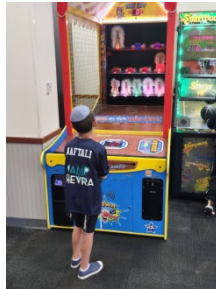
Cheese in Paramus. The campers excitedly loaded the coach busses and were off to an amazing day of jumping, twisting, swinging and bouncing. Akiva Deutch did a triple back flip while Jacob Berkowitz went flying off the balance rope. Eli Gewirtzman did a circus swinging act as the Heinemann boys had a blast by the bowling pit. Gedalia Siklos was amazing at the obstacles, but even he was grateful for the airbags. In the



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meantime the younger boys were playing all the arcades and got fabulous prizes.

Naftali Klein threw the ball so hard at the knock down clowns that he didn't just get tickets; he has a court date as well. Then everyone got free drinks (technically not free, because we did pay for it, but you know what we mean) and had such a amazing time having the whole camp to themselves when they returned.



You'll never guess what happened next. Wednesday, that's what. We had another beautiful day of sunshine. After sports and refreshing swims, we had a Game Show Extravaganza in the lunchroom. Bunk

Levi came prepared as Mordechai Amsel, the hero of his bunk, single



handedly obliterated the competition by knowing all the answers. We also found out that root beer is more popular than sprite, and that the bus is not a means of transportation. Apparently walking is, but our staff doesn't know that. They knew every other answer and won it for their bunks. All the bunks had to know about what Shabbos foods you eat, names of sodas, Jewish singers and many more questions in who wants to be a millionaire. We ended the day with bunk Levi and bunk Shimon winning the special activity and getting ice-cream for their bunks.

On Thursday at was off to the fields to play leagues and sports. After a refreshing swim we came back to camp and played a game called crack the code. After finding all 25 codes the bunk had to figure out the hidden message. Bunk Don, didn't stop for one second, and was victorious. They got all the codes and figured out that camp chevra is truly the best. Great effort Donny and bunk Shimon



and Honorable mention to Celnik and Halpert but you were just not quick enough. A special shout out to Abie Shenker who missed the win by two letters. The Pre1a kids

played an exciting game of Bingo

The Chevra x crew was having a great time as well. Competitive leagues, refreshing ices and snacks, make for a great way to end the day. Playing Supersonic is so much fun, but Yitz will have to pay for the six car windows he broke with his shot. (His car window was open hmmmm.) On Thursday they took a trip to 94 Pitch and Putt where batting cages and mini golf were made available for all. Rabbi Peikes hit 85 MPH in the batting cages and Doniel Ginsberg Hit 27 MPH on the Thruway. Pizza and soda made it even better. Friday is Guess who, but you will have to guess as well because I am writing this newsletter on Thursday. Have a great Chevra Shabbos, big things are coming.



Dear Parents,

In this week's פרשה חקת, פרשת נחש נחשת, 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

"your articles are always great"- doni kleiman/ "I didn't think you were capable of spelling my name any worse"- rabbi pookis/ "what's your name?"- yitz to a kid by giving out shirts/ "what's your name?"- rabbi Sherman to his son by rubix cube challenge/ "ask me for a shoutout"-me

## Not For The General Public By Sippy Cup

Whoa, after last week's fiasco, you know you're really a lucky ducky if you get to read my article the week it was written for. Yitz tried to leave it out, but he got too many complaints, so he's just back to the sharpie. BTW, after reading rabbi paikus's articles last year, I felt my IQ go down a couple points so forgive any shortcomings. Eitherwho (#RabbiReich4Life) I left off at the end of Wednesday, and apparently by extra there was an intense game with dani ginZberg chasing someone. All videos are on the chat.

Thursday brought with it bright prospects of winning the Rubiks (did someone say meir rubin?) cube championship. All the pre1a jc's were stammering to win and the floor was snatched from right under gavi itzkowitz's hands by zevi cooper and chanoch Lowenstein who had the cube solved before Daniel could start the music. Eitan (or is it Efraim?) Zimmerman lost and found his glasses and yitz took the credit, noam deutsch rooted the cubers on waving his cool bandana flag and chaim ansbacher sat at the side eating frozen celery. (I didn't know unicorns eat celery)

Rabbi Sherman was in his prime. He called out, "Zisha" (that's just his nickname for whoever controls the music) "play something jewish" (an upgrade from last year when he said play something normal) unfortunately, his DJ was DJ ginzberg. Acapella Coffin dance or harry potter is dead? (those are jewish, right? Of course, harry is iraeli!)

Swikers started this week led by dovi wiggle and choni mazorov. Other staff are there less often. We had a lot of visitors lately in camp. The first was rabbi gonter, a friend of rabbi pikkies who works in a different branch of chevra. He came to get some ideas to use for his camp. Next we had DJ shua BEARDMONSTER (rabbi Shermans words, not mine. At least not only mine) and finally on monday, elimelech smith, a friend of yosef and Yehuda friedman's father, who came to help with the website, and other stuff. Rabbi pykis showed him his new orange chevra shirt and the giving out of camper shirts went as smoothly as it could given the circumstances. We even got names on them. Mine says "Fleischer." Later that day we played switch. there we saw an intense competition between aron silber and aron silber. Just noting- I just made this one font size smaller. "you have to give rabbi reich a shoutout."- rabbi piikees. "of course. I always give him a shoutout when we go on a trip."-me. And you know what else I have to write? "TRIP?!?"- Dani ginzberg.

Thrillz and jumpz. Spelled wrong and for once it's not my fault. Now not only do we have sunburn and bug bites, but now rug burn too. Still it was awesome. It was even better than the ohr Reuven trip to urban air, rabbi pykiss assured we would hav the WHOLE place to ourselves. Yehuda atedgi and yomo gutman jumped the hurdles, and rabbi sherm did the zipline, which was later closed for repairs. On the bus we had fun music too loud to be blocked out by karoly's one airpod. Today. (wed.) we had WHO WANTS TO BE A MILLIONAIRE (brought to you by reb shayala's kitchen) and the winner was 3A, led by Ginzy and the screeching DJ Yossi newman, who apparently knows Shabbos foods better than milchig ones. Rabbi Sherman pretended he knows popular jewish music (no one said it has to be normal) and bunk 5 wrote a rap in protest of his choices. Just another week in CAMP CHEVRA!

*Chaim Pesach Weiss*

Rest up cuz nex week is KRESSSSY MAN! have a great shabbatt and we'll chill.

*Celebrated Columnist*

<b>RITA'S CAMPER OF THE WEEK</b>	
<b>P-A</b>	<b>Yair Flohr and Ezra Koenig</b>
<b>P-B</b>	<b>Yisroel Pomerantz</b>
<b>P-C</b>	<b>Tzvi Singer</b>
<b>Avraham</b>	<b>Yisroel Weinberger</b>
<b>Yitzchok</b>	<b>Chaim Wiedermann</b>
<b>Yaakov</b>	<b>Gavriel Adler and Davey Schiller</b>
<b>Reuvein</b>	<b>Michael Katz and Heshy Loeb</b>
<b>Shimon</b>	<b>Ephraim Zimmerman</b>
<b>Levi</b>	<b>Mordechai Amsel and Ari Lipszyc</b>
<b>Yehuda</b>	<b>Calev Moskovitz</b>
<b>Yissachar</b>	<b>Meir Rubin and Huda Stansky</b>
<b>Zevulan</b>	<b>Dovi Josephson</b>
<b>Dan</b>	<b>Gavriel Halpert</b>
<b>Extreme 1</b>	<b>Yishai Flohr and Shimon Greenspan</b>
<b>Extreme 2</b>	<b>Moshe Schiller</b>



