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# Shalhevet

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## Meet David and Yafa Lamm

The marriage of nature and technology is found in Yafa and David Lamm. Yafa a.k.a. "Mother Nature" can be found picking wild flowers, planting gardens, making dream pillows, brewing potions, incubating eggs, and leading overnights, fauxver-nights, and under-days. The nature program at Camp Morasha has never been better.

Did you see someone drive by on a motorcycle? No it is



not one of the locals, it is Rabbi David Lamm head of our Tech Department.

Nothing is too hard for him, DVD's, projects, screens, amplifiers, and recording. You name it, he can do it.

David and Yafa recently moved to the East Coast after living in Texas and California. They are here in camp with two of their children: Meira (Nitzi) and Benjie (Day Camp). Morasha is sure lucky to have them!

## What an Exciting Week in Camp Morasha

Welcome to all of our new campers here in Camp Morasha! Get ready for the best month of your life! Here in Morasha we just finished an amazing month of fun and excitement; from Shiria, to the Olympics, a special Fourth of July celebration and much much more! But don't worry we still

have loads in store for you here in the second month of camp! Are you ready for intercamps? This Thursday we had intercamps against Camp Seneca Lake. We had a great time

competing and showing our Morasha pride!





## What an Exciting Week in Camp Morasha *(continued)*



(Get ready Alufim for next week's Lavi Invitational in Hockey).

Have you been practicing your aim? Do you have your army fatigues? Because next week paintball is coming to camp! Get ready for an intense day of some extreme fun!

On a more meaningful note everyone should be prepared to be inspired this coming Thursday, by our Tisha B'av program. This year's Tisha B'av will be more than an ordinary fast day, it will be a day that you will never forget!

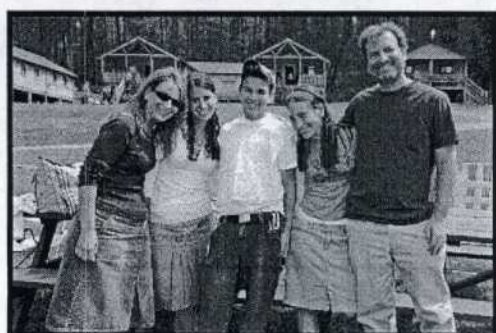
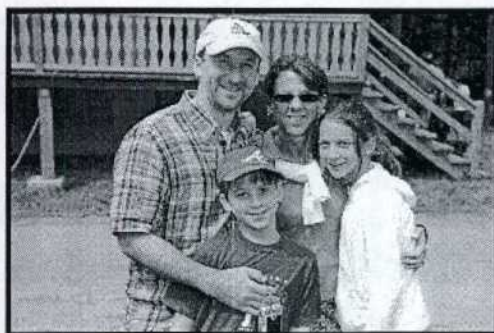
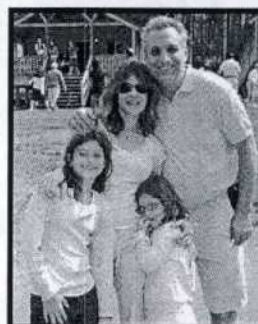
So buckle up sit back and be prepared for another action packed week right here in Camp Morasha!



## Visiting Day What an Experience



Did you ever remember having so much fun with your parents as you did this past Sunday? Was that King Kong making a second appearance in the middle of girls campus? Who got to go boating with their mom or dad? Did you enjoy the BBQ? Or did you spend the day working on a art project with your folks? What a great game of volleyball!





## Nitzanim Girls

Visiting day was bursting with fun; every kid had a smile on their face. "Visiting day was amazing" says Ellie Neastein. After visiting day was over we went to see "Superman which was amazing" says Rikki Wietz, "but a little on the scary side".

With changeover day this past Tuesday, we welcome to Nitzi land Lia Bron and Lea and Sarah Lefkowitz. Thursday, the 27<sup>th</sup>, we will be visiting Camp Seneca Lake for a great day of intercamps. WE will let you know how the great Nitzi's did next week.

Shabbat Shalom!!

## Younger Shtilim Girls

Younger Shtili Girls had another amazing week! The highlights were Morasha Olympics, making our own Tie-dye shirts, and the Luau at the Girls Waterfront. We Shtili girls say "the fun never ends"! We can't wait for our Thursday night activity when we "cook for Shabbos" in the baking room. We're making kugel, cranberry apple pie and cauliflower popcorn! Come on over to our tables for a taste on Friday night!!

Shabbat Shalom from

The Younger Shtili "Balabustas"



## Older Shtilim Girls

Older Shtili girls had a jam-packed fun fulfilled week. After all you parents left on Sunday we made our way to the overnight site where we picked blueberries, chewed mint leaves, and sat around the camp fire singing and making smoores! We braved mother nature (with no bathrooms) and slept under the stars. We had a great day on Monday starting with our late wakeup and ending with movie night and open courts. And to top off our week we went disco-bowling at the Hamlin Fun Zone. We're still tallying our scores for the best bowler, so stay tuned!





## Younger Ilanot Girls

And the good times keep coming for the Younger Ilanot Girls. YIG along with YIB played "And the winner is..." with Yachad on Monday night. A great time was had by all watching counselors and campers perform different stunts and trying to pick the winner. Lavi inter-camps were a blast for everyone. Aside from playing basketball, hockey, volleyball, and softball, we all got to see friends we haven't seen in forever. YIG just love celebrating birthdays. Happy Birthday to Haviva Korenblit who turned 13 on Wednesday, and Eliana Goldberg who turned 13 on Shabbos.



## Older Ilanot Girls

This past week in Older Ilanot has been an exciting one. We cannot believe how the summer is flying away. We continue to enjoy our daily activities. We enjoy art, rock, climbing, sports, swim, and woodshop. Visiting day was exciting and we loved seeing all of our guests. We had a blast at bowling this past Sunday. We had a wonderful time at our cookout at the overnight site where we sang some songs, roasted marshmallows for smores, and went blueberry picking. On Tuesday we welcomed some of our new campers and were sad to see some of our friends leave for August- we hope they have a great rest of the summer and we hope to see them next year. We are looking forward to many more wonderful and exciting programs as the second part of the summer gets off to an amazing start.



## Alufot Girls

It's unbelievable that visiting day already passed. It was so exciting to see all of the parents and receive their new care packages. The night activities were amazing this week - everyone had a blast! Sunday night the girls enjoyed a movie themed Scene it! game with soda, pretzels, chips, and of course popcorn. Monday night everyone participated in Human Foosball with the boys on the girls hockey courts. All the regular daily activities were canceled on Tuesday to prepare for Oscar night; each team made a five minute film to be presented on Thursday night after walking the red carpet. After filming all day the girls opted for a relaxing night activity and spent some time at Wal-Mart-finally!! As each team wrapped up their films on Wednesday Rabbi Aaron Feigenbaum chose to teach shiur at the pizza store for a nice change of scenery. Later the Machzor Bet magic night turned out to be surprisingly so much fun!



## Yachad Girls

This week was a great week for Yachad! We started it off with visiting day. Welcoming our parents into our bunk house and introducing them to our new counselors and friends was so much fun! When visiting day ended we showed off our knowledge with trivia questions to put our minds to the test. To wean ourselves off of visiting day we had a nice calm "day after" with regular activities and the new Willy Wonka movie as we had our last night activity with our 1<sup>st</sup> monthers. Saying good bye wasn't easy but it had to come some time as we said good bye to Aliza, Elisheva, and Judi, as we welcomed in to new Chani and Lani. To lift our spirits we ended the night with a fun fact trivia game about the counselors! Looking forward to many more weeks of fun!





## Nitzanim Boys

Nitzi boys enjoyed another rocking week of camp; BBQ night, Movie Night, Wiffle Ball Tournament, Magic & an overnight were among the highlights of another great week. For many of the guys, this was their last week in Camp Morasha for this summer, but we look forward to seeing their return next summer. All of the Nitzis would look to acknowledge Morry, Mordechai & Joey for all of their hard work to make sure that the Nitzis were safe & happy all summer long. Congratulations to the winners of the first month Nitzi Basketball & Hockey leagues and all of the boys are looking forward to the coming week when the new leagues will begin.



## Shtilim Boys



The Shtili boys had another fantastic week, highlighted by trips and an innovative competition. After a beautiful, sunny visiting day, when everyone enjoyed having family and friends join us here in camp, we got ready for a night at the movies! Most of us saw Pirates of the Caribbean, while a few joined the Nitzi girls to see Superman. We didn't get back to camp till close to 11:00! Then, two nights later, we joined the Older Shtili girls for bowling. We boarded the buses after dinner, and spent over an hour bowling, playing laser tag, playing arcade game, and ordering overpriced snacks. All in all, everyone had a fantastic time.

On Tuesday and Wednesday, after our first-month leagues ended, we began an innovative two-day activity, known as an "Athletic Heptathlon." Over two days, the campers competed against the counselors in seven different athletic activities, such as basketball, hockey, softball, water polo, and more. In the first basketball game, the counselors defeated the campers fairly easily; however, the second game was much more competitive, with Jacob Neumark keeping the campers close before a last second alley-oop from Meir Lindenbaum to Yoni Weiss sealed the win for the counselors. However, the campers prevailed in water polo, tightening the overall competition. That's all for now folks...have a great Shabbos!

## Younger Ilanot Boys

The Younger Ilanot boys left camp for the 2<sup>nd</sup> straight week, this time they headed towards arch rival Lavi. In the first set of games Morasha lost in one basketball game but behind great play from Jack Klein and Eli Genet they won the second game. In hockey two goals by Dovi Orlofsky pushed Morasha to an exciting 2-1 win. In the 2<sup>nd</sup> set of games our boys lost in basketball and hockey but came away with a win in the most exciting game of the day. The Lavi Lions jumped out to a 4 goal lead in roller hockey, but Morasha never gave up. Led by two goals by Allen Fries, and four goals by Dovi Orlofsky Morasha stormed to a dramatic come from behind 7-6 win.

Back in Morasha the boys battled in Olympic play. In handball Daniel Getzler's goaltending led England to a gold medal, and in basketball Jeremy Goldstein led Mexico to gold. In leagues, the basketball championship came down to the wire. Shmuli's Ash defeated Rue's Kangaroos in a back and forth game. Ash was led by Genet and Goldstein while Adi Pasternak put up a good fight for Rue. In the hockey championship Ruel Tuvin lost to Shlomo's Ash behind a dominating performance by Jason Guenam. We all look forward to another great week and a special happy birthday to David Rottenstreich.







## Older Ilanot Boys

The Older Ilanot Boys started the week off with a bang (and a whimper, and a lot of whining) with the annual pre-visiting day cleanup. "Yes, Mr. and Mrs. Board Member, the bunks are always this neat. Also, your son is a miniature angel. He's never late to anything, and always eats his vegetables." As the sun rose on visiting day (which we were unfortunately awake for), the sole reason behind visiting day arrived, the thing that homesick campers want most to see; food. Also, the parents that drove five hours to bring the food. Only a few fingers were lost when unsuspecting parents tried to feed the OIB's resident endangered species; the Frager. OIB and OIG went bowling later that night, which was a tremendous success. Also, a few people, who shall remain nameless,

made fools of themselves playing DDR. For Monday night's night activity the OIB saw "Pirates of the Caribbean 2". Tuesday night's night activity was explaining the plot of "Pirates of the Caribbean 2." The Pirates of the Caribbean weekly discussion group begins next week. There was also quite a bit of rain this week, centered mostly around Doni Aronovitz's head. League Führer/ Commissioner Weiselberg introduced a new championship system which more closely resembles the NBA, in that it may or may not be finished before the end of next summer. In which case, of course, Elliot will have to return as a 5<sup>th</sup> year counselor.

## Alufim Boys

The alufim congratulate all of the hombres of the Mexican team for their victory in the annual Camp Morasha Olympics and Suit Separates Sale.

The competitive spirit of the Olympics carried over into this week's activities, as the alufim took the concept of boosting one's self esteem through victories in silly events, and raised it to an art form. After a lovely visiting day in which the division scored 16 metric tons in peanut free junk food, it was off to the waterfront for Water Polo! Congratulations to the "gedolim," who, lead by Daniel Manopla, won the tournament in crushing fashion (if we ignore their loss to the counselor team, "The Planetears"). After the aquatic action, the Alufim attended a BBQ an at the abnormally active abode (ok, no more alliteration) known as the new boys HC. With "DH Dov" manning the grill, no one suffered any food poisoning.

On Tuesday night, it was time to introduce the Alufinas to the wild world of Alufim sports, as they squared off in Human Foosball. Each team had 4 lines on the soccer

field, and, replicating the arcade classic, they has to remain in their own line and maneuver together with their team. To ensure their compliance, they were tied together with ropes. Following a night of "Foos," the alufim headed back to their bunks, which had been transformed by the counselors into a swinging 70's disco, complete with black lights, disco balls, and non-seizure inducing strobe lights. Each team of alufim had to come up with a dance and a song to dance into, and they truly rose to the occasion with some slick moves to such classics as "Saturday Night Fever," and "What is Love?" At the end of the evening, the alufim were treated to the gastronomic delights of Dougies as a reward for having the cleanest bunks on boys campus for visiting day (seriously!). The food was lovingly delivered by dedicated Division Head Dov "it was only a small deer" Emerson.

The alufim and the alufim from girls campus are currently hard at work preparing for Oskar Night (Oscar is evidently a registered trademark), where 8 teams present videos they made this week to compete for



the coveted Oskar. Good luck to all of the contestants.

This week also heralds turnover day, and we would like to take this opportunity to wish a heartfelt goodbye to Ari Goldstein, Hillel "Pierre" Assouline, and Benjy Stokar. Have a good August.

Congratulations to Zach Rosenzweig on winning the Betty Crocker Eastern Division Cook-Off, with his recipe for Baked Alaska.

Stay Classy, Camp Morasha....



## Yachad Boys

As we dive into the 2nd half of our outrageous summer we look forward to having a great experience as we did the first time around. We started out our week off with Visiting Day. When we all discovered with much delight that Yechazkel Levine was going to spend the rest of the summer with us. His kind presence is sure to add tons of excitement to the remainder of camp. Parents from all over the country came to visit their sons and grab a slice of pizza with them. The rest of the week, we had a great time feeding the horses carrots and watching the movie *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*. We also ate some scrumsious desserts at our fine baking activity. And to top it all off we all received gifts from Gabi Kaye which we had a splendid time playing

with, and we thank the Kayes very much.

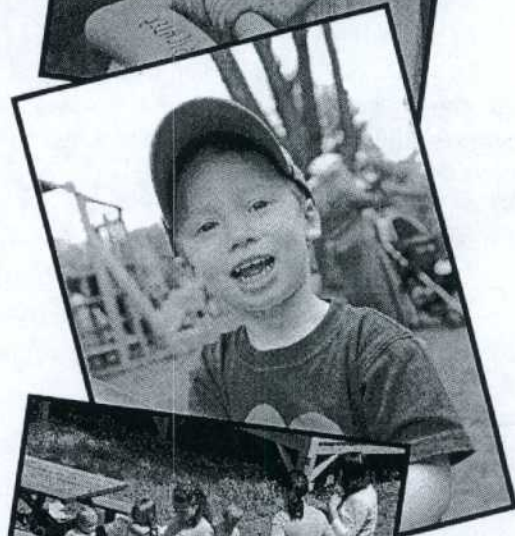
But the best gifts we received were Ariel Lopchinsky and Chaim Yaakov Klein. Their unique personalities will undoubtedly enhance an already promising summer.



## Day Camp News

Another great week in Day Camp!! Rock climbing and horseback riding excite us! Art and woodshop stimulate our creativity. Nature amazes us with the wonders of Hashem's creations. Baking entices us with delicious smells. Sports and dance challenges our physical prowess. Music develops our sense of rhythm. This week, with the arrival of the Nine

Days our shiurim and group discussions have focused on the destruction of the Beit Hamikdash. Here in Day Camp we are learning ways to improve our midot- sharing, taking turns, using our words nicely, not fighting, to help bring about the building of the third Beit Hamikdash. All in all we are growing socially, emotionally, and physically.



## Israel News

Prime Minister Olmert and the security cabinet, following several hours of discussion, decided to turn down the army's recommendation for a larger-scale ground offensive in Lebanon.

As predicted, the ministers voted to continue with only limited ground offensives and wide-ranging aerial attacks.

Nine soldiers, including four officers, were killed in

the battles in or near the village of Bint Jbiel Wednesday.

The soldiers who fell at Bint Jbiel are Corporal Ohad Kleisner, 20, of Bet Horon, Lt. Alex Shwartzman, 24, of Acre (Akko), Corporal Shimon Edga, 21, of Kiryat Gat, Sgt. Shimon Dahan, 20, of Ashdod, Corporal Asaf Namar, 27, of Kiryat Yam, Major Royie Klein, 31, of the Samaritan community of Eli, Lt. Amichai Merchavia, 24, of Eli and Sgt. Edan Cohen, 21, of Jaffa.

## Sporting News

In baseball news, the New York Mets find themselves in a comfortable position leading the Atlanta Braves by 11.5 games. While the New

York Yankees just took over the lead in the Wild Card and find themselves 1.5 games behind the Boston Red Sox in the A.L. East.



# Dvar Torah

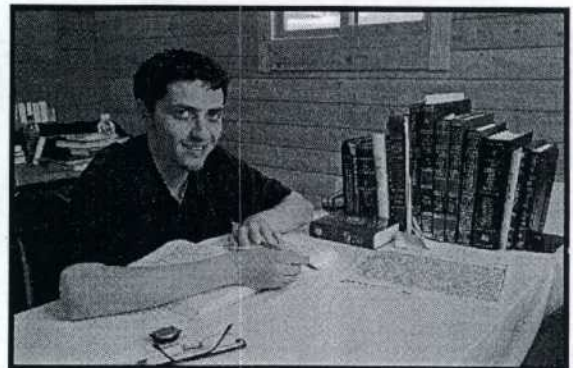
## By: Avi Rosenbaum - BMP

In Moshe Rabbeinu recounts the warning to the generation that will soon enter the land of Israel. Hashem said to Moshe, "Because you cried unjustifiably, I will make sure you cry in future generations." It is no coincidence that on the day that we read the parashah of Balak, the fateful and infamous day that changed Jewish history forever. Hashem said to Moshe, "Because you cried unjustifiably, I will make sure you cry in future generations." It is no coincidence that on the day that we read the parashah of Balak, the fateful and infamous day that changed Jewish history forever.

Many commentators attribute the negative report of the spies and the lack of faith in Hashem's ability to bring them into the promised land. While undoubtedly true, the whole story began on the wrong foot. Moshe said, "I gathered by the matan Torah, where only the head of each tribe and the elders approached him. At matan Torah the young respected the elderly and the elderly honored the leaders of the tribes. In contrast, at the beginning of the journey the young pushed the old and the old pushed the heads of the tribes as they approached Moshe. What sparked the change in action within the nation at these two seminal events that molded the future of Israel? How could a nation that received the Torah proceed to push one another?

The answers that indeed there was no change of action from one event to the other. The tumultuous behavior that occurred at the time of the spies was a direct result of the commendable behavior at matan Torah. The reason the young allowed the elderly to precede them was because they had no interest in learning Torah. The youth felt it proper for the elderly, whose interest in this-worldly desires naturally decreases with age, to indulge in the wisdom and knowledge that is gained through the study of Torah. On the contrary, the warmth, energy, and charisma that are associated with youth were more suitable to gain and enjoy the pleasures of this world. It is precisely as a result of this logic, when the time came to reap the benefits of the land that the young decided it was time to spearhead the campaign to spy the land. When money and business were at stake the respect required for the elderly suddenly took a back seat. It is no surprise that an attitude like this ultimately led to further complications.

The Torah states, "Do not be like servants who serve their master in order to receive a reward." The Torah explains this statement as follows: one should not be like a child who needs to be persuaded to learn through bribes, such as candy or honor, rather appreciate education, wisdom and the value in Torah. The youth of Israel in the desert did not internalize this message and felt it was more important to forego golden opportunities to learn Torah. The young are not asked to sacrifice the concept of fun or business, rather to recognize that a balance between Torah and our this-worldly pursuits must be maintained. For instance, having a great day on the basketball court and simultaneously enjoying shiur is no contradiction. If we learn to respect our elders, not only by honoring them, but also by emulating them hopefully we can be transformed into a day of happiness and celebration.





## Girl's BMP (AKA GMP)

By: Nechama Citrin

Things have been very busy here for the past two weeks in the Girl's BMP. Last week, we began with Israel Day and turned the Beit Midrash into a hopping Midrasha. The campers came in groups to learn about various topics relating to Israel. Cocoa Club continues to be very popular, and many Nitzi and Shtili girls come every morning to enjoy a cup of cocoa with marshmallows and a story before mifkad. Talking about stories, the Nitzi girls were treated to bedtime stories by members of the BMP last week! As the Morasha Olympic Games rolled in, "spiritual training" did not take a back seat to the rigorous physical training undertaken by all of the athletes from the countries. Members of the BMP led workshops for all of the bunks on topics including teamwork and training. In addition, the Nitzanim enjoyed "Perek and Pizza" last Friday, in which they learned some Pirkei Avot and enjoyed a slice of Como Pizza!! Friday came to a close with a rockin' tisch for younger shtili girls.

Highlights of this week included BBYO, "Latte and Learning" given by Eliana Gurfinkiel, Wednesday night Tehillim, and of course our Alufot chaburot which continue to be successful. Wishing everyone a Shabbat shalom and looking forward to another exciting week in the Beit Midrash featuring more shiurim, and a special BMP sponsored Movie Night on Monday!





## Super bowl Champion Goes FRUM

A Super Bowl XXVII championship ring as a member of the 1992 Dallas Cowboys is Alan Veingrad's most memorable keepsake.....But that part of his life is over. His 86 games as a professional athlete were just a small part of the man and father he is and the one he can become. His everyday routine is vastly different — consumed with a prayer book, a yarmulke, a head covering, and Tallis, a prayer shawl, customary Orthodox Jewish attire. A secular Jew in his youth, Veingrad is now an Orthodox Jew, which means he is constantly studying, praying and asking questions about his faith. "I wanted to elevate myself and I finally dialed in on it," he said.



Life without sports is Veingrad's calling now. A motivational speaker, he travels to national and local Jewish organizations, spreading his knowledge. Veingrad will be at the Liorah Greenberg Community Jewish Center in Litchfield on Friday night and Saturday morning and at a breakfast Sunday at the Dolce Heritage to share his views of sports and religion.

"This is another step in this tremendous journey of life," said Veingrad, 42. "I go to shul, celebrate the Sabbath and am kosher 100 percent."

To those people, including rabbis, who ask whether he wishes he had found his calling earlier in life, before the NFL, Veingrad responded that it was just part of the life process. After six seasons, including the Super Bowl in 1992, football was out of his system. Veingrad retired, opting for his religious faith to carry him on.

"It was a very difficult change and transition, but I like exciting and new things," he said. "I know people are generally not comfortable with change. I am not asking people to follow my way, but I do ask them to challenge themselves and grow as a person."



The father of two girls and a boy, he believes that football taught him plenty of life's lessons, which also apply to his religion.....

"In football, I learned about dedication, work ethic, being a team player and thinking about other people," he said. "The last thing football taught me is about change. Teams are always changing your technique or strategy, so you don't become stale and mundane."

"It is the same with any career. You always need to study up on your products and keep up with the times," he said. "I love football, but now, my life is even better because I am able to reach out and help somebody else."

With violence flaring around the world, especially in the Middle East, Veingrad would like to see everyone have a peaceful existence and continue to educate about religious questions people may have.

"When I was in college in Texas, I was the only Jew on the team and the only one in the school and my teammates would always ask me questions about the High Holy days: Why do we fast on Yom Kippur? Why does Hanukkah last eight days?"

"I would call home and my family didn't have the answers, either," he said.

That made Veingrad determined to explore his faith further and ask those questions of those people who did know.

"When I was in the NFL, players would ask me why is education so important to Jewish people," he recalled.

Veingrad's response was simple. "Children are taught the value of a dollar and to have a (meaningful) career," he said. "Jewish people are always positive and see the glass as half-full and not as half-empty."



# *The Roving Reporter*

**What was your favorite moment from the first month of the summer?**

Mike Cohen— Photography Administrator/tech: Taking my kids fishing on the lake.

Shlomo Sandler—B-3: Horseback Riding

Daniel Meitles— B-3: Basketball Leagues

Max Hoffman—B-5: Dorney Park

Caryn Pollak— Yachad: EVERYTHING! And working for the whole entire camp.

Judah Ausubel— Programming Director: Welcoming the campers and staff to camp.

Rabbi Aryeh Yudin- Asst. Director: Tubing with Aharon and Ayal.

Vivian Rosenberg— Head of Day Camp: Seeing the wonder on the children's faces as they watched their lima beans grow into plants at Nature./ Watching my campers learn to swim.

Jack Klien -B-11: The Olympics!

David Lamm— Head of Tech Department: Watching my children sing in Shiria!

Levi Light— Yachad: working as a lifeguard



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that the word Eicha appears.

Stay tuned next week for the answers!!



American  
Red Cross

This Friday is the Annual Camp Mo-  
rasha Blood Drive please try to  
make every  
effort to donate blood

Our Heartfelt condolences go out to Sharon Richter  
upon the loss of her father, Dr. Abraham Stern A"H.  
May she be comforted amongst the mourners of Zion.



DON'T JUST THROW ME  
AWAY! PUT ME AND MY  
FRIENDS IN ONE OF  
THESE RECYCLING  
BAGS (THEY ARE ALL  
AROUND THE CAMP)!  
THANKS A LOT!

"KALMAN THE CAN" SAYS:

- 1) KEEP MORASHA CLEAN.
- 2) AND HELP THE ENVIRONMENT.
- 3) RAISE MONEY FOR TZEDAKAH, TOO.

## SHABBAT SHALOM

Shalhevet would like to thank Mike  
Cohen for all of our pictures.