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MEET NUMMY KIMMEL THE NEW GIRLS HEAD COUNSLER

This week the Shalhevet picked the Girls Head Counselor Nummy Kimmel as the newest face of Morasha to introduce.

Welcome to the most awesome, cool, fun Head Counselor ever- Nummy Kimmel. We are honored to have her as part of our Morasha family.

Nummy can be found jumping around girls campus, leading Shiria practices, and pulling pranks on the girls. Nummy's smile and energy is contagious, her laid back personality is catchy. Watch



out, have you caught it yet?

Last week Nummy helped lead the girls in Shiria. It's no surprise that girls campus was victorious. Nummy's musical ability added much to the night with her running back and forth and leading all the different harmonies.

Nummy's years in education, her musical abilities and her effervescent personality are sure to add a tremendous amount to Camp Morasha. So wel-

come Nummy we can not wait to see what the rest of the summer brings.

What an Exciting Week in Camp Morasha

Wow! What an exciting week we just had here in camp Morasha! Can you believe it just flew by? From rollerblading to Shiria and then trip day, followed by a most meaningful Shiva Asar B'Tamuz we did not even have a second to rest. This is nothing compared to what is in store for us next week. On Sunday we are having the Carnival. We could tell you all about it

but why ruin the surprise? Once again Morasha is happy to announce the upcoming Israel Day!! Our

Israeli staff has been working so hard to prepare for you one of the best and meaningful Israel Days ever! Are you ready for the Olympics? That

is right! You heard correctly! For the first time Morasha is hosting its very one Olympics!!! The best



What an Exciting Week in Camp Morasha (continued)





news is everyone is going to participate and have an event that they can compete in! The events are going to be action packed and the whole Olympics is going to take two days in the middle of the week! The programming staff has been working around the clock to make the Olympics one of your highlights for the entire summer. To end this action packed week get pumped for inter-camps with Lavi! Plus don't forget all of our normal leagues and activities. What a week ahead, and you thought you just had a busy week! So rest up on Shabbos and get ready for another action-packed, spiritual experience here in Camp Morasha!





Rollerblading Morasha Style



C a m p Morasha once again welcomed back Joel Rappelfeld and his Kids on Wheels

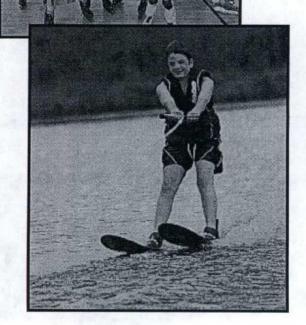
Rollerbladers, who gave "hands on" lessons, throughout the day to all of the various divisions. Everyone had a great time. At night the staff had the opportunity to rollerblade in style. The Kids on Wheels also demonstrated to us all of their tricks and put on a great performance.

Trip Day in Morasha



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Camp Morasha kicked off an awesome second week., which culminated with a trip to Dorney Park. What a day! The Alufim left right after Shiria on their trip for the first time to Toronto. The Alufim got to go to Canada's Wonderland and play whirly ball for the first time. (Don't ask what whirly ball is it will take to long to explain). All in all everyone had a blast and can't wait for the next big trip day next month.

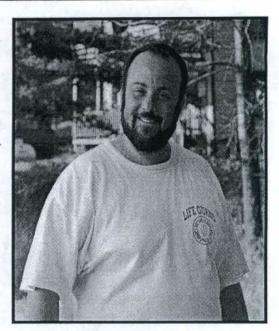


Dovy Klugerman A"H more than your usual camper



This article for me is one of the hardest assignments I have ever received. Dovy Klugerman A"H was not just a name of a camper and someone I knew, but also was the son of one of my closest friends and long time Head Lifeguard here in camp Rabbi Tzvi Klugerman. As mentioned at Dovy's Levaya and Shloshim, which took place this past Shabbos, Dovy was a boy who looked out for everyone, taking every opportunity to help out his friends. He was an example of good middos to the nth degree. Dovy was a boy that we could all learn from and try to emulate. He is and will continue to be, missed by his Morasha family.

Camp Morasha commemorated Dovy's Shloshim this past Shabbos with special sichot, and shiurim in his name.

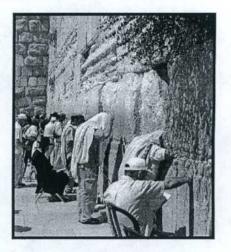


17th B'tamuz a day to remember

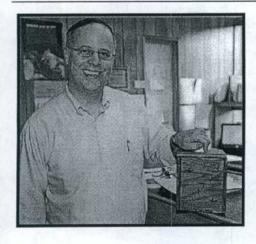


Camp Morasha was excited to announce a new program that both educated and stimulated the minds and creativity of all of our campers. This past 17th B'tamuz every bunk spent the afternoon preparing for Shlateinu 2006, a division wide competition that took place after the fast. The bunk was responsible for the following two things. The

shelet: Each bunk was provided with a list of pasukim and will be responsible to create a shelet that portrays the pasuk that they chose. The Skit: Each bunk was also responsible coming up with a skit that portrayed their pasuk. The final judging will take place this shabbos at different locations throughout camp. It was and b"h will continue to be an educating experience for everyone.



Mitzvah of the Week



Camp Morasha began its "Mitzvah of the Week" campaign this past week. What better mitzvah to start with then Tzedakah. Tzedakah falls under the category of Gemilut Chassadim, which is one of this summer's theme. The Mitzvah of Tzedakah instills into our campers and ourselves the

importance of giving and sharing with each other and others who are less fortunate. Please stay tuned on Friday for the announcement of next week's Mitzvah.





Nitzanim Girls

What an amazing week!! We began with rollerblading in the boys shul. "The ramp was fast fun", said Shaindy Goldstein, we are the future rollerbladers of America. Shiria was of course outstanding, with no surprise to us the girls won!!! "Shiria was loud and exciting" said Kimberly Kugelamn. Followed by a fun filled day to Dorney Park!! Lilly Ottnsoser says "the trip was so much fun it was the best trip ever!" 17th B'Tamuz we thought we would catch our breath but we were so busy with Shlateinu we have not had a minute to rest!! Tomorrow we will be visiting Block Hextor (Camp for Seniors) and we will be performing for them.

Younger Shtilim Girls

Younger Shtili Girls are having so much fun Thank goodness very little rain & lots of sun! Every day in camp has really been 1st rate. On Sunday we had rollerblading and we didn't

Monday was Shiria & of course the girls came in 1st place.

the boys tried very hard but there really was no race.

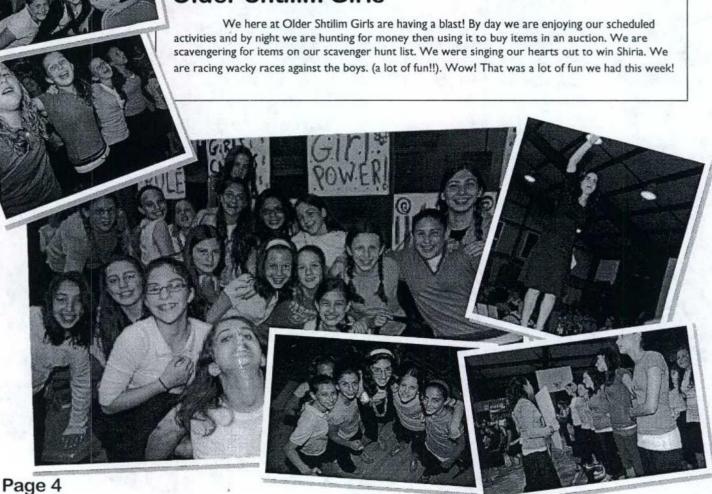
On Tuesday our Shtili "mock wedding" we did plan.

The only thing we were missing was a real man Wed. took the cake! to Dorney park we did go the rides were so great & fast nothing was slow Every day when we go to sleep we can't wait for the next day

We just don't want camp to end that's all we have to say



Older Shtilim Girls



Younger Ilanot Girls

Week #2 is off to a great start for Younger Ilanot Girls. We have all gotten the chance to feel the beat at Heeb Hop as well as gone to shop, horseback riding, rock climbing and baking. We had a great time at our Machzor Bet auction bidding for goodies like DJ's pizza, sushi, late wake-up, counselor for the day, free activity passes and great Morasha paraphernalia. Congrats to bunk G-10 for winning no mifkad, G-11 for winning a van to DJ's and G-12 for a van to Pizza. Happy Birthday Adina Hart for turning 13 on Sunday!

Older Ilanot Girls

Week two in Older Ilanot has been very exciting. We enjoyed art, rock climbing, and wood shop. We had a blast doing relay races with the Yachad members, with Shiria, and Dorney Park the week could not have been more fun. We are looking forward to many more exciting periods.

Alufot Girls

This week in Camp Morasha the entire Machzor Bet girls participated in an auction on Sunday night; not only were individual prizes auctioned off but bunk-wide prizes as well! The Alufot girls pooled all of their money together to bid and win a sushi dinner! After the girls won Shiria CONGRATS!!, everyone was excited to start their regular routine and enjoy all of their daily activities. All of the girls have formed a unique bond with one another, and made both Lora Berns and Nicole Jaspar's birthdays as memorable as possible. Each wore a birthday hat or clowned around and shared birthday cake with their division. Our first major trip was a huge success! All the girls had an amazing time touring Toronto. Leaving camp at 3AM was not as exciting as it sounds but everything turned out amazing! For many this was their first trip to Canada and experiencing Niagara Falls. Whirly ball was a huge hit and going to Playdium was a nice way to end the first day. The place were we had the most fun was Canada's Wonderland, the amusement park. It was the icing on the cake to a fantastic trip!

Yachad Girls

Wow! So much has happened in Yachad this past week! From Pizza making to Shiria who can believe it is only the second week in camp. We showed everyone how much ruach and fun we can have at Shiria practices and it only continued on from there on Shiria night.

Another highlight this past week was rollerblading. Yachad skated with such enthusiasm and determination that inspired all of the campers at Morasha. But the fun only continued on with our night activity— Pizza Making- YUM!!! We even turned a rainy day into a success by having such a blast at the movies and bowling. God willing the fun will only continue as the weeks go by.



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Shiria: an amazing and meaningful evening

What a night! It was one that we can never forget here in Camp Morasha. The night started out with an emotional video presentation about our missing soldier Cpl. Gilad Shalit, who was kidnapped by terrorists. Rabbi Gotch then kicked off the night by getting everyone into the mood, and at the same time teaching each and everyone of us what is the importance of Shiria. That Shiria is not just singing but it is also a means of Tefillah. After the judges were introduced the reigning champions took the stage, that is Day Camp of course. Led by Rabbi Avraham Willig day camp opened the night with their original song. The Program then started with the boys singing Ya'ancha followed by the girls singing Re'faenu.

Then Shiria took a new spin where each campus had to create their own original song or tefillah. This new initiative called "The creation of Tefillah" produced two amazing songs. The boys song was called Le Gabei and the Girls was called Nachon Lili.

After such an experience we all got to relax and watch a beautiful video presentation called "What Tefillah means to Camp Morasha." The presentation featured both campers and staff who were interviewed about what tefillah means to them. The final songs for each campus was Shema Kolenu by the girls and Just One by the boys.

Both the girls and the boys sang beautifully and it was a very close competition, according to the judges. The creativity and ability of both teams really shined. Each team wrote their own songs, as well as sang well known songs.

The boys had an adorable and creative "skit", in which the older boys dressed up and marched in wearing kilts. The girls had beautiful harmonies and their singing was amazing!

Every person who left that night came out with an uplifted feeling and hopefully a renewed perspective and view towards their own tefillah. This was one of the best Shirias eyer!











The Three Weeks in Camp Morasha

BY RABBI MARK DRATCH

Do you remember how people felt on September 11, 2001. Do you understand how people feel now after the destruction of the World Trade Centers. Sad? Angry? Fearful? Uncertain?

Can you imagine what it would be like if you came home from camp and your house wasn't there? If nobody would take you in and you just roamed the streets with no place to go?

Well, take these feelings and multiply them by a gizillion and that's what the Jewish people felt when the Bet HaMikdash was destroyed. When we went into galut. When we no longer had the Shechinah as part of our day to day lives.

I don't want to scare anyone. Baruch Hashem, this galut is now much better in many ways. We are relatively safe and comfortable and have more than we could ask for. But we have to remember that life is not as it should be. We should be in Eretz Yisrael. We should have a Bet HaMikdash. And then our lives would be...a gizzilion times... better. We'd be closer to Hashem.

ing during this entire period, others from Rosh Chodesh on. Many shave erev Shabbat, others do not.)

And then it gets more intense, during the Nine Days:

Swimming and Showering: The prohibition of bathing is a prohibition of bathing for pleasure. Therefore, showering to remove dirt, odor and sweat is permissible (preferably with cold or tepid water). Swimming for pleasure is prohibited, but swimming for instruction or for exercise is

permitted. If the weather is exceptionally hot and exceedingly uncomfortable, bathing or swimming to cool off is permitted as well.

Other Lake Activities: Water skiing, tubing and the Iceberg are prohibited throughout the nine days. Row boating, canoeing and kayaking are prohibited only during shavu'a she-chal bo. Other Activities: As Rock Climbing and Horseback Riding are not particularly dangerous, they are permitted during the Nine Days.

Music: Music is prohibited during this period, with the exception of educational or religiously inspiring events. Dancing for instruction or exercise is permitted.



So we have the "Three Weeks" and the "Nine Days" and "Shavu'a she-chal bo" and "Tisha B'Av" to help remind us about what we don't have. To make us stop and really think about what was and what could be and what should be.

So during the Three Weeks we don't have weddings and celebrations and we don't cut our hair. For those of us who have lost close relatives and have been in aveilut (mourning) this reminds us of some of the things that we couldn't do when mourning a close relative. In Camp Morasha, during the Three Weeks all activities proceed as normal, except no celebratory music and dancing. This includes music with instruments for the purpose of celebrating an event. It does not include the day to day singing or dance activities that are a regular part of the camp schedule. It does not include listening to music in the bunk or appropriate movies. NO haircuts. Shaving as is customary (some refrain from shav-

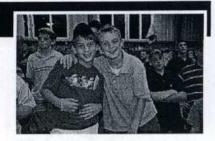
Laundry: In general, doing laundry is prohibited during the nine days. However, if we refrain from doing laundry and the campers will not have clean clothes to wear, we consider this as "one who only has one garment" and we are lenient. For health reasons, all undergarments may be laundered. Outer garments may be laundered as required, especially those worn for Shabbat. Since our method of laundering differs from that discussed in the Talmud, freshly laundered garments may be worn the entire week.

Eating Meat: Eating meat and drinking wine is prohibited, except for a Seudat Mitzvah, including Shabbat and a Siyum.

Let's pray that this is the last Tisha B'Av that we have to observe and NEXT YEAR we are all in YERUSHALYIM!

Nitzanim Boys

Nitzi boys took action packed to a new level this week. In addition to the exciting camp wide events of Shiria and Dorney Park, the Nitzis enjoyed exciting night activities at Lake Como Pizza where we got the chance to make our very own pizza, We also had a great time at the bowling alley. Many of the guys won exciting prizes at the arcade. The boys are looking forward to the coming week were the campers will stay in camp a little more but the fun activities and the surprises will be no less exciting.





Shtilim Boys

What an exciting week its been for the Shtili boys! The best part about being a Shtili is the awesome sports league, featuring both basketball and hockey each day! Through the first two weeks of camp, the basketball league is being led by Yoni Weiss' team and Micah Epstein's team, both with records of 4-1 and looking very strong. The hockey team is also very talented and extremely competitive! Every day, one hockey team in the division receives a bye, and gets to do an activity with the boys of YACHAD, which is an experience enjoyed by everyone involved. The Shtilim also played a big role in the camp's special events, such as Shiria on Monday night. Numerous Shtilim were part of harmony,

or had solos, in the contest, and they did their best to lead the boys to a near-win in Shiria '06. On Wednesday, along with most of the rest of the camp, the Shtilis headed out to Dorney Park, and spent the day riding roller coasters, winning prizes, and having an all-around fabulous time.

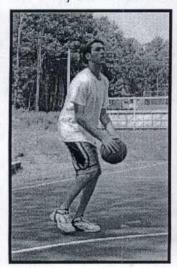
Younger Hanot Boys

It was another packed week of excitement for the Younger llanot Boys Division. The week began with a crazy amount of rollerblading and a strong performance at Shiria, and culminated with a fun day at Dorney Park. Throughout the week, basketball and hockey leagues have continued to intensify. In basketball leagues, Shmuli Ash's Ash have jumped out to a commanding lead in the division with a 5-0 record thanks to great power play by Jeremy Goldstein. On the other extreme, Opie's Oprah Winfrey's are still looking for their first notes at 0-6. Don't worry boys you will get one soon. Ru's Dunkeroos are sitting nicely at 4-2 thanks to an exciting buzzer beater shot by David Weitz. Rotty's Rottweilers are 4-1, with Shlomo Weiss sitting at 3-3 and Tuna's Whales at 1-5.

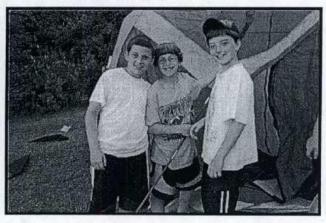


In hockey leagues, Opie's Oprah Winfrey's are in first place at 3-1 thanks to incredible goaltending by Eytan Baratz. Shlomo's Ash are at 2-2, as are Tuna and Ru's Kangeroos despite Dovy Orlofsky record goal scoring pace. Sorry, Roty's Rottweilers, but we are still winless at 0-4.

Stay tune for next week's update about our intercampus with Moshava and the Morasha Olympics.









Older Ilanot Boys

What an exciting week it was for the OIB. Leagues are still extremely intense. In basketball all of the games have been very close. The proof of this is that we do not have one team that is undefeated. In hockey the team lead by Chesky Schrier and Yossi Aharon is the only one that has been able to remain undefeated, of course they have had help by some strong goaltending by Simeon Rather.

We are also extremely thrilled by the return of Nati Abitan, who has successfully recovered from the chicken pox. Wednesday was a great trip day, because the camp thought we were mature enough we received permission to walk around without counselors. We cant wait for another exciting week to come, along with intercampus with Moshava.

Alufim Boys

Another great week for Alufim 2006! After stealing the show at Shiria dressed in Kilts and doing the river dance, it was off to visit our friendly neighbors to the north on the alufim Canada trip. We went to Niagara Falls, played some exciting games of Whirly ball, and got to see the new Pirates of the Caribbean block-buster. Stay tuned for the

results from the annual Alufim-BMP 3 on 3 tournament and Mathematics competition

Stay classy, Camp Morasha...

The Men of Alufim 2006





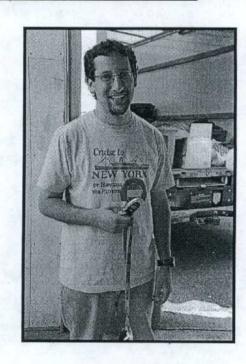
Yachad Boys

As we begin our second exciting week of camp, we were able to begin the new program of instructional swim in the lake. Needing to swim 20 laps and tread water for a minute many of our campers successfully passed the deep water test. Every morning we enjoy free swim, as well as our one-on-one instructional swim in the afternoons.

On Monday night, the boys suffered a tough loss to the girls in what was a very competitive, intense, exciting

Shiria 2006, but we were able to show good sportsmanship and took the loss like real men. Speaking of sportsmanship, during our sport activities the boys were able to display both sincere competition and good middos at the same time. The highlight of the week was our outing at the local pizza shop, where we made our very own pizza pies and then enjoyed our delicious masterpieces. Despite all the oil and sauce stains it was tons of fun!

Yachad's first trip of the summer was to the movies and bowling. At the movies, some of us saw "cars" while the rest of us saw "Superman". At bowling, we danced in the disco like atmosphere as we were knocking down those pins. After such an enjoyable trip we eagerly look forward to our upcoming trips. We hope this upcoming Shabbos will be as fun filled exciting and enjoyable as last weeks. If the rest of the summer plays out on par with this week's fun and excitement we will be in for one great summer!!



Dvar Torah By: Adam Sprung- BMP

The first Rashi in this week's Parsha deals with the question of why Pinchas's full lineage is given when Hashem tells Moshe that as a reward for killing Kozbi and Zimri, Pinchas will receive Bris Kehunas Olam and Bris Shalom. Rashi, quoting the Medresh, answers that people would protest that "this grandson of someone who had fattened calves to be sacrificed to idols (Yisroel) killed a prince in Israel (Zimri was a Nasi Beis Av for Shimon)? Therefore, G-d called him a descendant of Aharon. This answer is very difficult to understand. First of all, what does the fact that Pinchas was the grandson of a person who fattened cows for idol worshipping have anything to do with Pinchas's actions now? Second of all, how does the fact that Pinchas was a descendant of Aharon Hakohen refute the claim of the people? Ray Reuven Taragin, Ram in Yeshivat Hakotel, explains that the people's problem with Pinchas's action was that it wasn't done for the right reason and that it wasn't done "lishma". Pinchas was merely following in the footsteps of his grandfather Yisroel. Just as Yisroel fattened cows to serve idols in order to stand out and grab attention for himself, Pinchas killed Zimri in order to stand out and bring attention to himself. Whether people are serving idols or serving Hashem it was in Pinchas's character to stand out and take it a step farther than everyone else. Pinchas was simply doing something that was in his nature, namely, trying to show off. To answer this claim, Pinchas's full lineage is given. Aharon Hakohen was known as a rodeph shalom. For this reason all of Klal Yisroel cried when Aharon passed away, as he spread peace to all the people. Pinchas was a descendant of Aharon. Therefore, for Pinchas to kill Zimri was completely against Pinchas's nature, which was peace. It was not something that was done in order to stand out, like what Yisroel did when he fattened cows to serve idols. The action was done completely for the sake of Hashem and was "lishma."

Shabbat Shalom!



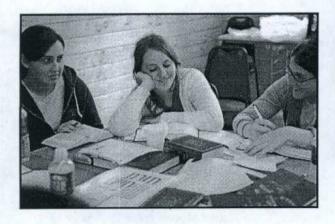
Girl's BMP (AKA GMP) By: Ariella Hollander

Girls' BMP has gotten off to a great start! Since the BMP Beit Midrash never closes we were able to start our program on time and get a head start in our learning.

As the program is designed to share the Torah we learn with others, BMP has successfully organized several activities in order to integrate themselves with the campers of Morasha. Early in the morning, (7:25 to be exact!) Nitzis and Shtilis begin the day with a yummy cup of hot cocoa, a marshmallow, and an inspiring story in "Cocoa Club." Another program aimed toward our younger divisions is "Perek and a Pickle" which takes place on Shabbat afternoons. Nitzi girls receive a pickle while learning that week's Perek in Pirkei Avot through a variety of interactive activities. For the Alufot, the "BMPers" run chaburot in which they discuss relevant Torah topics chosen by the Alufot. In addition, each girl from the BMP is assigned to "her" bunk and joins them in some of their activities in order to get to know the campers a little bit better.

This past Shabbat, Yachad, Alufot and Machon enjoyed a "baseball" tisch complete with Divrei Torah, singing (including the song "Take me out to the Ballgame!") and of course plenty of baseball-game appropriate food. BMP also ran stimulating discussion groups with Machzor Bet between Mincha and Seudat Shlishit. Finally, for the past two shabbatot, BMP had the privilege of hosting its weekly Shabbat shiur open to all female staff, in which both Rabbi Joel Cohn and Mrs. Shulamith Cohen delivered shiurim.

We look forward to continuing to run more activities and to integrating both ourselves and the Torah that we learn into camp. Some new and exciting programs include "Latte and Learning," an opportunity for all staff members to come for coffee, pastries, and a short shiur, and a Tehillim group, and much much more. Feel free to come visit the Beit Midrash for a snack, schmooze, chavruta or for the variety of shiurim available to staff. We look forward to seeing you!





Day Camp News

Day Camp has gotten off to a wonderful start! With our win at Shiria we remain undefeated. Our trip day to Fun and Games was a blast. Bumper cars, mini golf, and climbing the web was great fun. When we went to get ice cream that topped off the day!

Now after camp started we get to go

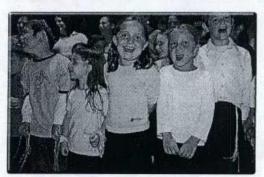
swimming twice a day. We are learning to blow bubbles and float on our back. We are participating in the swim and stay fit program. Exciting prizes await!!

On boys campus we swim with our own lifeguard and a partner we are having great fun!!

Please stay tuned for further details....











Israel News

In Israel— 7 Rockets have landed in the city of Tzfat as the escalation of attacks has increased by the Hizbullah guerillas located in Southern Lebanon. Israel shut down Lebanon in response to the barrage. Israel has bombed the runways of the Beirut Airport, and other strategic targets.

Israel says that the purpose of the offensive in Lebanon now is to eradicate Hizbullah, and pressure Lebanon to withdraw its tacit support for the terrorist organization in its midst."

Sporting News

In baseball news, the All-Star Game was again won by the American League 3-2 thanks to Michael Young of the Texas Rangers 2 out 2 strike 2 run

triple. David Wright hit a homerun and Carlos Beltran went 2 for 4. Mariano Rivera picked up the save for the American League.

The Roving Reporter

What was your favorite moment of Shiria 2006?

Moshe Medetsky -Director of Operations: Ari Yablok faking out the boys, and the Tefilah video presentation.

Danielle Silber-G-4: Winning!!

Leeza Hirt- G-4: When we were singing

Alex Itzkowitz- Warehouse: The tefillah video was very meaningful and made me think about my own davening

Yoni Pollock-B-11: The competition.

Jared Stein-B-11: When we all thought we won and everyone was going crazy.

Alex Rosen-B-1: Singing

Dani Folkman- G-4: The Cheering.

Drew Stromer- B-3: When the boys came in with the swords.

Chevi Medetsky: Watching my children sing.

Rabbi Ira Spodek—Executive Director: Watching everyone sing Anu Bnei Morasha.

Levy Light- Yachad: Listening to the boys sing.

Tili Zimmer- B-15: Alufim dancing with plaid skirts

Yoey Turkel- B-16: Digi digi dadum song

FIGURE IT OUT!

Biblical Style

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A was 100 Y O when Y was B
Y was 13 Y O when he received a B M
A had 3 S: K, A, and S
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Some say S B A was a S for 1/2 Y
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ARE YOU READY FOR THE EVENT OF A LIFETIME?!



MORASHA OLYMPICS!!!

> 4 COUNTRIES 3 AMBASSADORS 2 DAYS 1 WINNER

WHAT COUNTRY WILL YOU REPRESENT?

Events begin this Tuesday Night with the Torch Ceremony & Opening Festivities at the Morasha Coliseum.

