

MESSAGE FROM THE CAMP RABBI



Dear Parents and Campers,

Camp Mesorah takes great pride in providing our campers with a top notch camping experience, suffused with Torah learning and values. We try to model our camp after the first camp of the Jewish people, the *Machane Yisrael* that encamped in the desert, on its way to *Eretz Yisrael*. Rav Yaacov Kamenetzky notes that the structure of the camp was such, that each tribe had its own position, with its respective colorfully designed flag, communally surrounding the *aron hakodash* which was in the center. The symbolism of this layout, says Rav Yaacov, was to highlight that each tribe should strive, thrive, and succeed, using their uniquely God given talents (symbolized by the very different flags each held), but always remembering what binds them together, and what anchors their entire existence- the Torah in the center, symbolized by the *Aron*.

In camp, we try to teach these Torah values in all facets of the camp. Be it on the basketball court, in the dining room, or in the bunk at night, our entire staff is prepared to give the campers a great time, all in keeping it in the context of a Torah filled environment. Acting with *midot tovot*, talking with *lashon nekiya*, and celebrating the lifestyle of a ben and bat Torah, are all values that we strive to imbue in all areas of camp.

We are also looking forward to our formal chinuch program. We offer two daily shiurim per camper, half being textual based, conveying to each camper the crucial message that serious real Torah study never stops, no matter where he/she is. We have assembled an amazing team of *mechanchim*- *mechanchot*, from all over the U.S. and Israel, who are all poised to create an environment of learning and growth for your children. As we began last year with great fanfare and success, there will be specially designed tracks (*Masmidim Program*) for *Shalhevet* and Teen boys who are interested and able to learn *gemara* at an advanced pace. As always, the entire staff will be available throughout the summer for any individual need that might arise. Feel free to contact me or any of the chinuch staff members with any concern.

As we close in on the beginning of another Mesorah summer, we look forward to enriching the lives of your children, with a fun and Torah-rich atmosphere, with values that they will be able to take with them for the rest of their lives.

All the best,

Rabbi Shalom Rosner