



Merockdim Connections

"ALL THE NEWS THAT'S REALLY FIT TO PRINT"

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Parshas Balak	
Candle Lighting	8:11
Shkiah	8:29
Shacharis	Check local
Havdalah	9:41

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"MEROCKDIM MEROCKDIM MEROCKDIM IS THE BEST!!!"

Week 2!!!

What an actioned packed week!!! Wo week two came to a close in a wink of the eye. What amazing fun we all had. Leagues took off fast and running! This weeks daily special activities were epic!!! SO YOU THINK YOU'RE A DETECTIVE?? Do you? Elite division?? Tougher than it sounds no? On monday all divisions were treated to legendary scavenger hunts. My Minor league Tzadkim had a picture

scavenger hunt, where they found a puzzle picture to a location on our campus. The entire bunk had to race on over to that specific location and send in a bunk picture by the spot. No one could stop bunk Bonim as they raced to victory, snow cones for the entire bunk!! For the junior league division, things started getting a bit more tricky. Besides for a number of picture puzzles they had to race to, they also had to solve a morse code type mystery which led them to a secret location. Bunk

Dveikes is the true detectives! Yoni Mouse good work out there!! Elites... Eh! Excuses excuses excuses! Shout out to **Ray Ban's**, what a squad and what a effort Kobe, Yossi and Sholi, next year you got this! Effy was very proud of all our detectives, GOOD FOR U!!! Tuesday July 4th, we did not have camp, but boy did we miss everyone! Wednesday, back and better then ever just in time for HAT DAY!! So many campers brought in such creative funny hats, from hard hats to shay-tills.

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Next Weeks News (Don't even bother trying to find another paper that has this!)

Week 3 could very possibly be the best week in Camp Merockdim History!!! Monday is N.F.L. Day wear your football apparel. The NFL Combine is coming!

Tuesday we have a Friday schedule due to Shiva Assar B'Tamuz, we end at 2. Wednesday is Olympic Day!!! Thursday is TRIP DAY!!! Please wear your gorgeous or-

ange Merockdim T-shirts. Friday is pizza day! WHAT A WEEK!!! WHAT A CAMP!! SHEEEESH!!! #meROCKdim



Activities & Leagues

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FOR DAILY PICTURE AND
UPDATES

REMINDER: WE
ARE A NUT-FREE
CAMP

“J.B.” BERMAN OF THE BERMAN FAMILY, HAD AN AMAZING WEEK! BOTH ON THE COURT AND OFF, YOUR STERLING MIDDOS MAKE ME BLUSH. Z-JACOBS OF THE POODLES HAD A CAREER DAY REELING IN 4 TDS. RAFI KARASICK NAILED A CRAZY BUZZER BEATER IN BASKETBALL TO HELP LEAD THE ST. BERNARDS TO A HUGE W. SHIMMY HALPERT & A LAZARUS BOTH PUT ON HOCKEY CLINICS WHEN THEY SCORED 6 GOALS!! COACH “BILL” RAKOWER YOUR HOURS OF WATCHING FILM IS FINALLY PAYING OFF. JONAH YOU STEAL THE SALAMI STUD!! JAKE RUBENSTEIN

YOU WARRIOR! GO BEAGLES!! TRADE DEADLINE IS NEXT WEEK. RUMORS ARE FLYING! @WOJ GETTING INVOLVED. ANOTHER BLOCK-BUSTER??? #PETER? MAUI JIMS LOSING MORE PIECES? FREE-BEES?? MILO OSEN REUNION?? YOSI EISNERIECH HOLDING OUT UNTIL HIS CONTRACT GETS EXTENDED? CHIHUAHUAS COACH SEARCH CONTINUES, WILL JAMES TAKE OVER? JOHN? YEHUDA POLL WANTS IN! TEAM NAME CHANGES? #KUMQUAT??? HOCK!!! TO

MUCH OF IT FOR ONE WEEK. COMMISSIONER RESIGNING?

MEROCKDIM TRAINING CAMP UPDATE: THIS WEEK M.T.C CONTINUED TRAINING VIGOROUSLY. BASEBALL TRAINING WAS VERY HIGH TECH THANKS TO OUR WORKING BATTING CAGES. FIRST INTERCAMP HAS BEEN SCHEDULED FOR THIS UPCOMING WEDNESDAY. NOT TOO LATE TO SIGN UP. CONTACT THE OFFICE FOR MORE DETAILS. PRIVATE TRAINING IS AVAILABLE AS WELL. OICM OICM



Lunch

During lunch we had a blast like usual! You guys are so fun!! When the music goes on your spirits go up!! I can have a dance off daily. #DANCEPARTY Av-

raham Shimon Rothman you dancing legend! Thank you to bunk Ahava & Emunah for being such good jumpers! Akiva H. Mase your dancing skills are impeccable! Bentching was truly inspiring a groissa

yashikoiyach, to bunk Gevurah. A Huge happy birthday to all the birthday boys and too out 2 staff members who are birthdayish of birthdays. Cant wait to see whats in store for next weeks lunch. Yum Yum Yum OICM!!!!!!!!!!!!

O Azzie W. you rock that top hat, no need to only wear it on hat day!! You know what they say....? Only one winner. FALSE! Your all winners! But the winner of hat day 2017 goes to the reigning champ, YITZY EISENSTEIN!! What an awesome original hat!! Thursday, BAGS OF TRICKS!! My favorite activity so far! Every bunk was given an envelope with a secret plot inside of it. Mission, is

for all bunks to create a 5 minute comedy skit using the items you find in your bag. Excited for Friday?! Excited would be an understatement! We spent our fourth activity, rehearsing for the big performance. Thursday night was our debut of our Elite Division mishmar program. A few privileged campers got to run some drills with Merockdim Training Camp. Others played football. Nothing beats staff Vs. camp-

ers baseball!! Staff came out strong making Merockdim Stadium looking like Citi Field. You should have seen that Aaron Judge like bomb from our very own Shimmy Schiller. Staff starting pitcher Yosef Weiss added another 2 run Hr for some insurance as the staff took the first game 14-2. After the game we were all treated to scrumptious cholent & potato kigel. OICM!!! OICM!!!!

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Yesterday Is
Today,
'n Yesterday's
Tomorrow Is Also
Today...
But
Today's Yesterday
Was Yesterday's
Today,
So... Tomorrow's
Today Is Today's
Tomorrow.. !*



League Standings



MINOR LEAGUE

	Win	Loss	Tie	Points
Bananas	2		1	5
Oranges	2		1	5
Cumquats	2	1		4
Cantaloupe	2	1		4
Apples	1	1	1	3
Pears	1	1	1	3
Mangos	0	3		0
Peaches	0	3		0

JUNIOR LEAGUE

	Win	Loss	Tie	Points
Rottweilers	7	0		14
Doberman	7	0		14
Poodles	4	1	2	10
Pugs	3	0	4	10
Pitbulls	4	2	1	9
Bulldogs	2	0	4	8
Chihuahua	3	4		6
Schnauzers	3	4		6
St Bernards	3	4		6
Beagles	1	4	2	4
Hot Dogs	1	6		2
Huskies	0	7		0

MAJOR LEAGUE

	Win	Loss	Tie	Points
Maui Jim	8	2		16
Ray Bans	7	3		14
Aviators	6	4		12
Oakley's	1	9		2



Best In Bunk



Emunah	Uzi Kurzmann	Ezra Lazarus	Teddy Reichmann	Dayus	Dani Ratzker	Menachem Marrus	Eli Lefkowitz
Ahava	Rafi Gross	Daniel Friedman	Azriel Warum	Dveikus	Benny Mendelowitz	Noey Taub	Dani Alexander
Binah	Gavriel Sabel	Benny Fine	Eli Fine	Havanah	Zevi Jacobs	Yitzi Eisenstein	Moshy Hollander
Bonim	Aaron Axelrod	Yitzy Safier,	Daniel Sorotzkin	Hatznai	Shneur Herman	Yitzy Leonorowitz	Akiva Fogelman
Gedolah	Shlomo Barasch	Natanel Bromberg	Abie Shenker	Vatronus	Akiva Cement	Yossi Shutyak	Eitan Lefkowitz
Gevurah	Yaakov Baitz	David Zeig	Baruch Yosef Kushner	Chasidus	Dovid Duskis	Yaakov Berman	Aaron Mizrachi

Best In Learning

Best In Davening

Rabbi Kaplen	Rafi Gross	Menachem Herman	Shuli Frydman	Baruch Hirsch
Rabbi Cohen	Chaim Bodner	Momo Deutscher	Gabi Eisenreich	Meir Cohen
R' Nenner	Ezra Markowitz	Ezra Bulow	Maor Goldberg	Gabi Sabol
R' Newhouse	Akiva Jacoby	Hillel Berkowitz	Netanel Bromberg	Shlomo Yehuda Barasch
R' Duetscher	Dani Ratzker,	Aharon Berkowitz	Tzvi Klein	Cobi Brodie
R' Weiss	Akiva Fogelman	Doni Schiller	Meir Landau	Avi Fonfeder
R' Shiller	Akiva Clment	Yitzchak Weiss- mandl		
R' Knopfler	Israel Laster	Yehoshua Dahan		
Harav Cement	Beni Haymov	Avi Epstein		

What You Don't Know...May Be Saving You!

No one could know the incidents involved in this week's Parasha : the political machinations of Balak, the unnatural talking donkey, the words of Bilaam's "curses" (some of which are among the first pieces of *davening* that our holy children learn!), Bilaam's prophecy of the eventual endings of the various nations of the world. **This is a Parasha that had to be revealed to Bnei Yisroel *b'Ruach haKodesh*, by Divine Inspiration.** *Bnei Yisroel* were travelling through the desert, heading with faith in Hashem to their Promised Land; how could they have known?

This is one of the lessons of this Parasha: we don't need to be overly concerned or overly involved with fear of others. When we do our part by doing Hashem's will, Hashem removes obstacles that we aren't even aware of, and thwarts plans that our enemies make that we know nothing about. The Gemara says that a *goy* once asked a Tanna what is the meaning of the Tehillim (that we say in Hallel), "Praise Hashem, all you nations, exalt Him all people; for His kindness has come over us..." Why should they praise Hashem for that?! The Tanna explained that, "Only YOU know how many evil plots Hashem has saved us from!"

We can never truly praise and thank Hashem for all that he does for us; so much goes on "behind the scenes", out of view. Camp Merockdim is like that, too. When your child comes home after a fantastic day at Camp, you know about the counselors and the Rebbes...but there are many, many more people working to give your child the best, safest, most enjoyable summer ever.

Kol Tuv & Good Shabbos!

Rabbi Isaacs



