



## **PARDES SCHMOOZE**

### **Week 8**

Not to sound repetitive, but as good as last week was, well maybe any other week this summer, possibly even any week in any day camp, ever - week 8 was/is something that just can't be put in writing. It could be put into 28 hours of video (30 hours if you include the extra time it's taking kids to leave camp), but really you had to be there to understand.

Monday started with second vs. third in basketball, while first grade was practicing newcomb on the volleyball court. Then, (after second grade easily won) Team Dovy won game one and then tied game two in newcomb. Meanwhile Yehuda's team and Shalom Yosef's team practiced soccer to get ready for the playoffs. After lunch the older boys enjoyed a volleyball game while Dovy's team won 3-2 in kickball. Finally it was time to start the championship games! Dani Hartman hit a homerun, but Dani Shawel was able to get two homeruns in one game! Yaakov Faintuch got the game-winning hit, a bases loaded single. The final score 7-2. Meanwhile Team Yehuda easily beat team Shalom Yosef in dodgeball, to go up 1-0 in their series. There was still time to change and get ready for swimming and come back to camp for freeze pops and carpool.

On Tuesday morning, Rabbi Malcmacher's stories and lessons had a speedy ending, probably because the Rocket Car was around. The younger half went on the Rocket car first. Shalom Yosef's team was up by one touchdown when they paused the game after three quarters, and then they went on Cleveland's famous Rocket Car. After lunch, Dovy's team won in dodge ball to go up 2-0 and then picked baseball for the next game. Meanwhile Shalom Yosef's team finished off their football win vs. Yehuda's team to even their series. Yehuda's team picked soccer and was up 3-2. Baseball was tied 0-0. Over ninety percent of camp hours are over, but as far as league set ups go most likely ninety percent of the competition part of it couldn't have happened yet.

Just to pause for an important note. We tried our hardest to make the teams as fair as possible. Also, we put great emphasis on trying to have the umping/refereeing/calling be fair. Even being fair, there are many times that there are calls that are so close that either call is right, and either call is also wrong. We have explained to the boys many times, and will continue to remind over many more years that part of sports is sometimes having a call not go your way. Truth is that many times the wrong call is made, but at some point in the future there will prob. be a wrong call made the other way. The only way to prevent bad calls (you can also prevent losing in the same way) is to not play. Once we're past that obstacle, and can play sports with sportsmanship and good Midos, competition really does amazing things. (One example of many, in the same week Yaakov Faintuch and Dovid Goldman had game winning hits).

Anyone following the newsletters or anyone in camp knows that Team Yehuda and Team Dovy had won most of the regular season games. This trend continued through the first 2.9 championship games. As team Chayim were working their way out of a jam (second and third with no outs - and if they gave up a run they would lose the game and be down 3-0 in the series) Yackov Schlesinger threw in from out of bounds right into the goal hitting only the goalie along the way. Yackov plays for team Shalom Yosef and they're



down 3-2 in the soccer game with a few minutes left. Does anyone know the rule? Camp decided that for now it's not a goal (how could a kicking sport allow throwing goals). They should continue the game as if not a goal and that we will try to confirm the ruling. We're still not 100% sure but it seems that as long as the ball hits any player on the field it's a goal! So Tuesday's sports ended with two games that had to be continued. After swimming, we went back to camp to enjoy birthday cake in honor of Royce's birthday! Happy birthday, ad meah vesrim shana.

After Rabbi Boim spoke on Wednesday, leagues continued. Of course, Chayim's team won baseball 2-1 in extra innings, and Shalom Yosef's team won the soccer game. They then went on to win football a zillion to a zillion minus one touchdown. After lunch we went to watch the Captains beat the Kernels 6-3! At least two t-shirts and two balls were caught by Camp Pardes and the boys got to run onto the field. Everyone had a great time, especially since they had front row seats!

On Thursday, Rabbi Lebovics came to speak to the boys and end off an amazing summer of learning groups. We are so proud of how nicely the boys Daven and learn and wish them much Hatzlacha in their coming school year. The raffle tickets and prizes that they won were well deserved! As this version of the newsletter goes to press, not much is known as to how camp will end. Some will win their champ games, Pizza Day will be yum, and many will win trophies and cash in their camp money for awesome prizes. We'll have a banquet, possibly hear Dovy sing, and take many pictures and videos. The most important trophy will go to the boys who played sports with Middos. There are many boys to choose from but we'll have to pick. Camp Pardes will have camp on Friday - though it will be in July of 2016 (I'yh in Camp Pardes of Yerushalayim Habenuya.

Have a Good Shabbos and a Ksiva Vachasima Tova

Camp Pardes

**Learners of the Week!**

Shai Botnick  
Benny Solowitch  
Baruch Yehuda Joseph  
Dovid Goldman  
Shlomo Goldstein  
Nesanel Rudolph  
Chaim Joseph  
Tzviki Langsner  
Ari Bernstein

**Campers of the Week!**

Dani Shawel  
Chaim Shmuel Chavkin  
Yaakov Faintuch  
Shauli Farkas  
Ari Shawel



















**As the Camp Pardes first summer program comes to a close, I wanted to thank Hashem for guiding me and my wife as we navigated through the process of successfully creating an amazing summer program, and being an Ozer, Moshia Umagen. Through the guidance of my Rebbeim many decisions were made and each decision helped correctly set up the program.**

**In our original schedule we stated that we have created an 8 week, 7 hour a day camp that excels in learning, trips, activities and Ruach. The boys will learn about Middos and incorporate this learning into a competitive team oriented sports league, which they will be part of for most of the camp day. This is something that will keep the boys occupied and excited throughout the summer. Of course, the safety and structure provided by our outstanding staff is of the utmost importance. Please let all your friends know that Cleveland finally has a camp that rivals the best and it's about time! Camp Pardes is what you've been waiting for and you don't even know it!**

**We have heard feedback from many parents and campers, and to the most part we feel that we have reached our main goals. All except for that rivals the best part. Can anyone think of a better camp? There's no way that there's a better day camp in the world. In addition, to our exciting schedule, along the way we added some extras. The unadvertised overnight for the older boys and rocket launching were two of the most exciting events of Camp Pardes this year. I'd like to give a special thanks to Gavriel Septon for successfully brining the best out of those two and many other camp events.**

**Now that I got into the thank you portion, I'd like to thank my wife for being the only one involved in Camp Pardes that has done more than I have. There is no way that either division of the camp would be anything other than a complete train wreck without your work, unless you were replaced with about six talented full time workers. Besides for a few minor tweaks (mostly because of rain and unforeseen circumstances) you were able to map out a whole summer, create schedules, and manage all the preparations so that every event could run properly. To have a first year camp that can even attempt to say that they have the best fields and campus, swimming, sports, trips, extra events, staff, newsletters, hours, weeks, prizes and food of any frum camp in town is truly an accomplishment.**

**I also wanted to thank my kids for being super campers. As far as Michoel Moshe, I can't wait until you're old enough to join Pardes Jr. only 3 years to go! Nosson, you always had a smile on your face in camp and were quick to make friends. It's great to be able to walk through hallways of camp and hear, Hi Daddy! Dovid and Shalom Yosef, you are both amazing campers, I don't think that either of you has once missed a minute of camp. You both participated in every game and event!**

**Thanks to Heights Jewish Center for hosting our HJC summer program. We hope that we were good tenants and we thank you for all of your extra work to make the camp possible.**

**To Rabbi Levitansky, Rabbi Boim, Rabbi Dym, Rabbi Septon, Rabbi S.Y. Mann, Rabbi C.M. Mann, Rabbi Malcmacher, Mrs. Solowitch, and Mrs. Gardin, thanks so much for**



running an absolutely amazing summer learning program! When we hear feedback from their Rebbeim in the coming school year of how they were prepared for the year, we'll let them know whom to thank! It's great to have such an overqualified staff. We were able to give the boys opportunity to learn so much Torah, and rarely if ever had to resort to punishment. Thanks to Rabbi Lebovics for helping start and close the summer learning program.

To the counselors: I'm sure it wasn't as easy and fun in the beginning, when we had many children who never played organized sports before, and yet their parents signed them up to a sports camp. Some of the kids even lacked confidence and thought that sports weren't for them. Also, at the beginning many could barely make it through the day as the tired at one point or another. (I'd guess that after eight weeks they could handle the full schedule and much more.) Thanks for all the hard work those first weeks in making sure they stuck to the program. I'm sure it was well worth it as by the end of the summer all that had to be done was set up the field, ump and coach. Would you have believed that first graders could hit in softball, and that second graders could win against third graders in basketball? Perfect practice makes perfect, and it's the counselors and JC's who spent the time practicing with the campers all summer long.

To the first group of Camp Pardes campers: We couldn't have done it without you! Coming in with smiles and the right attitude, and listening to all of my suggestions, Gavriel's input and your counselors and JC's is what made the summer a success! I hope that besides for getting way better at sports, you have learned how to gain confidence. Just like each one of you has accomplished things this summer that you or your family may not have dreamed possible. Just put your mind to it and try it a bunch of times. You can do it, as long as you don't think about pink elephants! Each one of you deserves multiple trophies, and even if you didn't win one this year, you now have what it takes to win many games, championships and trophies.

Don't worry; I won't forget the CIT's! Shalom Yo, Ezra, Binyomin, Eliezer, and Yoni: Your energy and enthusiasm was felt and shared throughout the whole camp and throughout the whole summer. Not only me thanking, really the whole Jewish day camp world of Cleveland can thank you, because that's what really sent them to Wild Water Kingdom! As far as working hard, maybe next year we can give you a few extras...

Have an awesome year, and we'll see you all by the reunion iy"y!

Barry Goldman

Program Director



Wow! What a summer. It feels like it just started and I would say that it feels like it's about to end. But then someone suggested that we make a school for all year long. However, the truth is that Camp Pardes wasn't established to just be a summer day camp. The goal of the camp was to give the campers the esteem, outlets, fun, skills, interactions, and inspirations to carry them through the year. While I sit back and think to the first days of camp and compare them to the last days, it's amazing to see how in such a short time a person can gain skills. I think about how a camper felt dejected on the baseball field in the beginning of camp and how he has developed into a great hitter in a short 8 weeks. I see how a camper who would get picked last is now getting lots of people out.

Being on the head staff keeps you on your feet all day. The only difference is for what. The beginning of camp was spent convincing half of the camp to play sports instead of sitting on the side. This could take up hours and get nowhere. However, as we come to the end of week 8 I can proudly say that this is definitely not what is keeping me busy all day. Campers have developed an enjoyment for sports and have gotten really into it. The games have become really competitive and fun to watch.

Although we claim to be a sports camp, there is a lot more to Pardes than just that. At camp there was a stress on Middos. We had a daily Middos lessons usually given by Rabbi Levitansky. I can't forget the time when a player from the fielding team left his position to show the batter from the other team how to hit properly. Memories like these are what camp was established for.

The last memory which I want to end with, to me is what camp really stands for. It's a lesson that all the campers should take with them through the year. One boy in camp used to never want to play. To almost every sport he said he doesn't like it. So of course my day was spent trying to get him to play. Then comes along Mr. Goldman (Barry) and says "he doesn't like playing since he never played". So I picked up a ball and we started throwing. We practiced throwing, catching and hitting. And in a short amount of time he developed into a good player. So much so that the second last day of camp I called him over and told him to teach a new camper how to hit!

The reason I love this story so much is because we see how a boy doesn't like sports since he never gave it a good try. But after some practice he learned to enjoy it and had an awesome summer. He was probably never chosen in school to be on a team or at the most chosen last. His esteem by recess was probably at an all time low. But all he needed was a little convincing and direction and he developed his new skills.

So as we go back to school we have to remember that we can be good at lots of things. Whether it's learning, sports or anything else, we just have to give it a try, do some practice and we will slowly climb the ladder one step at a time. If you ever feel dejected, think about your first day in camp and then your last and it will stand as proof that you can do so much more than you think.

We hope to see you back next year. If I were you I would register by this Friday since once school starts and your friends see what camp Pardes was all about, there may not be room next year.

Looking forward to seeing you around Cleveland.

Gavriel



To my very dear campers, amo'sh

It has been a true pleasure spending time with you this summer and watching you grow in Torah, mitzvos, middos tovos and in every other way as well. I was so proud as you all davened with kavana every day. I saw how you really understand what it means to be kind, nice, helpful and generous to each other. Your enthusiasm to hear my stories and play our games was fun to observe. You are all such wonderful boys and it was very difficult to choose camper of the week. To me you were all campers of the week!

The summer has flown by and camp is coming to an end. I will miss you but I know you will all continue to bring much Yiddishe nachas IY"H to your parents, family, Klal Yisroel and above all, HaKodosh Boruch Hu.

I wish you much hatzlocha always in all you do IY"H.  
With fondness and brochos for kol tuv,

Mrs. R. Solowitch





### To My Talmidim of Bunk Gemilus

The תורה tells us **והגית בו יומם ולילה** "We should learn Torah day and night". Of course we are only human and need a summer break to replenish ourselves and start fresh. The whole year you boys worked very hard your לימודים and then you came to Pardes for an extraordinary summer.

It was beautiful to watch each and every one of you over the summer how you still put your davening and learning as your priority while having a great time afterwards. I still remember that day when we were deep into our learning and none of us saw that we were well into break time. When I looked at my watch and said 'oops', you all turned and said "we want to continue learning". That's the type of boys we had in our bunk. May you all continue to grow in your תורה and in your מצוות.

I look forward to coming to the Guinness World Record event where Chaim Shmuel will finally beat the Rubik's cube time (with one hand and two!) Shalom Yosef, make sure to send me a free copy of your new book (you know which one I mean!)

Have a great rest of the summer, boys, and much הצלחה in the upcoming school year!

Rabbi Mann

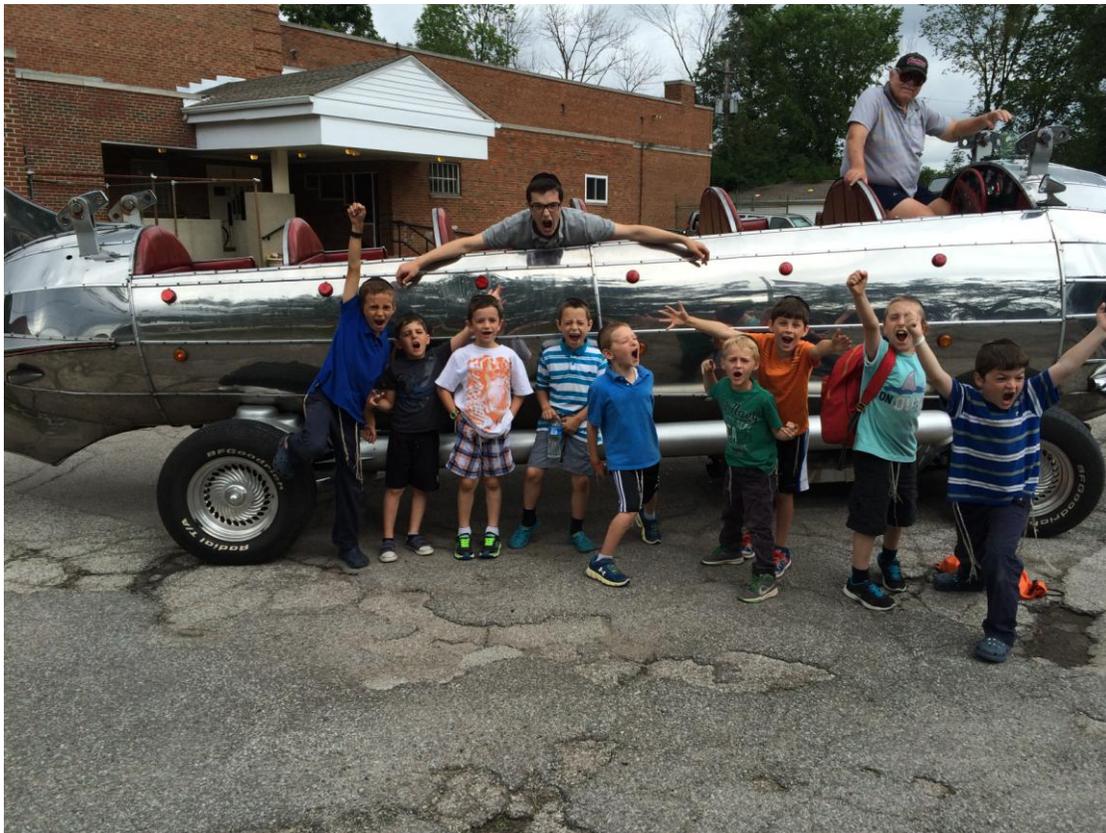




To the most awesome bunk in camp,

You guys were the best campers any counselor can ever ask for. I was inspired to be the best counselor I can be by watching each of you on a daily basis. From sports to smiles, you all were the best. You each grew tremendously over this summer. To Yehuda K.- it was awesome having you in my bunk. I missed having you the rest of the summer. To Dovid G.- I can always say hi to you when you're playing Swingball (I'm STILL unbeatable). To Baruch Yehuda J.- you really take after your older brothers with all that camp spirit. To Shai B.- I'm sorry that I didn't make enough raffles, but you DEFINITELY got the most freeze pops. To Benny S.- for always being on your best behavior. And last but not least to Shlomo G.- your smile is extremely contagious. Now I would like to thank my league team for knocking it out of the park (both figuratively and for the real). You guys grew so much. And to everyone in camp, always remember "if you put your mind to it, anything is possible." I hope you forgive me if I hurt you in any way. Have a great year in school and a *שנה טובה וחתימה טובה*. My cellphone number is [216-645-6473](tel:216-645-6473). Keep in touch.

Sincerely,  
Dovy Krainess





Although I have been with Camp Pardes for the full summer, the second half I have had the privilege and honor of working with “team pineapple”. They are all incredible! I saw some tremendous improvements from each and every boy, both in sports and behavior. I hope I get to have the honor and privilege next year.

Chayim Denton





Over the summer, I had an amazing time with our bunk Gemilus (Chasadim). Watching them switch over from older leagues to younger (as the sixth graders joined camp) was truly amazing, as they each became a leader. Switching from coaching to umping was rough, but all that extra pitching was well worth it. Just in case I ever forget how awesome my first summer at Camp Pardes was, I jotted down a few notes about each one of our precious third graders. Have a great year!

Yaakov Faintuch - Moshe's near identical twin, always smiling and always having fun.

Chaim Shmuel Chavkin - the champion of Rubik's cubes and a much improved baseball player.

Shalom Yosef Goldman - the loudest bencher in third grade history.

Chaim Joseph - always tries his hardest no matter what he is doing.

Chaim Tzvi Bluestone - always ready to help out.

Tzvi Levy - great at sports and at just being a good kid.

Yisroel Meir Smilowitz - the hero of the dodge ball game and one of the best behaved in the camp.

Noam (Hudi) Singer





I sit here at my laptop late at night falling asleep so please excuse any mistakes I might make (hemmm .....Chesky). hshfjhfn,kadfbahfbhsifabs84\$%hyH\$.... sorry, a spider just ran across the keyboard (or was it just Gavriel trying to spell "this year") . So let's get back to why I'm here. I came to camp for the second half of the summer, a full four weeks with you hmmm.... **kids**.

I began my first week taking over Yehuda Olgin's league team for a couple of days and then joined with him for the playoffs, taking home the first half Camp Pardes Championship! I enjoyed that team and I would like to give a shout-out to the campers on it. Then in the same week, as I was still a rookie in camp, color war was broken out and I was given a big responsibility for the B-L-U-E team, even though I still did not know many campers' names! But together with the team's general, Yehuda Olgin, I got the hang of it, guiding the blue team ALL THE WAY TO VICTORY. Then the next week I was given the job as the 5th/6th grade counselor, which at that point accounted for (I think) 12 or 13 kids.

But due to the fact that camp Pardes is a very sports themed camp, I really didn't have much to do specifically with you guys, although I had many of you on my league team along with some awesome 4th graders. And also due to the sport-themed style in camp, I'm going to speak about my second half league team which belonged solely to me which gave me more of a connection to the campers on it than my first team. I had a great team in regards of performance but most importantly in regards of middos, achdus and respecting the calls made by the counselors. We won the second half championship and I believe that was very much due to the way we played as a whole. The sixth graders on the team, Yaakov Schlesinger, Ari Burnstein and Tzvi Guttman really showed the younger campers how to play in a mature matter. **Yaakov** ( Natural, Athlete, the Doc , or whatever we decided ), thanks for giving me all the effort you had, as you always came through at the end of the day and truly showed yourself as a leader. **Ari**, although you didn't have much experience with sports in your past, I believe you are leaving camp with a lot more knowledge and skills which were clearly evident in the last week of camp. **Tzvi**, you were with camp pardes for longer than most 6th graders and I really learned who you are which is -a great kid that wouldn't harm a fly and is always trying to do his best. And for the fourth graders on my team, Yehuda Becker, Chesky Joseph, Yossi Langsner, Ari Shawel, and Yaakov Bookman, you guys really impressed me with the way you would be competing with campers a year or two more advanced than you. But you guys really helped out a ton with winning the championship, I'm not lying here, everything I say is not just to get this over with, I truly mean it. **Yehuda**, never complaining or fighting, just a wonderful kid to have on my league team, thanks for giving me an easy time, I really do appreciate it. **Chesky**, you have such a passion for winning and I must say that I am really impressed with the way you compete every day always waiting eagerly to be subbed back into the game, you were great. **Yossi**, you are a sweet, nice, and great young man. I really think you were one of the most easy going guys I know. **Ari**, we arrived together in camp at the halfway point and I think we really had fun together since then. I am really impressed with your skills as a kid going into 4th grade. You and your brother are just awesome to have in camp. **Yaakov**, you really are a great kid! You'll always tell me "I won't I won't I won't" but you always did and always was there to help the team win. I really enjoyed having you. You were fun, funny, and very relaxed about everything. Camp flew by like



no one's business and it's too bad we'll have to wait for next summer to rock it up again. But on a serious note, if you see me around town, don't be afraid to say hello and talk with me. You can give my house a call and tell them that I should call you back when I come home from Yeshiva or just call during Bein Hazmanim and just ask for Shalom. You guys were the best I could've asked for. See you next year!

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