



## Pardes Schmooze

### Week 7

After a great start to the davening and learning week, Exxon Mobil tied in dodgeball against Hess while Shell had a soccer clinic (and practiced some dodgeball too). Teams Ice Cream and Slurpee were engaged in a close football game. The K's and 1's had an intro to basketball with Rabbi Boim. After lunch, we continued some close Newcomb games for the previous week, as after much debating we decided to replay the end of the games. First Shell won the game that they were up 20-19 by two! Hess won the game that they were losing by one 20-19 which now created a tie as instead of losing 3-1 it was 2-2 if my math is correct. Right? They were originally losing 2-1 in games, Exxon-Mobil thought that they won the next game since it was 20-19 and thought it was 3 games to 1, but Hess eventually prevailed 27-25! Yossi made some great aim throws, while Zevi, Dovid and Yehuda caught everything in sight. Game 5 was more of the same, both teams played really well and eventually Hess won in overtime by two. What a difference a technicality in a rule makes! These close games bring the closest thing possible to perfect practice and the campers' skill and confidence suddenly skyrockets. Games like these remind us that we're all winners as everyone was playing with good Middos and having a great time. Later on Hess beat Shell in baseball (and this game wasn't close).

Tuesday after learning, K's and 1's played T-Ball, Shell and Hess tied in dodgeball, while the Elites got to learn how to play demolition derby. We had a little bit of a scare by lunch as Rabbi Boim tried to find out what the leftover noodles (served in addition to grilled cheese sandwiches) could have done to Mickey's stomach. The kitchen staff didn't mistakenly put floor cleaner in the food, of course it was just color war breakout! Team Shabbos Blue was announced with their general Yehuda and then Yom Tov Red led by Mickey. In soccer the red team won 3-0 behind an Elya the goalie signature performance. After practicing demolition derby for a few hours we ended with a tournament (which didn't count for color war). The final races included Meyer Dym, Chaim Aloni, Aryeh Pollak, Nosson Koval, Adir Gellis, Shai Botnick, Shauli Farkas, and Elazar Finegold. Adir and Chaim won the next two rounds and then had a one on one. Interviewing Chaim after he won he said that his trick was to slow down each time before the intersection, Kevin said that there was actually a better strategy to speed up and be on the lookout before the intersection. Guess Chaim should have challenged Kevin - there's always next time.

Wednesday began with an exciting color war learning where in addition to tickets, the boys got to earn points for their color war teams. After some skit and song practices with snacks we headed to a blue and red decorated dining room for lunch. While we ate our fish sticks, veggies and rice, we got to cheer and watch some races including Tzvi beating out Chaim in a rubix cube race. After lunch there was much to do including (Pardes style) relay races, baseball, soccer, steal the salami, and a scavenger hunt. We ended the day with freeze pops and a little team time.



Thursday featured another color war learning in the morning. After learning, there was another really close game this time in basketball. For lunch we had lasagna. (Feel free to try this at home and to contact us at [PardesBoysCamp@gmail.com](mailto:PardesBoysCamp@gmail.com) with any questions, other recipe requests, or comments.) To make lasagna, you'll need a 9 by 13 pan, one 16 oz box of lasagna noodles,  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a jar of Kirkland marinara sauce/or 24 oz of any other pasta sauce, 10 slices of Muenster cheese, water and some Mozzarella cheese. Put 3 uncooked lasagna noodles to line bottom of pan, cover with layer of marinara sauce, layer noodles, one layer which is 5 slices of cheese. Then again noodles, layer of sauce, then noodles, cheese, sauce, noodles, sauce noodles - should finish box - and cover with about 4 cups of water, which should cover everything in pan. Cook at 350 covered for an hour, then add layer of mozzarella cheese and bake uncovered for an additional 10 minutes. Serves 6-8) Then, we got back to color war with amazing song performances from both teams, and after some not as amazing skits we all sang Acheinu before the winner was announced. Over the past two and a half camp days even though it was a very competitive color war there were great Middos all around. When the final scored were tallied it was Yom Tov Red who won 271-265! Congrats to the staff and both teams when after adding up so many different activities the score was within a few points! Some campers and staff commented that it was their best color war ever! We celebrated with snow cones and got started on our next project which was rocket building to be launched next week.

Friday, we had a grand raffle since it was such a great learning week! Then we went to baking and rocket building day two. During lunch which was our last pizza day of the summer we had our first ever "Pardes has got talent" competition. Many dazzling talents were shown off including a centipede, hopping pretzel, walking on hands, other difficult acrobatic moves, but Nosson Koval jumping rope through his own hands was the official winner. After lunch we got back to leagues where Shell beat Hess by just two points in basketball in a game that was probably going to decide the second seed for the playoffs.

### **A Special Thank You to our learning director!**

In addition to davening every day and learning Chumash/Mishnayos, Parsha and lessons in Middos, the boys learned about Brachos and Hilchos Shabbos throughout the summer. The success of our learning program is due to the hard work and preparation by Rabbi Lebovics who will be out of town next week.

### **Baking and Arts!!**

This week in our arts and crafts hour the boys got to color their very own camp Pardes tote bag! The boys spent a long time choosing the colors they wanted to use and trying so hard to make it as nice as they can! This week in our baking time the boys got to make their very own cookies 'N cream bars. The boys enjoyed adding all the ingredients to the bowl. The best part of baking was crushing the sandwich cookies into pieces. The boys can't wait to eat their yummy creation on Shabbos. Please note it was made a fleishig oven.

Have a great and relaxing Shabbos and a very easy fast on Sunday,

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