



THE EESHAY BLAST

DEAR PARENTS & CAMPERS,

One of this week's Parshios, **חוקת**, outlines the one major blemish on Moshe Rabbeinu's otherwise sterling record as leader of our people. At a time when there was some unrest over the lack of water, ה' instructed Moshe to speak to a rock, which would issue forth water for the nation to drink. Instead, Moshe hits the rock, violating the word of ה'. ה' tells Moshe the consequence of his actions; he would not be allowed entry into **ארץ ישראל**. Rashi fills us in on the ramifications of Moshe's mistake. In quoting over the **מדרש אגדה**, Rashi says that Moshe missed out on a priceless opportunity. If the **בני ישראל** would have witnessed a rock giving water when asked, they would have learnt an astounding lesson. "If a rock, which has no life, and does not really require sustenance from ה' still listens to the word of ה', how much more so us! We rely on ה' for everything. OF COURSE we must follow His word with no hesitation!" Because Moshe failed to deliver on this powerful message, his lifelong dreams and aspirations of setting foot in our beloved homeland were dashed.

This just goes to show how much of a premium is put on the **מצוה** of ה' **קידוש**! Acting in a way that inspires others to grow their connection to our Creator carries unfathomable reward, but failing to see this through could unfortunately carry devastating punishment.

On this note, a quick story. On Thursday we took almost fifty campers and staff, decked out in their Eeshay finery, to Top Golf. Talking about ה' **קידוש** vs. ה' **חילול**, the event was ripe for one... or the other. On our way out, the lady who dealt with our group mentioned to me, completely unsolicited, "your group was really well behaved." What a feeling! She runs events all the time, with all kinds of people, and something about the way we behaved elicited that comment. What a ה' **קידוש**! Great job, Eeshay!

Rabbi Glatt

THIS WEEK IN CAMP!

The first week of camp is officially in the books, and what an incredible start to the summer it has been! Each morning begins with the sounds of davening and learning coming from every classroom, setting the tone for the rest of the day. Camp got off to a fast start across every division, led by our counselors who amazingly still had voices by Thursday ("ARE. YOU. READYYYYYYYY?"). Junior Division kept busy with Capture the Flag, Simon Says, Kickball, Elimination, and, well, just generally being in motion. Intermediate Division launched leagues on Day 1 after creating team names and logos, with outstanding sportsmanship from the very start. One highlight was a nail-biting dodgeball series featuring heroic half-court, jail-breaking shots and a dramatic showdown between Mordechai Barth and Yechiel Goldstein. Senior Division also jumped right into league play, and after a week of spirited competition, the championship is still anyone's to win.

The pool was the place to be this week - even on Tuesday! Rain, shmains... Campers in every division enjoyed their time in the water. The older divisions impressed us with an assortment of cannonballs and pool basketball slam dunks. Creativity was on full display as Junior and Intermediate campers designed foil art and Mike & Ike structures, while the Seniors began sanding their super secret woodwork projects. Intermediate campers can also look forward to hockey clinics and magic workshops in the coming weeks!

The excitement didn't end when the regular schedule was over! The entire camp came together for a special America 250th edition of The Price Is Right, and put their memories to the test with Think On Your Feet, a fast-paced challenge that led to some controversial duck debates.

Our first trips were a tremendous success! Junior Division enjoyed Chuck E. Cheese and returned with smiles and bags full of plastic treasures that lasted the entire bus ride home. They even squeezed in another round of The Price Is Right (congratulations to Team "The Very Best Team" for proving that estimating retail prices is a skill of immeasurable importance). Intermediate and Senior Divisions headed to Topgolf, where Yochanan Greenwald and Ezzy Horowitz showed the rest of us novices what it means to truly hit a golf ball. Of course, campers on both trips enjoyed unlimited water... though some opted for other soft drinks. Senior Division capped off their trip by returning Thursday night to enjoy a night full of learning, food, and dodgeball with Rabbi Glatt!

Wishing everyone a wonderful Shabbos!

Rabbi Kaye

LEAGUE STANDINGS

INTERMEDIATE

Cookers 4-0
Eeshay Champ 2-2
Lions 1-3
Champions 1-3

SENIOR

Wild Westerns 2-3
Flaming Bulldogs 5-0
Aguas 1-4
Vicious Vamps 2-3

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