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WELCOME TO THE JUNGLE

WEEK AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY
Visting Day

MONDAY
Morasha Olympics

TUESDAY

Morasha Olympics

WEDNESDAY

Machzor Bet Madness Ilanot Mini-Intercamps

THURSDAY Shiria

FRIDAY

Satran Tournament Tehillim Marathon The third week at camp was filled with meaning, excitement, and inspiration. We began on Sunday with Shiva Asar B'Tammuz, a fast day that gave us an opportunity for reflection and spiritual growth. The next night, we jumped into adventure with a campwide Jumanji-themed activity, where each division took on challenges to move through the gameboard together.

On Tuesday, we were privileged to hear from Omer Shem-Tov. Omer shared his moving story of being held hostage in Gaza for 505 days. He left us with a powerful message about resilience, embracing challenges, and finding the spark within ourselves.

Wednesday brought the spotlight to our incredibly talented girls, who took the stage for "Unlimited", a musical production inspired by Wicked. Through song, dance, and vibrant costumes, they reminded us all about courage, friendship, and standing up for what's right.

On Thursday, we celebrated Yom Yisrael, a full day of activities led by our MIshlachat, honoring our connection to Eretz Yisrael. We definitely felt the ruach in the air! We ended the day with a special outing to the drive-in, enjoying dinner and a movie night under the stars with Elio.

Friday was all about giving back. We hosted a blood drive to support our local hospital, proudly continuing our commitment to helping others in our camp community and beyond.

As we head into Shabbat, we focus on the theme of Limud Zechut- choosing to see the good in others. After such a meaningful week, it's the perfect time to pause, reflect, and bring that positive perspective into our Shabbat.

Shabbat Shalom!

PARASHA THOUGHTS

Ari Mirzoeff, Alufim Boys Chinuch Head

In Parshas Pinchas, the Torah recounts the census of the Jewish people. When it comes to the tribe of Dan, the pasuk says:

"These are the children of Dan to their families... sixty-four thousand and four hundred" (Bamidbar 26:42–43).

At first glance, this may not seem like a particularly striking detail. But the Chofetz Chaim draws a profound lesson from this number. Dan, one of the twelve sons of Yaakov Avinu, had only one son, Chushim, who was hearing impaired. In contrast, his brother Binyamin had ten sons. If you were to assess the potential for growth based purely on numbers and appearances, you might assume Binyamin's tribe would far surpass Dan's in size and influence.

But generations later, the reality was the opposite: the tribe of Dan became one of the largest, with over 64,000 descendants—more than Binyamin's tribe. The message is clear: Hashem's master plan isn't always visible from the beginning. What appears limited or small today may turn out to be the foundation for tremendous growth and impact in the future.

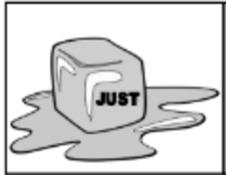
Rabbi Elimelech Biderman writes that this as a powerful reminder that we should never judge a situation, especially our own potential or that of others, based on surface-level impressions or early outcomes. Hashem runs the world, and He sees the entire picture. What seems like a limitation today may in fact be the key to greatness tomorrow.

This is a lesson in bitachon (trust in Hashem), patience, and perseverance. Sometimes we don't see how things will turn out or why our path looks different from others, but just like Dan, what starts small can lead to something extraordinary. We are part of a divine master plan- even when we can't see it yet.





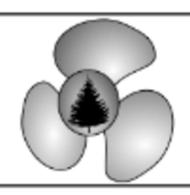
BRAIN TEASERS











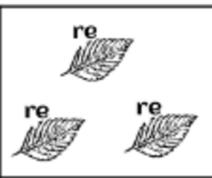
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BRAIN TEASERS

RIDDLES

- a) It's at the center of gravity and you can find it in Venus, but not Mars. What is it?
- b) What goes on four feet in the morning, two in the afternoon and three in the evening? (This is from the classic myth, Oedipus and the Riddle of the Sphinx)
- c) What travels faster: heat or cold?
- d) A man was walking in the rain in the middle of nowhere without a coat or an umbrella. He got soaked, but not a single hair on his head was wet. How can this be?
- e) A cowboy rode into town on Friday. He stayed in town for three days and rode back out on Friday. How is this possible?





And The letter "V"; b) A human. The times of day represent stages of human life. At the beginning of life, a baby crawls on four "feet." (two feet, plus a cane to help them walk).; c) Heat travels faster because you can catch a cold!; d) He was bald.; e) The horse's name was Friday.