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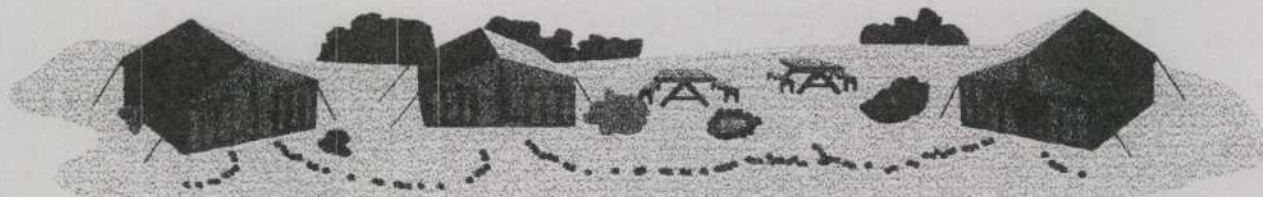
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Shalhevet



WELCOME

It's that time in the summer again when we are honored to be sharing Shabbat with the members of our Camp Board. We would like to wish you all a warm welcome and hope you have a pleasant stay!



We've had an action packed couple of weeks here at camp and many of our campers and staff members have volunteered to share their own experiences with us so sit back, relax and ENJOY!

MOHAVA DAY

By, Aliza Chaneles

The day started off like all other Morasha trips- on a bus. But this time, the Alufim and Alufot (dressed in modest sweatpants and long shirts) were headed to a "mini-Israel" in the heart of Pennsylvania- Camp Moshava. Upon arriving at Moshava, many of us were really excited to see our "school friends" who we missed a lot. We then headed out to our first activity. The girls



Played a close game of beach volleyball, but came out with A victory-as did the girls AMAZING basketball team.

Some girls tried their luck at Moshava's very own rope course; where they climbed trees and walked across thin ropes way up in the sky. One Alufim boy said, "It was just like being in the circus", after his turn in the afternoon.

In the morning, the boys played they're hardest in both basketball and hockey but unfortunately came out with no victory. The Alufim were also given guns and a chance to use them in riflery, another unique Moshava activity. After all the games were done, we all made our way to the Chadar Ochel. There we found a salad bar. After we chose from a variety of vegetables and dressing, we sat down only to find that there were no waiters. The Moshava kids have to serve themselves! (Special thanks to the Morasha waiters!!).

In the afternoon, the sports began again - the boys played and lost a great game of

softball but managed to defeat Moshava in a hilariously aggressive soccer game. Some boys even got to try the ropes course while some girls got their "shot" at riflery, others got literally beaten in hockey. One bee sting, an almost broken nose, a bleeding mouth, and a few bruised legs and arms later, the girls ended up losing an intense hockey game, one to nothing. The sports were followed by canteen, Mincha and a Sichah given by Rabbi Marcus about getting along and not competing with each other. We then said our good-byes and came back to camp.



GOLD RUSH DAYS!

On July 21, everywhere you looked, the Younger Ilanot were on their best behavior...and collecting cash as a prize. Davening with kavanah, cleaning the bunk especially well, just being generally nice, all reaped monetary reward for the

enthusiastic group. It was their first annual Gold Rush Day. Camp Morasha money was printed out and distributed to the eager campers by everyone from Rabbi Wahrhaftig, to Suri, their Division Head.

And what did they do with all their money?

Why, they spent it at an auction held after Tisha B'Av buying goods like a "Lazy morning" for an entire bunk, and "Ruchie for a Day". "It was a truly exciting activity," said Suri. "All the girls participated and cooperated as united bunks to purchase some of the costly items".

The beauty of the Gold Rush was not only the "Thrill of the Buy", but also the beauty of seeing the girls continuing to demonstrate their beautiful Midot even when there is no financial remuneration for them.



DISNEY WARS

By, Chani Lindenbaum, Andrea Summers & Jessica Feld

It all started late Thursday night with a surprise party for Sara Winkler, which coincidentally turned into a boy's raid. Within minutes, Rabbi Wahrhaftig and Jeff

Kobrin appeared and pretended to yell at the boys for crashing the party. At that moment Rabbi Wahrhaftig proclaimed DISNEY WARS!

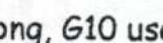
The teams were Lion King, Aladdin, Little Mermaid, and Beauty and the Beast. We started that night with two different games of volleyball. We then went to sleep and woke up early the next morning. The girls went off to play two different sports games and later the boys went to play sports. We all met at the Bondis for Team Time and a surprise from the camp- PIZZA!

Next was an apache relay and then we all began our presentations at the Pavillion. All the teams had to make up songs with the words "Is that a pizza or is that your face?" because it was a private joke between the coordinators Tamar Bendheim and Michael Harari (they originally wanted themselves in the songs). We all had a blast that day but it had to end sooner or later with the winner Beauty and the Beast living happily ever after!

MILCHEMET MITZVOT

By, Ariel Gindea & Samantha Moskowitz

Milchemet Mitzvot is a contest between all Nitzanim Bunks 7-11. Each Bunk was to write a song, a skit, and create a poster about specific Mitzvot. The Mitzvot are: Shabbat, Chesed, Limud Torah, Mezuzah & Kashrut.

All of the bunks were very creative. Bunk 11 used the Flintstones tune for their team song, G10 used  G9 used Under the Sea, G8 used White Cheer and G7 used Just One Shabbos. The plays were great and so were the posters we all had a lot of fun and learned a lot. We don't know who the winners are yet, we will keep you posted - Good Luck to all!



Jordan B-8

Sarita Adelsberg - Machon

Daniel Harary- B11

Elana Zelman- G19

Adina Grossman- G19

Lisi Stahler - G19

David Schnall-Machon

Eliyahu Schwartz-Kollel

Nina Anziska- G2

Edith Koslowe-G2

Eli Moses-Machon

Jessica Gross-G10

Abigail Pick-G18

Rivkah Bresler-G16

Eytan Austein-B19

Michal Gorelick-G10

PARSHAT EKEV

By, Ahuva Epstein-Ed Staff

This Parsha teaches us that Hashem rewards us generously for the performance of even the "little" Mitzvahs.

"והיה לקי תוצאות" - "And these shall be the results of performing the Mitzvahs". Many commentaries are intrigued by the use of the word "Ekev" to describe the "results" of performing the Mitzvahs. Hashem could have used the words כאלו או אם. When you observe the commandments; not Ekev, a unique word with a meaning obviously deeper than its literal definition.

Rashi tells us that while Ekev means "the results of" it is also the Hebrew word for the heel of the foot. There are certain Mitzvot that people tread on and ignore because they don't consider them important...wearing Tzitzit, immersing vessels in the Mikvah, checking for Shatnez...

A Jew is not permitted to grade Mitzvot or to weigh them on a scale in order to assign value to those, which he considers to be important. Hashem wants us to perform all of the commandments with equal dedication.

Rabbi Aharon Kotler gives us another insight into the definition of "Mitzvot that people usually trample" These are the commandments

בין אדם לאדם, between man and his fellow man. We must conduct ourselves with Derech Eretz courtesy; we must be honest in our business, we must deal with integrity.

Here at camp, we must remember that performing acts of kindness to our fellow man enhances our relationship with Hashem. The true Yiddishkeit of a person is not determined merely by the way he learns or davens; but rather by the way he conducts himself in the bunk and social relationships.

SHABBAT SHALOM!

LIVE FROM THE LIBRARY:

We are so proud of all you voracious (look it up in the dictionary, on your next visit to the library...) readers out there. Here is an update on the "READ-A-TON":

G7 - 5 Books

G8 - 6 Books

G9 - 23 Books

G10 - 30 Books

G11 - 11 Books

B16 - 8 Books

B17 - 29 Books

B18 - 15 Books

B19 - 5 Books

So far, so good! Keep up the excellent work everybody - a

mind is a terrible thing to waste!

...Special Thanks to Danny Beer B15 for all his patience and help setting up the library computer.

We have several programs now available including the complete text of over 5,000 books on CD ROM, & Steven Spielberg's CD ROM called Survivors - testimonies of the Holocaust.

BOOK REVIEW: by Adam Gindea:

HARRY POTTER & THE SORCERERS STONE

By, J.K. Rowling

Harry Potter is an awesome book. It's only good if you like Fairy Tales and that stuff. It's about a boy named Harry who was a son of a Wizard. An Evil Wizard killed Harry's parents and tried to kill Harry but he failed. After that, Harry frightened all evil wizards. Since he was now an orphan, Professor Dumbledore (Harry's parent's teacher) abandoned Harry at his aunt and uncles doorstep. They treated him horribly. Ten years later when he was eleven Harry learned that he was a wizard. He went to wizard school and the rest of

the book is about his adventures there. That's only the first three chapters. J.K Rowling, the author of the book is a single mother and started writing it on a napkin in a café in England. It is a very good book. From a scale of 1-100, I give it a 100!



ANSWERS TO OFERS RIDDLES:

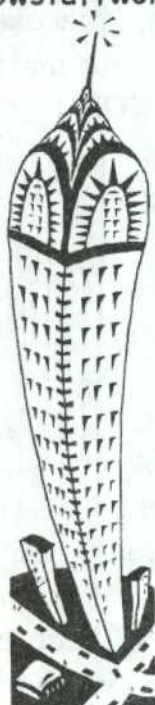
1. An Eponym is a person's name that has become part of the common language. For example; the eponym of the city of Rome is Romulus, the son of Mars, in Roman Mythology.
2. The eudialyte's crystal has 46 chemical elements. It is an important source of the rare, expensive metal zirconium.
3. The eyes of the giant squid (*Architeuthis dux*) can be up to 10 inches across. Those large, sensitive eyes are useful in dark water where the giant squid lives, 660-

2300 feet below the surface of the ocean.

4. Mangrove trees are specially adapted to live at the shores of salt-water lagoons with their roots actually submerged in the salt water. Florida's Mangrove forests are a great Biological treasure.

...Did you know that the Empire State Building, from May 1st, 1931 (Officially opened) until 1972, was the tallest building in the world at 102 stories high? The construction of the building was completed in 14 months and the total cost was less than \$25 Million, half the original estimate.

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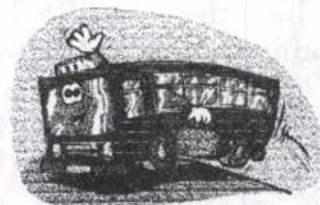


COMING SOON.....

Sunday - Kol Achei Concert



Monday - Surprise Trips!



Tuesday - "OLIVER"



Wednesday- Hershey/Toronto

FRIDAY NIGHT GUEST SPEAKER:

Rabbi Ezra Rosenfeld,
Canteen Left 10:30

SHABBAT SHALOM

Don't try this at home

By Michael M. Cohen

We were walking peacefully along the path from the dining room to the "A" building when we spotted it. Technically known as "Mephitis mephitis," this 30 inch, ten pound weasel normally feeds on lizards, frogs, birds, insects, and earthworms. Despite its razor sharp teeth, it rarely defends itself using its teeth. Instead, it sprays a sulfur compound, "N-bulymercaptan," which is quite a pungent odor and which can hit its target with sufficient accuracy up to twelve feet away. We simply call this rodent "Skunk."



As we got closer we noticed that this skunk was walking aimlessly in circles. As I got closer, I noticed that the skunk had something stuck to its face obstructing its vision. Upon closer examination, I noticed that the skunk, while trying to get a little taste of Kosher ice cream, had managed to get a D.J.'s flurry cup stuck to its face!!



While Rabbi Richter and I were rolling with laughter, Rabbi Benhamu was disturbed by how this was torturing the Skunk who was walking in circles, bumping into everything, and which obviously would be unable to find anymore food (not to mention that since it was eating kosher ice cream it was presumably a Jewish skunk which markedly increased the likelihood that this skunk was Lactose Intolerant and given its inborn disposition to create smell, we did not want to give it a **second** weapon!)

Rabbi Benhamu announced that he was going to help this skunk, despite our desperate warnings that it might spray him, since he felt that it was Tzaar Baalai Chaim (צער בעלי חיים).

Rabbi Richter and myself kept a safe distance as we watched Rabbi Benhamu carefully approach the Skunk, calling to it: "Here Pepe, Here Mr. Le Pew." As Rabbi Benhamu got closer, the Skunk moved away, but Rabbi Benhamu persisted. Finally, the skunk turned to Rabbi Benhamu and took two steps toward him. Rabbi Benhamu slowly bent down to the skunk's head. He gently put his hand on the flurry cup and removed it from the skunk's face. Instantly the skunk turned around and raised its tail in the air and pumped it twice at Rabbi Benhamu. Unbelievably, it did not spray him. Was he protected because שלוחי מצוה אינן נזקין,

or did the skunk purposely not spray him out of הכרת הטוב?

Regardless, this story illustrates a few lessons: (1) the trait of compassion for others, even animals, (2) הכרת הטוב, that we should appreciate what others do for us, and (3) to be responsible with how we interact with our environment (being careful to dispose of our trash in garbage cans, not the floor).

NOTE: Be careful to take the right lessons from this story. Do not try to play with or pet the animals that roam our campus. Do not try to act compassionately and help a troubled crocodile with popcorn stuck in its teeth.

(I know this story sounds like that Seinfeld where Kramer hits a Titleist golf ball into a whale's blowhole and which later George, who duped his girlfriend into believing that he is a "Marine Biologist," is called upon to extract from the whale's blowhole - which he inexplicably does successfully - but this story *really did* happen.)



ETKEY WORD FIND

ALL THESE WORDS HAVE TO DO WITH
PARSHAT ETKEY. CAN YOU FIND AND CIRCLE THEM?
(CAN APPEAR FORWARDS, BACKWARDS, ANGLED...)

F	I	G	S	D	H	P	B	W
Q	G	R	D	A	G	O	A	E
W	H	A	S	T	B	I	R	R
E	J	P	A	E	E	O	L	T
R	K	E	M	S	N	Y	E	Y
H	O	R	N	E	T	T	Y	N
T	L	F	M	F	C	R	M	O
O	L	I	V	E	H	A	E	I
Y	O	D	B	A	M	E	H	S
U	I	S	D	T	A	E	H	W

HORNET
BENTCH
SHEMA
MANN
GRAPE

BARLEY
FIGS
WHEAT
OLIVE
DATES

ROVING REPORTER: IF YOU COULD REDECORATE THE BUNKS, WHAT COLORS OR DESIGNS WOULD YOU USE & WHY?

By, David Zahtz & Jenni Deinstag (Machon)

Yaakov Kolb - B16: Blue & White to represent the Israeli flag

Rachel Rosen - G7: Ying Yangs, because I like that design

Alan Katz- B16: A torah with sports objects around it because here, we learn a lot of torah and still play a lot of sports.

Ayelet Brecher- G7: Blue because it is the color of the sky

Ariel Auman - B16: Blue and Orange for the Knicks

Jenni Deinstag - Machon: Neon colors to match the new library chairs

Akiva Stechler- Sports Staff: Green, because I like golf

Jessica Insel - Machon: Green, because I always agree with Akiva

Luca Zaramella - Camp America: Natural wood because I like wood

Isaac Winkler - Machon: I would not change the colors of my Bunk for anything in the world!

Alufim Counselors: Paint them with fire extinguishers because it would be a blast

Michael Harary - Alufim Counselor: Pink background with rainbows and teddy bears because I go that way

Abi Minsky - Counselor G2: Blue, Red & White for the British Flag. "Yeah Baby, Yeah!"

Randi Sorscher - Music Staff: Black with white stripes to blend in with the skunks

Machon Boys Counselors: We would NEVER paint our bunk

Stephanie Deinstag - Counselor G20: Blue, to match a certain Machon Counselors eyes

Rabbi Richter - Ed Staff: White, Black & Blue to commemorate the heroic and selfless act of Chesed of Rabbi Benhamu on Motzei Shabbat

Rabbi Benhamu- Ed Staff: Hang up Mirrors so that people can see that the world is a reflection of themselves