



Camp EESHAY

Cherry Hill

Dear Parents and Campers,

This week's Parsha starts off with Moshe Rabbeinu speaking to Bnei Yisroel at a very specific location in the Midbar. There are a number of different cities the Torah uses to identify this spot. Rashi points out that these were not real places, rather each "city" was alluding to the various mistakes we made on our travels ("מול סוף" is a reference to our lack of Bitachon by the ים סוף, "די זהב" refers to the עגל הזהב, etc.) Rashi concludes that the Torah is vague when discussing our mistakes, "מפני כבודן של ישראל," to protect our honor.

One might be inclined to think that in Moshe's final speech to our people before his passing, he would deliver the big blow. Leave no stone unturned to ensure we understood with crystal clarity what we had done wrong, so we could take the necessary steps to improve our behavior. But Moshe takes the opposite approach! Instead of overtly mentioning our missteps, he merely hints to them, so our dignity could remain intact. Moshe understood that more important than heavy handed Mussar was encouragement; if we believed we were great, we would hold ourselves up to that standard.

I believe this is a hallmark here at Eeshay. Our staff is incredible, always encouraging, constantly reminding our campers how great they are. We are complimenting and correcting, not criticizing. Our campers are absolute gems; when they are spoken to as such, the results speak for themselves!

Thank you everyone for an AMAZING first half! For our returning and new campers, can't wait to continue the magic on Monday. To all who are leaving, have a great rest of the summer - we'll miss you!

Have a great Shabbos,
Rabbi Glatt

This Week...

Camp Eeshay CH Session One ended with a bang. We started off the week normally with swimming in the pool, playing sports, creating comics, and enjoying a late activity called Steal The Soccer Trivia. Tuesday seemed to be a regular day, but halfway through the day, when Yaakov and Efraim got into a scuffle and smashed pies in each other's face, the boys quickly deduced that Color War had begun! The Red team was led by General Yaakov and Captain Moshe, while the Blue team was led by General Efraim and Captain Yoni.

In a blur of red and blue, our camp was transformed into a jungle of colorful streamers, balloons, and signs. Beautiful banners were made to represent the teams of בין אדם למקום (red) and בין אדם להבירו (blue). The teams competed in aqua challenges, relay races, sports activities, and a massive popsicle stick hunt. They cheered for their teams until they were blue in the face, their throats red from the strain. Each team presented their song and banner in the gym before heading back to YI to find out who the winners were. In a thrilling three-point margin of victory, the Red team emerged victorious – but the sportsmanship displayed throughout by both teams was even more impressive!

Following color war, the campers literally rolled into camp on Thursday with their roller blades in anticipation of their Hot Wheelz trip. Thankfully, it was a smashing success! (P.S. FTI's smashing was also successful)

Finally, we had to end off the month with, not just our typical oneg and prizes, but also with a special award ceremony. Included in the awards were our league champions: Benyamin E, Shaul G, and Avi G! We hope you all enjoyed camp as much as... well, as much as Yaakov enjoyed smashing a pie into Efraim's face.

Have a blissful, harmonious Shabbos!
Rabbi Kaye

Talmidei Hashavua

R' Yaakov

Avner Glatt

Rabbi Glatt

Yaakov Eisenberg

R' Efraim

Shimon Chaitoff

Rabbi Kaye

Mordechai Levy











