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A GLIMPSE INTO THE INCREDIBLE WEEK AT

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THIS WEEK'S PARSHA- מקץ-בלק
CANDLE LIGHTING:

WEEK 1

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From the Desk of Our Executive Director...

Q: Our son is 12 years old. He is currently in a sleep-away day camp in Thornhill. I call it a sleep-away just to explain the high caliber of this day camp. It's like the Brisk of day camps - you need pull to get in. They have so much fun, it is indescribable! We recently had a new baby boy, and the bris took place on Wednesday morning. My son refused to come to his own brother's Bris because he didn't want to miss camp for any reason what so ever. We forced him to come to the Bris. We were just wondering if that was the correct thing to do. Maybe we should have been a little softer and understanding. Your replies will help us in the future. After all he may not want to come to his sister's wedding in a few weeks because of the coming over-night! What is the proper approach?

Q: My son is 9 years old. He is currently in a well-known day camp in Toronto. I do not want to write the name of this camp, as it may be Loshon Horah, as you will soon see. (Hint: It is known as the Life of all Camps)! My son has already left for camp on the bus on day one, and I then found out that he was having African Drummers in camp. When I found out about this, I was faced with a tremendous dilemma. The drummers are literally super stars who play and sing all over the world - including America! I just feel that my son is being exposed to too much Gashmius at this tender young age of 9 years old. What would have been so terrible to hire one of the old timers like a Shloime Dachs, and Sruli Wulliger who are themselves fantastic singers and musicians. Do we really need to spoil our precious children with AFRICAN DRUMMERS! I was wondering if I should've picked him up from camp as soon as I found out, or would that be too much for a boy his age to handle?

A) Firstly, I want to commend you parents for asking your questions. I can tell that you are all great caring parents who only want the best for the Chinuch of your children!

However, I must say that you all need to relax a little bit. Based on your questions, I can tell that the camps you are referring to must be part of the incredible EC Camps family! Camp Hachaim, Camp Segula, Camp Shorashim, and Camp Otzros.

This is not in the slightest a question of Loshon Horah. Precisely the contrary – it is Loshon Tov! The people running these camps are expert Mechanchim and Mechanchos, and you can be sure that they are doing what is best for the Chinuch of your children - with Rabbi Dovid Neumann, who is a sought after Rebbe with years of chinuch experience, Mr. Michael Laszlo, who is an OCT & newly certified PQP, Mrs. Veronica Levy, who is a teacher and director Par Excellence in BYES, Morah Lee-Ann Lebowitz, who is the preschool director of Eitz Chaim schools and a RECE. Each and every one of our camp directors exemplify sterling Baal Middos and are super role models par excellence!

You can all rest assured, you are in the safest and best hands. Your children will only gain by being in these incredible Day Camps. It is what we call a Kingdom/Malchus in Klal Yisroel, where they represent the army of Hashem. They give our children what they need so they can come into the school year refreshed and ready to Shteig and Grow to the greatest heights. They bring out the Kochos and potential of each camper in a superb way!

May all of Bnei Yisroel see the light and get on the waiting list (if they are not on yet) of these incredible summer programs!

Looking forward to the best ECcamps summer yet!

DIRECTOR'S CORNER WITH

MR. LASZLO

Each week we will do something a little different in the Director's Corner. Sometimes I will share a quote or a story, perhaps I will tell you some funny camp jokes, and maybe I'll even teach you a thing or two! Today I wanted to introduce myself with a quiz about me!



1. WHAT IS MY FAVOURITE FRUIT?

a) Banana
b) Mango
c) Apple
d) Passionfruit

2. HOW MANY SIBLINGS DO I HAVE?

a) 2
b) 4
c) 5
d) 7

3. HOW MANY SUMMERS HAVE I WORKED AT CAMPS (IN A ROW), INCLUDING THIS ONE?

a) 4
b) 8
c) 12
d) 16

4. WHAT DRINK DO I HAVE AFTER BREAKFAST?

a) Orange Juice
b) Kale-Kiwi-Strawberry Smoothie
c) Coffee
d) Dr. Pepper

1)B 2)A 3)D 4)C

Wow! What a week! It simply flew by. We had an unbelievable first week at Camp HaChaim. We had wood-working, krav maga, science, chess club, and arts and crafts. We went bowling, rode the "Slip 'N' Slide," and had our famous Chinese auction. We davened, learned about Dovid HaMelech, and played soccer, ultimate frisbee, football, gaga, and dodgeball. It's hard to believe how much we fit in in just a few short days. Thank you to our amazing counselors, Michael Berkowitz, Shmuli Bergman, Daniel Gruenfeld, Avi Freiheit, and Yossi Levy. A special shout out to our amazing Assistant Head Counselor, Ezra Bobrowsky, for making such creative and exciting activities. Next week promises to be an even better week (if that's even possible!)

– Rabbi Myerowitz

We are looking forward to another amazing summer of learning. A strong summer of learning equals an even stronger year of learning. HaChaim Grades 1-2 will be doing their learning with our very own Rabbi Myerowitz. He will be teaching the stories in Tanach of Navi (Dovid Hamelech, Shlomo Hamelech, and Shmuel Hanavi). HaChaim grades 3-5 is learning is learning Mishnayos Brachos. The plan is to learn a Perek a week and make a Siyum by the end of the summer. Camp Segula Masmidim have two amazing Rabbaim Rabbi Kohananoo the Menahel of Ohr Haemet! He is teaching the Gemara in Shabbos the pertains to the 39 Melochos. We also have Rabbi Baumam who is a Rebbi in Ohr Hawmet, he is teaching the 3rd Perek of Gemara Sukkah. The rest of Camp Segula is learning with their most awesome counselors the 3rd Perek of Sukkah.

We have amazing incentives coming up for all the amazing learning!

- Rabbi Neumann

When reflecting back on last summer, there are many beautiful memories that come to mind. One of my personal highlights was the climax of colour war, the grand sing! As the final event culminating two amazing days of colour war, the grand sing was truly spectacular. Every camper decked out in their team colours, song sheets in hand, ready to deliver a winning performance. Each team sang their respective songs at the top of their lungs, belting out line after line with feeling and passion. The lyrics were sung from the heart, and it was clear to see how each kid really felt as if "camp was their home". Although it will be hard to top last year, I can hardly wait to see what this summer will bring, and so far, we are off to a rocking start!
- **Noam Sonenberg**

BLUE TEAM COLOR WAR SONG TO THE TUNE OF YBC'S "DADDY COME HOME" WRITTEN BY JOSHY TOLEDANO

Verse 1
The school year's almost done,
I'm ready for some fun,
For camp I wait.

Days filled with sports and sun,
Feels like we've just beguuuuun,
But it's already laaaaaaaate.

Verse 2
Colour war's going strong,
Blue team sing along,
Grades eight through one.

Memories and friends,
I hope it never eeeeeeeends,
But now it's almost doooooone.

Chorus
Caaaaaaaamp, is my home
Where I wanna be,
Weeks of friends and fun
Trips and leeeeeeeeagues.

MeKadaish shamayim,
Segula and Hachaim,
With crazy energy,
EC camps is the place to be.

Verse 3
The friendships I have made,
Regardless of the grade,
Will never go away.

Six weeks in the past,
Been having a blaaaaaaast,
I want to staaaaaaaaaaay.

Chorus
Caaaaaaaamp, is my home
Where I wanna be,
Weeks of friends and fun
Trips and leeeeeeeeagues.

MeKadaish shamayim,
Segula and Hachaim,
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Chorus 2.0
Oceans and the sky,
Both testify,
To the tears iiiiin my eyes,
As I say my goodbyyyyyyyes.

Memories so dear,
Will never disappear,
One thing's crystal clear,
I can't wait for next year!!!!!!

Chorus
Caaaaaaaamp, is my home
Where I wanna be,
Weeks of friends and fun
Trips and leeeeeagues.

MeKadaish shamayim,
Segula and Hachaim,
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INTERVIEWS WITH EZRA BOBROWSKY

Ast. Head Counsellor Gr. 1-2, Camp HaChaim

What was your favourite part of camp so far?
The African Drummers.

What's the best lunch room game that we've played so far?
1 Hen, 2 Ducks.

What was your favourite thing you've learnt this week?
Dovid Hamelech killing Goliath
-Moshe Fuchs - Gr. 2

What has been the best part of camp so far?
Doing science experiments

What are you looking forward to doing this summer at camp?
Go swimming

If you had to choose one food to eat for the rest of your life, what would it be?
Poutine
- Levi Stark - Gr. 1

RED TEAM COLOR WAR SONG TO THE TUNE OF SHWEKEY'S "VEHI SHEOMDOH" WRITTEN BY EZRA BOBROWSKY

Verse 1
This summer is what we waited for
There's nothing we've ever wanted more
Thinking back to the fun we had last year
With all the staff and all of our peers.

Verse 2
Looking forward to all the awesome trips
And also, the hype leagues championships
Arriving to camp, it's so great to be a yid
Oh wow, it's so GESHMAK TO BE A KID.

Chorus
We are back in EC Camps this year,
enjoying every day, wishing we could stay
We come to camp with a smile on our face,
happy all day long, a place where we belong.

The reality is so crystal clear, the end of camp is near, holding back my tears.
EC Camps is known throughout the land,
ma adir shimcha bechol ha'aretz.
Na na na na naaaaaaa....

Verse 3
We are having such a blast
We wish that EC Camps could always last.
We don't want to go, but in our hearts we all know
That we will be back here next year.

Verse 4
We've had so much fun with Colour War
We're the Red Team, but we're truly so much more
We have achdus, friends and brothers standing together
I'll remember this summer for forever.

Chorus
We are back in EC Camps this year,
enjoying every day, wishing we could stay
We come to camp with a smile on our face,
happy all day long, a place where we belong.

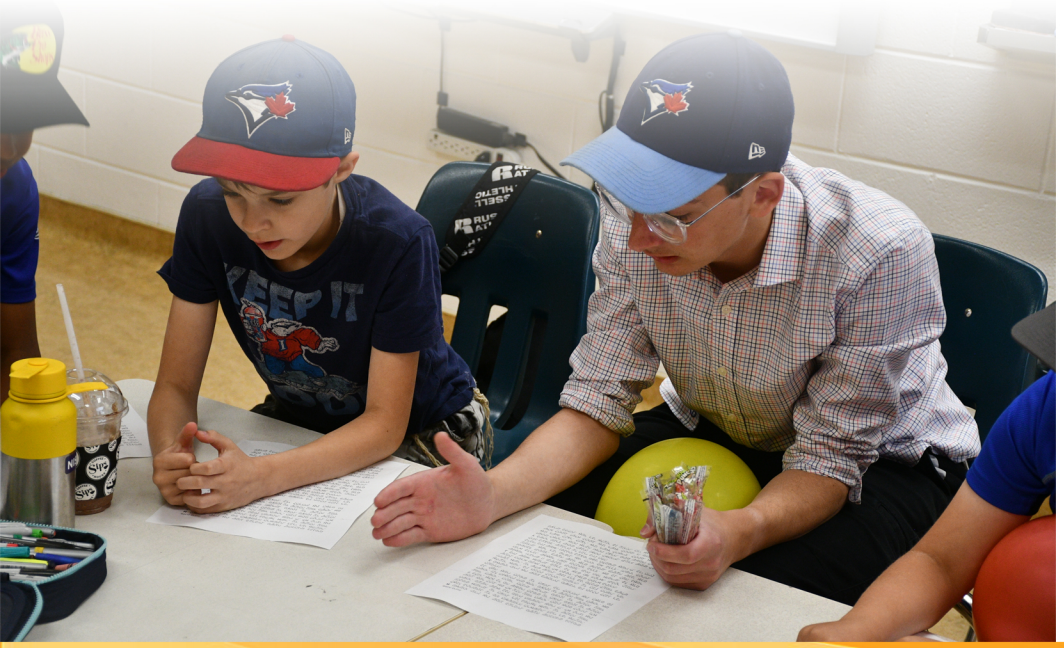
The reality is so crystal clear, the end of camp is near, holding back my tears.
EC Camps is known throughout the land,
ma adir shimcha bechol ha'aretz.
Na na na na naaaaaaa....

THE RABBI'S RIDDLES

What are two English words, that have the same exact letters, which describe what the Goyim use to attack the Yidden? (connected to this week's Parsha)

Where in the prayers do you find four different, consecutive words that all have the same root? (Hint: It's not said every day.)

Aside from Channuka and Chol HaMoed, when is the Torah read 5 days in a row?



Gems of Judiasm

The Steipler Gaon, was learning early one morning. Suddenly, Rebbetzin Barzam, the Steipler's daughter, entered his room. "Abba, Rav Chaim is suffering from terrible back pains, which give him no peace," she said. "Perhaps Abba has an idea that can help?" The Steipler was renowned for his deep understanding of human anatomy, which he had gleaned from intense study of halachah. He swiftly went to the house of his son, Rav Chaim. Rav Chaim was surprised by the unexpected arrival of his father, and hurried to stand up in respect. "Oy, don't stand up!" exclaimed the Steipler, worried that his son should not suffer added pain. "Lie quietly on the bed." Rav Chaim quickly obeyed, and his father gently began to massage his back. With sure, expert hands, he aligned the vertebrae, kneaded the muscles, and pushed the pressure points. When he was finished, he instructed Rav Chaim, "Be sure to lie on your back with your knees bent for three hours, then turn to your side and straighten your legs for another three hours. " The Steipler blessed his son with a refuah sheleimah, and returned to his studies. A few hours later; Rebbetzin Barzam again entered in her father's study. The Steipler was sure that she had come to tell him that Rav Chaim was feeling better, but to his surprise, she said, "Perhaps Abba was busy, but Rav Chaim is still waiting in unbearable pain, could Abba please come visit him and see if he can help? "What do you mean?" asked the Steipler, in astonishment, "immediately after you left this morning I visited Rav Chaim, gave him a massage, and left him with specific instructions to ease his back pain!" All at once, they realized what had happened. When Rebbetzin Barzam had said that Rav Chaim was suffering from back pain, the Steipler assumed that she was referring to her brother, his son Rav Chaim Kanievsky, when she was actually talking about her son-in-law, Rav Chaim Kluft! One Rav Chaim was lying in pain, waiting for his wife's grandfather, while the other Rav Chaim had been the beneficiary of a completely unnecessary massage, without saying anything to correct his father! Rebbetzin Barzam hurried to her brother's house to apologize for the mix-up. To her complete bewilderment, she saw an unprecedented sight: Rav Chaim Kanievsky lying in bed in the middle of the day, in the precise position that his father had dictated! Can you imagine? Rav Chaim was perfectly healthy, his back wasn't bothering him at all. He is an extremely busy person - reviewing the entire Torah every year is no easy task, and his every moment is carefully accounted for, to allow him to complete this monumental undertaking. Moreover, his personality is not one that allows him to remain lying motionless for extended periods of time. Yet when his father instructed him to do so - that's what he did, without calculations, excuses, or questions! Because honoring one's parents is a fact, independent of whether the instructions make sense or not. The Torah commands that a parent be obeyed - so that is what we must do.

TRIP TRIVIA

THIS WEEK'S TRIP: **BOWLING**

1. BOWLING IS ONE OF THE OLDEST SPORTS IN THE WORLD, WITH ORIGINS DATING BACK OVER THOUSANDS OF YEARS.
2. THE FIRST INDOOR BOWLING ALLEY WAS BUILT IN NEW YORK CITY IN 1840.
3. THE WORLD'S LARGEST BOWLING CENTER IS THE STADIUM LANES IN JAPAN, WHICH HAS 116 LANES.
4. THE TERM "STRIKE" IN BOWLING ORIGINATED FROM THE EARLY DAYS WHEN A PLAYER HAD TO KNOCK DOWN ALL THE PINS WITH A SINGLE SHOT TO RECEIVE A BONUS.
5. THE MOST COMMON FORM OF BOWLING IS CALLED TEN-PIN BOWLING, WHICH USES A BALL WITH TEN FINGER HOLES AND TEN PINS.
6. THE MAXIMUM POSSIBLE SCORE IN A SINGLE GAME OF BOWLING IS 300, ACHIEVED BY GETTING 12 CONSECUTIVE STRIKES.
7. PROFESSIONAL BOWLERS OFTEN USE DIFFERENT TYPES OF BOWLING BALLS FOR DIFFERENT LANE CONDITIONS, SUCH AS BALLS WITH DIFFERENT COVERSTOCKS AND CORE DESIGNS.
8. BOWLING BECAME AN OFFICIAL OLYMPIC SPORT FOR THE FIRST TIME IN 1988, AS A DEMONSTRATION SPORT, AND AGAIN IN 1996 AS A FULL MEDAL SPORT.
9. THE UNITED STATES HAS THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF BOWLING ALLEYS IN THE WORLD, WITH OVER 4,000 REGISTERED CENTERS.
10. BOWLING HAS GAINED POPULARITY AS A SOCIAL ACTIVITY AND IS OFTEN ENJOYED BY PEOPLE OF ALL AGES AND SKILL LEVELS FOR FUN AND RECREATION.



THE BOWLING CHAMP - BENNY STARK

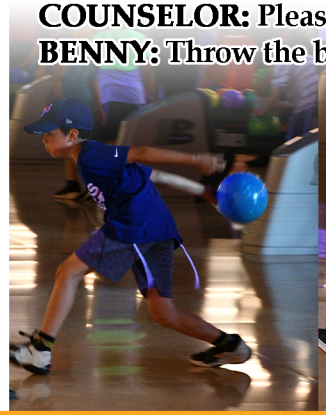
COUNSELOR: As the championship in bowling describe how you are feeling right now?
BENNY: Happy I guess. It was amazing to get a strike- it was like hitting a homerun.

COUNSELOR: What is your highest score?
BENNY: 87

COUNSELOR: hich bowling pin is your favorite pin?
BENNY: The back right # 10.

COUNSELOR: How long have you been mastering this talent?
BENNY: Never

COUNSELOR: Please share with us your technique?
BENNY: Throw the ball straight





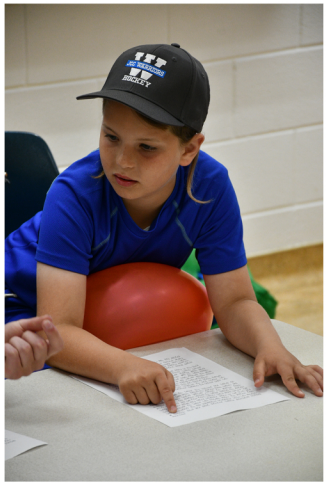
WHAT PART OF CAMP ARE YOU MOST EXCITED ABOUT?

Yehoshua Rothman – woodworking
Levi Ber – Bowling
Ezra Gordon – Niagra Falls
Daniel Rosnet – leagues
Moshe Bobrowsky – woodworking
Yudi Weitz – Art
Yoel Weiss – Magic
Yair Korobkin – guitar
Yoel Abramovitz – leagues
Mikey Weitz – being with my friends
Shaya Garson – leagues
Yonah Klein – leagues
Yitzi Haben – courses
Yosef Abramovitz – leagues
Yosef Krepel – Niagra water park
Ezra Lubovic – EVERYTHING
Hillel Zahler – EVERYTHING
Mr. Laszlo – extra lunch
Eliyahu Buzaglo – Talmid Hashavua
Moshe Posner – Baseball/football
Ariel Sturm – Chinese auction (run by Ezra B.)
Rabbi Koff – Sruly's Lets Make a Deal
Aryeh Belzberg – leagues
Hillel Atlas Baseball (with metal bat)
Messi Bitton – sports
Yosef Niski – Lunch
Yakov Crombie – Niagra Falls
Zevy Stark – Go Karting
Moshe Weinberg – leagues
Nadav Ascher – trips
Joe Nemetz – sports

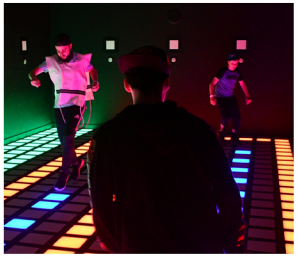




















Week 1 in Otzros

We're going UP in Otzros this summer! We are thrilled to be back for another summer of fun, friendships, and unforgettably amazing experiences! Things got off to a great start on Day 1 with an exciting theme breakout by our fabulous head counselors. After spending some time getting to know our bunks and bonding over a bracelet making activity, Otzros packed up and headed out for some bouncing fun at... SKYZONE!

From the trampolines, to the foam pit, to the obstacle course and wall climb, we truly had a blast! The fun continued through the week with swimming, balloon hair band making, water balloons, baking, volcano building, and more!

Can't wait to see everyone back again for more great times next week!!!










PEEK-A-BOO!

Guess Who?



Welcome back Camp Shorashim!!! What a MAGICAL week we had! We began by crafting bunk picture frames and jumping and sliding on crazy jumping castles! We danced, made some goopy ooblek, painted, and even played sports!! On Wednesday, we enjoyed a mesmerizing MAGIC show! We loved splashing in the water with our water play activities! Thursday's activities involved crafting MAGIC scratch cards! As the week came to a close, we baked challah together and enjoyed our first Shabbos Party of the summer!!! It was a week filled with MAGIC, memorable moments, and so much fun!! Can't wait to see you next week!!

♥Lee-Ann Lebowitz, Ariella Swissa, Racheli Laitman and Yael Shor

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Tzvi Scheller



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