

### DEAR PARENTS & CAMPERS,

We are all familiar with the infamous episode of קרח and his cohorts. After rebelling against משה רבינו and attempting to lead a coup against this great man, he and his supporters were punished swiftly and severely, leaving no doubt whatsoever that משה רבינו was a perfect emissary of ה'.

In the פרק following this episode, the תורה reminds us "ולא יהיה כקרח וכתדו", don't be like קרח and his assembly." The Gemarah in סנהדרין quotes רב in saying an amazing thing. This is not just good advice, a reminder of the severe consequences that could potentially befall a person who acts in this way. These words are actually one of the negative commandments in the תורה! If a person intensifies a quarrel with another Jew, he is violating these words, "Do not be like קרח." The חפץ חיים in his famous ספר לשון הרע adds that both the person who speaks AND the person who listens to violate this commandment as well! Because if the person who was listening made it very clear he had no interest in hearing this news, the fight would dissipate on its own. So in effect he is playing an active role in furthering dissent amongst Jews. How careful we must be to keep שלום!

In the context of these words, I just want to say I am on an absolute high after our first week. The days are hot, the sports are fierce and competitive, the games are emotional. But walking around all the activities, it is incredible to see the level of אחדות and friendship in Eeshay! I just saw in an intense football game, one player made a great catch, and the person who was taking him gave him a high five for a spectacular play. There is no question in my mind this is a glorious fulfillment of the words "ולא יהיה כקרח וכתדו"

Have a great Shabbos everyone, looking forward to week two!

*Rabbi Glatt*

### THIS WEEK IN CAMP!

Somewhere in a neighborhood covered in cherries, a young camper makes his way towards a large building. Distant memories of forty energetic boys entering three fifteen-seater vans briefly flashed across his mind, before abruptly being shoved into the back of his mind. Politz Day School loomed in front of him; a new era had arrived. Camp Eeshay 2025/תשפ"ה had begun!

Five All Star Rebbeim from across the expansive Cooper Landing region have been recruited to teach their carefully thought-out lesson plans to eager campers - Baruch Hashem, we are happy to report that it is going extremely well! From the youngest to oldest grades, Eeshay campers have been learning and shteiging away!

The counselors, both experienced and new, have jumped in with tremendous energy, and the campers really gravitate towards them. The leagues started immediately on Day 1 and the sports, in general, have been competitive. 100 degree weather can't stop us from playing in the - well... actually, the sun mostly won on the first couple days, so it's a good thing we have a gym! Swimming in the pool and drinking water (not at the same time) also came in clutch. Shoutout to the Millers, Eisenbergs, and our lifeguard, Dovid Baratz - you were a lifesaver :-)

Our workshops and crafts included: Basketball clinics (run by guest star and center for the FTI Rebbe team - Rabbi Winter), glitter-water squishy-balloon (potentially-dangerous) thingamajiggers, and distracting homemade fidget spinners. Our state of the art canteen has been quite popular as well.

We started the Late activities with Minute to Win It, a cup-stacking, jelly bean-sipping, pudding-feeding mess, followed by Boulderdash, a wacky word game (your son now knows what a "mizzler" is). That was topped off with a chicken poppin' Mishmar with R' Glatt on Thursday night!

Of course, the trip on Thursday was likely the highlight for many. R' Glatt and R' Dovi Friedman (our new Intermediate DH!!) led the older boys on a trip to the fountain sod - I mean, Top Golf, where they had a blast blasting golf balls beyond the couch area. R' Kramer took R' Kaye and co. in his magic school bus to Kids Empire where the counselors had fun falling down the spider web, flying down slides, and crouching into low spaces. The boys also seemed to enjoy themselves.

As Friday rolls around, I am looking forward to the geshmak Erev Shabbos Oneg! (definitely also looking forward to the actual Oneg Shabbos...)

Have a great Shabbos!

*Rabbi Kaye*

### LEAGUE STANDINGS

#### INTERMEDIATE

SOCKS SMELLER'S 3-2-1  
LIONS 1-4-1  
LEAGUE KINGS 4-0-2  
ANGRY TOADS 1-3-2

#### SENIOR

THUNDERBOLTS 1-3-1  
LASER STRIKES 3-1-1  
FIREROASTED CHICKENS 2-2-1  
CANNONBALLS 2-2-1

#### UPPER SENIOR

HURRICANES 5-0  
WHITES 2-3  
KREAMERS 2-3  
GREEN DOGS 1-4

