

I can't believe another week is in the books here in camp Chevra. Things were really heating up as we started week 3, but we weren't going to let 90-degree weather get in our way. Monday started off with geshmake learning, and leagues and swim. We really stretched our limits throughout the day, as the entire camp was collecting, connecting, and stretching their rubber bands as far as the possibly can go (one kid stretched it so far, we are still not sure where he landed). As



we got closer to the end of the day each bunk went out to the field and saw all their hard work being pulled and stretch across the campgrounds. As they went around the light poll and crossed the 400-foot mark it was bunk Shimon with Donny Kleiman, and Bunk Dan with Sruli Rosen. As they



got to the 550-foot mark Bunk Dan started feeling the pressure as their rope started getting very tight. It actually stretched longer than the early carpool

arrivals (and that is very far). At 698 feet Bunk Shimon was declared the rubber band winner as their string made it the longest(it pays to have your counselor be the Head Counselor's first cousin). After the thousands of bands were collected it was time for this amazing stretchy day to come to a snapping halt, except for Moishy Bernstein who is still trying to untangle himself. Abie Shenker thought that was funny. On Tuesday we had a packed day here at camp and all over the world. The pre-1a division (Rabbi Sherman's favorite)

made their way to ruach hachayim park (sometimes known as Riach Hachaim park) where they had an amazing time swinging and flying on the amazing zip line. The X-treme division lived up to their names as they went on an x-treme adventure. First, they were off the FLG X adventure course. After reciting a quick viduy, the brave campers harnessed themselves in and double clicked their way through the obstacles. Did I mention they were



40 feet above the ground? Binyamin Bussany flew way ahead of everyone, and he was the first to jump off the platform while holding a rope as he grabbed onto the net. He was brave. I was not. Then they were off to Lakeview Marina for speed boating and tubing. Avromi Kopstick hung



of dear life, while Daniel Haas (whose bar mitzvah was Sunday, Mazal Tov) did a double barrel roll

and bounced on the water three times before plopping in. His first words were "that was fun, can I do that again?"

While this was going on, the Swikers division went on a hike. It



was nice and shady, and everyone had a blast. Except for Zishe, his feet hurt. Back in camp the middle division was treated to a fabulous performance by Cousin Nochum. Cousin Nochum wowed the crowd as he did magic, juggling and many



other amazing tricks. He was able to stand on a massive blue ball, juggle 5 balls, all while 200 kids

were hoping he would fall flat on your face (he didn't). It was a real funny time watching Sir Rayvich smack Cousin Nachum on the back while he stuffed apples in his mouth (extra credit if you can figure out who stuffed apples into whose mouth). As the show came to a close Rabbi Sherman and Yitz played a special version of Pictionary. All yitz had to do was guess that Rabbi Sherman was drawing, which is always easier than guessing what he is writing. If he would have guessed it was 14 lamas riding Segways, the whole camp would have gotten Slurpees. However, he didn't so instead they broke out.....

Olympic Day. Pre-1a continued to do their amazing arts and crafts projects with Morah Mindy Sherman, and they



are amazing. The two teams, blue and red were announced, and the games began. Sruli Rosen General of the team of blue lead his team out to the races on the first day together with his four assistant lieutenant generals. It was a blur of red and blue as the boys all ran their hearts out to try to get the points for their teams. Mayer Freund raced 16 times while Huda Stansky won 4 different races. Not sure how that happened. After activities and basketball in the pool it was team time to learn the amazing cheer songs for the teams. Then

came day two of Olympics, and things got very intense. The scores were close, so every point mattered. Blue team felt very confident about their chances as Jacob was absent and that improved their odds. After very competitive sports it was off to lunch. A game of deal or no deal was played, and a very important lesson was learned. My mother always said greed is a bad deed. With the blue team being offered 340,000 dollars they went for the big paycheck and hoped to get 750,000 smackaroos. They picked the wrong case and ended up with only 400 dollars. The red team went next and just played it safe. They won the game and got the points needed to possibly win Olympics outright. Once the plays started it was all fun and games and also a bit of chaos. I'm still wondering why the entire blue team kept marching back and forth and why the zoo was taking a flight to Ukraine. We also cannot figure out why CPW has 36 costumes while Daniel Ginsberg has only one. The cheer songs were amazing, and the scores were ready to be announced. This year Olympics 2022 was won by the team of REEEEDDDDD!!! That's right Meir Halpert and the Red wrecking crew came through and won Olympics this year. Everyone did a great job, and it was really so much fun. Extra then went to the Fortgang chateau for a swim and BBQ and they all wanted doubles. Friday is coming which means cholent, kishka, and kugel which is my favorite part of the week. Stays tuned for our amazing grand trips and have an amazing shabbos.

Dear Parents,

In this week's פרשה, פרשת בלק, we learn about the story of בלעם's trip to מדין and subsequent conversation with his donkey. When בלעם's donkey refused to travel further, בלעם started beating it, and the donkey said

“מה עשיתי לך כי הכיתני זה שלש רגלים” *what have I done to you that you hit me these three times*. Rashi brings down the מדרש that says, that when the donkey said “שלש רגלים” it was a רמז to the fact that he was trying to stop ‘h’s nation from being עולה רגל. Rav Shimon Shwab ZT”L asks why was this specific מצוה singled out for בלעם at this time?

Rav Schwab answers that in reality the donkey was trying to tell בלעם the reason it wouldn't take even one more step forward. The reason was, that the donkey didn't want to take even one step against the will of ‘h. The גמרא in סוטה says that if there are two shuls in one neighborhood, a person should daven at the farther of the two and get the extra “שכר פסיעות” *reward for each step*. The מהר”ל says, that this concept is unique to this מצוה, as we don't find any other מצוה that you get a greater reward for going further unnecessarily. This idea of שכר פסיעות comes from being עולה רגל for the שלש רגלים, and since the בית הכנסת is a מקדש מעט the concept applies to it as well.

This is what the donkey was trying to tell בלעם. Just like by the שלש רגלים one is rewarded for every step he takes, when one is on his way to do something wrong he gets punished for every step. Therefore the donkey refused to even go one more step once he realized it was against the will of ‘h. Here in Camp Chevra we also try and keep our entire summer geared towards growth in Ruchniyus making every step and every moment count for שכר פסיעות. Have a great Shabbos.

Sincerely,

Noam Peikes

"I'll read your articles when I get a hard copy"- dovi weezel/ "I love to see your smiling face every day"- ari krasnow/ "your articles are great"-eitan&Efraim Zimmerman/ "I didn't get the jokes"- yoel shneerson/ "bro, hook me up with those articles"- the schnitzel guy/ "cgndies, cookies treats and elk."-rabbi galbut

Ok so I came to the realization that I keep starting my articles with some interjection. "whoo." "wow." "whoa." Honestly, I'm pretty ashamed that that could have happened. It's like this is turning into a rabbi shurmin article. It's sad. That's why I decided to start this article with this whole rant. We have to change it up. We can't be predictable. This leads me to my next embarrassment. I've been giving too many shoutouts to the same people. dani ginzberg. Rabbi pilkis. Yossi numin. Here's the problem: I want to give shoutouts to everyone but I don't just fill up my article with names. I fill it with newsworthy news. If you want shoutouts, I need your help. Come with a funny mask. Wear a crazy hat. Do a flip. Start a running camp joke. You guys are crazy- just let it show. Now that we got all that out of the way, without further ado I present you:

"I Look Sluhpees"

By Seepy Dubbz

I actually had the greatest idea ever which entails that we basically do the entire article completely out of order, so yeah. (I think I actually did this in past years, just I didn't call myself out.) So all the counslors are looking from one to the other like, ok this is it, but then it wasn't. avrumi rayvich put down the plates he was spinning and matanel, chaim gershuny (but NOT avrumi kopstiq) put down their hockey sticks and sat on the edges of their seats (and tables, and floors, etc.) as rebba shirminn "casually" walks up and decides to do ANOTHER special activity, right then and there, five minutes before the end of the day (which means most of the parents have already been waiting there for half an hour.) after tackling dani the BLUE shirt chasid, almost killing Jacob (heh heheh) and hearing blindfolded yitz's whistle, we announced it's OLYMPICS 2022!! (doni stern dodged for cover to protect his camera.) I actually got very little sleep that night. I wanted to go but Eisenberger and Nachum rifer kept me up late with all their awesome play ideas, all of which we sent to the email of a different branch of chevra for yitz to see (It was hard, I was missing the baseball game AND the party at sruli rosen's house. That's what we do for Olympics.)

The staff came in KRAZILI with capes glasses and dog in pajamas (who IS that savage?) there were great signs, like "red a shidduch" and helium balloons but soon there were less. trak and skitz CREAMED, (some staff were writing their skit since chanuka) and it didn't happen yet so I don't know, but I'm sure they'r COMPLETELY NUTS. It's funny, I saw avi Greenbaum in camp this week I guess that should have given it away that it's Olympics. Oh well.

Thursday (last week) was called crack the code, which was won by Naftali elbaum and Daniel greenfield, but then rabbi shermin quickly stuffs his phone in his pocket and CHEATS and he be like: oh, I'm so sorry, you have to find all the clues even though that wasn't in the rules, and also I have to cheat so my son wins." Monday (the 11th) was nachi kohn's birthday, and he was pied with blue donuts by eli karash and moshe Weisberg. Other than that and the traffic on newcounty road, it was uneventful- but it gave me a great title. Sunday was quasi camp day. Dani Ginberg got his second shoutout and Rafi and akiva weinraub's father came (but he forgot his kids at home.) and we had a fun game of zigazoot, won by davey shiller and Daniel haas's dad. We had Dj Yossi Newman (the small one from vegas) and Donny the green shirt guy, (ARG!) who helped uncle Jason teach us some cool dance moves. Rabbi pykice later came cuz he heard there's coke and pepsi- how disappointed he was that there was no fresca. Even shammai and Dovid kanner had a blast watching rabbi robinson walk on the ceiling.

Tuesday (yesterday) was a TRIP and TRIP and TRIP (TRIP?) and most of the camp went nowhere. Gavi itzkowitz, shnur kurkis and Avraham pellz, plus other campers, had fun at the park (PARK?) and swikers went on a FANTASTIC hike near ritas. As for extreme, it seems that Michoel mouse no longer works for chevra proper, so their trip will have to remain a mystery. Print out my article so you can read it over Shabbos (anyone notice rabbi sherman's article was funnier this week? I bet there's some cheating going on here. Jaaacab!!) and I'll see YOOOOOU (yes that means even you) on munnday for som more chevra goodness. Till nexx time

Chaim Pesach Weiss

Color War General

RITA'S CAMPER OF THE WEEK	
P-A	Yitz Sherman
P-B	Shlomo Toporowitz
P-C	Yosef Josephson
Avraham	Zevi Baum
Yitzchok	Shlomo Gelman and Asher Zucker
Yaakov	Mordechai Rubin and Aviel Salvay
Reuvein	Avraham Hellman and Aryeh Genack
Shimon	Shmuel Strimling
Levi	Moshe Elbaum and Asher Singer
Yehuda	Eli Baum
Yissachar	Akiva Deutsch and Yehuda Meir Schwartz
Zevulan	Binyamin Gruenebaum
Dan	Akiva Weinraub
Extreme 1	Avi Kram and Yossi Warum
Extreme 2	Daniel Haas



