



THE EESHAY BLAST

DEAR PARENTS & CAMPERS,

In this week's Parsha, פרשת פינחס, Hashem once again informs Moshe Rabbeinu that because of the incident in last week's Parsha, where he mistakenly hit the rock instead of speaking to it, he will not be going into Eretz Yisroel. At this point, Moshe accepts this difficult news, and then makes a request from Hashem. In Perek כד, Posuk יז, Moshe Davens that Hashem should appoint the right successor, someone who has the quality of "אִשָּׁר-יֵצֵא לְפָנֵיהֶם וְאִשָּׁר יָבֵא לְפָנֵיהֶם", one who will go out before them, and who will come in before them." Hashem then instructs Moshe to pick Yehoshua as our next leader.

What is meant by this particular quality? Rashi explains there is a stark contrast between monarchs of the world and Jewish leaders. While the royalty of other nations sit on their thrones, out of harm's way, and send out others to risk their lives for their country, not so by B'nei Yisroel. Our leaders are on the front lines. As Rashi mentions, Moshe himself waged war against Sicho and Og. Yehoshua also led the troops into battle. And famously this was Dovid Hamelech's legacy; a fierce warrior determined to protect our nation, despite great personal risk to himself. The true hallmark of a Jewish leader is someone who has the courage and aptitude to shoulder the responsibility. Our greatest people do not delegate the difficult tasks because they are able to. They lead by example, not with words.

As we conclude our second week here at Eeshay, I have had the Zechus of interacting with our "leaders" on a day in, day out basis, and I could emphatically state that our amazing counselors have this same quality. I would like to be Makir Tov to our incredible staff for going above and beyond for our campers. There is no "sitting on their throne while others do their bidding" mentality whatsoever! They are on the front lines day in and day out, making sure our campers are having an amazing experience at Eeshay. Their energy, passion, excitement, and care for each camper contributes so much to the overall summer experience your children are having. Yasher Koach Rabbosai, your dedication is truly inspiring!

Wishing everyone a wonderful Shabbos!

Rabbi Glatt

THIS WEEK IN CAMP!

The second week of camp flew by (not unlike some of our Junior's painted airplanes), and it was another fantastic week! Each morning continues to begin with the sounds of davening and learning filling every classroom before the excitement of the day gets underway.

Junior Division kept moving with Sharks & Minnows, Pizza Tag, Gaga, Kickball, and finding Moishie Schwartz's missing sock. While the Cookers and Eeshay Champs sat atop the Intermediate League standings, the Lions and Champions have shown they're more than capable of pulling off an upset, making Friday's playoffs and championship anyone's game. Senior Leagues went with our national pastime and played an exciting baseball game this week. A special shoutout goes to the clear best player: the official pitcher, Shua Davies! We're still working on one small baseball lesson, though: DON'T RUN ON A FLY BALL! We'll get there eventually. Congratulations to whichever teams come out on top in both leagues!

This week's trip to the Flyers Training Center was a great opportunity to cool off during one of the hottest weeks of the decade while enjoying some time on the ice. In case you were wondering, I am not as fast as some of our third graders... We also squeezed in plenty of late activities throughout the week, including Pictionary, Categories, and a fan favorite: Switch! (where teams rotated through a new challenge every two minutes). Congrats to Team E on the narrow, one-point win! Team F, you guys were just one letter behind them. Swimming got off to a good start this week as well; "start" being the key word there... We hope to dive back in once the weather normalizes next week.

Our specialty programs once again gave campers the chance to try something a bit different. Junior Division painted their very own airplanes, made impressively decorated Rice Krispie (aka Crispy Rice) treats, and created beautiful Kotel art for Shivah Asar B'Tammuz. Besides the above crafts, Intermediate also enjoyed a hockey clinic with Coach Craig, a cartooning workshop with R' Kaye, and a magic workshop with Dani Goldman ("Oooh, spooky..."). Meanwhile, between the drilling and assembling, Senior campers have made tremendous progress on their woodworking projects, and they're nearly locked in! Next week they'll move on to staining, bringing their creations one step closer to completion.

Finally, I wanted to thank the counselors and lifeguard for powering through a challenging fast day (not to mention the weather in general). Kol hakavod! Tzeischem l'shalom to Peretz Gluck; we hope to see you back in camp soon!

Have a lightige Independence Day, and we wish you all an air-conditioned Shabbos. Looking forward to another incredible week ahead!

Rabbi Kaye

LEAGUE STANDINGS

INTERMEDIATE

Eeshay Champ 7-2-2
 Cookers 6-3-1
 Lions 4-7-0
 Champions 3-6-2

SENIOR

Wild Westerns 7-7
 Flaming Bulldogs 11-3
 Aquas 3-11
 Vicious Vamps 7-7

SPORTSMANSHIP SHOUTOUTS

Jack Shulman

for congratulating an opponent for scoring a touchdown against him

Meir Levy

for comforting a member of the opposite team after a frustrating play

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