

# MOSHEVET ARTZEINU



Menachem Av 8, 5781 - July 17, 2021

Devarim

## Parshat Devarim with Camp Rav Eliyahu Gateno



This week, we chose to dedicate one of the chinuch activities to chessed. At the beginning of the pe'ulah we split the campers into groups and gave them a task to accomplish. The task was for them to create a charity and to explain what it is for, who it helps and how it would do so. The campers brought very interesting and unique ideas and presented the organizations that they would like to establish wonderfully. For the rest of the activity, we focused on small acts of kindness; small acts that we can do daily at home, in school and at camp. For instance, we can say good morning to someone who seems a little down or ask them how they're really doing, give them a smile or to encourage them. We can give up our candy that we earned and instead give it to a friend whom we know will be extremely happy and warm their heart.

We can help a little in the kitchen and cafeteria because they work so hard, or to help a counselor organize activities or games.

When Chazal displayed the trait of kindness to us, they displayed it specifically through small acts. For example, in Masechet Sotah (14a), Rabbi Simlai expounded: "The Torah starts with kindness and ends with kindness. It starts with kindness as it is written, 'And God made Adam and his wife garments, and they wore them.' And it ends with kindness as it is written, 'And [God] buried [Moshe] in the valley.'"

Hashem gave clothes to Adam and Chava when they were in need of clothing and buried Moshe Rabbeinu when his days came to an end. These deeds are small, basic acts of kindness and are the example that our Torah's essence is Chessed. This idea returns in the continuation of the aforementioned Gemara: "Rabbi Chama the son of Rabbi Chanina said, 'What does the passuk 'You shall go after God' mean? Can one actually go after God Who is described as 'A consuming fire'? Rather it means to follow God's traits. Just as He dresses those who lack clothing as it is written, 'And God made Adam and his wife garments, and they wore them', so too you must dress those who lack clothing. Just as God visited the sick, as it is written, 'And God appeared to [Avraham] in Elonei Mamre', so too you must visit the sick. God comforted mourners, as it is written, 'And it was after the death of Avraham and God blessed Yitzchak his son', so too you must comfort mourners. God buries the dead, as it is written, 'And [God] buried [Moshe] in the valley', so too you must bury the dead.'"

In Tehillim, King David said, "The world is built on kindness". Performing acts of kindness, whether large or small, is the way to build. We all know the words of Rashi in Masechet Sukkah (41a) that the third Beit HaMikdash will descend from Heaven. As an explanation of Rashi's words, the Aruch LaNer proposes that through our good deeds we build the Beit HaMikdash in Heaven, which corresponds to the Beit HaMikdash on Earth. And when we complete the Temple in Heaven, the time will come to build the Temple on Earth, whereupon the two buildings will unite as does the soul and the body.

During these days, we mourn the destruction of the Beit HaMikdash. It is our duty to increase the amount of Chessed we do, in any way, shape or form, for by doing so we are indeed occupying ourselves with the building of the Heavenly Beit HaMikdash. And when it is completed, immediately we will become able to build the Earthly Beit HaMikdash where hopefully we will rejoice all together speedily in our days! Shabbat Shaom!

### Candle lighting

8:36PM (Camp Time 7:36PM)

### Shabbos ends

9:46PM (Camp Time 8:46PM)

# THE FULL FORTUNE

By Ilan Weinberger (Eida Gimmel)



This week's parasha, Devarim, starts with Moshe rebuking the people for certain sins they did in the desert. Interestingly, he interrupts this rebuke with a beracha: "Hashem, the God of your forefathers should increase you by a thousand times and bless you as He spoke to you." Why is Moshe blessing Bnei Yisrael if Hashem promised to bless them? Surely Hashem's blessing is greater, why did Moshe feel a need to add his own beracha? Let's explain with a story from Midrash Says.

A businessman was going on a business trip which he thought would last a few years. Since his son was still too young to manage his wealth, the businessman hired someone to take care of it. The businessman told the guardian not to give the money to his son until he was old enough to manage it appropriately. He was afraid that his son, being so young, would waste his wealth.

A few years after the businessman left and his son had grown older, still the guardian didn't give him access to the money. Instead, he cut him a few cheques as a weekly allowance. The son was a little surprised. He told the guardian, "Didn't my father promise me a lot more money?" The guardian answered, "Don't worry, you'll get the full fortune when you really get older. For now, this will be an allowance for you."

Moshe's blessing to Bnei Yisrael was an allowance to keep them going for now. But when they would really merit, they would earn the entire fortune of God's blessing. This week, where we commemorate Tisha B'av, we pray that Mashiach will come build the third Beit HaMikdash and Hashem will give us His full fortune of beracha!

Shabbat Shalom!

## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEK!

Kite making – Campers enjoyed making and flying kites that they made themselves.



Siyum – Thank you to our Video Specialist, Shalom Feuer for conducting a siyum for our BBQ last night.



Maccabiah – Maccabiah (sports day) is led by Eidah Daled. Teams are Negev vs Team Golan. Campers compete in many tasks including soccer, canoe racing, basketball and Torah Jeopardy and learned about those regions in Israel. Due to being rained out on Thursday, we extended sports day to Friday morning.



# RESPONSIBLE DECISIONS



Shammi, Lior and Rachel

In Sefer Devarim, Moshe recounts Bnei Yisrael's experiences travelling through the desert and repeats the mitzvot he taught them beforehand. When dealing with the laws dealing with the appointing of judges, Rashi interprets the pasuk "לא תכירו פנים במשפט" in various ways. His first commentary states that the person appointing judges should not show favoritism or bias. For example, we should not appoint a judge based on external character traits such as strength, or appearance. His second explanation states that a judge should not favour hearing a more expensive case when presented with the less expensive one first. Rashi's third explanation says that we should not judge in favor of a poor man out of pity, or a rich man out of honour.

Rashi's first explanation seems disconnected from the latter two. The first one deals with bias in the process of appointing judges, whereas the latter two deal with bias which occurs within cases. However, Rashi continues on to say "I consider the one who appointed [the unqualified judge] as if he himself showed favoritism in judgment."

We learn from here that once we make the mistake of appointing a biased judge, the weight of his biased decisions fall on our shoulders. We are responsible for the decisions we make in all respects, even those that have negative consequences. On the flip side, we have an opportunity to elevate the world with one seemingly insignificant good decision. We tend to belittle the power of our decisions.

Therefore, it is all the more so important to make an effort to think before we act. We should always be conscious of the impact of our choices, because you never know how one decision can alter the course of reality. Good Shabbos.

# TISHA B'AV IN A NUTSHELL

TZEVET BEIS MIDRASH

## Erev Tisha B'av (Shabbat)

We can learn Torah

We do not say צדקתך at Mincha

Eat as much and whatever we want at סעודה שלישית

At sunset we must stop eating and drinking.

We cannot wash or put on moisturizer of any kind nor brush our teeth.

After sunset we should still sit on a bench and not take off our shoes.

At complete night we must take off our shoes, sit on the floor and change out of very fancy clothing.

Havdalah is not said.

We say בשמים בורא מאורי האש not בשרים. We must say Havdalah Sunday night before eating.

## Things we are not allowed to do:

Eat, Drink, put on moisturizer, sit on a chair, wear leather shoes, learn Torah or say Shalom to or ask a friend how he or she is doing.

## Things we can do:

Wash our hand after going to the bathroom. Put on bug spray, sun block or deodorant. Wear all non-leather shoes. Learn Torah about the destruction of the Temple or things which bring us closer to Hashem

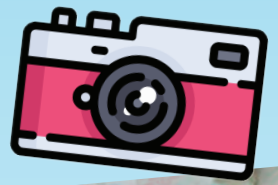
## Things we should try to do:

Minimize enjoyable activities and sleep with one less pillow.





# WHAT A WEEK!







# GET TO KNOW OUR ROSH TEVA

From where are you Shmuel?

A: Only a few people know this about me, I spent the last year in Montreal on Shlichut, but before that I actually lived in a very exotic place: The tropical rain-forests of Mars, where I was raised by dinosaurs, (they haven't gone extinct there yet.)

What is the scariest thing you've done in your life?

A: During slow shira one time, I transformed in to a mosquitoes and flew around people's ears, while trying to avoid get smushed. (boy is that insect repellent repelling.)

Is it true that in the past a Fin Whale swolled you, and that it was during the 3 months that you spent in his stomach that you decided you wanted to Rosh Teva??

A: Yes.

What is your favorite animal?

A: Eew, all animals are bleh. I prefer dinosaurs personally.

How big is the party that you are planning for the celebration of RoseBud's giving birth?

A: We're hoping to have an epic surprise celebration for the new baby, but its a secret so don't talk about it near RoseBud since the baby will hear it and then it wont be a surprise.



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Moses - War - Cloud - Fight - Giant - Tribe  
Paran - Month - Good - Pass - Moab



## MIKEY'S WEEK



This week, Mikey let his creativity flow.

Four Tzevet have entered a Joke Competition, and need your help to decide who's the funniest! When you decide which joke is your favorite, be sure to tell them on Shabbat! Whoever gets the most support is the winner!

# The Joke Competition

## ZARA



How do the teva animals wake up in the morning?  
A Llama clock.



## EZRA



Why didn't the Madrich want to pick up shekem for his bunk?  
He was being Lays-y



## EMMA



What do you call a boomerang that doesn't come back?  
A stick



## SHALOM



Why did the cow run from the Chadar Ochel after Kiddush?  
Because she wanted to daven Moosaf



**When it's 10:59 and you still didn't bring your shekem crate back**



**SHABBAT SHALOM!**

# Guess Who?

Our staff as campers...  
Can you get who they are?  
If yes, go up to them and get a treat...

