



DEAR PARENTS & CAMPERS,

This week's Parsha, פרשת נקב, is right in the middle of משה רבינו's final address to the Jewish people. It is a powerful speech, packed with warnings about the past, and promises about the future. In פרק י פסוק כ, Moshe says the famous words "אתה' אלוקיך תירא", fear Hashem your G-d! There is an interesting story related in the Gemarah in many places about these words.

Shimon HaEmsuni made it his life's work to expound on every "את" in the Torah. He was doing pretty well, starting from the very first Posuk in the Torah (את השמים ואת הארץ) all the way through a few Parshios in Devarim. And then he arrived at this Posuk. And he hit the proverbial wall. What could the Torah possibly be telling me to fear in addition to Hashem?! It's inconceivable that there is something else out there that demands a fear even in the same stratosphere and the fear we must have for our Creator! At this point, he put down his pen, and admitted defeat. His working hypothesis to embark on this venture, namely, that every seemingly unnecessary word must be teaching me something, was in his mind mistaken. Thus, all his notebooks filled with teachings from these "extra" אתות were written in error.

His students were astounded. They exclaimed, "Rebbe, what will be with all of those novel concepts, and the years of work, that went into coming up with a דרשה for every single את up until this point?! Are you willing to discard all of it?! At which point Shimon HaEmsuni uttered the famous words (Paraphrased) "the same way I was receiving reward for my teachings, I am also receiving reward for walking away."

What incredible self-sacrifice!! Here is a man who understood that at the end of the day, Hashem simply wants honesty. Honesty in our learning, honesty in how we interact with others, and honesty in our service of Him. The fancy Sefer was ready to go to print, but if it wasn't grounded in 100% truth, it would be a distortion of Hashem's holy Torah. Walking away was a self-sacrifice well worth it.

Even in the hustle and bustle of camp, Boruch Hashem we often get glimpses of real genuine passion that our campers have in their Yiddishkeit. The Senior division just went to a waterpark, which was off the charts. But on the very long bus ride back, a beautiful Kumzitz broke out, with many joining along. Not inspired by staff, a complete camper initiative. Just a group of boys getting together, connecting to Hashem through music. Guys, way to keep it real!

Good Shabbos!

Rabbi Glatt

THIS WEEK IN CAMP!

As another unforgettable week at Camp EESHAY draws to a close, one thing has become abundantly clear: our campers continue to redefine the limits of athletics, creativity, and occasionally, common sense.

Leagues throughout camp continued at full speed as every division battled its way toward playoff glory. Junior Division enjoyed exciting games of basketball, dodgeball, kickball, and a soccer match that absolutely challenged the known laws of physics. In an astonishing display of athleticism that could only be described as Messi wearing ballet shoes, Mordechai Baruch Levy soared to make a spectacular save, only to be majestically carried backwards into the net along with the ball itself—allowing the opposing team to score on what historians are calling the first documented instance of a soccer player officially counting as sports equipment.

Meanwhile, Intermediate Division's exciting league competition continued to build toward the highly anticipated playoffs and championship rounds, while Senior Division proved once again that determination often outweighs footwear. Leagues continue to be a hit, with Mendy Muller having his way in basketball despite his stubborn refusal to wear sneakers.

Creativity was on full display this week as campers enjoyed a wonderful lineup of crafts. Junior Division tackled Sticker-by-Number and the legendary Salt Glue project under the fearless leadership of the indomitable Yaakov Glatt, who risked life and limb to ensure a smooth—and more importantly, non-sticky—crafting experience. Intermediate Division continued producing fantastic projects of their own, while in Senior Division, the Shabbos lamps are coming together beautifully!! The campers are taking no chances, making sure to wear rubber-soled shoes as they install the wiring. This week's cake wars was a smashing success! Shoutout to Binyamin Fischman and Menachem Chaitoff for guiding their teams to victory.

Campers also had plenty of opportunities to cool off and enjoy some unforgettable trips. Intermediate Division had an incredible time swimming before heading to Fun City Adventure Park. As one anonymous happy camper enthusiastically reported, "The best part was that we actually got to keep the socks!"—(only to have those very socks knocked off during Rabbi Glatt's Friday Oneg story). Senior Division also had an absolute blast at the waterpark!! Senior division is in and out of wave pools and dizzying slides. Shout out to Shaul Glatt and Mordechai Max for surviving the Tarzan Leap of Death!

Junior Division's Late Activity Exclusive returned this week with another crowd favorite: Name That Baby! Baby Ducks Edition! Congratulations to the victorious Rock N' Rollers—although, to this very day, the identity of the baby allegedly labeled as Beri Teichman remains a matter of spirited debate.

As we round second base of the 2nd half of the summer, the final stretch of Camp EESHAY promises even more unforgettable memories, laughter, and stories that may or may not eventually find their way into the history books.

Rabbi Friedler

LEAGUE STANDINGS

LOWER SENIOR

Brilliant Brownies 10-4-1
Kool Kidz 10-4-1
Dominating Dolphins 6-8-1
Millers 5-9-1

UPPER SENIOR:

Team 1 7-5-1
Team 2 6-6-1
Team 3 6-6-1
Team 4 4-8-1

SPORTSMANSHIP SHOUTOUTS

Mordy Mazza

for being so positive during leagues, he should be Quarantined!

Menachem Chaitoff

for being the ultimate mentsh!

THE EESHAY BLAST

