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## THIS WEEK IN JEM

This week was the grand kick off of **JEM Summer Camp 2010**. It was a week filled with fun, happiness, laughter, much excitement and action packed activities. With the help of our awesome head counselor, **Nati Levit**, who was brought in all the way from South Africa and his supporting counselors who were gathered from around the globe, we managed to put together a week which the campers will never forget! The theme of the camp this year is **iJew**, in which every bunk chooses a country in order to bring about a greater awareness to the kids about all the widespread **Jewish communities** around the world.

This week all the learning classes learned about all of the sad events of the **Seventeenth of Tamuz**, and about the meaning of the **Mezuzah** found on Jewish doorposts.

Aside from the action packed activities which took place in JEM center such as Jewish learning,

basketball, soccer, swimming, art, games room (and more!) there were also 2 unbelievable outings!

On Monday the campers took place in some amazing **fishing** in a facility which prepared especially for the JEM camp. The look of ecstasy on the campers' faces when they pulled a 2 foot fish out the water was truly a sight to see. The campers caught 26 fish, 52 worms, and a shark.

Then on Wednesday we headed to a place which every kid in the world wants to go. **Boomers Family Entertainment Center** is its name. It's a center which is filled with rides, go karting, a gigantic arcade centre, water rides, laser tag and much, much more. To top it off the campers were given unlimited cards so they could do whichever ride they wanted, as many times as they want!

We would also like to thank all the campers for making it a spectacular week which the campers

**PARSHAT PINCHAS (WEEK OF 16 AV, 5770/JUNE 28, 2010)**  
**CANDLE LIGHTING: 7:51 PM SHABBAT ENDS: 8:53 PM**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- *The Minyan for Shacharit will be held in the JEM center's Bet Knesset at 7:30 am. Please call for details.*

## BUNK POINTS

ROMANIA.....	252
CHINA.....	203
ARGENTINA.....	240
ITALY.....	239
<b>PORTUGAL</b>	<b>270</b>
IRAN.....	TOO MANY TO COUNT

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## SONG OF THE WEEK

To Love a Fellow Jew

To love a fellow Jew

Just the same as you

Is the basis of our holy Torah.

Though he may be far

from me

Across the widened sea,

Still I'll always love him just the same.

For 70 or 80 years

A *neshama* wears and tears

Just to do a mitzvah for another.

Love him with all your heart,

The heavens spread apart

'Cause every Jew is really our brother

## Next Week in JEM

Out of the JEM Center

We'll be going to **Dockweiler Beach** on Monday where we'll have an awesome **Braai** (South African word for BBQ). On Wednesday, we'll also be visiting the one and only **Six Flags Magic Mountain** for an action packed day filled with fun and excitement.

Pickup on Wednesday is at 8:30 pm.

Inside the JEM center:

Tuesday is bring a friend day which will definitely spice up the camper experience. There will be exhilarating activities such as karate, swimming, basketball, baking, sports room, game room and so much more to make sure all you boys are in tip top shape.



## CAMP JEM BY THE NUMBERS

1 shark caught fishing

3 gallons of hair gel on the Nissani triplets

\$1,489,301 spent at canteen

106 mph on the go karts

14 basketballs

6 basketballs with air

26 keys on Nati's keyring

65 worms on hooks

6500 corn on hooks

65 gallons of soda at Boomers

8 walkie talkies

20 hours of sleep this week

586 tickets given out

## STAFF PROFILE: HEAD COUNSELOR NATI LEVIT

From the heart of South Africa, after three years of training in America and one year in Australia comes our head counselor **Nati**.

He is rumored to have wrestled a lion to the ground with his bare hands, finally convincing it to eat only Kosher. How did he survive? Only Nati knows. He also holds the Guinness record for head counselor with most keys around his neck.

He is loyal, focused, adept at using a megaphone, and he is the subject of this weeks staff interview...

iWeekly: What would you do if your bullhorn broke?

Nati Levit: Use **Mendel No-vak**

iW: What do you do when campers don't understand your accent?

NL: What accent?

iW: What would you do if

you weren't a head counselor?

NL: Find a job that pays.

iW: What if the camp shirt was orange instead of red?

NL: I'd hire someone to wear it for me.

iW: How would you cope without your morning coffee?

NL: I wouldn't.

iW: What would you bring to a desert island?

NL: A red t-shirt.



Nati Levit  
Catchphrases:  
“Ohhh-kayyyy”  
“Cheers!”



## CAMP SURVEY

According to the campers...

### HOW OLD IS NATI?

- 49%: In his 40's
- 19%: In his 80's
- 14%: In his 30's
- 13%: Under 20
- 5%: In his 20's

## CAMPERS OF THE WEEK

### By Bunk

Bunk 1: Max Bordereau

Bunk 2: Justin Levian

Bunk 3: Roey Schnapp

Bunk 4: Daniel Simsolo

Bunk 5: Shai Taberman

Bunk 6: Ron Barnston

### Overall

**JUSTIN  
BAHARI**



## CAMPER PROFILE



Eitan and Zack

Q: How was the first week of camp?

Zack: It was fun.

Eitan: Fun!

**Eitan Klein and Zack Goldemberg** are an exciting duo, always adding energy and enthusiasm to camp. They are the peanut butter and jelly of **Bunk 1 (Romania)**, keeping the spirits of their bunkmates high at all times. Sticking together and helping each other in every way, Zack and Eitan unite to show Camp JEM the meaning of true friendship.

Our reporter tried to sit down with them, but ended up conducting the interview while running and

jumping around...

iWeekly: What would you do if Zack didn't come to camp?

Eitan Klein: I'd pinch myself to wake up.

iW: Would you like it if Camp JEM were on the moon?

EK: Yep, I'd get to wear a space suit!

iW: What would happen if you couldn't bring your cap to camp?

EK: My counselor wouldn't recognize me!

iWeekly: What would you do if you had all your front teeth?

Zack Goldemberg: I'd bite my thumb.

iW: If Eitan wouldn't bring his cap to camp, what would happen?

ZG: I'd make him one out of paper.

iW: If camp could take you anywhere on a trip, where would you go?

ZG: Toys R Us!

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## QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK



Q: There are two foods that when they are apart, the first is kosher and the second is non-kosher, but when combined the first becomes non-kosher and the second becomes kosher. What are they?

Q: Why do we put the text of the **שנה** (Shema) prayer in the **mezuzah**?

Answers to come in next weeks iWeekly



## FOR YOUR SHABBAT TABLE...

### Pinchas makes a Sharp Point

In our last episode a new superhero appeared: Pinchas, son of Elazar, grandson of Aharon. While Moshe and the judges stood stunned at Zimri's rendezvous with a Moabite woman, Pinchas rushed into Zimri's tent and pierced a spear through both of them!

As our *Parsha* opens, there is controversy in the camp. Zimri is not just some sinner off the street; he is a *Nassi*, a Prince of Israel, and the leader of his tribe. Pinchas, on the other hand, is a descendant of Yitro on his mother's side. Yitro was an idol worshipper before Moshe came along. How can the descendant of an idol worshipper kill a *Nassi*? In *Hashem's* name, Moshe declares that Pinchas has single-handedly saved the Jews from a plague that would have wiped out all of *Bnei Yisroel*. Not only was Pinchas right about killing Zimri but he has earned extra points for quick thinking and taking personal risk. Thanks to Pinchas a great *Chillul Hashem* has been avoided.

*Hashem* rewards Pinchas with a very long life. 400 years later, in *Shoftim*, (the Book of Judges), Pinchas is still alive. Indeed, Pinchas never dies; he just changes his name to Eliyahu *Hanavi* (the prophet). Eliyahu is later taken up to heaven alive. See the Book of *Melachim* (Kings). He will one day soon blow the *shofar* that signals the coming of *Mashiach*.

Until now, only those grandsons born after Aharon became the *Kohain Gadol*, are to be *Kohanim*. Pinchas, who was born before Aharon became the *Kohain Gadol*, is to remain a Levi. Hashem rewards Pinchas by making him a Kohain. Hashem rewards Pinchas by making him a *Kohain*. At that point, no one can use the "descended from idol worshipper" theory on him. Hashem also decrees that most of the *Kohanim Gedolim* will descend from Pinchas. During the time of the first *Bait Hamikdash* eighteen *Kohanim Gedolim* were Pinchas' grandchildren, and eighty *Kohanim Gedolim* descended from Pinchas during the second *Bait Hamikdash*.

### Making a Move on Midyan

Once *Hashem* finishes dealing the blows to

the complainers and sinners, and blessings to Pinchas, it's time to move on to Midyanite matters. *Hashem* lets Moshe know that Midyan is an enemy. Their dastardly attempt to make *Bnei Yisrael* sin with the Midyanite women is worse than murder. Furthermore, Midyan is undoubtedly hopping mad because the princess, Kozbi, was killed and they are plotting their revenge right now. In the next *Parsha*, with *Hashem's* help, *Bnei Yisrael* will take care of Midyan. Tune in.

### Yehoshua has an Appointment

Remember when Moshe hit the rock? His dreams of entering *Eretz Yisroel* were dashed when *Hashem* told him he would never set foot in the land of Israel. He would die, instead, in the desert. As the Jews prepare to enter *Eretz Yisroel*, Moshe realizes that the end is near. He is concerned that the *Bnei Yisroel* needs a leader to take his place - one who has courage and is wise.

Moshe has two candidates in mind: his sons, Gershom and Eliezer.

But *Hashem* has other plans.

He's humble... he's learned... he's one of only two spies to bring back a good report about *Eretz Yisroel*...

Introducing Yehoshua Bin Nun!

*Hashem* asks Moshe to appoint Yehoshua, his prize student. Moshe should tell Yehoshua how lucky he is to be chosen by *Hashem* to bring the nation into *Eretz Yisroel*. First Moshe is to put his hands on Yehoshua's head to transfer his greatness. Then Yehoshua is to speak to the nation in Moshe's presence. When Moshe approaches Yehoshua, Yehoshua turns down the position on grounds of humility. But that only gives Moshe a stronger case. Humility is a great quality in a leader. Moshe puts both hands on Yehoshua's head and the spirit of *Hashem* flows from Moshe's fingertips into Yehoshua's body. Yehoshua is now filled with the wisdom to guide the *Bnei Yisroel* when Moshe is gone.

Moshe teaches Yehoshua how to pronounce the holiest name of *Hashem*. He teaches Yehoshua the mysteries of the *Torah*. Moshe drapes Yehoshua in beautiful garments and brings him before the *Bnei Yisroel*.

**Shabbat Shalom!!!**

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