

### DEAR PARENTS & CAMPERS,

At the end of this week's Parsha, the Torah shares the incident of the battle fought between משה and the sinister giant, עוג. The Posuk relates that as עוג is coming out to wage war against the Jewish people, Hashem reassures משה that everything will be ok with the words "אֶל־תִּירָא אֹתוֹ כִּי בְיָדְךָ נִתְּנִי אֹתוֹ", don't be afraid, I will deliver him into your hands." The clear implication is that משה was worried that this fight might not go in his favor. But why not? The man who had performed countless miracles with the help of Hashem, defeated world empires, split seas, and just defeated a giant just as powerful as עוג in סיחון, he was afraid?!

So Rashi explains, yes. משה was concerned. Because עוג was different. And this difference was not bigger muscles, sophisticated weapons, or a more sound military strategy. עוג had a merit on his side. Because it was עוג who informed אברהם that לוט was captured all those years earlier. This led to אברהם going into battle to spare his family. Perhaps this זכות would be repaid right now. So Hashem tells משה "don't worry, the battle is yours for the taking."

The שפתי חכמים makes an astonishing point. עוג did not exactly have altruistic motives in that episode! Rashi relates on the spot that עוג was anticipating אברהם would charge into battle, would undoubtedly die, paving the way for עוג to marry ישרה! It was essentially murder by proxy! How could משה possibly be concerned he had any merits from this event?! Answers, the שפתי חכמים, it doesn't matter. Whatever the intent, a חסד is a חסד. And it deserves reward. משה was right to be concerned. Because that is the power of חסד.

Against this backdrop, I speak for all our staff when I say it is so satisfying to work with such a sterling group of campers. These boys are not performing עוג style חסד. We are witnessing all day genuine, caring, sincere acts of kindness between Hashem's children. It is gratifying, rewarding, and empowering to see! Keep up the great work Eeshay, looking forward to week three!

*Rabbi Glatt*

### THIS WEEK IN CAMP!

We last left our heroes as they were listening to a R' Glatt story while eating their R' Glatt cholent and R' Luigi ices last Friday afternoon. After a nice, relaxing Shabbos, the boys jumped right back into the learning and bathing suits!

Mazel tov to the Hurricanes on their upper Senior championship win! A new league began on Tuesday, and the competition is stiff as an Eeshay canteen popsicle. Intermediate had been especially active on the volleyball court and in the Dodgeball arena, while the Juniors enjoyed Capture the Flag and Kickball.

With the veteran experience of Peretz Gluck (known for his award-winning wooden rendition of a square), the Seniors have begun building their very own Shtenders! So far, they sanded their pieces... a lot. Their wood is now smoother than a Rebbi joke in Shiur. Meanwhile, some of the younger divisions have been working on their gem letter project for three days now, while occasionally stopping to join the rest of camp. They also created fabulous edible creations out of fruit that eventually ended up in their bellies.

R' Friedman led the camp in a massive rubber band hunt on Monday that led to rubber band strings stretching the length of the gym multiple times! The following day brought us the very popular SWITCH game (congrats to the winners!). Your son may describe it as: "we ran around in circles shooting baskets and building cup pyramids, and we had to switch when the music stopped, and then the last 30 seconds were double." I'm sure you'll understand...

This week ended on a high at Altitude (Yes, that was a smooth Rebbi joke). Dodgeball and basketball are always more fun when the floor is made of woven polypropylene and galvanized steel springs. Most of the time was spent asking the Division Heads to "take a video of me doing this quadruple backflip!" We also have the only busdriver in town who wears a tie while driving.

Looking forward to a fantastic day on Thursday, when we will have our Oneg Shabbos, and we hope you all enjoy your independence this Friday!

*Rabbi Kaye*

### LEAGUE STANDINGS

#### INTERMEDIATE

#### SENIOR

#### UPPER SENIOR

SOCKS SMELLER'S 10-3-1

LIONS 3-10-1

LEAGUE KINGS 9-3-2

ANGRY TOADS 5-7-2

THUNDERBOLTS 1-1-2

LASER STRIKES 2-3-0

FIREROASTED CHICKENS 3-1-2

CANNONBALLS 4-1-2

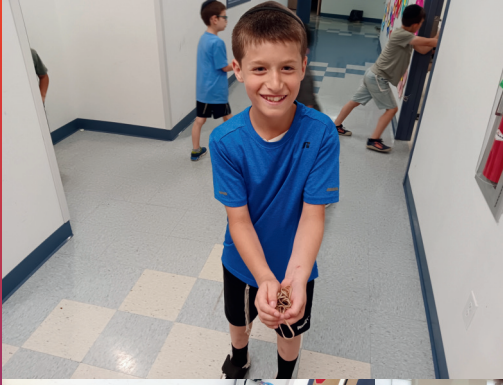
DOMINATORS 1-1-2

CREAM CHEESERS 2-3-0

MISSILES 3-1-2

STOP SIGNS 4-1-2





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