

**Dear Parents,**

**Due to a technical issue our Chevra Shmooze for week five is no longer in existence, so here is a very shortened Erev Shabbos replacement:**

**Monday: We had Pizza day, as it was the first day of the half. After a rainstorm cancelled our swim, the sports were terrific, Swikers started their new projects, and the pre1-a had water activities. We then had our special activity of candy crush. We hope everyone brushed their teeth.**

**Tuesday: Trip Day. The pre1-a and Peak divisions went to Maple farms for the petting zoo, feeding the animal, hay rides, picnic, and much more. The rest of camp went bowling. Rabbi Peikes and Yitzi Friedman had the high scores, Rabbi Sherman didn't.**

**Wednesday: After geshmake learning, leagues began. The new teams were hard at play. We had a swimming and an extra special Pay Day special activity. Auctions were held and all bunks were winners.**

**Thursday: Final swim before the 9 days. Special activity of add it up didn't add up, so Yitz Greenbaum was declared the winner. Pre1a had arts and crafts. Chevra X had a swim and BBQ at the Kaplovitz's and the bingo winners earned slurpees.**

**Friday: Cholent and Kishka is always a winner. Rabbi Sherman and Yitz acted out an amazing story, and Shalom Gross beat Rabbi Peikes in football. Rabbi Sherman is happy. Pre1a had their weekly Shabbos party as well.**

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO THE REGULAR SHMMOZE NEXT WEEK.  
STAY TUNED FOR OUR HYPNOTIST SHOW AND CONTATA.**

כל דבר אשר יבוא באש תעבירו באש וטהר... (לא:כג).

**“Any object cooked in fire, must be purified through fire...”.**

At the end of the war with מדין, the Jewish victors were left with many spoils. In order to be able to use their newly won vessels of the gentiles they needed to kasher (purify) them, by removing the absorbed materials inside their walls. The formula for determining how to purify the vessel is simple, yet fascinating. רש"י states the rule, “however it was *used*, that’s how it must be *cleaned* out”. If a pot was used over an open fire, then this was the heat required to burn out the nonkosher from it. If it was used for roasting, then that was the heat required. If it was only used for cold items, they simply had to rinse it off!

This concept applies to our relationship with Hashem as well. We follow Hashem and strive to fulfill his מצוות everyday of our lives. Sometimes though we get sidetracked and commit an עבירה. Other times we get *very* sidetracked and commit a large עבירה! We then catch ourselves and desire to do תשובה. How is this to be done?

The Seforim tell us that whatever body part was used to עבירה, that limb must be used for service of Hashem. Also, however *enthusiastically* one acted to commit the עבירה, so too that is how much effort he must put in to repent! If, for example, one ran excitedly to go to a place that he should not have ventured, then in order to fully repent, he must correspondingly *run excitedly* to go to the Bais Midrash to learn or to daven! If one got distracted by a pleasurable עבירה and put in much thought to arrange for its actualization, then he should learn תורה and *exert* his mind to attain understanding.

The ארז"ל writes that when one goes to burn חמץ before פסח and he gets near the fire and begins to sweat, this gains him forgiveness for his עבירות which he exerted himself to do and and perspired while pursuing them! חמץ represents the Yetzer Hara and thus when one desires to *burn the חמץ* he is symbolically ridding himself of the Evil shackles. Thus, just as he welcomed the Yetzer Hara’s suggestions at an earlier time and exerted himself to do an עבירה, now, when he comes to receive a כפרה, he correspondingly breaks a sweat doing a Mitzvah!

רבינו יונה (Sha’arey Teshuva I:15) states that when דוד המלך felt that he had sinned to Hashem by following after his eyes, he *cried* to Hashem to forgive him. He used the exact body part which he sinned with to do his repentance.

The גמרא in בבא מציעא tells us that before ריש לקיש became the world renowned תלמיד חכם that he was, he was a most successful thief! His specialized in sly stealing and dishonesty. The Seforim point out a beautiful idea worth noting. After he repented and accepted upon himself the yoke of תורה, he raised to heights in the תורה world. What is amazing is the specific quality which he became known for. The גמרא in יומא tells us that any person whom ריש לקיש acknowledged as ***honest in business*** was unanimously accepted by all. ריש לקיש *became the epitome of honesty*. He took his bad trait and made it his strength! He transformed himself from being a *pathological liar* to a *passionate advocate of truth*!

Indeed, this is parallel to the purification of the vessels. If there is טמא, impure substances, inside them, the only way to remove it is to counter the Evil with an equally powerful surge of holiness! So in Camp Chevra we try and use what are distractions during the year and use them as “vessels” of good during the summer by teaching middos and derech eretz.

Sincerely,  
Noam Peikes

<b>RITA'S CAMPER OF THE WEEK</b>	
<b>P-A</b>	<b>Benny Klein</b>
<b>P-B</b>	<b>Yisroel Pomerantz</b>
<b>P-C</b>	<b>Dubi Glassman</b>
<b>Avraham</b>	<b>Yehuda Mandelbaum</b>
<b>Yitzchok</b>	<b>Yaakov Elbaum</b>
<b>Yaakov</b>	<b>Chaim Spivak and Shaya Spivak</b>
<b>Reuvein</b>	<b>Aryeh Glieberman and Avraham Hellman</b>
<b>Shimon</b>	<b>Shai Litenasky</b>
<b>Levi</b>	<b>Shaya Rubin and Shmuel Schwartz</b>
<b>Yehuda</b>	<b>Avi Fiskus</b>
<b>Yissachar</b>	<b>Yitzi Friedman and Doni Stern</b>
<b>Zevulan</b>	<b>Volvi Klein</b>
<b>Dan and Naftali</b>	<b>Dovid Benjamin and Shaya Frank</b>
<b>Extreme 1</b>	<b>Avrumi Goldberger</b>
<b>Extreme 2</b>	<b>Abie Shenker</b>

"why do you always give me shoutouts?" - one of the zimberminz/ "cuz you're the only ones who read my article" - me/ "we got a complaint about your article, someone said it wasn't so funny" - rabbi plikis/ "was it zisha, dovi weeeezel or rabbi sherminn?" - me/ I did get a complaint from Yehuda heinamin, however... "where's the sharpie?" / yitz: he's got a point... "I like slurpees" - gavi voss/ "your shirt reminds me of your articles" - tzvi the camraman aka binyomin heinamin's counselor

# Do It And You're Cool

By CP3

Fine, I'll stay for second half, said Yosef friedman as he left for second half, (he didn't actually say that otherwise it would be at the top of this page) and berman and berman left (whose name will I make fun of now? "me" - Blaker, r. Pykits, Wiggle, etc.) but all the new peeps came from foreign wide (some from pencilvania and some from Passaic. And some escaped the zoo. Jiraffi!) to give us all smiled faces. We welcomed Shloimy and izzy jake, the maintenance guys, Shlomo steeler fried, and eli fleicher, aka dani ginzber's jc. The kantine lost jakey bakey, but pinny josiff came to do so much fizzix that it was feeling hot even next to the slushes, and jerky has mysteriously gone up in price. (jakey, jerky, it's all the same...) dovi gurshoony left to go to boko, or moko, or maybe puko (#tomo contractions) (did someone say rabbi pookis?) and then came back a day later, and same with yona finer who came to visit his nephews, dovi, avrumi and Elchonon.

This week activities every day was like this. Siklos, erez and abie put stuff in the field. Kids all run out and collect it. Bring it in and count it up. Possibly eat it. (possibly give it to rabbi Weiss for his learning group- unless there's fourteen birthdays in one day, # mordymor, yair flor, Dovid moshowitz, tzvi hanfling, meir rubin (?) etc....) we had paidai and due to budget cuts and also cuz rabbi sherming just got a new porsch we had fake munny ("who's this?" says zimmerman pointing to moishy genuth) bowling.

Was crazy we got on the bus and like blah.

But then we got there and the balls were flying. Doni stern aka eli smith aka doni stern beat yitz with like ten strikes, and doni ginerg did the turkey dance. Jiraffi came to have fun and blaker threw the ball 23 miles per hour. Now rabbi pikefish has to share dentures with the guy that only eats herring and minced garlic. Moishe elbaum, Naftali rubin and Shmuel shwartz had top scores in the camp- but then came the real trip (TRIP?)

We get on the bus and la la la, we all be jus czyllin, and suddenly akiva deutch dovi kaplovitz osher vaksman Menachem Goldstein eli "vilna goyn" Klein Daniel "hakoyhain" greenfield and aron silber (plus others) shout : "sha sha shabat shalom to..." (you finish the sentence) hey, great idea. Since you're reading this on Shabbos (hopefully printed out off the website, till camp gets a sponsor for paper) you MUST do this on Shabbos- and spread the word...

Thursday was playoffs and all that stuff and I was reading rabbi piiikiss article and he's all running commentaryish about all the scores and I'd be like, "me broy, does w'all care?" (it's funny cuz last year in rabbi pikis forged "cpdubbs" article he's like: Jakob went into kapow and got kapopwed" and I'm reading that with furrowed brow, like, what in the world does that mean? But now I think I heard that there is, or was a league team called kapows, or something like that, and I'm like, oh, at least it isn't utter nonsense. [and rabbi pykys: no, I didn't have any of that in mind, it was really just utter nonsense]) cuz basically the main activity was ACTUALLY getting me quite dizzies in the lunchroom as sweekers go all around in a circle, and I just couldn't get a seat. We had a really funny play later thurz and we say: stay tuned tomorro for when lots of farm animals and pre1a kids hijack a plane. We never did continue the play, but atleast rabbi pickles has something else to insult the staff about. Sha Sha Shabat Shalom to YUUUU, and I'll see you next week!

# Chaim Pesach Weiss

League Captain



















