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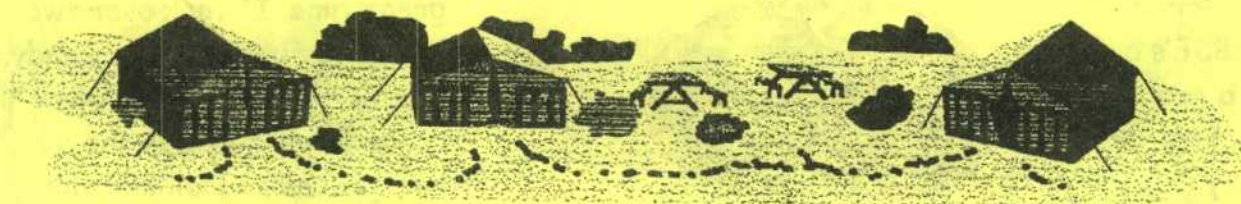
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It is our last week of camp and it feels rather Bittersweet. We will really miss all the friends we've made, our counselors and other staff members we've developed relationships with. It has been a glorious summer, we sampled all kinds of weather, heatwaves and COLD nights,,, we had Blackouts...animals...raids...overnights...trips... We learned new dances and songs...did arts & crafts...woodshop projects...played sports...swam...acted in plays...baked...water skied...tubed...kiyaked...canoeed...color wared...the full camp experience!

We look forward however, to the New Year ahead of us. With the lessons we learned this summer from our friends, counselors and Sheurim Teachers we are sure we will be able to face any upcoming challenges. Whether it is a year in Israel, a new grade, starting High School, SAT's, BJE's a Bar or Bat Mitzvah, a new neighborhood, new school, or new baby in the family.

THANK YOU...

We'd like to thank each and every staff member for devoting all their hard work and energy to the camp-you really made a difference. Each department recognizes the efforts that you made and is greatly appreciative.

I would just like to single out one specific group that somehow gets lost along the way and they are the MOTHER'S HELPER'S. Thank you so much for loving and taking care of our children. For wiping their tears, and noses, changing their diapers, playing with them, singing, feeding them and for being responsible, reliable and constant. **WE** would not be able to do **OUR** jobs without **YOU**! Thanks again, we know you'll all be great Mom's yourselves one day!...



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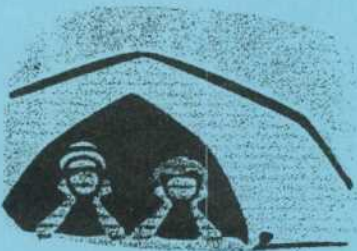
ALADDIN

By, Ariel Gindea & Samantha Moskowitz
Aladdin was the Nitzi play of Summer '99. It was great. The actors and actresses were wonderful. All the Nitzanim in the cast had a great time. It took over two weeks to finish getting ready. One of the best parts was a really funny movie in the background to look like the

characters were really flying on a magic carpet. We'd like to thank :

Josh Blechner-Assistant Director, Michael Berl-Director, Shira Moskowitz-Scenery, Danny Shatzkes-Set Direction.

We really appreciate Josh for staying in camp longer before going to Israel.



NITZI OVERNIGHT

By, B-16

On August 3, 1999 after the play "Oliver" the Nitzis started to march in a single line to the woods. In the middle of the woods, Ofer stopped the line because he thought he heard a bear. When he finally reached the overnight site we all settled down. That's when we met Nadav. Nadav explained what the overnight would be like. We started with some races and B-16 won. We lit a campfire and we had a BBQ for dinner. Danny from music staff came and sang songs with us. Rabbi Oratz came to tell us a story. Then we roasted Marshmallow Fluff and baked potatoes.

Suddenly, we saw this little skunk and everyone gathered around to watch. It ran away but it came back several times. Nadav told his army stories and then we went to sleep. A lot of kids stayed up. In the morning it was cold so we gathered around the fire and davened Shacharit. After We davened, we had breakfast which was grilled cheese, and honey nut Cheerios. It was such a pity we needed to wake up at 6:00 instead of 8:00. We hiked back to camp and we had a GREAT time!

*Ofer wanted to personally congratulate the Nitzanim boys, Nitzi girls, and Younger Shtilim girls who successfully hiked the hardest route to the overnight site, created their own path and carefully "watched their step".

Kol Hakavod!



ALUFOT HERSCHEY TRIP

"Oh G-d!, 4:00 wake up? That's CRAZY!" This is the way most people felt when they first heard about our Hershey trip. Still, we all got up and made it to the dining

room for a lovely 5:00 Breakfast. At 5:30 we were told to board the buses. What we didn't realize though...is that the boys schemed their way onto the fancier bus! Naively we boarded the plain old blue & white coach bus that was left. It was then that we met Bill - our bus driver.

We should have known right then and there that this was to be an ill fated relationship but we were trusting, "wanting-to-see-only-the-good-in-people" Morasha girls. From the beginning he was complaining of a leak over his seat and so we kindly built a contraption that would catch the water and prevent it from dripping on his head. We thought we could be friends with him but we were wrong... The man was insane! We innocently watched the heart wrenching movie "Step-Mom" not knowing it would be our last. You see, Bill wouldn't let us watch movies because it interfered too much with his driving. Despite these minor issues we were having with Bill, we arrived safely at the Amish Farmer's Market in Lancaster. There we purchased some of the Amish wares. Some of the

counselors were very cute and bought bonnets which they wore for the remainder of the day. After the market we headed over to ironically see a 3-D movie about an Amish boy named Jacob who had to make a choice whether or not to keep with his Amish roots or go off to the modern world. We found it very interesting and informative. Next we headed out to the Park City mall to catch up on some shopping. After pulling everyone out of the mall (kicking & screaming of course) we drove over to do check in at the Holiday Inn where we would be staying. When we got upstairs, we found to our dismay that both the boys & girls rooms were on the very same floor. Not to worry though, our counselors worked things out in a very comical scene moving all the boys to one end of the hall and all the girls to the other end. That night, after enjoying a delicious meal at the local JCC, we went to Sports Emporium. We played some arcade, went Go-Carting, and had three wild games of Lazer Tag. It was a great night. When we returned to our hotel, we got to hang out for a while before bed. The next morning we woke up.

davened, enjoyed a delicious hot breakfast and headed out for the main event- HERSHEY PARK!

The Park was great! We went on all sorts of rides from upside down roller coasters to an indoor ride portraying the making of chocolate. We bought tons of presents for people back in camp & we ate more chocolate than we ever had before. It was a great day and right before we boarded the busses to leave we organized the majority of the division to ride the carousel together- it was very nice. We then took a picture of the entire division together and got on the busses. Even though we fought with Bill on the ride home for shutting off the video and smoking on the bus, we still had a great time. It was an amazing trip, one we will never forget!

MACHON TRIP

Last Wednesday morning at approximately 1:00 AM, Machon '99, along with some guests, left Camp Morasha and embarked on a wonderful two day trip to Toronto. The first two and most important stops were rest stops. Most of the kids slept through these two stops but those of us that were awake

discovered that Dunkin Donuts at the rest stop in Albany is NOT kosher. Don't worry, we didn't eat there. We then tried to cross the border and found out that a driver's license is not enough identification to get into Canada. (*Note to Machon 2000: Bring Passports..) We stopped to daven near the Falls and enjoyed a great breakfast. We then headed out to Niagara Falls. We had to stop along the way because of the pouring rain, but when it slowed down to drizzle we got off the busses and boarded the "Maid of the Mist". The boat ride to the falls was a little nauseating and very wet but we had a blast.

After the falls, the bus traveled another two hours to Toronto for a pizza lunch at the Montecassino Hotel. A school bus then took everyone to play Whirlyball which is basketball played in bumper cars and it was amazing. After that, some Machoniks went to check out the Roots outlet. In accordance with this summer's theme, we experienced a blackout on tour while shopping at Roots. Expertly trained in Blackout emergency procedures,

Machon '99 handled the situation beautifully. Our next stop was Cirque de Soleil. The clowns were a little annoying at the beginning but David Kastner enjoyed the whole experience! Some of the performers were really good, and some were really naked, but all of the acts were really cool.

After Cirque de Soleil, we went back to the hotel to get some snacks and go to sleep. After a long day we were all very excited to sleep in a real bed!

Thursday morning after Davening, breakfast, and checking to see if we had enough juice for the day, we all took the subway to the Toronto Ferry docks and boarded the ferry to Center Island. Once at Center Island, we all rented single, tandem and quad bicycles and rode around the beautiful Island. It was relaxing to eat lunch in the sun. We then headed back for the difficult job of shopping. Once ashore, some people went to the Hockey Hall of Fame while others went to the mall - both were fun and interesting.

After the mall, at approximately 5 PM, we headed to the final destination - Canada's Wonderland. Before entering the park, the famous Hoagies and grinders were distributed. Some of us ate them before we went on the rides but nobody got nauseous.

In Wonderland, we rode the ride of a lifetime. It soared through the sky from a height of over 400 feet. To quote Ruby Yarmush, the ride was "Gevaldik". Aside from a long line on the Top Gun ride due to technical difficulties (Tali had to wait patiently for over an hour-thank goodness she brought a sefer...). Even people who didn't go on rides had a great time including our fearful leader Barbara Deutsch.

Following Maariv, we ate some snacks and boarded the buses for the ride home. Most of us slept the whole way and didn't wake up until Lake Como where we saw a familiar face. All in all we had a great time and the counselors did a yeoman dog's job.

Machon would like to take this opportunity to thank everybody who helped to make the trip as good as it was. Thanks to Tali Cohen

Rena Greenwald, Barbara Deutsch, Rabbi Weinerkur, Rabbi Wahrhaftig, Aviva Adler, Michelle Saks, and anybody else we may have inadvertently left out. Your hard work was greatly appreciated and you all made this summer amazing for us!

THANK- YOU!!!!



The Library would like to acknowledge the wonderful Storybooks and Sefarim donated by Shulamith & Joel Cohn in loving memory of Shulamith's parents: Rabbi Akiva Ben Rabbi Eliezer Tzvi & Brynna Bat Rabbi Yosef.

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Thanks to Rabbi Simon Eckstein for donating his Sefer on Rav Chaim Palagy in honor of his family.

COLOR WAR'99!

For your pleasure we published the winning Shalhevet articles:

ROLE MODELS

Shtilim/Brown Team

By, Nina Anziska G-2

In the Tanach, there were some special Niviyim. These Niviyim served as role models. Some examples are Moshe, Devorah, Sarah and Esther. Moshe was a role model because he lead the Jews into Israel. He also did Teshuvah when he knew he did something wrong. Moshe was also really special because he was the middle person between Hashem and ourselves. He spoke for us and represented us.

Sarah was great because she stood by Avraham during all his hard times. She was also the first Niviyah. She had a lot of strength and wisdom. Devorah was the most well known Shofet. She always judged fairly and wisely and was respected in a male dominated time.

Esther was one of the greatest hero's. She saved

the Jews from Hamen. She was very calm, wise & sensible. She stayed true to Judaism even in terrible and dangerous circumstances. We learn many important lessons from these role models but the most important of all is that even though we live in a secular world and we face many challenges to stay Jewish, we must follow in the ways of these role models and stay united in judaism because Binei Yisrael is an Am Echad!

ILANOT/BROWN TEAM

By, Dori Strauss G-13

Although we all want to win and beat the other team, one of the most, if not the most important aspects of color war is Achdut and good sportsmanship. Even though we are all on separate teams, we have to remember that we are all still part of one unit-Mishpachat Yirael. This idea is illustrated most poignantly by the prophet Yirmiyahu. Yirmiyahu dedicated most of his life trying to save B'nei Yisrael from their ultimate

destruction. He would stand in marketplaces and at public gatherings rebuking the people, telling B'nei Yisrael to give up their evil ways and to do Teshuvah to Hashem. He foretold of the Churban Bayit, the victory of Nebuchadnezar and the exile of the Jewish people. What was the people's response? They hated him. They saw Yirmeyahu as their enemy and that he was against them. They saw him as their opposition, that he was on the "other team" and that he wanted them to be defeated. What they failed to realize was that Yirmeyahu loved them and that he just wanted to save them from destruction. Yirmeyahu was not happy when B'nei Yisrael "lost", he was really on their side the whole time! We can learn a valuable lesson from this situation; Even though people may have different opinions and may appear to be on different "teams" we must remember that we all want what is best for each other. I want to

wish all the teams a
Hatzlacha Rabah and just
remember - Good
Sportsmanship!

THE UNIFYING BOND

Machon/Red Team

Throughout Jewish history there have been various events that have attempted to unite the Jewish people around the world. One example of this is the Daf Yomi, which creates a solidarity through the common force in every Jewish persons life- the Torah. Established in 1923 (5684) by Rabbi Meir Shapiro, the Daf Yomi allows the Jewish community at large to learn the same Daf of Gemarah each day. In Gemarah Sanhedrin it states that as Hashem was creating Adam HaRishon, he used dust from Babylonia to form the body, dust from Eretz Yisrael to mold the head, and dust from around the world to shape the limbs. Rabbi Shapiro inferred that the unification of the earth through the culmination of Adam ensured that man would feel secure anywhere on the globe.

The same applies to the establishment of the Daf. The Mishna was created by

Rabenu Hakadosh from Israel. The Gemarah was compiled in Bavel by Rav Ashi and Rabinah, and explained by Tosfot and Rashi who lived in France. The Rambam was from Spain and Egypt, the Rosh, from Germany and the Maharal, Maharshall and Maharsha from Poland. As a result, the Daf symbolizes unity and gives Jews throughout the world the ability to join together through the bond of Torah. Recently we have witnessed how powerful the bond of Daf Yomi can be. After completing the 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ year cycle of learning the entire Shas, hundreds of thousands of Jews from diverse backgrounds and mentalities, joined together for the siyum. The Black Hatter, who sat alongside the man in the Kippah Srugah, and the Chassid who sat next to the Mitnaged, bear testimony to the success of the Daf's ability to create a sense of Achdut through Talmud Torah.

Team Melamdim's underlying theme is the unification of Klal Yisrael through Torah. The historical personalities which we emulate and the places we represent provide us with a wide range of

opinions, Minhagim, and Hashkafot. For instance, Isachaar & Zevulun represent the two main groups of Jewish people - those that learn all day and those that concentrate on working. Similarly, while Yeshivah University represents a Torah UMadah philosophy, the scholars of Lakewood have a very different ideology. Despite these vast differences, we are all Lomdim, and we are all Melamdim. One of our main goals as Jewish people is V'shinantem L'Vanechah- to teach our children our way of life, thereby enabling them to continue the Mesorah and become Melamdim.



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Three Jewish Historical Events: Kriat Yam Suf, Matan Torah, and Kibutz Galuyot

BROWN '99 Nathaniel Fintz B-15 Alufim

Throughout the Jewish timeline, certain well known public events changed and continue to change the face of our religion, our nation, and our future. In addition, we see that different nevi'im were present at these events and often helped make them happen.

Before studying and comparing three such major events, it is important to note that they are all connected in that they affect large masses of Jews at once, giving the events great fame and publicity. The first event, the splitting of the Red Sea, demonstrated God's might to the newly redeemed nation of Israel. It was then that God showed B'nei Yisrael that they were truly far from the cruel hands of the Egyptians. During Matan Torah at Har Sinai, the second great event, often described as the "wedding" of God to His people, Hashem actually revealed Himself to B'nei Yisrael. B'nei Yisrael accepted God's Torah, officially transforming them from ov'dei Melech Par'oh to ov'dei Hashem. Kibutz Galuyot (Ingathering of the Exiles) is a third event that will bring all Jews back to their homeland, Eretz Yisrael. Many believe that it already began on May 14, 1948 with the reestablishment of the State of Israel. Projects like Operation Magic Carpet, involving Ethiopian Jewry, and Operation Exodus, involving Russian Jewry, may serve as examples of Kibutz Galuyot in the recent past.

Whether you believe that Kibutz Galuyot means contemporary triumphs such as these, some future miracles, or both, it is a known fact that many Nevi'im prophesied about this great return to Israel. Yeshayah, Yirmiyah, and Yechezkel all prophesied about Kibutz Galuyot and how the Jews would one day return from all their dispersed locations in the Diaspora to cultivate the land, rebuild their society, and live according to the Torah. Another navi was involved in the first two events mentioned here, Kriat Yam Suf and Matan Torah. This navi was God's messenger to Pharaoh and the leader of B'nei Yisrael. He played a great role in getting the new nation to Israel, and he was instrumental every step of the way in the Midbar. His name, of course, was Moshe. So we see that in all the groundbreaking events mentioned here, nevi'im were involved in foreseeing them or in making them happen.

Many have observed that Yetzi'at Mitzrayim and the transformation of the Jews into a nation involved two major components; in order for God to redeem His nation completely, He had to redeem them from both physical bondage and from spiritual bondage. When observing these three specific events, it seems possible to apply this concept here as well, shedding more light on them. With the splitting of the Red Sea, God effectively cut the leash from the necks of the Jews, eliminating the Egyptian threat that would have returned them to the house of bondage. This can be seen as the final triumph in the physical redemption of B'nei Yisrael. But God knew that B'nei Yisrael would not be His nation completely until they would accept and learn the laws of the Torah. God needed to transform the slaves of B'nei Yisrael into B'nei Torah. This can be viewed as the spiritual redemption of the Jews that would make their Yetzi'ah from Mitzrayim truly complete. These two events are similar in that they both took place in the presence of the entire Am Yisrael and therefore served as turning points in our history.

Here, perhaps, we can recognize a pattern. God knew that he would have to give B'nei Yisrael the Torah to complete their religious transformation, but that first he would first have to *physically* redeem them from Pharaoh to get them to Har Sinai in the first place. Once at Sinai, B'nei Yisrael were freed from concerns about their enemies and ready for Matan Torah, a *spiritual* event. This is not the only time that God brings about a physical turning point before a spiritual one. The third great event mentioned above, Kibutz Galuyot, is occurring and b'ezrat Hashem will continue to occur before the eyes of the entire world. The world was listening when the UN vote was taken that would make 1948 a miraculous year on the Jewish calendar. A certain nevu'ah may, perhaps, act as an example of the physical – spiritual pattern as well. According to Yechezkel's nevu'ah of the Valley of Dry Bones, the bones first reconnect and transform into bodies. They then come back to life and return to the land of Israel. They are enveloped with a new "ruach" and a stronger will to serve God. So we see how physical renewal is necessary for this nevu'ah to begin to foretell the spiritual renewal.

Once Kibutz Galuyot is completed, the emerging pattern will also be completed with the coming of the Mashiach. In other words, once the Jews are returned safely to their land and filled with a reviving spirit, then God will send Eliyahu to us with the Mashiach. B'ezrat Hashem, Bi'at HaMashiach will be the spiritual climax to follow the physical ingathering of the exiles.

So we see how nevi'im are involved in bringing about the turning points in the Jewish world. From Moshe to Yeshayahu, Yirmiyahu and Yechezkel, and finally to Eliyahu's awaited return, nevi'im have affected and will affect the lives of B'nei Yisrael. Hashem successfully redeemed our bodies and our souls from Egypt. Hopefully, the events since 1948 and the aliyot of the future will bring the Mashiach very soon.

PARSHAT SHOFTIM

By, Rabbi Allen Schwartz

Devarim 17:15 states: „שנים תשים עליך מלך אשר יבחר יי' אלקיך בו“

The Torah commands us to place a king upon ourselves, the one that Hashem shall

choose. Then the Torah warns us „לא תבחר לך איש נכרי אשר לא אחיך הוא“

We may not appoint a foreigner who is not of our people to be our king. Such was indeed the practice in some ancient Near Eastern nations, and the Torah here warns us against this.

Ramban asks a question on this possuk. Why, if Hashem chooses our king are we told not

to appoint an 'איש נכרי'? The choice isn't ours to make in the first place! Ramban

answers that, although Hashem would choose some of our first kings (Shaul, David,

Yeravam), the Torah anticipated that a time would come that we would choose our kings.

At such a time, we are warned to be sure that our choice would be one with Hashem's.

This, Ramban says, is the Torah's way of telling the human being to use his or her free

will in making choices consistent with Hashem's will. The first possuk in last week's

parsha already made this abundantly clear. The decision whether life is a ברכה or a

קללה falls largely with our own decision making.

We are called the chosen people not simply because Hashem made a choice. Our sages

teach that Hashem offered the Torah to other nations as well. We are called the chosen

people because we made the right choice. Avraham chose to reject the idolatrous and

pagan lifestyle of his contemporaries and find the monotheistic ideal. Yosef chose to

reject the fleshpots of Egypt and maintain his religious outlook and high moral ground

even in that polytheistic society. Moshe chose to reject the squalor and depressing agony

of the slavery of his people and drove them to freedom and to hear Hashem's word at Har

Sinai. We are the descendants of choosers and we are here today as a people because

from then until now we have chosen Hashem and his word. It is our firm hope that the

choice to attend Camp Morasha this summer has led to growth and has been a catalyst for

positive reinforcement of our relationships בין אדם לחברו and בין אדם למקום

As the ימים נוראים approach, let us continue to make the right choices, the ones

that will B'yirat Hashem lead to a successful and meaningful year.

שנה טובה תכתבו ותחתמו!

ROVING REPORTER: WHAT WAS YOUR BIGGEST ACCOMPLISHMENT OF THIS SUMMER?

Daphna Hollander G-14 & Leda Avrech G-16: Coordinating the Alufim/Fot Shabbaton

Michael Berl-Drama: Getting my waiter to master the art of making the perfect pitcher of iced coffee

Isaac Winkler-Machon: Being Color War captain

Jonah Lesnick-Day Camp: Learning to whistle

Dahlia Adler-G15: Convincing the Alufim that the Porsche was my Dad's

Jon Martin-Machon: Being the Roving Reporter

Leora Kroll-Staff Baby: Learning to Crawl

Michael Cohen- Female Impersonator: Injuring myself waterskiing and convincing my wife it happened while buying her flowers

Seth Dimbert-Technical Supervisor: Organizing my time so that I was lucky enough to spend two hours with my wife.

Dr. Greenwald-Camp Physician: An eagle on a par five 550 yard hole at Glen Abbey

Laura Termerlies-Counselor G3: Understanding the American language

Amanda Sussman-Machon Counselor: Driving to Pizza & DJ's

Simon Basalely & Elana Gross- Machoniks: Winning the Apache Relay

Suri Boiangu - Ilanot Division Head: Getting to know all of the wonderful girls in Younger Ilanot and their counselors

Ruchie Winkler- Girls Head Counselor: Understanding how Abi Minsky speaks!

Machon Counselors: Sleeping through the Fire

Boys' Division Heads: Getting Chartreuse, security event T-shirts from Rabbi Wahrhaftig

Jeff Kobrin-Boys Head Counselor: Having A Fleischig Division Heads meeting