

Camp EESHAY Cherry Hill

Dear Parents
and Campers,

This Week...

I heard a beautiful story from Rabbi Bienenfeld over Tisha B'Av that I would like to share: The Bluzhever Rebbe, Rav Yisrael Spira, was a survivor of the Holocaust. At some point in the camps there was a discussion about baking Matzos for Pesach. While this plan was greeted by many with extreme skepticism, a small group asked the Nazi commander if they could be granted permission to do so. Much to their shock, the answer came back positive. Immediately a small group of five men, the Bluzhever Rebbe included, went about this holy task of baking Matzos.

When they finished, a spirited discussion broke out as to who they should share their Matzos with. Who in the camp would merit this amazing Zechus of fulfilling this Mitzvah on the first night of Pesach? At this point, a lady came over to the Rebbe and asked if she could have a few small pieces for her two young boys. The Rebbe was perplexed. "How could we give some of our precious supply to your two boys who are under Bar Mitzvah?" he asked. "They don't even have the Mitzvah yet! Should we not reserve what we have for adults, who have a Torah obligation?"

This lady answered something astounding: "The fact that my two boys are young is precisely WHY they should receive some Matzah! We don't know what will be with this war, if we will survive at all. Should we not do everything within our power to be Mechanech our children in their Avodas Hashem? They are our future! We need to give them the tools to be tomorrow's leaders!" The Rebbe was inspired by these words and acceded to her request.

Tragically, the Rebbe's entire family was wiped out in the war. When the war ended, a Shidduch was proposed between this lady and the Bluzhever Rebbe. He immediately agreed, saying a lady with this level of focus amidst the horrors of the Shoah was no doubt fitting to be his Rebbetzin. (The Rebbe ended up becoming the stepfather of these two young boys).

This poignant story highlights the premium we must put on our future. Every young child today could be a leader for tomorrow. On behalf of our staff, I would like to thank each of you for entrusting us with the sacred Chinuch of your children for two special months! It is a responsibility we do not take lightly, and may Hashem grant us much Hatzlachah in this sacred endeavor.

Have a wonderful Shabbos Nachamu!
Rabbi Glatt

Talmidei Hashavua

Rabbi Glatt

Meir Levy

Rabbi Kaye

Shaul Glatt

R' Dan Flax

Yehuda Teichman

Session 2 is here! We said goodbye to counselors Yaakov and Efraim, as well as a number of campers. We welcomed in our new counselor Dan Flax who joined Moshe Frischman as the main counselors, as well as Yehuda Juni who joined as a junior counselor. On that note, we want to thank Yoni Sims for the tremendous help he's been over the last 5 weeks; tzeischem leshalom to you, Zakai, and the rest of your family...

Davening and learning has been going strong every day, and the boys have really been getting involved. We had a fun-filled day #1 on Monday, where the boys painted beautiful canvases, if I do say so myself. Instead of swimming, we spread Ahavas Chinam by distributing compliments in mailboxes throughout Cherry Hill and then celebrated our accomplishment with Slurpees! Tuesday followed with a trip to Urban Air, where the campers bounced around, climbed through tough courses, and got stuck in the basketball hoops.

Although Wednesday, was a shorter day, we had quite the adventure hiking in Cherry Valley Trails. After ending up in a sticky situation, we finally made it to the other side, where a park awaited us. R' Glatt finished off the day by telling a story to set the mood for Tisha B'Av.

After returning from the Tisha B'Av break, the boys got right back into camp mode, playing sports and enjoying their Shabbos oneg. We ended the day on a high – and not just the temperature! – by returning to the swimming pool for a refreshing swim!

Have a sensational, super, and splendid Shabbos

Rabbi Kaye







