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בס"ד תמוז תשנ"ה "All The News Your Kids Could Have Written Home About, But Probably Didn't"

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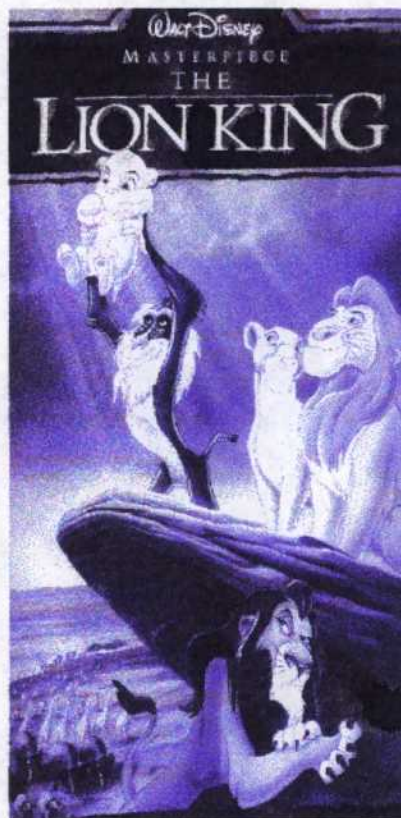
Names in the News

This summer, Morasha welcomes Perry Garber as the first new boys' head counselor in ten years. Perry was a camper, counselor, and Machon counselor here some years ago. In fact, Perry was even a color war general in the 1980s. Clearly, anyone who has survived the overwhelming demands of a Morasha colorwar can handle a few hundred boys with ease.

Shifra Garber, who happens to be related to Perry through marriage, is our new director of drama. Shifra's first production, "The Lion King," performed by our talented boys and girls of Shtilim, was an unqualified success. The creative costumes and scenery, the delightful singing, and the kids' contagious enthusiasm joined to make the performances memorable for everyone..

Gershon Veroba of Neshoma Orchestra has joined our music department; he generated "ruach" from the start by playing and singing at the staff Melave Malke. Jeff Kobrin, who has been with us for many years, has changed his status by becoming a Rabbi, Assistant Head Counselor, and newlywed. Michelle Kobrin, a Morasha veteran of ten years, is now our Older Ilanot division head.

Administrative changes include a new programming department with Aviva Adler and Zush Motechin, who are bringing to camp innovative ideas and a sense of fun. "Satch" Sanders, as the new Assistant to the Director, is busy keeping both the physical plant and administrative systems in shape.



**Shtilim Dramatic Production -
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We also welcome Amy and Shmuel Unterberg as both newlyweds and new division heads, and Ben Klibanoff, Johnathan Aufrichtig, and Erez Gilad as new division heads on boys' campus. In addition, we warmly greet all the rest of our new members on both the counseling and specialty staff and we extend a special "glad to have you back" to the loyal returning staff. We look forward to working together to make this summer of 1995 one that is meaningful, safe and fun for your children.

All Around Camp

From the very first day of camp, new things are happening. At the opening night songfest on girls' campus, the recently-expanded Pargod could barely contain the excitement. Along with all the singing and dancing, the campers watched a surprise slide show of themselves, produced from pictures of last summer. The winter months melted away, and it was as if they had never left.

Four days later, rollerblading came to Morasha. On two outdoor basketball courts, hundreds of campers and staff members skated to music in six separate sessions. The instructors taught us how to glide, stop and fall. Experienced bladers even got a chance to slalom through cones and show off their "limbo" skills.

"Step" class also made its debut on girls' campus this summer. Ilanot, Alufot, Machon and Staff are all working out with Tamar Greene as they combine coordination and fun in the daily activity schedule.

Intercamp games with Camp Mesorah this past week offered a great opportunity to have fun and meet friends. Camper tournaments with Camp Seneca Lake, The Como Cup competition vs Lavi (which our Alufim boys won) and staff hockey and basketball games with Lavi and Mesorah add genuine excitement across the campuses.

July 4th comes to Morasha

Though summer is a time for well-deserved rest and relaxation, it is also a time when lots of learning takes place as well. If one were to wander through the Bondi educational complex on any given day, you would hear lively discussions on a wide range of Torah topics. Whether it be our youngest campers learning Mishna or Gemara for the first time or our eldest engaged in debate regarding a position of the Rambam, our children are challenged to think as they begin to appreciate that Talmud Torah is a year-round activity.

Live and Learn

Of course, education in camp is hardly limited to the formal Sheurim; rather, it is a process that is ongoing throughout the camp day. From kima in the morning to lights out at night, our children are learning how to be Bnei U'bnot Torah.

Each year, we choose one aspect of Yahadut as our theme for the summer. Tefilla is an integral part of every Jew's religious experience. Three times a day we speak to Hashem, with the Siddur being the medium for this conversation. During the course of the summer, we are devoting a portion of Shiurim to "Beur Tefilla"-understanding the text of the Siddur. As the summer progresses, other "special events" such as the "learn-a-thon," and the "nine-days program" will reflect the theme of tefilla as well.

This summer, Morasha celebrated July 4th with giant cookouts for dinner, a homegrown variety show at the Pargod, and spectacular fireworks overlooking the lake. The entire camp got into the spirit of the day as the waiters donned their red, white and blue straw hats and the Nitzanim girls cut neck holes in green garbage bags, held their flashlights aloft and transformed themselves into "THE STATUES OF LIBERTY." Rabbi Oratz spoke to us about the midah of "Hakarat Hatov," or gratitude, as it applies to our debt to the United States. Male counseling and specialty staff danced a stirring "12th St. Rag," Day Camp performed "Yankee Doodle Dandy" and an enormously talented group of younger Ilanot boys and girls performed scenes from the American classic, "You're a Good Man Charlie Brown."

It was an opportunity to see everyone in camp, from day camp children to senior staff, joining in a camp experience. When the flares lit the sky, you could hear hundreds of voices "ooing" and "ahing" in unison.



Meet Machon

This year's Machon is the largest ever. Trips to "Indigo Stables" and "Skate Estate," helped cement bonds among the Machoniks as they hiked and skated, laser tagged and golfed. BBYO/ Machon exchange programs, developed with the help of the "Chinuch" staff, were educationally stimulating. A follow-up program, developed by Rabbi Saul Zucker on "Reactions to Hate," generated a fascinating exchange on modern anti-semitism as experienced by teens across America.

Satch's Stats

In the first 2 weeks Camp Morasha has consumed:

19,200 Eggs	2,800 Lbs. of Potatoes
2,800 Lbs. of Flour	21,000 Slices of Bread
8,000 Qts. of Milk	

used 1,000,000 Gallons of Water and produced 240 Cu. Yds. of GARBAGE.



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Machzor Aleph & Machon Make Morasha History

For the first time in Morasha history, Machon designed and executed a One-Day Maccabiah for all the hundreds of Nitzanim and Shtilim in camp. Machon, in the spirit of "just do it!" wrote the cheers, taught the songs, guided the art projects and led the children through each activity. Machzor Aleph responded with contagious excitement; they sang, cheered, wrote Divrei Torah, painted their שלטים and played their hearts out at every game. The campers were involved in every aspect of Maccabiah and they rocked the entire camp with their enthusiasm.

The excitement started with the break-out on Sunday evening when Machon counselors entered the packed Pargod with bullhorns and firehats and announced Maccabiah. Outside, the campers found the Morasha fire truck filled with more "firefighters": 1 Director, 2 Head Counselors, and numerous Machoniks handing out the Maccabiah booklets. The kids received black or white bandanas and the contest between "יָוֵם" (White) and "לַיְלָה" (Black) was launched.

Stacy Garber and Ari Raskas were Generals of the White Team, with Elana Koss and Naftali Balsam as Lt. Generals and Suri Heszel and Seth Goldstein as Captains. Black team leaders were Adina Dear and Jonathan Quinn as Generals, with Shira Stein and Aryeh



From the Morasha fire truck
'מקור מַכַּבִּיָּה
Break-Out

Bruekheimer as Lt. Generals and Ayala Zoltan and Daniel Levy as Captains. They had whistles, clip boards and sore throats by the end of the first night, so we knew that they really meant business.

In the afternoon, when rain threatened, the resourceful team of Machon Counselors Avi Zibitt and Tami Finkelstein orchestrated a series of indoor sports events. The Machzor Aleph Maccabiah's closing event was a beautiful evening "Shiriah" in which the two teams sang cheers and Hebrew songs.

Although יוֹם won the points competition, all of Machzor Aleph and Machon triumphed in this spectacular first-time program.

Camp All Around Camp All Around

In the middle of the Machzor Aleph Maccabiah, Machzor Bet left camp for its own adventures. All the Ilanot and Alufot girls travelled to Carousel Park where they go-carted, golfed, hit balls in the batting cages and best of all, slid down two thrilling water slides. The Ilanot and Alufim boys took their buses to the Lackawanna County Stadium where they watched the Red Barons team play an exciting (and wet) baseball game.

The following day, Machzor Aleph finished preparations for its outdoor carnival. The booths ranged from sponge throws to shaving balloons to "candy grams" delivered with panache. The refreshment menu reflected Morasha's raised consciousness; fresh corn and grapes substituted for the traditional hot dogs and buns. Guess what? We couldn't serve the "health food" fast enough.

Alufot continued the tradition of visiting Camp Block and The N.J. "Y" Camp to entertain the senior citizens with song and dance. Thanks to the introductions by Debbie Meskin, the choreography by Shayne Schwed & Aura Goldschmiedt, the musical talents of Daniel Henkin & Avigayil Mogilner, and the natural warmth of the Alufot, the performances were outstanding.

For the entire camp, July was a month to remember!

RABBI WILLIG PRESENTS

Every Thursday night is Rabbi Willig's night as the staff assembles to hear his weekly Shiur. This year the Shiur was presented as a Memorial Lecture Series entitled, "Giants and their Ideals". To date, Rabbi Willig has spoken about Rav Goldvicht, Rav Auerbach, Nachshon Wachsmann and Rabbi Shlomo Carlebach. When word got around, however, that Rabbi Willig was not only speaking about the famous Jewish Music Man, but also accompanying himself on guitar, we knew that an unusual event was in the making. Rabbi Willig's shiur on the life and music of Rabbi Shlomo Carlebach was a moving personal tribute and a unique Morasha happening.

HIP TRIPS

Trip Day dawned with 16 buses, 2 vans, and 2 cars departing on 11 different trips. Nitzanim Boys & Girls went to "Catskill Funland" and saw "Pocohantas". Indigo Stables hosted Older Ilanot for horseback riding, hiking and hay-riding. Older Shtilim rappelled down walls and slid between trees on a cable glide at Rings Homestead. At different times during the day, Younger Shtilim, Younger Ilanot and Alufim/fot enjoyed Skate Estate, a movie, ice cream and bowling. Trip day offered everyone a chance to try something new with friends and have loads of fun.

Shiria In Morasha

This year's Shiria was not only a showcase for the vocal talents of Boys' and Girls' campuses, but was also an opportunity to hear our homegrown talent play their instruments along with the music staff. Machoniks Jonathan Quinn and Dov Katz played bass and drums respectively and Jake Palefski of Older Ilanot was our own "Bill Clinton" as he

accompanied boys' campus on saxophone. Two of the songs were original compositions by members of our music staff, Daniel Henkin and Gershon Veroba. In addition, Gershon computerized much of the musical arrangements, bringing Shiria 1995 to new technological heights.

After much consideration, the judges decided that the top songs of the night were "נקד" by the Girls and "אשרי" by the Boys. (And, oh yes, the Girls won.)



Satch's Stats

Since the beginning of the camping season
Camp Morasha has

Replaced:	350 Light Bulbs
Used:	4000 Rolls of Toilet Paper
	1000 Plastic Tablecloths
Logged:	7000 Miles on 3 Shuttle Vans
	and Serviced 124 Fire Extinguishers.