

Dear Parents and Campers,

There is a beautiful Rashi in this week's Parsha I'd like to share. פרק ה starts off with the words:

"כַּל־הַמִּצְוָה אֲשֶׁר אָנֹכִי מְצַוְךָּ הַיָּוֹם תִּשְׁמְרוּן לַעֲשָׂוֹת" "All Mitzvos that I commanded you today, you shall guard and perform." Rashi quotes a Medrash Aggadah that focuses on the words "כַּל־הַמְצְוָה," as if to say, "make sure you perform the entire Mitzvah." Continues the Medrash: there is a principle that the person who **completes** the Mitzvah is the one who gets the credit, even if they did not start it. The example the Medrash cites is that the Posuk in Yehoshua says the bones of Yosef that were brought up by the Bnei Yisroel from the land of Mitzraim were buried in Shechem. Despite the fact that Moshe was the one who brought Yosef out, Bnei Yisroel got the credit, because they finished the journey.

This is amazing! Chazal tell us מצות מבי הכם לב יקח and the example they use is Moshe taking Yosef out of Mitzraim! This was the ultimate act of selflessness. Everyone was running around, amassing tremendous wealth, and Moshe was fulfilling a promise. He was a hero! Furthermore, it's not like Moshe ran out of enthusiasm for the Mitzvah and passed the buck... He would have loved to finish it! Hashem would not let him! Nevertheless. such is the system. It's not about who starts the process. It's about who sees it through until the end.

What an emphasis Hashem puts on ensuring our goals and aspirations cross the finish line! It's hard to believe that we have already experienced six weeks of camp together. But we are not done yet! Boruch Hashem, we still have two weeks left, and we will do our utmost to keep the pedal to the metal until the very end! May Hakadosh Boruch Hu grant us Hatzlachah to be able to complete our goal.

Have a wonderful Shabbos! Rabbi Glatt

Talmidei

Rabbi Glatt

Sholom Teichman

Rabbi Kaye

R' Dan Flax

Hashavua

Ahron Shmidman

Jack Sussman



This Week...

Week 6 has come and gone, leaving staff and campers in a daze. Tuesday was the BIG TRIP DAY, where Senior campers willingly decided to get tossed around the Poconos whitewater more than luggage gets tossed at a baggage carousel, and the Junior campers ran around Cherry Crest Adventure Farm having an amazeing time (groan...) sliding and sifting, rolling and riding, hopping and hollering.

The other "regular" days were full of solid learning, outdoor activities, swimming, crafts, and late activities. In Krafts, the boys first had a great learning experience thinking about how to change facial expressions on a cartoon character. This was followed by the creation of Pool Noodle Rockets, which showcased some creative designs and led to test launches outside (as well as inside...). We ended off with a fork-painted lion; that should be self-explanatory, no?

Boy, did R' Glatt bring out the late activities this week! We started off with Picturnary, a game combining charades and drawing. This was followed by Prize Gaga, where boys got a small prize every time they got someone (including counselors) out. And finally, a fantastic improvisation game, where boys had to improvise commercials for randomly selected items and create skits on the spot using 5 different props; Let's just say that lengthy liberal laughter ensued.

As always, R' Glatt delighted us with his cholent on Friday, even adding a story this time. We are looking forward to the remaining two weeks of camp, and we hope your sons are as well!

Have a peaceful, pleasant Shabbos

Rabbi Kaye







