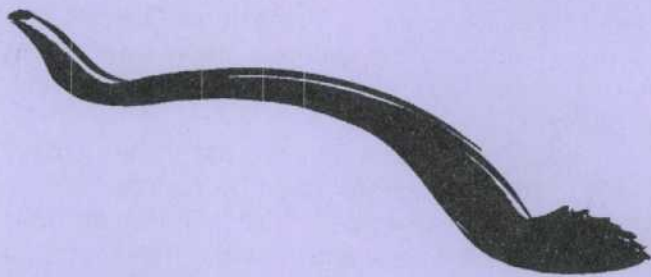


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What's New in Camp Morasha?

Each division had someplace exciting to go, making **trip day** an outstanding success by all accounts ...

Day Camp had a great time at the Discovery Science Center and topped the day off with ice cream from DJs.

Nitzanim enjoyed themselves on the water rides at Carousel Park, shopping at K-mart and watching *Stuart Little 2*.

Younger Shtilim loved the rides and shows at the Wayne County Fair, shopping at the Steamtown Mall and watching *Stuart Little 2*.

Older Shtilim braved the rope course at Ring's Homestead, walked the Middletown Mall and ate a delicious cookout.

Younger Ilanot shopped the Middletown Mall, played some exciting games of Laser Tag, saw the movie, *Mr. Deeds* and went out for pizza.

Older Ilanot walked the Steamtown Mall, enjoyed seeing *Men in Black 2* and loved the games and rides at the Wayne County Fair.

Alufim/fot toured the Herr's factory, found their way through the maze at Cherry Crest Farms, bowled and had a blast eating chocolate and going on the rides at Hershey Park.

Machon got to ride the Maid of the Mist at Niagara Falls and then to the Roots outlet, Whirleyball and several other highlights of Toronto.

Rikudia was a phenomenal night for Girls Campus. The theme of the night was Israel — the Mercazia was decorated beautifully in blue and white and all the girls were dressed accordingly. A very moving script was used to introduce each dance as it described different aspects of life in Israel ranging from the meaning of peace to the feelings involved in everyday life.

It was an incredible show of unity as each girl had a chance to participate in her own division's dance followed by the entire Girls Campus — campers, counselors, division heads and specialty staff — joining in a dance together. Everyone got to contribute significantly to the show and at the same time to feel that they are a meaningful part of Girls Campus.

Thank you very much to Dena Brilliant and her assistant, Lauren Stern without whom the night would not have been possible. Thank you also to Yifat and

the Israeli girls who decorated the room so nicely.

At **Mesorah Intercamps** good sportsmanship and incredible *ruach* were the rules of the day. The boys held up in a very competitive contest at Mesorah. They won some and lost some (and even cancelled one — Alufim shootout) but, everyone truly enjoyed the opportunity to play their games and to see their friends.

Meanwhile back at home, despite earlier forecasts, the weather held up at Morasha and the girls enjoyed seeing their friends, cheering on the home team and of course, defeating Mesorah in 27 of the 41 games played. The day ended with an exciting staff volleyball match that allowed campers from both camps to mingle together and to cheer on their counselors.

Fashion Show Hits Lake Como Anonymous Author

Move over Paris, Lake Como is the new eye of the fashion storm. The second annual Morasha Fashion Show was a smash hit. Open to models all across Girls Campus, the Mercazia was transformed into a haute couture runway extravaganza.

The Nitzanim opened the show sashaying their swim-wear, followed by Younger Shtilim modeling their career-wear. Older Shtilim showed off their accessories and Younger Ilanot sported sports-wear. The Alufot came in elegant evening-wear (in handmade creations using black garbage bags) and Machon made maternity-wear hip hot and chic. Counselors showed us their downright respectable and oh-so-fabulous *l'chaim*-wear, specialty staff, division heads and even a few day campers strutted their Morasha-wear and a select bunch of senior staffers fashioned themselves after Ilanot girls.

The evening was hosted brilliantly by "Mon-ique" Lesnick while DJ "Ya-elle" spun awesome catwalk music (thank you Danny Beer!) "Gabri-elle" worked the spotlight expertly to the sound of the groovy beat. (Thank you Gaby Yarmush for your technical expertise and thanks to Max, Arik and Rado for setting up the chairs).

The best part of all was that the evening was not all in "vain." In fact, admission was charged at the door and all proceeds went straight to the Children's Hospital in Israel. *Yasher Koach* to all — girls you were tres chic!

Ed Staff Eagles 18, Alufim Ants 0
By Yossi Faber, Sammy Adelsberg and
Eli Brecher

This week in the 2nd game of three, we saw no more heroics from the Ants as the Eagles were back to their best and crushed the Ants 18-0 in their biggest loss so far.

Rabbi Richter was unstoppable as he pitched a near shutout; his curveballs were majestic, simply beautiful to watch — which is all the Ants could do. Homeruns came as consistently as counselors leaving Morasha and by the time Glenn Lesnik and Rabbi Liss scored back-to-back homers, it was good night, lights out, see you later Alufim Ants. This was history in the making as Rabbi Liss got the first homerun of his new career — a sublime hit over left field.

After the game Yitz Kolb was close to tears as he failed to make any impact on the game and Yossi Faber was quoted as saying, "Wow, if this is how Rabbis play softball, I can't wait to hear their *Shiur!*"

The tension is mounting for the 3rd and decisive game this coming Sunday — don't miss it, refreshments will be served.

We're Looking for
a Few Good Ideas

Lavi has the Lions ...
Nesher has the Eagles ...
What should we call the
Morasha team?

See your original idea on
next year's Morasha-wear!!!
win an exciting item
from the sweatshop!!!
Submit your answers to the
Shalhevet box in the Library
And win!!!

What's New in the Big Wide
World?

In a 22 hour operation, doctors at UCLA medical center have successfully separated siamese twins who were connected at the skull. The one year old South American girls, who came to the United States specifically for the surgery, remain in critical condition. But, their parents, as well as the doctors involved, are very hopeful.

Lawmakers on Long Island approved a ban on the mass release of balloons after schoolchildren expressed concern for wildlife. The bill applies to the release of more than 24 balloons and sets fines at \$500. The bill showed kids that they could make a difference in the world.

A fleet of six bicycle ambulances, complete with lights, sirens and defibrillators that can start a stopped heart, have hit the streets of London. Ambulance technicians think they are the ideal way to cut through slow moving traffic so that medical treatment can be given quickly before their four-wheeled counterparts arrive.

Figure skating is facing another crisis with the arrest of Alimzhan Tokhtakhounov, who is accused of pressuring judges to vote for certain skaters at the 2002 Olympics. Prosecutors say that he arranged a vote swap -- the French judge voted for the Russian pairs skaters and in return, the Russian judge favored the French ice dancers so that both would win the gold medal.

Weekend Weather Forecast
(as of Wednesday, August 7):

Friday: Mostly sunny with highs in the mid 80s and lows in the high 60s.

Saturday: Mix of sun and clouds with highs in the mid 80s and lows in the low 70s

Sunday: Mix of sun and clouds with highs in the high 80s and lows in the high 60s.

What If? By the Mystery Reporter

The Mystery Reporter did a "walk through" of a week in camp and came up with the following interesting observations:

1. What if eggs were not served on Sunday, Tuesday and Friday — would we know what day it was?
2. What if Ruchie became the boy's head counselor — would the boys finally win Shiriah?
3. What if we ate lunch in the Dining Room on Friday — could we skip dinner and just order DJs?
4. What if we had a double late day with no *shiurim* and regular lunch times — would we be in the Dining Room straight from 10 AM—2 PM eating eggs, tuna, pizza and cereal?
5. What if all the golf carts stopped working — would we all weigh a lot less?
6. What if Baruch from the warehouse changed his weekday *tzitzis* — would we recognize him as he drove by?
7. What if Michael Berl did not order ice coffee at lunch — would we all think he was sick?
8. What if they forgot to serve jello one Friday night — would we be allowed to cancel the rest of Shabbos?
9. What if Tuesday was added to the daily schedule — would it be Tuesday, or would it still be Thursday?
10. What if the Shabbos potato kugel was made with frozen French fries — would it taste like frozen French fries?
11. What if Color War happened on a day that really surprised everyone — would we think this wasn't really Camp Morasha?
12. What if "*Heeeeeeeeney*" was banned from *zmirot* — would we get out of the dining room 20 minutes earlier?
13. What if Eli Benzaquen did not make *havdalla* in the Dining Room, would Shabbos just go on and on?
14. What if they put an escalator on the 72 steps up to the Mercaziah — would it become a staff night activity?
15. What if the Program Department stopped sending memos — would we all get lost?
16. What if DJs changed its name — could we add the tragedy to the Nine Days Program?
17. What if ATC's real name was Zalmon Zev Zekofski — would we call him ZZZ?
18. What if No Torah Tuesday happened on another day — would anyone know the difference?
19. What if Ruchie did not tell the girls to do laundry at *havdallah* — would we celebrate Shabbos until Sunday?
20. And the Ultimate If —
What if Day Camp lost Shiriah — who would win instead?

Stay tuned for next week's column: 11 year olds and high heels — fashion statement or height complex?

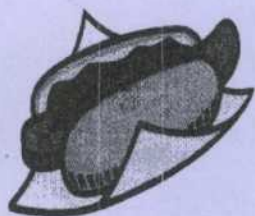
Tzeitchem L'Shalom
To our Yachad Friends!!!

**Thank you so much for
joining us and making
camp so special.**

**An extra thank you for
Your help collating the
Shalhevet each week.**

How Much Do We Consume?

Everybody knows that there are a lot of people here in our little village called Camp Morasha. And everybody knows that means we go through a lot of "stuff" in our two months together. But, would anyone believe that we . . .



Eat 16,000 hot dogs in a summer

Eat 1,000 pounds of potatoes each meal potatoes are served

Send out 7,000 pounds of laundry each week

Drink 1,200 5 gallon water bottles in a summer

Eat 3,750 pounds of tuna fish in a summer

Use 200 black garbage bags each day

Drink 600 2-liter bottles of soda each Shabbos

Eat 17,000 pounds of chicken in a summer

Use 600 gallons of gas a week to power camp vehicles

Go through 1,052 rolls of toilet paper each week

Use 410,000 sheets of paper in a summer

Eat 300 loaves of bread each week

Clock 7,500 miles on each van in a summer

Use 40,000 plastic forks in a summer



PARSHA PAGE

D'var Torah Anonymous Author

This week's *sedra* includes some of the laws of *ir miklat* — a city to which a person who kills by accident, but with a bit of negligence, flees to save his life.

The *gemara* in *Makkos* asks a question, why is there an equal amount of cities, three, on each side, if one side had 9 1/2 *shvatim* and the other side had 2 1/2? The *gemara* answers that there were more murderers on the side with the 2 1/2 *shvatim*.

The Maharal points out that this is a strange answer since the *ir miklat* is not for murderers, but for people who kill by accident. So, again he asks, why do they need three *ir miklat* on the side with 2 1/2 *shvatim*?

He answers that on that side of the *Yarden* there were many murderers and hence, all those who lived in the area cared very little for the sanctity of human life. As a result, this feeling filtered down and there were more people who killed there — even by accident. In other words, in a place where murder is more common, accidental killings would also be more common and that is why that area needed three *ir miklat* even though they only have 2 1/2 *shvatim*.

Ashreinu Mah Tov Chelkeinu — how lucky we are — that we, as the Jewish people, are taught the beauty of human life.

Sedra Stats

- 48th of 54 *sedras*
- 5th of 11 in *Devarim*
- Written on 192 lines in a *Sefer Torah* — 27th most in the Torah, 7th most in *Devarim*
- 97 *psukim* — 36th most in the Torah, 7th most in *Devarim*
- 1523 words — 28th most in the Torah, 7th most in *Devarim*
- 5590 letters — 31st most in the Torah, 7th most in *Devarim*
- Contains 41 of the 613 *mitzvot* — 14 positive commandments and 27 prohibitions

Torah Trivia

1. What does *semicha* mean?
2. What does the *kohen mashuach milchama* tell the soldiers?
3. Which type of cases may be judged by a *beit din* of 23 judges?
4. Which commandment is given to the king in this *sedra*?
5. Who wore the *urim v'tumim*?

Parsha: *Shoftim*
Candle Lighting: 6:49
Shabbat Ends: 7:56
Pirkei Avos: 6th perek

Roving Reporter

**If you could add
one activity to Color War,
what would it be?**

Josh Magilner (B17): A pie eating contest

Michaela Greenbaum (G2): Water balloon fighting

Office Staff: Speed Xeroxing

Sarah Beirman (G1): Waterskiing

Emily Novitt (Mothers Helper):
Shabbos walk races

Tova Rosensweig (G3): Sleep

Anonymous Staff Member: A race to eliminate golf cart fumes

Chana Friedman and Ariella Specter (G1): Three-legged relay

Burly Klein (B6): Quidditch

Rabbi Storch (Boys Sports Dept. Head): Rest for the coordinating committee

Alex Strumer (G1): Shopping for clothes the color of our team

Sammy Solomon (B6): A food fight
Zalmon Abramchik (Waiter): Ice challenge

Zahava Hoffman (G2): Food shopping

Shmuli Brecher (B17): Water balloon fighting

Ariella Henoch (G1): Swimming to Kollel

Nili Epstein (Machon Counselor):
Red and Stimpy cartoon marathon

Tova Weinstein (G3): Golf cart races

Yael Renov (Mothers Helper): Pin the tail on the donkey

Elana Brecher (G3): Fashion show

Rock Davis (Librarian): Read - a - thon

Ariel Weintraub (B5): Tug - o - war

Rabbi Rosenblum (Ed Staff):
Hashavas aveida - a - thon

Josh Katz (B19): A quiet contest

Jacob Dachs (B4): A raiding contest

Michael Berl (Fine Arts Dept. Head): Color War break out competition

Matthew Bistrisky (B19): More baseball

Jesse Rhein (G3): A race to DJs

David Blumenthal (Program Director): Bucket brigade

Rabbi Liss (Ed Staff): Soccer

Morasha Brain Teasers

Can you figure out the answers to these word puzzles?

Submit your answers with your name and bunk number in the Shalhevet box in the library. Anyone who answers them correctly will be entered in a drawing to receive free Powerade.

The first one is done for you to demonstrate how to solve them.

Enjoy!!!

Hint: They all have something to do with camp.

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| 1. 26 = L. in the A.
(26 = Letters in the Alphabet) | 11. 1600 = H.D. eaten this S. |
| 2. 13 = B. in which S. is given | 12. 2 = N. on R.G.C. |
| 3. 72 = S. to the M. | 13. 50 = L. for a N.G. to S.&S.F. |
| 4. 3 = W.F. | 14. 38 = Y. of C.M. |
| 5. 2 = S. at each M. (except on S.) | 15. 200 = E. of the M.O. |
| 6. 3 = T. in C.W. | 16. 15 = S.L. on H.L.R. |
| 7. 20 = B. on G.C. | 17. 6 = D.H. on G.C. |
| 8. 3 = P.P. | 18. 55 = D. of C. |
| 9. 4 = N. at the I. | 19. 75 = C. for a C. of S. |
| 10. 2 = B.C. on B.C.(3 including the
N.B.G.) | 20. 10 = S.S. at S. |

Thank you to all those who submitted entries last week. Congratulations to Gaby Yarmush who will get a free Powerade. Here are the answers:

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| 1. The Greatest Show on Earth | 11. Life is a Bowl of Cherries |
| 2. An Apple a Day Keeps the Doctor
Away | 12. The Martian Chronicles |
| 3. A Farewell to Arms | 13. |
| 4. Real Genius | 14. Karate Kid |
| 5. Loose Lips Sink Ships | 15. Spiderman |
| 6. Great Expectations | 16. Harry Potter |
| 7. Grand Canyon | 17. The early bird catches the word |
| 8. Spare the Rod And Spoil the Child | 18. Prince of Egypt |
| 9. The Satanic Verses | 19. Me Myself and I |
| 10. The Wizard of Oz | 20. Scarlet Letter |