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The Ultimate Six Flags Trip !!!!

TUESDAY!! WHERE DO WE START???

Elite Division arrived at camp regular time. Within no time a gorgeous coach bus rolled into camp. Bus driver Joe was our captain leading us to the one and only Six Flags Great Adventure, in Jackson, NJ. As we pulled into 6 flags, we quickly had lunch, and marched our way to the amazing rides. Peter was brought to tears from the excitement and speed of Kingda Ka

while Shaya Zimmerman held back his excitement and joined Head Staff David on the ultimate joy ride. We all had so much fun playing games and winning prizes, shout out to Nachi Rappaport for winning the 3 pt shootout. Daniel Robinson conquered the death defying Joker tumble saucing speed ride. The chancellor of the gaming commission immediately called Effy to order our campers to stop win-

ning every game, due to their inventory of basketball prizes quickly diminishing. However it was our campers duty to keep winning those #2 emoji's (out of control! #goodnessgracious

We came back to camp and had some midnight munch, thank you Yossi Eissenreich for grilling, your hot dogs were delicious! We all went to sleep so pleasantly, just what the doctor ordered for tomorrow's

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

Monday is the first day of second half! We have so much in store!! Cant wait to welcome everyone!!! Tuesday we have a slight change to original schedule. Tuesday will be NBA day!!

Everyone please sport your NBA apparel. We cant wait to show you the surprise guest we have in store. Wednesday is carnival day! The elite division will be running an awesome carnival. Booths will

be clowned up and clowns will be cotton candy. Thursday will be Purim in July! Don't forget to dress up in your finest costumes!!! Friday is Pizza Day!! Have a Great Shabbos



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REMINDER: WE
ARE A NUT-FREE
CAMP

Junior Division all arrived at the girls campus at 6:30!! PARTY!! Can't be the best day ever, without a early wake up! We need to use the whole day for it to be the BEST DAY EVER! We all met up with our counselors and loaded the busses for our big trip to Clementon Amusement park!! We arrived just on time, made groups, and buddies and off we went to the waterpark!! Wave pool was non forgiving, as the ferocious waves hammered us back and forth. Boys got the chills just looking at "Torpedo Rush" ride. The skyscraper like free fall was beyond! "Viper" another camper's favorite was this twisty turny monster tube

ride. Around 12, we took a quick lunch break by our Elm Pavilion where we were served scrumptious hot pizza bagels, fries and noodles. Other camps were clearly envious. Our boys made a real kidish Hashem as we did not leave any garbage on the tables.

#OICM! After lunch we headed to the amusement park!! We got to enjoy all the fun rides while playing all sort of games. Effy even got all of us a voucher for one snack/drink from the concession stand. WHAT A DAY!!

On Tuesday morning bunk Ahava, Emunah, Bina and bonim all

arrived to camp as usual. Things were different! Quiet, excitement in the air. Why did we have lunch right after learning groups? Wait what busses pulling up right after lunch?? TRIP DAY!!! The Minor Leagues division were all treated to a super fun trip to BOUNCE U!! We arrived to a world of wonder and fun, filled with inflatable bounce activities... Moonwalk, bounce cliff, bounce basketball, a bounce slide a bounce obstacle course! Star counselor Reuven Cohen was so excited that he did a backflip! Two hours later we were all so tired from such an amazing trip. ONLY IN CAMP MEROCKDIM!!



Activities

Monday started off the week in a rather fine fashion! Not a cloud in the sky, a picture perfect like camp day. The boys were in for a quite a treat when they found the staff members dressed up as fisherman awaiting the upcoming swimming session. "Fishing" who would have thunk! The middle division are excellent fisherman!! Proud would be an understatement!! Thank you to our wonderful lifeguards for protecting us so bravely. Those slides are incredible wow what a party! NOTHING LIKE A MEROCKDIM FISHERMANS POOL PARTY! #OICM!!! Mandatory curfew tonight for the whole camp @8:00. CRAZY TRIP

DAY!! CAN'T WAIT!!!
PLAYOFFS! We felt the anxiety as soon as learning groups ended. The Elite Division was introduced to our new double elimination playoffs format. Intensity would be an understatement. Coaches were noticeable balding, making these coaching moves are tough boys! One single bad decision could be the difference of winning, and moving on to the next round. Who's going to win?? Championship Friday is finally here! Will the favorites pull through?? Maui Jim's, Ray Bans, D.p.'s, and Rottweilers really hope so! Can we perhaps see a Cinderella team pull off a crazy upset?? Bulldogs, Poodles and Aviators believe should we? In other news, bunk Havanah's Stud JC, Shlomo

Jacoby was this week's baseball MVP when he hit for the cycle and hit 3 HR, proud of you Shlomo.

Merockdim Training Camp Update- This week in M.T.C. our trainers got really good at nascar racing!! Our state of the art go kart track never gets old! Especially when it's right next to the famous Merockdim Baseball Academy. Nothing like taking some BP while waiting your turn on the go kart. On thursday M.T.C. trained in tennis! Yes, the technology was definitely in high gear this week, when we used our professional tennis machine. "The Prince" was rocking when we all worked on our return stroke. Dodgeball vs. ouch, but fun! More spots still available, call the office for more details.
YOU WILL LOVE IT!

super exciting Camp Merockdim day!! Shachris was truly inspiring thank you MIZ-RAHCHI, you legend! Breakfast was delivered and before we knew it we were back on the bus. Off to the

palisades mall we went. The boys broke up into their league teams and had a blast in our first ever Merockdim Mall Scavenger Hunt! Asher Kraus, you make me

proud! Wow was the footage from that little outing, priceless! #whatalast24hrs!!! With over 15 hours of sleep he won the race of most sleep of the night!!!

"A twister of twists once twisted a twist, a twist that he twisted was a three twisted twist, if in twisting a twist one twist should untwist, the untwisted twist would untwist the twist."



League Standings



MINOR LEAGUE				
	Win	Loss	Tie	Points
Bananas				
Apples				
Oranges				
Kumquats				
Cantaloupes				
Pears				
Peaches				
Mangos				

JUNIOR LEAGUE				
	Win	Loss	Tie	Points
Doberman				
Rottweilers				
Poodles				
Pitbulls				
Chihuahuas				
St. Bernards				
Bulldogs				
Beagles				

MAJOR LEAGUE				
	Win	Loss	Tie	Points
Ray Bans				
Maui Jim				
Aviators				
Oakley's				

Playoffs!!!!



Best In Bunk



Emunah	Yaakov Weissmandl	Mordechai Megadesh	Levi Barasch	Dayus	Daniel Hirshaut	Reuven Goldberg	Yoni Toledano
Ahava	Moshe Steinburger	Yonah Markowitz	Ephraim Aschkenazy	Dveikus	Reuven Goldberg	Aharon Elieze Berkowitz	Asher Fried
Binah	Gavi Kraus	Binyamin Gelbin	Momo DeutscherR	Havanah	Daniel Zimmerman	Gavriel Bennet	Elazer Zimmerman
Bonim	Shlomi Schwartz	Simon Weinstein	Daniel Sanik	Hatznai	Aryeh Hirshaut	Chaim Tzvi Smith	Zecharia Soffer
Gedolah	Jake Rubenstein	Natanel Bromberg	Tzvi Israel	Vatronus	Menachem Adelman	Avi Baron	Ari Bernstein
Gevurah	Benjy Gux	Ezzy Rutner	Akiva Axelrod	Chasidus	Shmuel Dov Klein	Yakov Grama	Benny Haymov

Best In Learning

Best In Davening

Rabbi Kaplen	Moshe Steinberger	Mordy Megadesh	Akiva Deutsch	Jeremu Zoldan
Rabbi Cohen	Azi Klahr	Shlomi Schwartz	Tzvi Neuhauser	Chezky Shutyak
R' Nenner	Akiva Axelrod	Yaakov Baitz	Yisroel Metzger	Aharon Yaniv
R' Newhouse	Yosef Friedman	Eli Wiederkehr	Yehoshua Gayer	Binyomin Iamstein
R' Duetscher	Daniel Hirschaut	Aaron E, Berkowitz	Yoni Mause	Moshe Berman
R' Weiss	Meir Landau	Donnie Schiller	Dovid Zazon	Moshe Hollander
R' Shiller	Dovid Pachtiger	Yitzchak Weissmandl		
R' Knopfler	Yehoshua Dahan	Gaby Altschuler		
Harav Cement	Nachi Schwartz	Aaron Mizrachi		

Keitzad? **MEROCKDIM!** A Shabbos Vort from

Rabbi Dani Isaacs Merockdim Learning Director

Win-Win!

In last week's Parasha (perek 27), one of the members of the Tribe of Menashe, Tzlofechad, had died in the desert...and he had five daughters (but no sons!) to inherit him: *what would become of his portion of the Land?! The daughters brought this question to Moshe and Hashem told him that the daughters would inherit his Land.*

At the end of this week's doubled Parasha – at the end of Sefer Bamidbar – we find the members of the family of Machir ben Menashe inquiring about a side-effect of this law. *“Since the Land is inherited through the men, what will happen if Tzlofechad's daughters marry men from another tribe? When the yovel comes, this land will be removed from our tribe and go to the tribe of their husbands!” The answer was straightforward: the daughters of Tzlofechad would need to marry within the Tribe of Menashe. The Sefer of BaMidbar ends by telling us that they did so, and then adds, “These are the Mitzvos and Mishpotim that Hashem commanded...”*

I think that there's an amazing lesson to be learnt here. Sefer BaMidbar really doesn't have all that many *halachos* within it; it has a lot of narrative of events. But this *halacha* and event – the law dictating who Bnos Tzlofechad must marry and the statement that they complied – is the essence of the *halachos*. It was a statement of PEACE. The law is meant to maintain the integrity of the tribal portion in the Holy Land, to avoid strife between tribes. And the daughters' compliance despite the intensely personal nature of the law, shows their desires to help “keep the peace” in Bnei Yisroel.

These are the 3 Weeks of Mourning for Bnei Yisroel. It's known that the main cause of our troubles is our lack of Sholom (as is clear from the story of Bar Kamtza and other stories). Let's ask ourselves in the coming weeks what we can do to increase peace with our fellow Jews and how we can *teach our children to value this quality and strive for it.*

Good Shabbos!

Rabbi Daniel Isaacs



