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Yachad
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פרשת מטות מסעי





Shalhevet



The second week of camp started with a BANG! Sunday night July 4th after a BBQ dinner with tables decorated with Red, White and Blue hats, campers and staff enjoyed an amazing display of fireworks at the Tisha B'Av sight. .



It's been a VERY HOT week, with temperatures soaring in the high 90's, thank you to all campers and staff for being such good sports going to activities, and running all departments especially the kitchen and dining room, we know it isn't easy! Thanks also to the Warehouse for supplying us with lots of drinks and to the infirmary for taking care of those of us who didn't drink enough! These are the kind of weeks when everyone wishes they were on waterfront staff!

STAY COOL EVERYONE!!!!



WHATS NEW IN THE LIBRARY

As most of you already know, the library is one of the hottest spots in camp. Some new additions this summer include, the **Story File**- Any Staff member who has read or told a story to any group in camp is asked to submit that story to the library to be held on file. This will be a great resource for those in search of stories for Sichot or for bedtime. New Sefarim have been ordered (Thank You Rabbi Wahrhaftig) as well as many new Storybooks. Counselors are encouraged to read with & to campers as much as possible. Last years **Read-a-Ten** was so successful that it is back and in full swing. Charts are being distributed to all bunks to record all books read this summer-Anyone can be a winner so READ! The **Torah Tape Library** is also a very popular part of the library. For counselors who have Sheurim Duty, the New York Times arrives daily and copies

of the Crossword Puzzle are made and kept on file. We'd like to thank Rock Davis for making the Library such a warm and inviting place.



SPORTS STOP:

The Morasha Staff teams were very busy Wednesday night. The Basketball team, coached by Yehuda Kraut - traveled to Mesorah where they proceeded to win 47-32. Dov Weiner (Sports Staff) scored 21 points! "The Morasha squad's inside-outside game proved to be too much for a smaller Mesorah team," said Kraut. The hockey team coached by Rabbi Elly Storch, headed to Lavi. In front of a capacity crowd with much spirited cheering; Roy Ashkenazi (Kollel member) scored both of Morasha's goals. Although Morasha proceeded to lose 5-2, Rabbi Storch says "It was a very competitive game". - The entire camp would like to wish a Refuah Shlemah to Marky Gibber.



Staff Spotlight

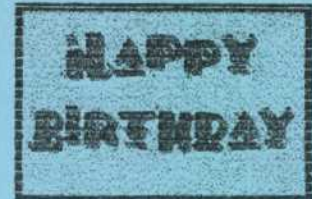
BY: Yoel Preminger- machon
This week the Shalhevet has chosen to spotlight **Michele Comet**, the Head Supervisor of the dining room.

Michele was born in Brooklyn, NY then moved to the upper West Side. Two years ago Michele and her family made Aliyah to Eretz Yisroel and settled in Rechaviah, Jerusalem. Ms. "Jack-of-all-Trades" is a registered nurse, has a Bachelor of Science in biology (and did research in food poisoning) she has studied massage and has a brown belt in torah dojo karate. She now is a party and event coordinator in Jerusalem.

Mrs. Comet had never worked in Morasha but had visited many times and admired the place very much. Rabbi Wahrhaftig, was always a huge fan of hers- having heard of her fabulous reputation as a nutritionist and supervisor of the cafeteria at Ramaz. "It was a lucky break for me to hear she would be available this summer!" said the director.

Michele's goal for the summer is to have fun but at

the same time maintain a high level of kashrut, sanitation, and safety in the dining room. "Service with a smile" is Michele's motto. So far Michele's biggest challenge this summer has been serving dinner to over 500 campers and staff members in the middle of a heat wave, rain storm, and blackout. Not exactly Michele's idea of a "Candlelight dinner", like her last name-she rose to the occasion and handled the situation with calmness, composure and acted as swift as a "Comet". This summer for the first time Michele has instituted a waiter-of-the-week program. Each week every table has an opportunity to nominate a waiter of the week. Michele believes that you are only as good as the people who surround you and she is thankful to have the phenomenal help of Shmuel "Sam" Ritter, a top-notch group of waiters and terrific Machoniks. We greatly appreciate Michele's intuitive wisdom, experience and sense of humor- she makes the Dining Room a fun place to eat!



Chaim Cohen- B-3
David Blum- B-13
Ilana Sussman- G-5
Mark Grundman- B-13
Michael Greenberg- B-2
Daniel Gottesman- B-Machon
Yael Forman- G-15
Yael Landman- G-5
Aaron Schultz- B-6
Rena Rotter- G-11
Stephanie Cohn- G-Staff
Motti Hoffnung- B-Kollel
Ariel Benson- B-Machon
Jack Levin- B-9

COMING UP....

Sunday-Shtilim present Annie

Monday- Machzor Bet trip

Tuesday-Machzor Aleph trip

Friday- Blood Drive

ALSO...

Tune in to 1610 on your AM dial to hear Machon Boys radio show...

REFLECTIONS ON MY WEEK...

WORKING TOGETHER

By, David Harrari B8

Spending a couple of days with Yachad really made an impact on all of our lives. The real translation of the word "Yachad" is together. Yachad symbolizes Achdut. Yachad works together and are always helping one another together. Yachad always reaches out to help and cheer up everyone. There is a story that explains how Yachad works. The story is told about a traveler who was crossing mountain heights of untrodden snow. He was freezing as the fierce wind and ice blew against his face. He couldn't feel his fingers or his toes. Then the night came. He struggled bravely against the urge for sleep, which weighed down his frosty eyelids. He knew that if he fell asleep, he would surely freeze to death. He lay down in the snow ready to die, not able to feel his limbs, for they were frozen. Then he decided to fight. He stood up to give death one last bout and decided he had to try to walk against the night wind. Just then, his foot struck a heap lying under the snow,

right in his path. He stooped down, pushed the snow aside, and found a man. This man had given up, half buried on the freezing mountain. He picked him up and started fiercely rubbing the frozen man's limbs. It was working! The man opened his eyes. He kept on rubbing till the sun rose and warmed the two men who were now friends.

Just like that man that was on the verge of giving up managed to reach out to help the other man; this is an action of Yachad. Yachad notices and lends their hands to other people. Not only does Yachad reach out and cheer and help out one another, but they do it B'Yachad-together in Achdut.

Our Experience With Yachad

By, Michael Stein- B15

Akiva Berson- B13

As the members of Yachad walked into davening on Monday morning, we felt as if we were back in our first summer in Morasha because we were scared yet anxious. Our fright quickly vanished when they came over to us and greeted us as old friends.

we all fell in love with them and learned of our faults as we compared our personalities to theirs. Due to a heavy storm on Tuesday night, we were stuck in the music room bored out of our minds only to be rescued by Yachad and their intense singing and dancing. We quickly forgot about the rain and the bowling trip, which we would not be going on. If we were only able to bring back one memory from this summer, it would without a doubt be our experience with Yachad. Whether it is swimming, singing, dancing or painting, the Yachad members always bring life to it. We thank Yachad for coming and teaching us that there is more to life than what we have discovered. We hope you come back soon.

BASKETBALL WITH TEAM YACHAD

By, B-8

"Team Yachad" certainly lives up to its name to the fullest. Whether it's Matt and Matis cheering after Josh hits another three pointer, or everyone "oohing & ahing" after Avi makes five consecutive free throws or

everyone rooting for Lenny when it's his turn to shoot, the Team is always together as are their events and everything they do is always with one another. However, the best thing about it is that they are always happy about it!

A MESSAGE FROM LENNY & FRIENDS

By, Lenny & Friends

Hi! My name is Lenny Stern. I would like to share my favorite highlights of camp. Some of them are that I built a train thing out of wood. I used a special electric saw to build my project. I swam in the water. I played basketball and I haven't played tennis yet this summer. All the campers from all the different divisions that I love from Nitzanim to Machon and all the counselors that I met this summer especially Flatbush kids because they are old school friends like Danny, Aviva, Michael & Isaac. I want to thank them for making this week great! Tonight we are singing with Benji and Machon. I loved all the people that I met. My friend Rafi said it was awesome to sing with Lenny and Yachad during Shiriah practice. My friend Eytan says it's a very good group and they are nice people. In conclusion. Morasha and

Yachad had a great time together and what we already had was awesome - I can't wait for the rest!

LEARNING FROM YACHAD

By, Noam Block B-8

There we were waiting at the Basketball courts for our first activity with Yachad. They came; we all looked at each other - not sure what to do or think. The sports staff gave us the ball and said "O.K Guys- let's play Newcomb". Now you know Ilanot boys don't really like to play Newcomb. Now you know what? Neither did the Yachad boys! But we all played for a while and had fun. Then we all decided that basketball was what we really liked and the games began. We played line up, not expecting them to be so good but they were hitting their jump shots. As I was waiting on line for my turn it occurred to me that these guys were not so different from me. They liked sports, having fun, & being with friends! They were also very proud of themselves when they played well - just like us. The only difference was they didn't care so much about winning, they cared about having fun and being one of the guys. That's a lesson we all can learn from them. I bet there are a lot of things we can learn from each other. I

can't wait for our next Yachad activity.

LESSONS LEARNED

By, B-11

At first when we heard Yachad was coming we didn't know what to expect. We thought that we would have to act weird around them or treat them like little kids. We thought that they would interfere with our activities. Once we had just one period- not even scheduled, it just got easier to talk to them. After maybe ten minutes we were able to talk to them like they were good friends. When we are with them we feel better about ourselves. When they achieve we feel like we have achieved. We have learned so many important values. Everything they do they give 100% even if they don't excel at it. It's amazing that even though Hashem did not give them everything they still have the faith and the hope to follow in the ways of Hashem. They are the true heroes. We learned from Yachad that you shouldn't take things for granted. Yachad is a group that we like because the members don't care what you wear or what you look like. When we're with yachad we learn a lesson of optimism because yachad members are not on the same level of everyone else and yet they

never lose hope. We are sad that at the end of this week Yachad will be leaving us, but we look forward to spending time with them in the years to come.

ALUFIM/FOT & YACHAD

By, Tamara Schechter G-14

Rachel Berley G14

Yael Bressler G-16

Judy Horn- Counselor G14

Giti Gross-G 14

On Tuesday night, the Alufim & Alufot were scheduled to have a BBQ and then go bowling. It started to pour and we took shelter in the music center where the power was out. After about an hour, the power came back on, but to our dismay we were told that we would not be able to go bowling. We were prepared for an extremely boring evening. However to our surprise and extreme delight, the members of Yachad arrived to spend the evening with us. We shared an amazing experience as we sang and danced our feet off B'Yachad. This experience taught us lessons about ourselves that we will never forget. We learnt that the word yachad can apply to us all here in camp Morasha. The entire division of Alufim/Fot were united as one as we joined together with Yachad. We can apply our experience to this week's Parsha Matot Masai. In the Parsha all of

the Shvatim of Israel were united in war against Midyan in the Desert just like the Alufim/Fot & members of Yachad were united together by singing and dancing. Just as such a zealous leader, Pinchas led Benai Yisrael; the most energetic and vivacious Yachad members too led us in song and dance. Like Benai Yisrael in the Desert we are also doing Avodat Hashem in this way. This experience can be expressed in three words: Kulanu Nashir B'Yachad.

MY WEEK WITH YACHAD

By, Lisi Stahler

I was very excited when I heard that Yachad was coming to spend a week in camp with us and I felt very privileged. I first saw Yachad at dinner and went over to talk to them. Everyone who went over with me was very nice and made them feel welcome. After dinner the Yachad members spoke very well and they were very thankful to us for having them in camp. I think we are thankful to them for coming. I went to see Yachad when they were Tie-Dyeing Tee shirts. I was only planning on staying for a little bit but I was having so much fun. I realized how genuinely nice they were to me. I saw how much fun they were having, and then in turn I too was having the best time. The

members whom I had a chance to spend time with really taught me a lot about how to appreciate the little things in life. I hope Yachad has benefited from me at least half as much as I have benefited from them. I think it was a great idea having Yachad spend this week in camp Morasha, and I hope this will continue in the following summers.

OLDER ILANOT & YACHAD

By, Jaclyn Adelsberg G12

Sabrina Hirsch G12

Laura Fruchter G13

This summer Morasha has been fortunate to spend time with Yachad members. We have done countless activities with them. On Monday we started off the morning with Mifkad, followed by a beautiful davening which included a D'var Torah given by a Yachad member. Throughout the day we had tons of fun with our new friends. All of our meals were enriched by their presence. As the day progressed, we went swimming and boating with them. We even baked yummy treats, which was a blast! During music we enjoyed singing with our friends, and we recognized that one member had a special talent to play the piano. We ended off our day with a fun night of Tie-Dyeing and singing. We

enjoyed making new friends and we hope we will be able to meet more Yachad members in the future. This experience is something we will always cherish.



- The Shalhevet would like to Thank everyone who submitted articles sharing his or her feelings about this special week. The time spent here has made a considerable impact on all of us and we appreciate all the hard work and effort made by both Yachad and Morasha to make this program the smashing success that it was. We will never forget it!



SHIRIAH 1999

By, Suri Boiangui

The lights may have flickered and gone out all over camp, but they shone brightly in the Mercazia for Shiriah 5759/1999. In an unexpected triumph, the Boys won the competition for the first time in many years.

Aviva Eisenberg, Ilana Lauer, and Gila Leifer led the Girls. With perfect harmonies and intricate arrangements, their voices soared. "Atah Echad" overwhelmingly was judged as the best song of the evening.

The Boys, led by Donny Baitner, Michael Harary and Yaacov Rosenberg, did the seemingly impossible: they surpassed the girls. "Sof Davar", "Al Tirah" and "Ad Ana" rocked the house. The Boys, charmingly attired in white shirts, ties and dress pants, and the girls, in their fluorescent green sweat bands, all worked very hard and had a wonderful time learning the meaning of team work.

Despite the victories of both the Boys and Girls, not to mention the ever-sterling performance of the Day

Camp, the evening was stolen by the highlight of MY Week: Yachad's performance at Shiriah.



BREAK THE A-X CODE

HERE IS A
SECRET CODE
CONSISTING OF
DIFFERENT
HEBREW LETTERS.
USE THE CHART
ABOVE THE
PUZZLE TO
BREAK THE
CODE.

ש	נ	ב	ג	ק	כ	ע	י	ן
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
ח	ל	ד	צ	מ	ס	פ	ס	ר
J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R
ט	א	ו	ה	ת	ט	ז		
S	T	U	V	W	Y	Z		

WHY WASN'T MOSHE
CONCERNED ABOUT TOVELING
DISHES TAKEN FROM THE
SPOILS OF BASHAN?

אשק סא גקתסןדש קרקת זתקה קיא
צסרכ אשק גמש גססכ רקידסל-מסמ
עמרוג גקרואפש דקידוג רקידסל-מסמ
יאת רשת קיא צמשמשב כס אדקוסמסב קיא
רוקיא סד קעמקחקר כס אום דשת משטגוצ
אגקרקידשל קנ סא גשי דקידוג

the jews were allowed to eat non kosher food and eat from non kosher
dishes captured during the conquest of canaan. the war with midyan was out
of revenge so their dishes had to be koshered.

REPLACE THE PICKLE

HERE ARE 10 STATEMENTS ABOUT THE PARSHA. OF COURSE, PICKLES DON'T REALLY BELONG IN ANY OF THEM. REPLACE THE WORD "PICKLE" WITH THE CORRECT ANSWER TO MAKE THESE STATEMENTS TRUE!

1. THREE CITIES OF **PICKLE** WERE SET UP EAST OF THE **VINEGAR** RIVER
2. A GOEL HADAM IS THE CLOSEST **PICKLE** OF A MURDERED MAN.
3. A MAN WHO ACCIDENTALLY MURDERS MUST REMAIN IN THE **PICKLE** UNTIL THE **ONTON** GADOL DIES.
4. THE TRIBE OF **PICKLE** WAS GIVEN 48 **CUCUMBERS** TO LIVE IN.
5. THE DAUGHTERS OF **PICKLE** WERE ADVISED TO MARRY MEN FROM THEIR OWN TRIBE.
6. THE FIVE DAUGHTERS WERE FROM THE TRIBE OF **PICKLE**
7. THREE AREY MIKLAT WERE BUILT IN THE LAND OF **PICKLE**, **ONTON** AND **CUCUMBERS**.
8. THE **JEWS** TRAVELED THROUGH THE **PICKLE** FOR FORTY YEARS.

ANSWERS: 1. REFUGE 2. RELATIVE 3. IR MIKLAT KOHEN 4. ELEVATIONS
5. TZELEAFCHAD 6. MENASHE 7. MENASHE 8. DESERT

פרשת מטות מסעי

The Torah details for us the wanderings of בני ישראל in the desert. It is who records the travelings as follows:
ויכתב משה את מוצאיהם למסעיהם על פי ה' ואלה מסעיהם למוצאיהם
At first glance the פסוק seems oddly phrased and certainly a bit repetitive. Clearly we need to define the terms used to understand the lesson which the Torah wishes to impart.

מוצאיהם implies your travels, where you are going to, while מסעיהם terms where you have come from. Historically, we as a Jewish people have journeyed many places. We are most successful in maintaining our Jewish identity when we travel to our מוצאיהם via מסעיהם. In using the knowledge of our experiences from where we come, we can successfully navigate to where we are destined to go.

I believe the following story illustrates the point. A father and child set out together on a trip. In their knapsack they packed food and drink. Upon reaching the crossroads they are dismayed to see the sign which directed people to four different cities in four different directions, fallen to the ground and consequently of no use. At that point the child turns to the father and says, "We know where we came from and so we can put the sign back up with the arrow pointing to our point of origin, and thus know to where we have to go."

When you know from where you come, your מוצא, you can be sure of where you have to go, your מסע.

All of us embark upon a journey during the three weeks. We are coming from a מוצא of difficulty, שנאת חנם and sadness. It is our goal to reach a מסע of כבוד הבריות, אהבת חנם, and happiness. We know where we are coming from and therefore understand where we must go ! Through a sense of goodness and kindness to one another, and a genuine concern for our fellow Jew, we can take ourselves לשמחה.

שבת שלום.

Shulamith Cohn

ROVING REPORTER: If you could pick any job in camp, what would it be and why?

Seth Dimbert-Techi: A Shalhevet reporter because they uncover interesting facts.

David Schnall-Machon: Jim Jr., why not?

Mickey Davis- Waiter: Seth Dimbert's because I love his job.

Anonymous: Warehouse, because you work for five minutes and make fun of everyone in camp the rest of the time.

Moshe Schechter-B2: Division Head, because I'd get to make up the night activities.

Benji Epstein & Jared Harari-Machon Counselors: Machonik's because then we'd have ourselves as counselors

Chaim Cohen-B3: Head of waterfront, because you get to drive a jet ski.

Chanie Frenkel-Waterfront: I love being a lifeguard!!

Jordan Fried-Canteen: Camp Fisherman, I love the hunt and the kill of fishing

Yoni Goodman- B-14: Jordan Fried's job, he is the coolest

Rebecca Arbisfeld-G1: Division Head, you can do anything

Aliza Boim-G15: Lifeguard, I like the water

Mindy Feldman-G19: Sports Staff, I like sports

Tamar Bendheim- Counselor G14: Shalhevet staff, they're so cool

Jennie Dienstag-Machon: Canteen, I love ice-cream

Yocheved Goldberg-Shtilim D.H: Music Staff, I love music

Talya Grunberg-Mother's Helper: Machonik, for obvious reasons

Benny Lesnick-Day Camp: Work in the H.C, to work with mommy

Michal Schechter-Visitor: To be the entire Board so I can unanimously vote for a Pool

Joyce Fruchter-Aministrator: A Camper, they have the most fun!

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