



# Shalhevet

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## CAMP MORASHA

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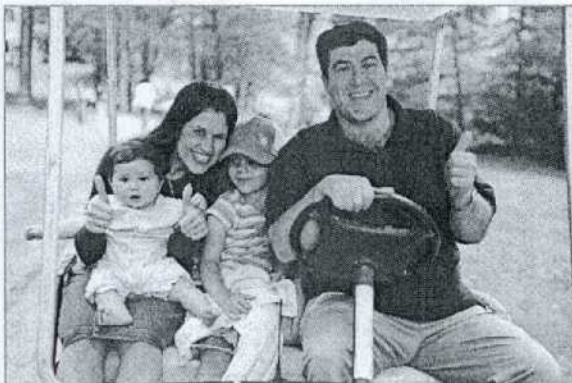
## MEET RABBI GOTCH THE NEW DIRECTOR

By Ruthie Yudin

Watch out Morasha! The coolest director has come to town. Rabbi Gotch Yudin. Why's he called Gotch?

He is married to Ruthie who is from London, England and is the Queen's daughter. They have 5 kids; most of them unfortunately look like Rabbi Gotch. After the summer, they are fulfilling a life long dream and going to live in Eretz Yisroel.

The London Times interviewed Rabbi Gotch and in a statement released by the Press at



7:00 AM this morning, he stated the following: "I am so excited and honored to be Camp director of Morasha. I want it to be a camp where kids have an AWESOME time with a tremendous amount of fun, while at the same time, growing as a person and as a Jew. This is being manifested throughout the

summer with the camp theme of Torah, Avodah, and Gemilut Chassadim. Of course, I want to inspire the kids to have a love for Eretz Yisroel. My vision is to

strive for excellence in ALL areas of the camp-athletics, chinuch, art, music, horseback riding--you name it."

Welcome to the family Rabbi Gotch! We're so happy to have you! Why are you called Gotch? Tune in next week to find out the mysterious reason....

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## Welcome to an Exciting Summer in Camp Morasha

Welcome campers to Camp Morasha. We are going to have a great summer!! Each week here in the Shalhevet we are going to keep you up to date in the latest camp news, the newest camp faces, and upcoming events. Of course for the returning campers you are going to see faces that you recognize and some that you may not. Morasha has gone out of its way to

assemble some of the greatest staff possible for your enjoyment and education.

We have some brand new activities that campers should be looking forward to that will be highlighted here in the Shalhevet on a weekly basis.

Also we are proud to announce that this summer's theme is going to be: Torah, Avodah, and Gemilut Chas-





## Welcome to Camp Morasha *(continued)*



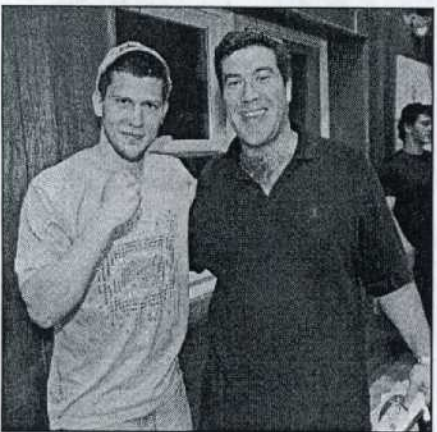
sadim. The educational staff and the programming department have been working around the clock to incorporate the theme into your everyday schedule.

It's only been a week and look how much we've done! And this is only the beginning. Get ready for the best Morasha Shiria ever! Get pumped for the first trip day! Start flexing for the first annual Morasha Olympics. Are you ready for the best Israel day!? We are also so excited for our first annual Sheleteinu this Shava Asar B'Tamuz.

So campers get ready for the most exciting summer of your life one that you are never going to forget!!!!



## Fourth of July in Camp Morasha



Camp Morasha once again celebrated the Fourth of July in style. The camp was treated to an amazing barbeque by the kitchen staff. The evening's festivities then continued in the Mercazia, where we were able to witness an inspirational presentation by Dmitriy "Star of David" Salita, the NABA Junior Welterweight Champion. He discussed his life as a

boxer and as a religious Jew. Dmitriy explained to us all how America was the only place that allowed him to accomplish as much as he did without compromising his religion. It was a true Kiddush Hashem.

The camp then

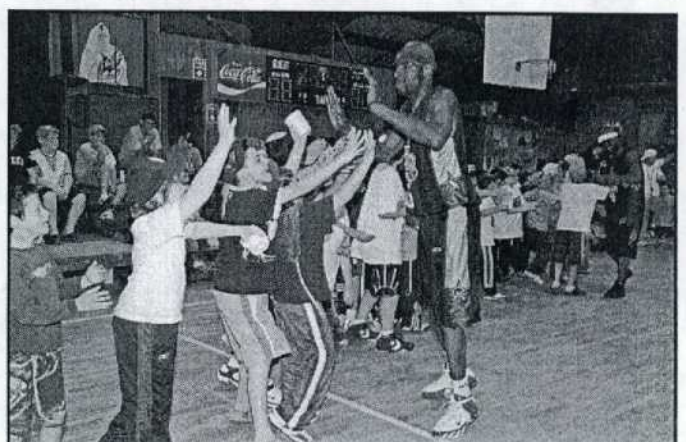
made its way down to the Lake to watch an amazing fireworks presentation provided by Moshe Medetsky and his staff.



## The Wizards Come to Town



Camp Morasha kicked off an awesome first week. One of the highlights was provided by a great group of guys from New York City, The Harlem Wizards. Campers got to spend the day playing basketball with the Wizards. The day ended with the Wizards putting on a show in the Mercazia. They played ball with the campers, took pictures and gave us a great night of entertainment.





## Nitzanim Girls

Although camp started off with non-stop rain, the nitzi girls have made this first week a blast! We spent an awesome day row-boating in our beautiful lake. Our water fun continued with the mud sliding, water slides, and water fights. All three bunks have received tens in clean up. We're all so excited to hear **Abby Yudin** of G-1 sing the part of Annie in the machzor aleph play.

Nitzi days are packed with fun, even when it rains! G-3 baked delicious apple strudels. **Serena S.** from G-1 almost beat all of G-2 at pin dodge ball by herself. **Shira Rosner** from G-3 lip-synched her way to a tie, and G-2 made the most beautiful erasers in art. At the Wizards game, we met and took pic-

tures with all of the players. And let's not forget the spectacular fireworks on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, which gave us a little more time to stay up late.

Even though its only been 4 days, we've successfully learned everyone's names no matter the bunk. Because the nitzi girls are the best division in camp, there is a definite certainty that far greater things and far more fun will be had by NG '06!!



## Younger Shtilim Girls

Yes- we came so excited for Camp Morasha

On the bus we sang along the way!

Unbelievable was it to finally be here

Nothing beats being in camp for us!!!

Getting to know each other was our 1<sup>st</sup> activity.

Exciting opening night was really funny....

Reading with our flashlights is a blast

Singing for Shiria makes us so happy

Hearing Dimitry, the boxer was inspiring, BUT

The fireworks really "took the cake!"

Icing our chocolate lollipops in baking was great.

Listening to our Chinuch teachers makes us so wise

Imagining being at home makes us bored and

More fun night activities are waiting for us.

Getting to see the new pony was amazing!

Interesting are the candlesticks we made in pottery

Running to Rock Climbing.....we just can't wait!

Loving camp is what we do best

Summer in CAMP MORASHA is NUMBER ONE!



## Older Shtilim Girls

Camp Morasha 2006 has finally arrived. We made it! Unpacking went quick and smooth thanks to the help of our amazing counselors. We already had two 10's and one 9 for our 1<sup>st</sup> inspection. Camp went into full swing bright and early Monday morning. Everyone jumped in like they'd been here forever. Our first full day had a great ending with the fun wizards show. (And by the way, we loved the clinics too!)

Although Tuesday morning started with rain, it

didn't put a damper on our day because we had a birthday girl. **Ariella Lerner** turned Bat Mitzvah in our very own Camp Morasha. Ariella's bunk got a special baking period so that they could bake her a cake. By the way, has anyone seen **Emily Kaye**? Where oh where is Emily Kaye? She's locked in the bathroom in building A. How oh how did she get out? The warehouse men we scream and shout! See you next week!!







## Younger Ilanot Girls

Younger Ilanot girls are off to a great start for summer 2006. Our days have been filled with sports, shiur, baking, ceramics, and arts and crafts while our nights have been packed with modeling shows, dance instruction, and girls just having fun just hanging out together. A special thank you to Bunk G-10, and especially **Hadara Milberg**, **Rachel Newman**, and, **Adina Lebovitz** for preparing our first dvar torah of the summer and doing an amazing job! Stay tuned to see what next week holds.

## Older Ilanot Girls

Older Ilanot girls' summer 2006 is off to an exciting start. Everyone was happy to have finally arrived in camp after a rainy delay. Many fun activities are underway. Already, **Shaked Schertz** and **Yael Herskovitz** have enjoyed Rock climbing and zip lining. **Aliza Fox** and **Julia Siegel** have fought over wizard basketball players. We went on a nature walk on a search for mint. Shiria practices....4<sup>th</sup> of July... and more are in store. We are looking forward to many more wonderful activities.



## Alufot Girls

Now that we can finally say "Camp has begun", I am happy to be able to shout OUR ALUFOT SUMMER IS UNDERWAY!! We were a little nervous when Sunday started out with some rain but once the buses showed up, the sun came out and laughter was heard throughout the campus.

The two Alufot bunks started out with 19 girls in G-16 and 11 in G-11 then **Emily Renov**, **Rebecca Eckstein**, and **Jennifer Woislavsky** generously volunteered to switch into the smaller bunk, allowing more space for everyone.

During our first week the girls enjoyed amazing activities: new and old. Nature, a new activity; the girls picked mint leaves to make their own tea and plan on making their own lip gloss. In art, each girl learned a new way to make their own beads according to their own personalities.

Everyday the girls interact with the girls in YACHAD this year throughout the day. Not only do the Alufot girls tutor YACHAD girls, but they daven shacharit and do ceramics with them as well.

Shiria is approaching fast so therefore most of our free time is packed with learning the songs and harmonies. Alufot is given the privilege of singing harmony.

THIS IS THE YEAR OF THE GIRLS

ALUFOT 2006!!!

Deena Zucker

Alufot Division Head





## Nitzanim Boys

Nitzi boys started camp with a bang in an action packed first week. Led by **Doni, Joey, Morrie, Binyamin, Mordechai**, the fun and games are starting to roll. Hockey and basketball league competition has begun and additionally the Nitzis have enjoyed boating, rock climbing, horseback riding, soccer, dodge ball, and other activities in addition to the regularly scheduled water balloon fights.

Big thanks go to Rabbi Cohen for leading inspiring tefillot each morning, as well as Rabbi Willing, Rabbi Schwartz, and Rabbi Spier for their daily shiurim. The Nitzis are also anticipating the exciting trips that are scheduled in the coming week.



## Shtilim Boys

Opening week for the Shtili boys was a blast for everyone. After settling into their bunks, they began playing basketball, hockey, waffle ball, and many other sports. And let's not forget the water slides, and the water fights that took place! The Shtilis also enjoyed the fun activities planned for the entire camp. They learned valuable skills on Monday night from the Harlem Wizards, and watched a very entertaining game later that night. The next night they were all mesmerized by the fabulous fireworks show. Wednesday brought the terrific tunes of Shlock Rock. On Thursday, the Shtili basketball team traveled to IBA for the first tournament of the summer, and we wish them luck all summer long. All in all it was quite an opening week for the Shtilis, and the fun will continue throughout the entire summer!

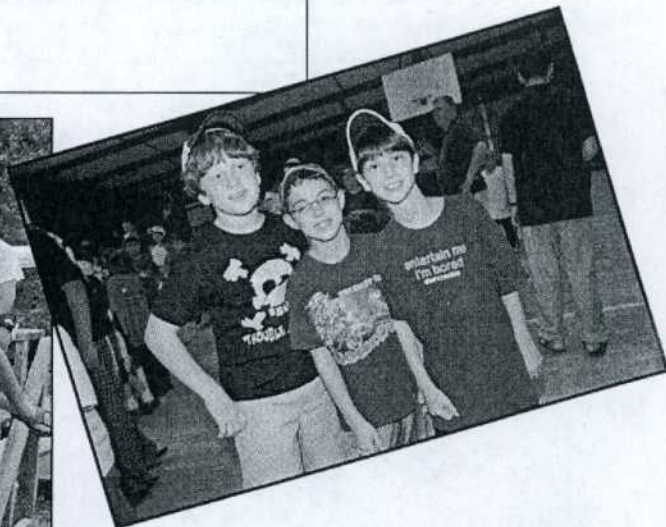
## Younger Ilanot Boys

Hey Guys!!! This is J.Z. Spier, Division Head of Younger Ilanot Boys, of course the best division in camp. Not even Mother Nature or Hurricane Lake Como could stop us from getting off to a great start. The kids finally arrived on Sunday afternoon, and the boys of Younger Ilanot have rocked the boat since.

Whoever said that Americans don't like soccer? Well, thanks to the World Cup in Germany, the division has spent a total of 2 hours on consecutive days taking part in a World Cup of soccer of their own. 16 players on each team, exciting goal celebrations, and the traditional exchange of shirts after the match, shall make us all proud of the future of USA soccer.

Additionally, opening day of Younger Ilanot Basketball Leagues got off to an incredible start. Weiss' Wasps led by great guard play by **Jason Lewinter**, defeated Tuvia's Whales by a score of 19-13. In the second game Shmuli's Ash led by the power game of **Jermey Goldstein** and guard play of **Eli Genet** defeated Reus' Reubinates by a score of 23-13. And finally, Hudi Baruch and Co. led by Rotty's Rottweilers to a 34-24 victory vs. Opie's Oprah Winfreys.

We look forward to continuing this hot start. Keep it up Boys!!!







## Older Ilanot Boys

Upon arriving in camp on Sunday, the campers in the Older Ilanot Division collectively came to the conclusion that last year's issues would not repeat themselves. The camper's spirits lit up as they hit the courts in full force almost immediately after jumping off of the bus.

The counselors, did their best to keep up. With daily pick-up hockey and basketball games, bunk 12, 13, and 14 have kept busy and are pumped for the summer ahead. As the first week came to an end, basketball and hockey league teams had been drafted and both seasons kicked off in spirited battles.

The division geared up for the summer ahead by having

tryouts for both hockey and basketball tournament and inter-camp teams. The first challenge for the OIB squads will be this coming Thursday against Camp Moshava. On the learning front, the inaugural post-Mincha chaburot have been a hit with the kids. The BMP guys have come fully prepared to meet the high standards of the groups.

The summer may be one week old, but with the help of the counselors: Elliot, Daniel, Geoff, Ari, Phil and Jonathan, and special Division Head Zev Lerner, it will definitely be one that the camp will never forget. Coming up next week: Night hockey!

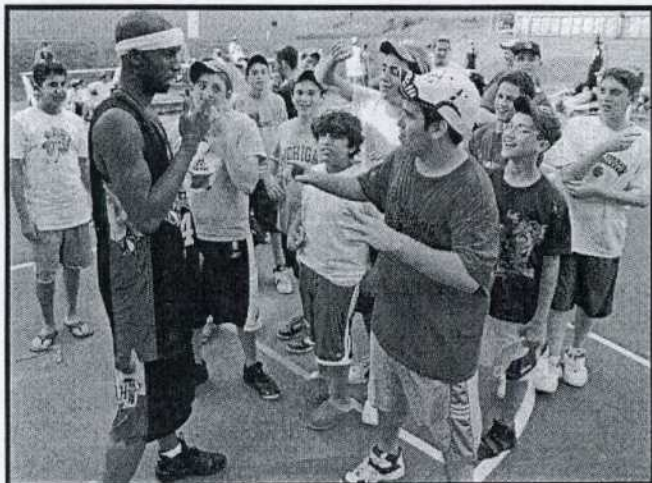
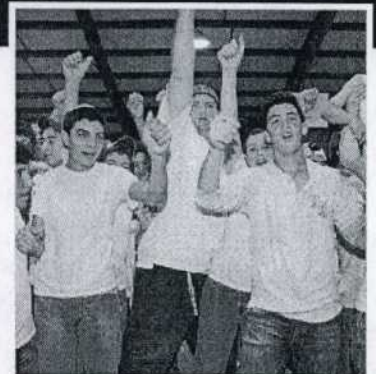
## Alufim Boys

What a groovy opening week it's been for the alufim! This year's crew have great heart, courage, excellent grammar skills, courage, an undying devotion towards bunk cleanliness, and heart (and courage). The boys of B-15 and B-16 have been enjoying the "light" of their bunks, expertly lead by the best counselor staff in the camp. The 'fim, as they are affectionately called around camp, are particularly appreciative to Jim, Jim, and Wilford,

for giving back the title to the alufim for most steps on boys campus, as they built the "JJM Stairs" in record time. Come visit and check out our commemorative plaque thanking our construction all-stars for their hard work and dedication. The alufim are also hard at work on their shirya presentation, which promises to be, well, we better not spoil the surprise. Be on the lookout for the new alufim meal-time dress code, as soon as we make it

out to the thrift shop in Honesdale. Finally, an extra kibud-cookie to whoever can guess the Alufim word of the week.

Stay Classy, Camp Morasha,  
The Men of Alufim 2006





## Dvar Torah

### By: Adam Hertzberg- BMP

"Moshe hit the rock"! This is the famous answer everyone gives when asked why Moshe was punished and not allowed in to Eretz Yisroel. This episode is brought in this week's *Parsha*.

After Miriam dies, *Bnei Yisroel* lose their water source of the *Be'er Miriam*. They complain to Moshe that they have no water. Moshe brings this problem before Hashem, to which Hashem tells him to "speak to the rock" in front of them and water will come forth. Moshe famously "hits the rock" and water comes forth from the rock. The next *pasuk* writes that Hashem tells Moshe that because he did this he will not merit to bring *Bnei Yisroel* into *Eretz Yisroel*.

So what?! So Moshe hit the rock, was this really such a bad thing?!? Why, because of this, did Hashem not allow Moshe into *Eretz Yisroel*?

Rav Zelig Reuven Bengis, who was the *Av Beis Din* of Yerushalayim in the early 1900's comments on this *pasuk* that rally Moshe, was right to hit the rock! He learned from Avraham Avinu that water is to be given via a *Shaliach* (messenger). When the 3 angels came to Avraham he told them "yukach na meaat mayim", which does not mean "you shall take water", rather "water should be taken" via a messenger. Therefore if he spoke to the rock that would not have been Hashem giving *Bnei Yisroel* water via a *Shaliach*, rather directly, only through the mouth of Moshe. Moshe was therefore correct for hitting the rock, allowing the water to be given to *Bnei Yisroel* via a *Shaliach*. However, what was Moshe's mistake? He acted out of anger. Instead of finding a way to deliver the water to *Bnei Yisroel* as a *Shaliach*, he got frustrated and hit the rock out of anger ruining his act of *Shlichut*.

Why was Moshe punished, by not being allowed into *Eretz Yisroel*?

Entering into *Eretz Yisroel* was *Bnei Yisrael's* culmination of becoming "Am", a nation. *Eretz Yisrael's* nature is that of a home for *Am Yisroel*. *Am Yisroel* cannot be *shalem*, whole, if they are outside *Eretz Yisroel*. Only once *Bnei Yisroel* are together in *Eretz Yisroel* can they be called an "Am". It is for this reason that Hashem did not want Moshe to be the one to bring *Bnei Yisrael* into *Eretz Yisrael*. Hashem felt that because Moshe had this characteristic of anger he was not fit to be the person to transform *Bnei Yisrael* into *Am Yisrael*, by bringing them to *Eretz Yisrael*.

In these tough times in *Eretz Yisrael* we must unite ourselves and improve our *midot*, and ultimately be able to come together in *Eretz Yisrael*, *B'shalom*.

## Shabbat Shalom!



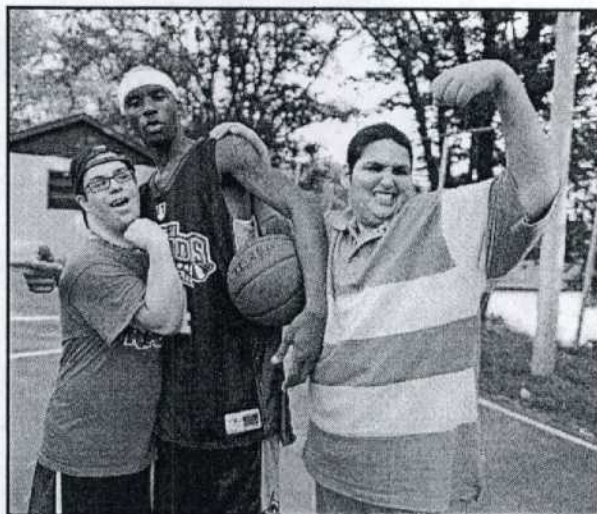


## Yachad News

The sun came out to help us greet YACHAD at Camp Morasha. As the bus pulled up excitement filled the air. On our first day here at camp, the Harlem Wizards came to do some intense drills with us, but our YACHAD staff showed them that they are not the only ones who can play ball. On Tuesday, July 4th YACHAD showed Camp Morasha just how patriotic they really were, by dressing up in red, white and blue.

Our returning campers are happy to be back and see all of their old friends, and our new campers can't wait to be part of Camp Morasha, and have been fitting in so well. The heat is on for Shiria, boys versus girls. Everyone has been practicing on the road in the bunk, well just about everywhere.

YACHAD'S first week in camp has been incredible; we can't wait to see what is in store for us, for the rest of the summer.



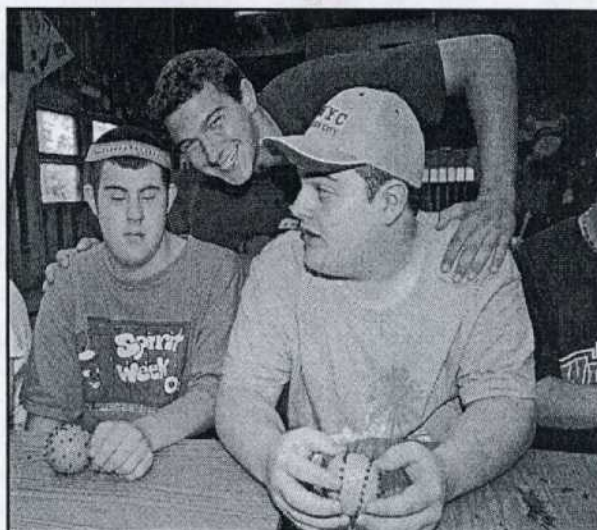
## Israel News

In Israel Hamas has launched a rocket attack on the city of Ashkelon, Israel's fifth largest city. Israel has retaliated by destroying the Palestinian Authority's Interior Ministry building located in Gaza. Israel also launched an attack on a Hamas training camp. Top Hamas government leaders have now gone into hiding.

Israel has set no deadline for there offensive maneuver in Northern Gaza, and has

stressed the fact that they would not leave the area, and will continue the offensive until there are no more Kassam Rocket attacks.

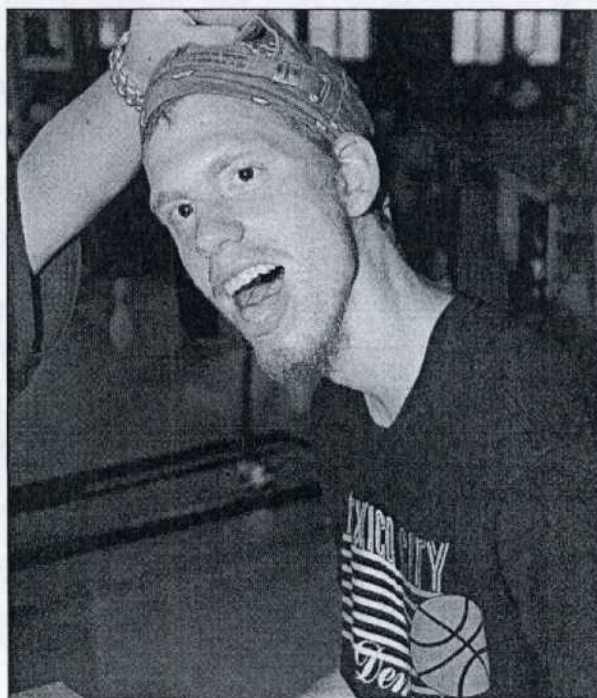
And in the village of Itamar located in the Shomron the Asheri family is currently sitting shiva for there son who was kidnapped and later murdered last week. May they know no more sorrow and may they be comforted amongst the mourners of Zion.



## Sporting News

In baseball news, the All-Star Game is approaching and the National League team will be represented by 6 members of the New York Mets. Carlos Beltran, David Wright, Jose Reyes and Paul Lo Duca will all

start, and Pedro Martinez and Tom Glavine have been placed on the pitching rotation. As far as the Yankees are concerned





# *The Roving Reporter*

## **What are you looking forward to this summer?**

Mike Cohen –Camp Photographer /Tech Staff - My own Water Skiing period.

Sandy Weiner-Head of Art Staff– Daily Pedicures

Levi Light– Yachad– Working as a lifeguard

Ayal Frist– Asst. Head Lifeguard– Working with Levi Light

Rabbi Avraham Willig-Ed Staff/Music– Spending quality time with my children

Caryn Pollak-Yachad-Everything

Chaim Goldman - YACHAD-looking forward to going fishing

Sam Rutta– YACHAD– to playing basketball

Sara Goldstien-G-6– going on trips

Tali Felman– G-8- - 3 day color war

Eliana Bessler– G-9– trip to Dorny Park

Judah Ausabel– when my wife and family comes up

Karen Pollack– YACHAD—EVERYTHING!!!



## **FIGURE IT OUT!**

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