



# Merockdim Connections

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## BASKETBALL STAR SPENDS THE DAY IN CAMP MEROCKDIM!!

The first word that comes to mind would be LEGENDARY!!! Right at 9am we knew something amazing was going down. The entire camp was in NBA apparel in honor of NBA Day. Right after a very strong learning groups, we rushed back to the dining area for the anticipation for our iconic star! ZACK ROSEN!! Let me tell you a little bit about Zack. Zack, a point guard, who played

collegiately at the University of Pennsylvania, where he was an All-American and Ivy League player of the year. As a senior, Zack led the Ivy League in scoring with 18.2 points per game and finished third in assists 5.1 per game. He was unanimously named the 2012 Ivy League player of the year. An award that even Jeremy Lin did not win in college. The first three-time captain in PENN history, Rosen gradu-

ated as the Penn men's basketball program's all-time leader in assists 588, games started 115 and minutes played 4,198, and his point total 1,723, not too shabby. The boys were completely shocked to see a frum ben torah, who looked so different then the videos we saw the lunch before. Some were skeptical! "Avi is that really him?? Are you messing with us?" Patience boys, everybody settle down. The second

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

Monday is Erev Tisha Bav we are on a friday schedule **dismissal is at 2pm**. Tuesday, no camp due to Tisha Bav. Wednesday is the Merockdim Got Talent. Everyone make sure to bring

all your rocking talent because talents will be talented and talented people will be using all their talents. Cant wait to see what people have in store for us. Thursday is M.Y.P. (Make Your Pick). I know you're

all asking what this is but im not allowed to tell you so come join us for a new surprise game that will blow your mind! Friday of course is Pizza day!! Have an amazing Shabbos!!!!!! OICM!!!!!



**Reminder Camp  
ends at 2pm on  
Monday  
&  
No Camp on  
Tuesday**

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**REMINDER: WE  
ARE A NUT-FREE  
CAMP**

## Activities & Leagues

Early Monday morning we quickly met our new warm staff. We are in for an incredible second half! Excitement filled the air as the torrential down pour came to a halt just in time for sports, right when learning groups concluded. Bunk Chassidus found themselves in an epic volleyball battle Vs. the staff, D. Duskis kept the staff on their feet when he effortlessly used his shoulder to knock the ball over. Staff was not going down! The unison and comrated shown by the staff was a masterpiece. Bunk games were played while counselors held evaluations. The junior division was in for a very special treat, after lunch, a ventriloquist put on a really entertaining puppet show. Zaidi and Shmuki were a crowd favorite!

Mordy Weiss-mandle's singing performance was priceless. Effy shepped so much nachas. Wednesday was also a tremendous day. Second half leagues started. Who's going to be this year's Merockdim Champion? Elite, Evergreen's, Wesley Kosher's, Hatzlochos, All Fresh's, Newdays or Shopper Havens?? Juniors, Shaq's, Wilt's, Birds, Kareem's, Magic's, Russel's, Kobe's, Jordan's, Reggie's, Ewings?? Hey minors! What's your favorite fruit?? Is it a kumquat?? After some leagues we had the best time ever! CARNIVAL!! Bunk chassidus threw it down! Wow was the carnival fun! So many awesome booths!

Frisbee golf, Mini golf, shooter, coke/Pepsi, pickle eaters, gun shooters, watermelon eating, Cotton candy!! Amazing prizes were given out at the grand prize ceremony. Thursday, a phreilichein purim! Good times keep rolling! What a week!! Thursday was costume day!! We saw such amazing costumes! Football players, animals, lol a farm of giraffes, super heroes, sponge bob sq pants, a girl, and so many more awesome costumes! Final activity purim shpiel!! Thank you Reuven Cohen, Effy & Yosef Lemel we loved it! After purim shpiel we played a simon says with the entire junior and middle division! Things got intense but final we got our winner, Dani Schiller!



# Lunch

Monday lunch was rocking a special video presentation of the famous Zack Rosen was showed. The entire camp was glued to the big screen as we saw highlights of Zack dominating the NCAA. Tuesday lunch in honor of NBA Day, Star JC, Noam Gelb led a fun game of NBA initial game. Since it's the nine day we could not have our regular rocking lunch dance party. Instead we got to hear Effy beat box. Which was surprisingly rather

solid, our little men broke it down. Wednesday in preparation for our huge talent show next week, we got a sneak peak from our very talented campers. Thank you to the future super star Motty Burger for gorgeously leading us in a rendition of V'ahavta. Thursday lunch was epic! Costume day, we had a live game of guess who! After a few games of guess who we had our costume contest!! Wow so many amazing costumes to choose from! Only could be one winner! Our haymov meter clearly showed the winner of the 2017 costume day was.... CHAIM HIRSCH!! Chaim's girl costume was so good Effy

thought there was a girl roaming our campus. LOL!! Great job Chaim!! Ari Weiner was our runner up with an adorable monkey costume. Merockdim Training Camp!! WOW! What a week! Merockdim Ninja Warrior took over training camp Wednesday night. We all had a such a blast trying to overcome the obstacle course. Sick times were had by all! Come on trainers no one could conquer course two. Don't miss out on the final weeks of Merockdim Training Camp! We still have a few more spots available. Contact the office for more information. OICM!!!!!!OICM!!!!!!OICM!!!!!!

Zack stepped onto the court we all knew it was the one and only Zack Rosen. DUNKS! FULL COURT SHOTS! NOT MISSING FROM HALF COURT ONE HANDED! NAILING 30


FREE THROWS IN A ROW, EFFORTLESSLY. More than just the basketball clinics that we received, Zack taught us all about, attitude. **"Your attitude determines your altitude.** You

can't control much in life, but you're always in charge of your attitude! 1-2-3 ATTITUDE!!" What a day! THANK YOU ZACK FOR SPENDING THE DAY WITH US!

*"I wish to wish the wish you wish, but if you wish the wish the witch wishes, I won't wish the wish you wish to wish."*



## League Standings

MINOR LEAGUE				
	Win	Loss	Tie	Points
				
				
				
				
				
				
				

JUNIOR LEAGUE				
	Win	Loss	Tie	Points
Shaq's				
Wilt's				
Bird's				
Kareem Abdul Jabbar				
Magic's				
Russel's				
Kobe's				
Jordan's				
Reggie's				
Ewing's				

MAJOR LEAGUE				
	Win	Loss	Tie	Points
				
				
				
				
				
				

To Be Announced!!

# Best In Bunk

<b>Emunah</b>	Uzi Kurzmann	Teddy Reichmann	Yehuda Weissmandl	<b>Dayus</b>	Daniel Benshlomo	Shimmy Itzkowitz	Moshe Baitz
<b>Ahava</b>	AJ Goldenberg	Ezrah Savetsky	Yitzy Jacobson	<b>Dveikus</b>	Yoni Mause	Dani Alexander	Dovi Axelrod
<b>Binah</b>	Shayah Reichler	Avishai Wiener	Simcha Sobel	<b>Havanah</b>	Dovid Kurzmann	Moshe Hollander	Dovi Weissmandl
<b>Bonim</b>	Rephael Fleischner	Yaakov Landau	Yoel Levkowitz	<b>Hatznai</b>	Yitzy Leonowitz	Avraham Benshlomo	Shneur Herman
<b>Gedulah</b>	Nochi Adelman	Eli Wiederkehr	Jake Rubenstein	<b>Vatronus</b>	Daniel Lazarus	Avi Bodner	Menachem Herman
<b>Gevurah</b>	Gedalia Sihlos	Gabi Eisenreich	Ariel Ryba	<b>Zeherus</b>	Noam Berlinger	Eliezer Siklos	Yossi Shutyak
<b>Gemilus</b>	Abbi Hirsch	Ahron Yaniv	Noah Levine	<b>Chasidus</b>	Moishy Bernstein	Eitan Warum	Yissi Nenner

## Best In Learning

## Best In Davening

Rabbi Kaplen	Ezra Lazarus	Ezra Savetsky	Yaakov Weissmandl	Daniel Friedman
Rabbi Cohen	Avi Kram	Avi Smolarcik	Aharon Axelrod	Yaakov Landau
R' Nenner	Nati Nenner	Gavi Weinstein	Mayor Goldberg	Gavi Lehrer
R' Newhouse	Jake Rubinstien	Abie Shenker	Yehuda Kaplan	Nochi Adelman
R' Marvet	Efraim Jacobson	Dovi Axelrod	Yoni Toledano	Eliezer Hamburger
R' Weiss	Donnie Schiller	Aryeh Hirshaut	Shimmie Halpert	Yitzi Leonowitz
R' Rozner	Yitzi Eisenstein	Daniel Zimmerman	Chaim Goldfarb	Meir Landau
R' Kram	Menachem Adelman	Max Glick		
R' Hoffman	Azriel Laster	Dovi Silber		
Harav Cement	Yosef Lemel	Eitan Warum		



# ***Keitzad?* MEROCKDIM!** A Shabbos Vort from Rabbi Dani Isaacs

Merockdim Learning Director

## Tochacha

Each week the great Rishon, Rabbeinu Bachya, introduces the Parasha with a posuk from Mishlei. This week's posuk explains the value of tochacha, rebuke, since our Parasha opens with Moshe Rabbeinu giving Bnei Yisroel rebuke at the end of his life, before they are to enter Eretz Yisroel.

The basic message is: true rebuke is love & love without rebuke isn't true. Moshe Rabbeinu's love for Bnei Yisroel made him put aside consideration of the feelings they might have for him reminding them all of all their mistakes and warning them not to repeat them. He was concerned only with their true, lasting good - their Olam Haba!

It's no coincidence that this Parasha always falls before Tisha B'Av, the day to commemorate Hashem's ultimate rebuke, the destruction of the Beis haMikdash. It seems that we should follow the Parasha and examine our own ways, too. One of the rebukes that Moshe gives is about what Bnei Yisroel did in a place called, "Di Zahav." The Torah never mentions that Bnei Yisroel were ever in such a place, but our Chachamim, z"l, explain that it's a reference to the Sin of the Golden Calf at Har Sinai. Because Bnei Yisroel had so much gold ("Di Zahav" means "plenty of gold"!) they were led to the sin of making the calf.

What do we do with our abundance, with the berachos that Hashem gives us? Certainly our wealth enables us to do mitzvos, give tzedaka, provide a beautiful atmosphere for our families to grow in Yiddishkeit. But does it also fuel our bad middos? Will we come - in 120! - to shomayim blaming di zahav, the very berachos we daven for, for our sins? It's something we can think about as we sit on the floor this coming Tuesday.

Wishing everyone an easy and meaningful fast.

Good Shabbos,

Rabbi Daniel Isaacs







