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2nd Half! Good times have begun...

MONDAY: the best feeling ever to see all the brand new faces walk into Merockdim so ready and excited for another half of summer that we know will be the most amazing ever!!! We all greeted our new counselors and new campers, learned everyone's names and were off to have the best day ever!! What will Merockdim bring for us second half?? I'll tell you what, just the most awesome activities ever! We all lined up indoors because it never rains in Merockdim but it only snows! We wished everyone a good morning with some balloons and some cheering and the usual carazy loudness that only ZC knows how to do. FIIIIIIINNNNNNEEEEE B"H!!!!!!!!!! Welcome to the BIG M!! Off to activities! Davening, shiur, sports like jumping rope, gaga and of course machanayim. With so much to do and so much to learn we were off to the boys camp for lunching lunchables. We had a great time eating as we always do. Let's wish a very Happy Birthday to Atara Zimmerman, we sang a special song to Atara that only we (and by we I mean Chani Rifky and ZC) know how to and cheered and the loudest girl Lele Tversky got her extra doughnut. It's time to play some games! It's the food game badadadadadadum!! Tova Gelb our reinging champion got up and

defeated Miri Goldstein and Tamar Gelbein on cholent and chocolate ice cream! Both yummy both I want right now please! Thanks! We had an awe inspiring benching just in time for the 9 days. From there we all ran out to enjoy activities! Go karts! Zip line, Krazy Maze, machanayim on the biggest court we have ever seen, we couldn't believe it that the time has flown since we were back in camp ready for some leagues!! After some competition which is on a diet, we were ready for Merockdim fever! After going back in time and with some help from Chani Tversky, we hopped into our shopping carts. We had a long line of ingredients (our campers of course) then we had our shoppers with their shoppi n glists. No wthey had to pick their ingredients up put them in their shopping cart (scooter) and bring them all the



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way across the room to the "cashier" we had Ellie Greenwald huffing and puffing to get all her ingredients and she took the win for her team! Our shoppers worked really hard to get the wins and they did!! What laughs we all had! Another amazing day in Merockdim!

#hopintomyshoppingcart

TUESDAY: today is Tuesday oh yes it is, today is Tuesday, MARIO MEROCKDIM or is it Maria?? Or Malka?? Whichever one it's time for game day! We can't be beat! Lineup was awesome with our thumbs out! A dooodadada! We stretched and exercised and on pins and needles to get our day started!! We had food decorating where we made a wall of the Bais Hamikdash with wafers! We davened with our beautiful bunks, listened to an inspiring shiur and played sports like we always do! But with a spunk that's not to be found in any other camp! We got to lunch for some ziti that Rifky had a few bowls of, which could be 3 or 5, but who is counting. What's in the bag????? Guess it and you will win!! Bunk 4A-B won a bracelet! To be shared by all!! And bunk 5 won a sugar packet that's so sweet! Each got a granule. After a benching that was short and sweet, there was some dancing to the acapella song, which was so fun but we are ready for the dancing song to be back! Off to activities, we played



gaga in the really cool court, lineup basketball, miniature golf, krazy maze, gymnastics and so much more! We did not want to leave, but we did in time for leagues and Merockdim fever! Did everyone bring in their cotton balls? No that's fine! We divided the camp into 4 teams and spread out different color cotton balls that we had spread out all over the gym floor. Then representatives from each team came up, put marshmallow fluff on their noses and at the buzzer everyone ran out picking up their color with their noses, 1 at a time. Running back and forth, it was really funny to watch. The counselor round really had Rifky in tears, really wet ones. Elisheva had 4 at a time, it all fit! Blumie, Racheli, and Sara! Really happy times were had by all! Tomorrow is coming we are so happy!

#itsalwaysawinwin

WEDNESDAY: it's Elite Carnival day!! The excitement was felt in the air! Chani, Rifky & ZC all got their faces painted (by each other) in order to get ready for this special day. At lineup we ran around with an S-M-I-L-E, with confetti flying and laughter in the air, we got ready for a spectacularious day! We davened outside in the sunshine, listened to shiur, and were excited to get to arts and crafts to finish our first half project and to start a brand new one! We played lots of sports, pizza, ice cream, sprinkles, gaga, elimination and a very heated game of steal the salami among lots more. On our way to the boys camp with some rumors of Lipa...we came to the lunchroom for some yummy lunch that keeps us full and happy. We want to with a very special Mazel Tov to the Gross family on the completion of Shas by the father. Yael Liba celebrated by giving doughnuts to her whole bunk! Mazel Tov!! We played a fun game of TAAAABOO that Bella knows how to pronounce. Mimi tried to have Bracha guess, waffles was thrown in, until Eliana guessed the 3 of us ☺ benching was roaring as everyone cheered and scream and winners were chosen and 3 girls got an extra large laffy taffy! Shatygrud from Bunk 1, Rochel Schiff and Atara Klein! Great job guys! We all moved to the wonderful fields where the elites enjoyed the chuge climbing wall, and the rest of camp could not get enough of all the activities! Back at camp, the elites began setting up for

their awesome spectacular carnival!! After some great game playing at leagues, it was time for everyone to enjoy their carnival!! From sno cones, to popcorn making (thank you Plotzkers!) pickle race, chocolate chips in marshmallow fluff, "feel your way" are those mashed bananas?? Nail polish, face painting, blow the beans, balloon popping with prizes inside, and so much more! These elites really outdid themselves! They created their own materials and signs! Wow what a carnival! What a day!! Fun was definitely had by all!!

#carnivalbytheelites

THURSDAY: Good Morning Camp Merockdim!! Said Chani Rifky & ZC as they swept out to lineup with their blue capes. Its time to go back to Under the sea!! Merockdim dive right in lets see the ocean!! We all got sprayed up as we cruised never snoozing! After some green alligators we were off to Daven and shiur. Rabbi Goldstein taught us this week about the halachos of the 9 days, the details of Parshas Devarim and the history of Tisha B'av with a focus on the following lessons:

HISTORY OF ELITE CARNIVAL..

Elite Carnival. First of all what are Elites? Elites means someone or something that is ahead, maybe better or greater. At least that's what our Elite division cheers all the time. They are our 6th, 7th and 8th graders. They are a division that's unique and they get a lot of greater things than the other divisions. The other divisions get great things, but our Elites get greater things. The carnival

began years back when a certain nameless head counselor did not want to make a carnival but it was on her calendar. So she came up with a great idea after a sleepless night, where the Elites will feel greater but will also take care of and head the carnival. And so it began and so it continues, they do a phenomenal job, so why take it away from them??

- 1) Avoiding embarrassing others
- 2) The Power of Teshuva

A special mention to these special campers in Bunk 3A-3B, Riki Cohen, Malka Fine, Ahuva Toporowitz, and Hannah Recht with Tzivya Abisch who cleaned up the fields so beautifully after we played outside today! We had an awesome staff versus camper machanayim game that had our campers beating our counselors soundly and quietly which means without sound. Off to eat a lunch of rice,

pasta, fish sticks and rice. Did I mention rice? Its rice. enough said. After an awesome game of shoot the water gun into your mouth where the Hoffman sister played so sweetly, we had a carazy rocking benching which continued to some carazy rocking cheering! Only in Camp Merockdim! Off to activities. Archery with the Elites almost targeting the targets. Does almost mean that they didn't? probably. Miniature golf had Bunks3A-3B enjoying. While the



LEAGUES STATS:

Minor Leagues			
	W	L	T
COCOA PUFFS	2	3	1
REESES PUFFS	2	3	
KIX	4	1	1
CAPTAIN CRUNCH	5	1	

Junior Leagues			
	W	L	T
SPEC SLIDERS		5	2
ROASTED MAR	6		1
WATERMELON	4	2	1
GRILLERS	2	5	

Major Leagues			
	W	L	T
ALL STARS	2	5	
SUPERSTARS	6	1	
PUMAS	4	3	
YEEZYS	2	5	

4's were so limber by gymnastics. Swinging from the beams and using the mats too! We had fun in the game room and really enjoyed the huge fields to play some sports. By the time we got back to camp we had some energy left to play leagues! Grillers and Pumas won! So did Kix! Off to Merockdim fever outside! We all sat around a HUGE tarp with water running all over! First we placed our goalies who happened to be campers, then we had some campers come up to play some water hockey!! Using

their feet as the sticks and a bar of soap as the puck! Ellie G and Faigy R began the first round! Tamar and Michal were our goalies. With some falls and slides Ellie made it! We then added some more players, but Ellie's team made it through! After some older and younger rounds we had a staff round with Rifky and Zc leading us! And I mean leading! With some flips and spins Rifky scored! But not without grabbing Chani and helping her slide all the way down that slide! What a water day! OICM!

#justkeepsgettingbetter
FRIDAY: After announcing our amazing winners of our Merockdim Chef 1st half, Hudis Schoenfeld our Chef Junior winner and Avigail Megadesh our Chef winner, we are ready to start all over again with round 1, Our winner got \$100 gift cards to Amazon and Toys R Us!! Hope you buy us something too! After a mickey themed lineup where our counselors cheered and danced, we went to daven and shiur, and then on to Merockdim Chef. Our girls all got creative in creating yummy rice krispie treat! After a countdown and hands up, the judges deliberated and winners were chosen to move onto the next round! We then left to eat lunch and hooray its Pizza dayayayayayayay!! Scrumptious, hot and delicious, what more can we ask for??!! Soda too!! ONLY IN CAMP MEROCKDIM!! Campers and daveners of the week were announced. From there we enjoyed the campgrounds of the boys camp! Awesome games were played! We wished each other a good Shabbos and are ready for next week!!

TAKE A WALK DOWN MEMORY LANE

2011: Interview with: Adina

Chani: Adina!! It is so good to catch up with you! You always love our themes, what do you think about this years??

ADINA: oooooooo I love and love!

Chani: always love the accent

ADINA: Chani can I please pretty please come to camp and at least try to sing the camp song

Chani: umm sure, we all know that singing is what you never did when you were here

ADINA: I never understood why you didn't let me sing Chani? You always had the mike and would sing over me?

Chani: well you know how much I love my mike

ADINA: ok, I hope you are not being Liza right now

Chani: never! But that's why we have a recording, you can just sing over the music

ADINA: well I sing my kids to sleep with the camp songs and would love to sing it with you too

Chani: how fast do your kids fall asleep

ADINA: So fast! I guess they love Merockdim!



HAVE A WONDERFUL SHABBOS!!

We LOVE you!

 **Chani,
Rifky & ZC**

NACHAS CORNER

CAMPERs of the WEEK		DAVENERs of the WEEK		CAMPERs of the WEEK		DAVENERs of the WEEK			
1 2 3A 3B 4A	Zehava Max	Aryanna Lloyd	Avigail Hoffman	Hana Shtaygrud	4B 5 6 7/8	Zehava Llyod	Leah Shtaygrud	Avigail Ghermezian	Shoshana Berger
	Shoshana Robinson	Naomi Eisen	Shira Soffer	Hadassah Remez		Chava Bracha Soffer	Esther Ryba	Tziviya Abisch	Rebecca Sarway
	Tova Gelb	Yael Liba Gross	Riki Cohen	Michali Zimmerman		Leah Gittel Gayer	Rivka Katz	Ayala Kaplan	Tzila Genut
	Atara Wohlgemouth	Gila Wiederman	Hannah Recht	Michali Adler		Rachel Teller	Ellie Greenwald	Gabby Richland	Hilla BenShlomo
	Adina Scheps	Rochel Schiff	Rena Klein	Batsheva Levine		WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU!			
Best in Shiur		Bunk 1		Bunk 2		Bunk3A		Bunk 3B	
		Zehava Max		Elky Rennert		Yael Liba Gross		Shalva Braunstein	
Bunk 4A		Bunk 4B		Bunk 5		Bunk 6		Bunk 7/8	
Sara Esther Zuckerman		Huvi Plotzker		Chava Bracha Soffer		Batsheva Ratner		Chani Friedman	

NEXT WEEKS NEWS:

- **Early dismissal @2:00: Monday, July 31**
- **No Camp Tuesday August 1-Tisha B'Av**
- **Trip Day: Wednesday August 2: Don't forget your Merockdim T-shirts!**
- **Thursday! Stay tuned for details!!**

IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

- **We are a nut-free camp!**
- **Please send in extra water bottles!**
- **Send in your Tuna Fish Cans!!**
- **We are constantly posting pictures on our Instagram account, check them daily for updates!**







