



Merockdim Connections

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Olympics 2017 ORANGE VS GREEN!!!

After a game of sporty sports leagues everyone came in for lunch. Out jumped Avi and Olympics 2017 was announced!! ORANGE Vs. GREEN!!! What an absolutely gorgeous Olympics day, not a cloud in the sky. As campers start arriving into camp all that can be seen is swarms of green and orange. Green and orange everything! Pants, shirts, hats, hair, face paint. Team of Orange led by Zachary Eisen & Akiva Mase faced off against Shimi Ruskin & Yosef Weiss of Team Green. Electric vibes were felt throughout the whole campus. An intense baseball game was going on during the start of Olympics. The

Aviators were on green and the Oakleys were on Orange. This game was like no other. Yehuda Wolf who was on the Aviators hit a crazy out of the park home run, he hit it so far we couldn't even find the ball after! The Aviators are now up 3-0 and it was only bottom of the 2nd. But then something crazy happened. Camp Director Effy Weissmandl came out of nowhere and said that Wolf's home run went all the way to China!!!! After hearing that the Oakleys forfeited the game and said the Aviators were too good to play. The sports were played we all felt that little extra something. Meyer Karoly of the Peaches had a career day on football, 5

tds and a int. While Mr. D Zimmerman had 7 goals in hockey! By the super crazy fun Home run derby the Green team had the Rebbi Shimmy Schiller leading off, who hit a whopping 3 home runs. On the other side, the Orange team had their main man, Yossi Eisenreich leading off who hit a crazy opposite field home run. But In the end the Green team came out on top with 5 fantastic home runs. Not quite a Aaron Judge type performance by our staff but we were all very well entertained. While some were watching the Home Run Derby others had a second option to partake in our first aqua meet of the season. O boy do we have some fast swimmers! After

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Next Weeks News

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

Week 4 could very possibly be the best week in Camp Merockdim History!!! Monday is ICE CREAM DAY!! All cream will be licked and cones eaten!! Tuesday is our GRAND TRIP!!!!!! Minor division will be going to Bounce U!! Middle Division will be

sliding and gliding at Clementon Water and Amusement Park!!!! Our elites will be going on a 2 day overnight too 6 Flags Great Adventures!!!!!! This is going to be EPIC!!! Wednesday will be an action packed day filled with ices, sports, and amazing wet pool.

Meanwhile our elites will be rocking the second day of the overnight! On Thursday we will be rocking playoffs for first half! Friday of course is Pizza day!! Have an amazing Shabbos!!!!!! OICM!!!!!!



Activities & Leagues

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REMINDER: WE
ARE A NUT-FREE
CAMP

ACTIONED PACKED WOULD BE AN UNDERSTATEMENT!!! Leagues rocking better than ever! Monday was the inauguration for our zip line adventure world! Eric, Rabbi Isaccs and the crew safely led bunks threw our super fun zip course. Monday also was N.F.L. Day! Many of the boys wore very nice football apparel. Jerseys were everywhere OBJ, Decker, Eli, we even saw a Cole Beasley. Throughout the day we were all treated to a super cool "NFL like Combine". Boys pending on their age had multiple of different stations set up for them. We had a long jump, vertical jump, 40 yard dash, Field goal kicks from 10, 20, 30, Running bases, fb throw challenge, and most boys were treated to work on routes with a "professional coach". The scouts were watching live via our drone satellite live footage feed. Impressed would be far from an exaggeration! A New York Jets scout convinced his front

office to go recruit a few of our chassidus campers to join them for the QB battle in this years training camp. Effy would not take any of it! Shiva Assar B'Tamuz was on tuesday. Our boys had very inspiring learning groups. For the youngsters the rest of their camp morning was somewhat on a regular schedule. Our elite division had a few chilled tournaments. The older bunk went down to the archey pit, while Vatrunis met on our state of the art mini golf course. Can we discuss?? How underatedly cool is that place!! 18 hole course! With our tiger, pirate ship, water fall, the what not and the whole works!! OICM!! Once the tourneys came to a close, all the old men met up in the Playdium. We introduced a brand new game show called BALDERDASH!! Each older grade had a team, the concept

of this game was super fun! Things got rather intense very quickly. Everyone played so well! The game historically ended in a crazy tie when Dovid Duskis and co knew Donald J. Trumps date of birth. Monday was our last dance party till after the three weeks. We rocked it out! Shout out to bunk Gedula for really getting in there! Joke of the day will hopefully never get old LOL! QUARTERBACK

Merockdim Training Camp Update! This week was our first game. In a very well played basketball game the Merockdim boys in comeback fashion squeaked a nail bitter 29-24. There are still a few spots available to join our program. Besides for the sports training we have an awesome time on the campus from 4:05-5:30 daily. To sign up please contact the office.



Trip

TRIP DAY! Thursday we had a scorcher of a day on our hands. What better way to spend the day indoors on the ice. Off to the Palisades mall Ice Center we went. We were

treated to watch some excellent players practice before we got the whole rink to ourselves. Staff members were so super helpful helping their campers put on their skates. Skating was so much fun! Our very own Rabbi Isaccs led a

new amazing program for "My Boys". The idea is for boys who are looking to enjoy our facility more than just playing leagues. In this new league-mini golf, archery action karts are all included in the actual leagues. OICM!!OICM!

our Hr. Derby/Aqua meet we headed to lunch. Lunch was rocking, everyone was cheering for their team, benching was the loudest, and the most kavanah of the entire summer so far! After lunch it was off the races. Both teams went down to our huge football field for extreme track and field competition. First the minor league started off with a football dance followed by the boys hoping in sacks. Then a game of tug of war were the older division went against each other for the win. After these awesome races we rushed off to team time. Green

went to the benches to prepare Their song while Orange toiled away in the dining room. Before each team sang their song it was skit time. First the green team went. They started off with a few people crying after finding out they didn't have a skit but It all worked out fine. Then it was Oranges turn their theme was a day in Camp Merockdim. Each staff member imitated a head staff. It was so much fun! Finally it was time for the song. First the Orange team went singing their song to the tune of Ivri Anochi by Benny Friedman.

Then green went with their rendition of Vohavta by YBC. Both teams were incredible. Now it was the moment everyone was waiting for. Who won?/? After a few minutes of discussing and adding up the points, it was time. General Zach for the Orange team and General Shimi for the green team stood up in the middle of the dining room anxiously awaiting. Effy got on the microphone and started to announce. 10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1 and the winner of this year's Olympics 2017 IS THE TEAM OF.... GREEN. Oh what a great Olympics!!! OICM!!!


I thought a thought. But the thought I thought wasn't the thought I thought I thought. If the thought I thought I thought had been the thought I thought, I wouldn't have thought so much."




League Standings



MINOR LEAGUE				
	Win	Loss	Tie	Points
Bananas	4	0	3	11
Apples	5	1	0	10
Oranges	4	2	1	9
Kumquats	4	3	0	8
Cantaloupes	4	3	0	8
Pears	2	2	3	7
Peaches	1	5	1	3
Mangos	1	6	0	2

JUNIOR LEAGUE				
	Win	Loss	Tie	Points
Doberman	11	0	1	23
Rottweilers	9	2	1	19
Poodles	7	3	2	16
Pitbulls	5	4	3	13
Pugs	3	3	6	12
Schnauzers	6	6	0	12
Chihuahua	5	6	1	11
St. Bernards	5	6	1	11
Bulldogs	5	6	1	11
Beagles	2	8	2	6

MAJOR LEAGUE				
	Win	Loss	Tie	Points
Ray Bans	11	3	0	22
Maui Jim	10	4	0	20
Aviators	8	6	0	16
Oakley's	2	12	0	4

Best In Bunk

Emunah	Baruch Hirsch	Eitan Hanfling	Menachem Herman	Dayus	Yehuda Taub	Rafael Zimmerman	Eytan Toledant
Ahava	Jonah Bulow	Shuli Frydman	Eliyahu Zupnik	Dveikus	Tzvi Ashkenazy	Asher Fried	Reuven Goldberg
Binah	Calev Nenner	Mayer Karoly	Tzvi Neuhauser	Havanah	Meir Laundu	Chaim Goldfarb	Abraham Gelman
Bonim	Chaim Bodner	Yosef Chaim Hakimi,	Moshe Maxx Sontag	Hatznai	Chaim Tzvi Smith	Doni Shiller	Nathen Tzvi Kirsh
Gedolah	Nachi Adelman	Yehoshua Gager	Binyamin Lamstein	Vatronus	Kobe Kurtz	Daniel Robinson	Noah Rabinowitz
Gevurah	David Dahan	Ezra Markowitz	Gavi Lerer	Chasidus	Peter Osen	Sruli Sobel	Dovid Fonfeder

Best In Learning

Best In Davening

Rabbi Kaplen	Akiva Malool	Mordy Weissmandl	Yitzy Jacobson	Yehuda Weissmandl
Rabbi Cohen	Chaim Schuh	Gabi Eisenreich	Eitan Gabay	Rafael Fleischer
R' Nenner	Ezzi Rudner	David Dahan	Benjamin Guy	David Zeig
R' Newhouse	Zelig Stein	Moshe Rosenberg	Eitan Popowitz	Yosef Halpert
R' Duetscher	Ephraim Jacobson	Rafael Zimerman	Yehuda Taub	Reuven Goldberg
R' Weiss	Zevi Rosenberg	Eitan Gelman	Yisroel Zimerman	Avraham BenShlomo
R' Shiller	Asher Krause	Menachem Adelman		
R' Knopfler	Mendy Frydman	Avi Baron		
Harav Cement	Aharon Mizrachi	Shmuel Nenner		

Keitzad? MEROCKDIM! A Shabbos Vort from Rabbi Dani Isaacs

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Priorities

The story of Pinchas is well known:

A prince of the Tribe of Shimon was sinning with a princess of Midian. The brazen, chutzpadik, nature of the act was compounded by the fact that this “leader” dared Moshe to oppose him. Since Moshe’s own wife was a Midianite convert, he felt “frozen” by the challenge. Pinchas rose to the moment! At incredible risk to himself, Pinchas grabbed a spear, ran through the camp of Shimon and stabbed both of the sinners. Hashem performed many miracles to prove Pinchas’ righteousness and to protect him from the rage of the Tribe of Shimon. Despite those miracles, the people still complained and insulted, “Did you see the grandson of an idol worshipper who dared to attack the Prince of a Tribe?!”

The Ramban, z”l, points out that Pinchas’ reward – a Divine guarantee of PEACE, forever – was because he put aside any concern of his own honor and acted for the honor of Hashem and for the sake of *klal Yisroel*. He was rewarded with *peace midah ke’negged midah* for restoring peace between Hashem and His people. There are lessons to be learnt here.

Everyone knows that there is nothing greater or more important than peace. But we often lose sight of what true peace is; Peace with Hashem. This makes us confront difficult choices, when to compromise and “let things slide”, when to unbendingly “make a stand.” Camp is full of these decisions, daily! It’s valuable to be aware that our priorities must be *kavvod Shomayim vaToras Hashem* when we look at our choices.

Kol Tuv & Good Shabbos!

Rabbi Isaacs

