

Dear fellow campers,

ית לעולם ואר

How was your Pesach? Mine was absolutely amazing. I stayed up to three o'clock in the morning with my father talking about Yetzias Mitzrayim and how according to Chassidus we can all leave Mitzrayim in our lives by breaking our personal boundries and restrictions. An example of that, my father said, was that sometimes I feel that I can only learn as much as the teacher says we need to. But when I finish the quota, I often just laze around. My mother gets very upset because she says my homework takes me too little time. I could leave Mitzrayim if I wanted to, by trying to learn even when I am not forced to and even when I will not be tested on it.

Why on earth am I talking to you about Pesach if we're in the days of Sefira and we are in fact nearing Shavous? Well, guess what! Pesach Sheini! In case you missed out last time, now's your chance to do what you would have wished you could've done on Pesach. The message is to do what you know you can do, but what you don't have enough courage to do. Realise how big of an impression you could make on the world.

Recently the world was struck by a certain flu which turned many countries' populations restless and uneasy about the health situation. Wow, I thought to myself, a force such as this had the power to affect literally millions of people accross the globe. People started walking around with these blue things on their faces, apparently keeping germs away from them. I had a friend who refrained from touching me lest he contract the virus if I was infected.

All the talk and fear caused by a FLU! Could you imagine what we could achieve if we join together, with all our positive and constructive energy? Do you know what monumental things we could accomplish!? Think about it...

Mendel

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Keep in Touch!

The Chayolei Hamelech Keep-in-Touch Initiative



A Point To Ponder Based on the siches of the Relle

Rabbi Shimon bar Yochai told his students to make Lag BaOmer, the anniversary of his death, a day of celebration. All over the world, children march in Lag BaOmer parades. We show everyone how proud and happy we are to be Jewish and to keep the Torah and its mitzvos.

But why do we celebrate Rabbi Shimon's yahrzeit? We don't celebrate the yahrzeits of many other great Sages who lived in his time.

The Talmud tells us that Rabbi Shimon bar Yochai was different.

Think about the adults whom you know. What do they do? How do they spend their day? Our Sages tell us that Rabbi Shimon bar Yochai's "occupation was Torah study." That's what he did all day. He spent all of his time studying Torah.

Rabbi Shimon bar Yochai should serve as an example for us. But how? We do many other things during the day besides studying the Torah.

Yes, we do. But Rabbi Shimon's example teaches us how involved we should be at the time we do study. We should concentrate totally on what we are studying as if this is our only occupation; we shouldn't be thinking about anything else.

We can learn the same lesson from another teaching of our Sages. Our sages tell us that "the Torah was given only to the people who ate manna." Does that mean that others do not have a share in the Torah?

No! The Jews who traveled

in the desert could study the Torah with no worry or bother. Their food fell from the sky, their clothes grew with them, and the clouds of glory took care of their washing and ironing. Since their needs were taken care of, they could put all their energy into learning Torah. on our studies in the same way the Jews in the desert did. This is what Rabbi Shimon bar Yochai did. In the time we study, we can follow this example and study the Torah with all our energy.

(Adapted from Sichos Lag BaOmer)

Our Sages tell us to try to concentrate



Less than two months and we'll be back from last year called up to verify the rumor and was quickly corrected by

Playing, singing, learning, laughing, talking, experiencing, achieving, growing and understanding.

This is really going to be an experience of a lifetime...

Will there be ATV's, who knows? Will there be an ATV? G-d Willing!

Rumors have spread as to which team is winning color war this year. One camper

from last year called up to verify the rumor and was quickly corrected by one of the Head Counselors that it could not be true since this year there will be no color war!

Don't forget that this year we have a special swimming lessons program and you could register for that before camp by calling 410-499-8955

See ya in the summer!



Pick a caption

1. Aaawwww!!!

2. The shul is NOT the staff lounge!

3. Why can't **we** watch the plays sitting on a couch?!

4. Using the time of the Head Head etc.'s absence.

5. When the cat is out, the mice come out to play!



Deer diyaree,

itZ bean ay longest tiym sintZ paysaCh and i dident hav enee tiym too riyt too yoo. miy paysaCh woZ sow good. iy luv matZa! iy ayt sow moCh matZa that miy mumee sed if iy wood eet eneemor i wood becom a matZa. iy forgot to eet gebrogts on the last niyt of paysaCh so miy mumee sed i kan eet gebrokts on paysaCh shaynee. and sow iy ayt ay howl matZah in kantalowp soop! it woZ yumee!



miy mumee sed shee olredee sent in the aplikayshon too the kamp ofis. but iy dont now if thay goted it...

> this week iz lag baowmer. we go owt

into the streets and tel the weld that we or prowd too bee juice!

iy hav a song abowt it, but i forgot it. itz Cold the itz sow kool to be



juice. wiy do thay spel it liyk that eneeway?

we or gowing to the fer tomorow in onor of lag baoymer. ther wil be riydz and fon thingz liyk that. it iz jost liyk the moshiyach kornivool in kamp bot jost not in kamp. but it iz ol abowt moshiyach beecoz the howl poynt of rabi akiva abd rabi shimon bar yochoy iz moshiyach!

iy just kant wayt until moshiyach koms itz gona bee sow moch fon!



see yoo layter! eenjoy lag baoymer and bee kerfool from the fiyerz yoo downt wont too get hert and neether doo we!

iym an egg!

(Cha Ma CI

A glimpse into some of camp's most colourful personalities

Every staff member in camp works indefatigably Boruch Hashem, very good. to ensure that the summer is the best it can possibly be. Each and every one has their job which they manage and the success of that area in camp very much depends on their efficiency in completing the task given to them.

There are however, some staff members who assume multiple roles in camp for reasons unbeknownst to the general population in camp. Some suggest it is to satisfy their own egos or simply to receive recognition for their selfless efforts. Much speculation has swept over this subject but few have managed to say with absolute confidence that they know the reason for it.

The primary culprit accused of this is Yossel Friedman - a staff member whose job description is never adjacent to his name due to its great length. In his two years as a staff member in Chayolei Hamelech, Yossel has accepted more positions in camp than many people take on during all their camp years. Assistant Head Counselor, Sports Director, Assistant Learning Director, PA Manager, Deputy Night Activity Director, Vice Office Manager, Head General Manager; just to mention a few.

And what fascinates scientists more than anything is his successful performance with his various responsibilities.

We met up with Yossel in Crown Heights during a visit from his Mil Basin home. He was reluctant at first to give us some of his time to do this interview but after a few minutes of persuasion we got the better of him...

Hi, Yossel, how are you?

Where are you now in the world?

I'm actually right in the center of the world, Crown Height. I learn in Oholei Torah.

Are you enjoying yourself?

Sure! How could I not be when I have the CCH HQ and so many of our campers right here, in this neighborhood!

Do you still do sport directing in OT?

Um... basically: but here it's a little different. it's called Gemoro, Shulchan Oruch, Tanya, Likutei Sichos etc. The sport is to be able to juggle between these diverse subjects and still excel in all of them. Which, Boruch Hashem, I have managed

to do...

Are you the PA Manager at home too?

Well, we are actually in middle of installing a \$25.00 PA system but even without that, every now and then I put on the morning reveille tape just to get the clan to wake up in camp spirit!

What was the best part about being a PA manager AND sports director in camp?

You see, for somebody who wants to go through every job in camp (and especially if he has enough time...) it's very good. It's like striking two birds with one stone.



What are the plans for this upcoming summer in sports? What improvements will be made to the program?

I don't know for sure but I overheard a few people talking in the office that they are planning to bring down a professional/ major league referee to ref the games. But again, I'm not sure.

Is it true that every bed is going to have a loudspeaker next to it this summer?

Actually I was told something in that direction but they said it's a secret so I can't elaborate.



Why would you suggest Chayolei Hamelech to every boy? How would you think anything else? Oh! You probably have never been to camp before so vou don't know about the amazing fun things we do in camp and during the entire year!

What is your favorite camp memory? I would say winning color war but I understand that it's still not settled... (see 'relevant revelations' in the CCH newsletter vol. 2 issue 1-5) but really every moment - from the second I got off that bus on the first day until the second I got back on was my favorite (even color war, even if I didn't win...)

If there was one improvement you could make to camp what would it be?

I would make ATVing part of the DAILY schedule!!!

What do you want to be in camp when you come back next year?

I don't know yet. I guess I'll follow the footsteps of the PA managers before me... but I still have to look into that. Maybe a counselor, you never know.

Which staff member left a special impression upon you and why?

The chipmunk of course! (see BW vol. 2 issue 8) because he made sure to have an open package of cookies waiting for me every morning, it really helped me start my day on the right foot.

What is your message to the staff and campers?

"...and remember campers and gentleman: bringing Moshiach is what really counts!"

See you all this year in Chayolei – Yerushalyim!



Try this!

Take a pen and circle every time it says either one of the two words "CHAYOLEI ROCKS'. When you have found all the words, fill in the gaps below with the remaining letters in order to find out the mystery message!!

Good luck!

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Mystery message:

Going Geulah Living with Moshiach in our times

Golus and all the good it has to offer isn't severed and cut off at the time of the redemption. Instead, it experiences a state of freedom and becomes an actual part of the Geulah. One should certainly not be afraid of the Geulah. On the contrary – we should all be happy as we near

that moment when Moshiach will be revealed to all mankind.

At the time when the Jews left Mitzraim they left with their belongings as well as the Egyptians'.

They completely emptied out Egypt. The Egyptians gave the Jewish nation their silver and gold. The eirev rav also left with them. Not only did the Jews leave Egypt, they took the whole Egypt with them! Hashem created silver and gold and gave them to the Egyptians who in turn gave them to the Jewish nation!

Bring the Aleph into the Golah and the Geulah will happen automatically...

This concept of taking the good of Golus with us into the Geulah is hinted in the word Geulah itself.

Let's look at the Hebrew word for redemption – geula. It's made up of two parts, the word gola (golus) and the Hebrew letter

alef. What do we see?

The Hebrew letter alef teaches us a very important thing. First of all, as we learned last week, it teaches us that Hashem is the aluf

(boss) of the world.

Geulah is not a totally new thing when the world will be discarded and a kind of new system will be set in place. Rather, the world as we know it will be enthused with G-dliness.

The aleph therefore teaches us that all we have to do to transform Golah into Geulah is to bring the 'aleph' into the world.

In the child's merit

Amazing Anecdotes

One cloudy night during the first years after the Rebbe became Rebbe, a group of people stood outside 770 for Kiddush Levanah. As is known Kiddush Levanah may be recited only when it is possible to see the moon clearly during the first half of the month.

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And on this wintry night in Brooklyn, it was the fourteenth night of the month and the Rebbe and a group chassidim were watching a cloud-covered sky. As they were waiting, the Rebbe began telling a story about a similar situation which occurred with a Rebbe and his European chassidim almost two hundred years before.

Reb Meir of Premishlan and his followers, the Rebbe related, had faced a similar situation. It was the last night in which the moon could be sanctified, but it was covered with clouds. Reb Meir turned to his followers. "How did the Jews recite Kiddush Levanah prayers in the desert?" he asked. "Their camp was covered by the Clouds of Glory."

His followers sensed that his question was rhetorical and remained silent.

Reb Meir soon continued. "Moshe Rabbeinu took a handkerchief, waved it at the position in the sky where the moon would be located, and the clouds parted." And Reb Meir took out his own handkerchief, waved it at the clouds, and they too moved apart, revealing the full moon.

"Perhaps it can happen again," the Rebbe asked his own followers. "Can somebody here do the same thing?"

While the others remained silent, one elder chassid boldly suggested that the Rebbe do it.

The Rebbe quietly went inside to his office. Seconds later, the clouds parted to reveal the bright moon. As the Rebbe emerged to recite the prayers, the chassidim whispered to each other that the Rebbe must have waved a handkerchief at the clouds from the solitude of his room.

The story continues forty years later, and thousands of miles away, in the beautiful southern British sea resort of Bournemouth. The Rebbe Shlita had announced a campaign to spread the practice of Kiddush Levanah, so the town's shluchim, Rabbi and Mrs. Alperovitz, decided to introduce this ritual by performing it during a late-night boat cruise.

At first, interest in the cruise was small and Rabbi Alperovitz thought

of canceling the event. As they prepared to do so, they received a message of encouragement from the Rebbe. With dedication and enthusiasm, they increased their efforts. On the night the cruise was scheduled, forty people came to the harbor, despite forecasts of heavy clouds and thunderstorms.

The program was impressive and the storms held back, but

the sky remained covered with clouds and the Kiddush Levanah prayers could not be recited. As the boat was about to head back to the pier, Rabbi Alperovitz told the handkerchief story, and everyone looked heavenward expectantly. Someone must have waved a handkerchief, because the clouds began to part, revealing a beautiful, clear moon.

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טעג זיינען געבליבן צו קעמפייי מיר קענען ניט איינהאלטן, און ווארטן, ווען וועלן מיר זיין נאכאמאל אין קעמפ. און אפשר קען מען זאגן, אז דאס איז די גרונד פארוואס מיר ציילן ספה״ע דוקא אין חודש אייר (פאר די זומער), ווייל דעמאלט איז די צייט ווען מיר ציילן אויך די טעג וואס זיינען געבליבן צו קעמפ.

אבער, וועט קומען א ״געזאלצענע סטודענט" (א תלמיד ממולח) און וועט פרעגן: וואס פאר א צוגלייך איז דאס, ״מתן תורה״ - ״קעמפ״? קעמפ איז וואו

מען שפילט, מען גייט דאס מיט מתן תורה! ?! קריגען מער, איז די ענטפער זייער א קעמפ שפילט מען, און אין חדר טאקע אין קעמפ גייט מען אויף ״טריפ׳ס״,

> אבער ווי עס איז באוואוסט, איז דאס ניט די גאנצע ציל ((goal) ניט די גאנצע איל ציל פון קעמפ איז - און געדיינקט דאס אויף אייערע גאנצע לעבן ־אז פיר און צוואנציג שעות א טאג, און זיבן טעג א וואך, פאר צוויי מאנאטן (וואס איז אכט וואכן, אויב איר האט ניט גע־ וואוסט, כידוע די פראגע, ״איז קעמפ צוויי מאנאטן, אדער אכט וואכן״. איך מיין, אז די שווארצעס אין קעמפ האבן נאכאלץ ניט קלאר געמאכט די ענין איך באשולדיג זיי ניט, ווייל קיינער) פון זיי האט ניט געבליבן פאר די גא־ נצע זומער)). איז מען אין א אויר פון נאר אידישקייט, און חסידישקייט, תורה און מצוות וכו' וכו'. און ווי דער

רבי האט אמאל געזאגט אז ״פון די פאר וואכן אין קעמפ קען מען קריגען מער ווי פון א פאר חדשים אין חדר (ישיבה)״. פא־ רוואס? ווייל זייענדיג אין אזא אויר וואס איז אנגעפילט נאר מיט אידישקייט און חסידישקייט, קען דאס בייטן דיין גאנצע אויסקוק אויף גאנץ אידישקייט וכו' אויף אייביק (ווי מיר האבן דערציילט לעצטע מאל, און אי״ה וועט דערציילן אויף נאך א געלעגנהייט נאך געשיכטעס).

און דאס איז די פארבונד פון מתן תורה און קעמפ: אזוי ווי ביי מתן תורה האבן די אידן מקבל געווען די תורה מיט די גר־

אויף ״טריפ׳ס״ (״טרי־ ״פון די פאר וואכן וועלט, אזוי אויך אונז, פות") א.א.וו. וואס אין קעמפ קען מען פארא פארבונד האט איינפאכער: טאקע אין פון א פאר חדשים שמחה און חיות, און דער

עסטע שמחה אויף דער ווען מיר זיינען אין קעמפ, מיר לעבן מיט דער תורה רידישקייט און חסידי - **ןן ו** שקייט - מיט די גרעסטע ישיבה" שמחה און חיות בלייבט "ישיבה" מיט אונז אויף א גאנצע לעבן, אויף אייביק.

פאראן נאך אן אנווייזונג וואס מען קען לערנען פון ציילן ספה״ע. ד.ה. פאראן נאך א זאך וואס מען דארף צו עם ווארטן, ביז צו ציילן די טעג צו עם ״ווען וועט ער שוין קומען״, און דאס איז: משיח! מיר קענען נישט איינהאלטן און ווארטן! און ווי דער רבי האט אונז געזאגט, אז עס איז שוין געקומען די צייט אויף דעם - ״ענוים הגיע זמן גאולתכם״. זאל מען זוכה זיין צו די התגלות פון דעם רבי'ן מלך המשיח, און עס זאל זיין די קבלת התורה - הח-דשה - בשמחה ובפנמיות, צוזאמען מיט דער גאולה האמיתית והשלימה תיכף ומי״ד נאו ממ״שווו



די הויבי שליח צו די באקאנאם און א ווצלי בארימיד מקושר

די פארבונד פון ספירת העומר און מתן תורה מיט קעמפ

ווי די

טעג

לחיים! לחיים!

אזוי ווי מיר האלטן אין מיטן חודש אייר, וועט מען אביסל צוזאמענריידן די ספיציעלקייט פון דעם חודש. איך ווייס ניט צי איר ווייסט, אבער חודש אייר איז זייער א ספיציעלע חודש! פאר־ וואס? ווייל דאס איז די איינציגע חודש

וואס יעדער טאג פון דער חודש איז פא אזוי רבונדן מיט א מצוה. ארויסגייענדיג איר ווייסט וועלכע די מצוה פון ספירת העומר. אבער וואס וויפיל די מצוה פון ספה״ע? אין עבודת ה' קען מען

ארויסלערנען פון די מצוה פון ספה״ע ניט צו טאן״. און דערפאר האבן זיי גע־ אין אלגעמיין, און אין צוזאמענהאנג מיט קעמפ במיוחד?

> דער ענטפער איז זייער א איינפאכער (איינער), און עס ליגט אין (איינער=) פון) די גרונד(ן) (=טע(מי)ם) פארוואס מיר ציילן דעם ספה״ע. יע, דו האסט עס געלערנט אין חדר - ישיבה, אז ווען די

אידן זיינען ארויסגעגאנגען פון מצרים, האבן זיי געהאט א גרויסע ביינקעניש (תשוקה) צו באקומען די תורה, האבן זיי געציילט די טעג וואס זיינען געב־ ליבן צו מתן תורה. זיי האבן ניט געק־ ענט איינהאלטן, און ווארטן, זאגענדיג: יווען וועלן מיר שוין זיין ביים בארג

סיני, און זעהן ווי אידן דעם אויבערשטער קומט אראפ מיט פון אלע זיינע מלאכים מצוה? יע, זאגס גוט, מצרים, האבן געציילט און די בית דין שלמ־ יעלה וכו' וכו', און יע־ איז מאלט וועט ער אונז איז אזוי ספיציעל מיט געבליבן צו מתן תורה, געבן אונזערע ״גייד איז אזוי ספיציעל מיט געבליבן צו מתן תורה, בוך״ די תורה, צו די מצוה פון ספה״ע? און וועלכע אנווייזונג אזוי אויך מיר ציילן... אונז אנווייזען וואס יע צו טאן, און וואס

ציילט די טעג.

האסטו שוין פארשטאנען די פארבו נד פון ספה״ע מיט קעמפ? יע, דאס איז זייער איינפאך. אזוי ווי די אידן ארויסגייענדיג פון מצרים, האבן גע־ ציילט וויפיל טעג זיינען געבליבן צו מתן תורה, אזוי אויך מיר ציילן... וויפיל

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Hello Everybody, or Hola (hello in Spanish)

I am Shalom Ber. The kid from Mexico.

I davened when I woke up this morning and after that I put on "cubre bocas"(the mask that the everyone is wearing because of the scary flu) and my sombrero (Mexican hat) that the mariachis (crazy people that play guitars). One of their favorite songs is LA CUCARACHAYA NO

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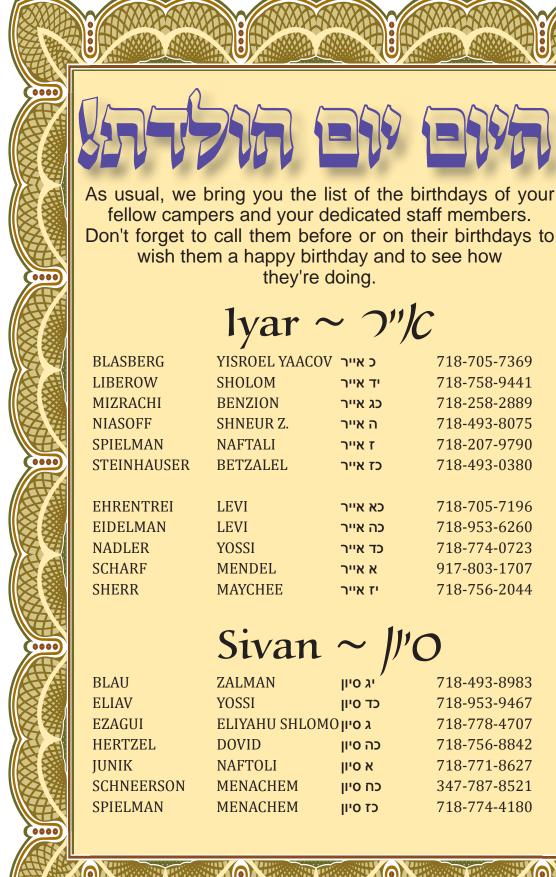
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One of the hardest things with wearing a sombrero is to go into the shower.

All the people in Mexico are so scared of something they can't even see – it's called influenza (flu). (They should be afraid of Hashem the same whose effects are seen every day).

I just can't wait until camp, to be with my friends agains! It's going to be so much fun! See you all later,

Shalom Ber Mazlish



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