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Meet Jeremy Joszef

Jeremy Joszef hails from Woodmere, New York. Jeremy spent his High School years studying at DRS and then learned in Ye-

shivat Shaalavim. Now Jeremy is currently studying at Yeshiva University. Jeremy is part of the programming team here at Camp Morasha. He was the creator as well

as the organizer behind the Morasha Olympics, Extreme Makeover Morasha Edition, as well as the Alufim Motorcycle Daredevil Stunt Show (The latter had to be postponed due to insurance issues, but we can't wait to see B-16 campers flying through the death-defying triple hoops of fire). Even



though Jeremy spends such massive amounts of time involved in programming and running new, creative events, he still finds time every week to put together the weekly video for erev shabbos that we all eagerly anticipate.

Jeremy's favorite color is blue; he doesn't particularly

doesn't particularly care for walks on the beach but he does like a nice country drive in his car (especially if that drive is from the London House to the A Building). Jeremy has enjoyed

his first summer at Morasha and we certainly know that he has made it much more enjoyable and memorable experience for all campers and staff...

What an Exciting Week in Camp Morasha

What an amazing week we just had here in Camp! It was physically challenging and exciting in the beginning of the week (paintball), while it was spiritually uplifting at the end (Tisha B'Av).

Don't think all of the fun is over because next week we have Morasha Mania! What's that you ask? Well you are

just going to have to wait and find out! And are you ready for some football? That is right! Morasha's first ever football tournament!

Three straight days



What an Exciting Week in Camp Morasha (continued)





of football fun for all of you boys that are in Machzor Bet!

Girls don't feel left out because next week there will be a Girl's Campus Surprise! Don't even bother asking your division head for everyone is sworn to secrecy!

If that isn't enough action for you, get ready to board the buses. Its that time of summer again when we have Trip Day, but this time for Machzor Bet its twice the fun for twice the time. That's right trip day is going for two days!

And of course there is going to be lots of more fun filled activities, but why ruin the surprise? I'll give you a hint... there will be a lot of singing and dancing....





Paintball Morasha Style!







Wow! Did you see that? Where did that come from? Who is shooting at me? Welcome to Morasha's Annual Paintball event. That's right this past Monday and Tuesday Paintball came to Camp Morasha. Both kids (of appropriate age) and staff got to participate in the event.

The Tisha B'av site was set up into a paintball course and the games began. Where you the last man/woman standing? Or did your team capture the flag? Either way everyone had fun!













Extreme Makeover Morasha Edition





What's that building on Boys Campus? That's the Boy's Shul? Wow! That is right for this past week and next week Camp Morasha is having its own version of Extreme Makeover. We have turned our campers into a team of designers and contractors transforming the Boy's Shul into a beautiful makom tefillah.

Our campers reconstructed the following parts of the shul: Aron, Bima, Murals of the Shvatim, Bookcases, outside furnishing, landscaping, benches and mechitzot.

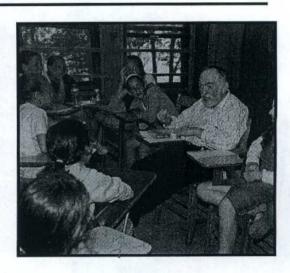
It was a meaningful, experience one that will surely leave its mark on the campers and on the campus.



Camp Morasha's Learn-a-thon



This past Shabbos, Shabbat Chazon, Morasha held its annual Learn-Athon. The entire camp— campers, counselors, specialty, senior staff, non-working spouses and guests -got together for one hour learning together. There were six locations designated throughout camp to accommodate the special event. The learnathon was dedicated in memory of Rabbi Abraham Wahrhaftig z''l.



Tisha B'Av A Night of Remembrance





As Jews gathered around the world to mourn the loss of the Beis Hamikdash, on the night of Tisha B'Av, here in Camp Morasha we participated in the day of mourning with our very own Tisha B'Av program. As the fast entered boys and girls throughout their respective campuses gathered to sing songs creating a very spiritual mood to greet the day. After Mariv, the boys, led by each bunks torch, marched towards the girls campus while music played over the

loudspeaker setting the mood for the evening. After arriving at girls campus the procession continued towards the tennis Courts were the whole camp heard Eicha. Following Kinot there was a special presentation were the word Yerushalayim was set on fire while campers sang songs of Tefillah. It was a moving event, a night of remembrance, and b"h may we be zoche to be in Yerushalayim Habenuyah next year.



Nitzanim Girls

This week in Nitzi girls was great. We said goodbye to our first monthers. However our fun never ceased to exist. We took a trip to the Honesdale Shopping Center where we had a scavenger hunt. MusiQ was fun and very entertaining. We were so excited to tie-dye our shirts and we're still waiting for them to dry so we can wear them. We are looking forward to greeting the Morasha Mania!

Younger Shtilim Girls

Younger Shtili Girls have had another fun filled week. We were very sad to see you first monthers go and have already been in touch with them to tell them how much we miss them.

We had such a great time "Cooking for Shabbat." With Rena Emerson's help we made Cranberry Apple Pie and Cauliflower Popcorn. Our "Cranberry Girls" peeled and prepared the apples as well as making the yummy crunch topping. Our "Cauliflower Committee" is considering working for the "Bodek" company after learning how to carefully check for bugs. They learned about this Mitzvah and were very fascinated. The best part of the night activity was not only learning about the Mitzvah of preparing for Shabbat but also eating the goodies we prepared.

Seneca Intercamps was another highlight. The girls enjoyed seeing their friends and winning a lot of the sports.

Our K-Mart Scavenger Hunt really put our imaginations to work. We came up with some funny purchases and laughed our way through the aisles. The Pizza was also a big treat.

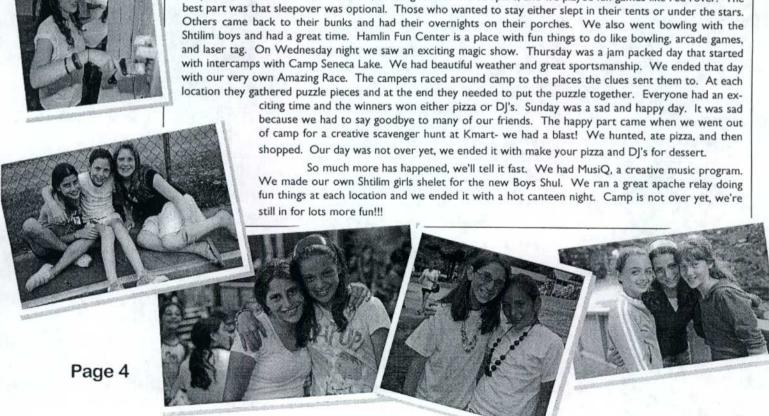
Music was also fun with African drums and a lot of rhythm and beat!

Bowling at the Hemline Fun Center was great. The girls kept coming over and saying what a great time they were having! Coming back and learning late at night for Shalom in Errata Israel was very special to us.

We love camp and our so sad that August has arrived as we know camp ends in this month. We can't wait to see what's in store for us next!!!!

Older Shtilim Girls

Older Shtilim girls have been having a blast. We had an overnight which was amazing!! We built our own tents, we picked our own berries for dessert, we sang around the campfire, and we played fun games like red rover. The



Younger Hanot Girls

The second month is off to a great start for Younger llanot Girls. We had a great time bowling with the Younger llanot Boys as well as playing laser tag and arcade games. The YIG family played it up at Family Feud dressing up as the Superhero, Eighty, Adopted, and the Jones Families. Congrats to the superheroes for bringing it home. Make your own pizza was a blast with everyone creating their own unique pie and then finishing off with DJ's. We said good-bye to lots of friends but still had lots of fun on our campus-wide scavenger hunt. Happy birthday to you....to Shira Stavsky who turned 13.

Older Ilanot Girls

This week in Older llanot Girls has been an exciting scavenger hunt. We bought creative gifts for Nummy, Rabbi Gotch, and the infirmary. Then we were all introduced to extreme makeover Morasha edition. We painted benches (and ourselves) to put our stamp on the new Boy's Shul. On Tuesday we participated in a program with many other camps at IBA to unify us in tefillah and discussion about the situation in Israel. We are hoping to have a very meaningful Tisha B'ay.

Alufot Girls

On your marks, get set, <u>BUILD</u>! Extreme Makeover Morasha Edition kicked off on Sunday night. The Alufot have spent the majority of the past week making over the Boys Shul and using their team work to sketch, paint, and remodel. Elizabeth Goldstein; team leader along with her along with her co-leader Joe Green have come up with some amazing concepts! We can't wait to see the end results! As much fun as this project has been, camp hasn't been the same since Shelby, Jenny, Ayelet, Sarah, Nicole, and Lara left. WE'LL MISS YOU! KEEP IN TOUCH!

Yachad Girls

This week was another exciting week for Yachad Girls in Camp Morasha. On Sunday night we had a cookout with Yaffa Lamb where we picked blueberries, made a fire, and had amazing food. Our favorite part of the night was when we sat around the fire singing songs and telling stories.

On Monday night we were privileged to have a professional drummer come to Camp Morasha and teach us how to play the drums. We composed such beautiful music.

Since it was so hot this week, Yachad spent a lot of time at the waterfront. We had such a good time; everyone was jumping into the water, showing off their swimming skills. Nobody stayed dry!

We had such a good time this week and we can't wait for all of the fun things we're goanna do next week!



Nitzanim Boys

After the week started on a somewhat sad note with the departure of 17 nitzi boys and the closure of bunk B-3, the week quickly turned around and became another exciting week. Second month leagues started with a bang, with new teams and new coaches. The camper counselor hockey game was a battle, in which the counselors pulled ahead thanks to a hat trick by Adam Lempel, and a big goal by Binyamin Arnowitz, despite having never previously touched a hockey stick. Doni Bauer came up big in the news, and Rabbi Schiowitz provided much late game energy and hustle. The week then went on with three days of great sports, activities, and a little bit of DJ's to help break the heat. After a meaningful Tisha B'av, the Nitzis go into Shabbos anticipating a very exciting week, which will include bowling night, trip day and more surprises. A big



thanks goes to machonik turned counselor Eli Skoczlas, for a big first week as the newest leader in bunk B2.



Shtilim Boys

The Shtili boys had another fantastic week, highlighted by Make-your-own-pizza, paintball, and a moving Tisha B'Av program. After saying goodbye to our first-month friends on Sunday morning, we re-arranged our bunks in preparation for a great last few weeks. Leagues began with a bang on Monday morning, with both the basketball and the hockey games being very close and exciting. Incredibly, after only a few days of leagues, we've already had numerous games come down to the last shot!

In other news, we've had numerous exciting non-sports activities recently. Starting with Monday night, we joined the Shtili girls for the fascinating MusiQ activity/show/program. After that, we spent two hours on Tuesday afternoon shooting each other during paintball, and even played through a short downpour! Also, later that day, we boarded the vans and headed to Como Pizza to make our very own pizzas, and we all filled up on pizza and DJs! Camp quickly changed its mood on Wednesday afternoon though, as we joined the rest of the camp to hear Eicha, and followed that the next day with Kinnos and various meaningful programs, such as Tzitzis making and Sheimos burying. Such a sad mood was short-lived, though, as we look forward now to a great Shabbos Nachamu and a fun-filled final two weeks of camp!

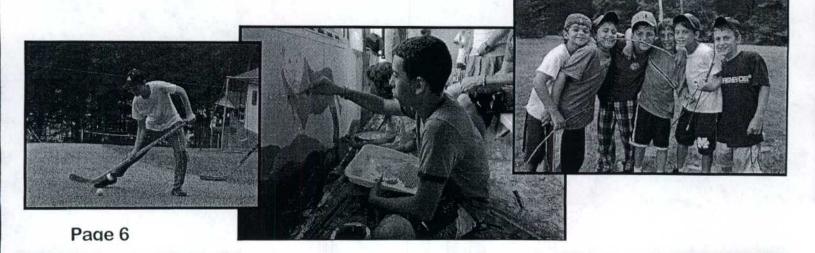
Younger Hanot Boys

With the addition of all the new 2nd monthers the YIB were excited to begin a new season of leagues. In the first game of the new hockey season Rutty's Rottweilers defeated the Reubenators 2-1 behind 2 goals by Max Ottensoser. Tuvia's Whales beat Shlomo's Ash 5-1 led by David Weitz's hat trick. Rutty's Rottweilers these good start winnings these next 2 games in which David Golombeck scored 5 goals, including an OT winner. Tuvia's Whales are 2-1 thanks to great defensive play by Shmuli's Brecher while Shlomo's Ash is struggling at I-2 and the Reubenator's are winless at 0-3. In basketball the new season started with a bang. The Reubenator's jumped out to a 16-2 lead behind great play by Hudy Baruch but the Rottweilers



and Jason Lewinter came back and only lost by 1. In the other game Shlomo defeated Tuvia/ Opie behind a great game by Eli Genet. Shlomo's team continued to play well as they beat Reubenator's and then the Rottweiler's o na last second buzzer beater! Shmuli's Ash is struggling having lost 2 close games and Tuvia/ Opie are standing at 1-1.

The boys did more than just battle the heat and play sports but also were involved in the camps all night learning program. The YIB packed the BMP late Wednesday night and learned up a storm. The boys were led in the their learning by Josh Weiss, David Weitz, Ariel Rapps, Mickey Lehman, and Aaron Orenstein who stayed in the BMP for numerous hours (until 2:30 AM). We all look forward to another great and colder week.



Older Ilanot Boys

The Older Illanot Boys had an intense week this week, filled with excitement, adventure, danger, romance, triumph, despair, and the occasional "Head or Bed." In Saturday night's basketball championship showdown, Weiselberg's team fought Kiderman's team valiantly, but in the end the game came down to one deciding factor: Menashe Peyser's girlfriend. Weiselberg avenged his loss by making the division (and this reporter) listen to 20 minute long tribute speeches to each of the members of his championship hockey team. The night also brought the happiest news of the summer: the OIB Endangered Frager Reservation would continue into the second month (also, two other people decided to stay, but since they don't bang their heads into walls at random intervals, we don't care about them). As far as this intrepid reporter can tell, Sunday did not exist this

week. Monday brought paintball to Morasha. Once again, Camp Morasha is not responsible for any injury, death, or dismemberment that may or may not happen as a result of being hit by a small plastic ball. All campers must certify that they understand that the paintballs are not meant to be eaten (this means you Frager), that paintball guns are not lollipops, and that the CO² canisters won't make your voice go high like with a balloon, they'll just kill you. The campers learned many valuable life lessons, such as how to shoot your friend in the back. Monday night saw the OIB visit Lake Como Pizza, along with approximately half the population of Bangaladesh and Zev's stunt double. Channan would like this reporter to insert a serious note about Tuesday's program in IBA, so here it goes: The OIB's trip to IBA was deep and meaningful and scorching heat didn't bother anyone in the least. End of serious note. Tuesday night's activity saw the beginning of basketball leagues, which the campers unanimously agree are fair and balanced and so completely perfect that they have no complaints whatsoever. We are sure that everyone had a powerful Tisha B'av, and that next year Simeon will be finishing his 486 suicides left over from this summer in Yerushalayim. **Note:** It's scrambled this week.

Alufim

We're sure that the entire readership of Shalhevet (FYI – there are over 60,000 readers internationally, with a large concentration in New Delhi. Go figure.) is breathlessly awaiting the results of the Alufim/fot Oskar Night event last Thursday. Well, we're not gonna lie to you, or put some publicist out there to issue "no comments" to all the reporters questions. No, we aren't going to come up with some bogus, lame excuse about why Oskar Night didn't happen. You, dear readers, pay good money for your subscriptions to Shalhevet each week, and frankly, you deserve to know the truth.

Editor's Note: Shalhevet is free of charge, and has never nor will ever charge for subscriptions.

Division Head's Note: Are you sure about that? Editor's Note: Absolutely. We do not charge for Shalhevet. It is a free camp publication.

Division Head's Note: I'm only asking because the alufim have been going around selling subscriptions to Nitzi's. They've made some good money, to be honest.

Editor's Note: That is called stealing, not to mention taking advantage of younger children that don't know any better.

Division Head's Note: How about we keep this on the DL, and split the cash 50-50?

Editor's Note: You are a despicable person.

Division Head's Note: 60-40?

Editor's Note: Done.

We're sorry you had to see that. Anyway, Oskar Night had to be postponed, due to some ongoing legal squabbling involving Oscar Meyer, Oscar De La Hoya, Oscar the Grouch, Oscar De La Renta, Oscar Walfish of Fair Lawn, New Jersey, and of course, THE Oscars. We hope to come up with a more plausible reason reschedule the event soon la any event, the 'fim and 'fot enjoyed an awe-

In any event, the 'fim and 'fot enjoyed an awesome Battle of the Sexes that night, which culminated in the always popular blindfolded dodgeball and a monster relay race involving large amounts of pudding and pickles. Congratulations to the Alufim for winning the battle, and for just being themselves.

This week also began the 2nd half of the ABL and AHL Alufim Basketball and Hockey Leagues. This month, we will be paying tribute to the rich history and culture of the WNBA, as the basketball teams have taken the names of the LA Sparks, the Houston Comets, the Detroit Shock, and the always popular New York Liberty. The entire camp is invited to join the Alufim next week in a special panel discussion on the "Social and historical implications of the WNBA and its impact on professional women's sports," taking place Wednesday evening in Bondi 3-4. The evening will be hosted by assistant head of sports MoRo "MoRo" Rosenberg, and the panel will feature Tili Zimmer, Yosef Turkel, and Lisa Leslie.

The AHL hockey league is proud to be paying homage to the rich tradition of drunken fans, head butts, and low scoring games that makes the European soccer league so special. The teams, AC Milan, Barcelona, Manchester United, and Liverpool, have promised to not be as boring as soccer.

This week also was marked by "Extreme Makover, Camp Morasha Edition." This camp wide event focuses on beautifying the Boys Shul. The Alufim have a special connection with this event, as the Boys Shul is literally 100 yards away from the Alufim bunks, and it is the building that they pass each morning as they begin their 2 mile hike to the Pavilion for Shacharit. Joe "Fabulous" Grun is the Alufim Construction Coordinator, and with his eye for style, is doing a great job.

The Alufim were quite the road warriors this week, participating in 3 different tournaments. At Camp Lavi's annual hockey invitational tournament, they brought home the 4th place trophy in a valiant effort. The Alufim basketball squad came in 3rd at Camp Mesorah's tourney, losing a heart-



breaker in the first round to Lavi. Finally, in a Camp Morasha first, the Alufim traveled to Camp Tyler Hill to participate in a flag football tournament. Don't let the scores of 58-0 and 34-0 fool you. Our guys were in it to win it, and we have the stitches to prove it (find Joe Szydlo and ask to look at his boo boo).

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Congratulations to Bunk 16's Dan Weinberger for winning the Northfield, PA regional tractor pulling competition. He truly earned the grand prize, a year's supply of Cheez-Its.

Random Comment heard over the walkie talkies this week: "the campers are waiting in the Boys Shul for white paint." Is that some type of code? Only in Lake Como, kids, only in Lake Como.

Well, that just about does it here for us at Bunks 15 and 16, so until next time....

You Stay Classy, Camp Morasha...

The Men of Alufim 2006

Yachad Boys

As the Yachad boys headed into the nine days we all started to improve ourselves as people and as Jews. Mathew Abyss even made a list of what he was going to improve on during it. But nobody said they couldn't have a little fun- we started off the week with an intense relay race night activity, which as most things do, led into a serious game of krockout. Then we had a siyum and a cookout from a wonderful Yachad

counselor and were shocked at some Yachad members dropkilling abilities. And when we thought this couldn't get any better we had part 2 of our double night activity, MusiO were the Yachad boys and girls showed off their crazy drum beats. The short week ended with an amazing scavenger hunt around camp. We all had a great week heading into Tisha B'Av and a very meaningful one. Hopefully next year we can do this in Yerushalayim. Good Shabbos!



Although this week was a very warm week Day Camp is still a cool place to be! Our regular assortment of activities continues to excite us. This week with Tisha B'av we focused on acts of Chessed. Helping each other, sharing equipment, and using kind words inspired us. Friday we focused on a special act of chessed. We boarded the buses and traveled to Camp Block. There, we sang and danced for the Bubbies and Zaidies. They

enjoyed our performance and were convinced once again Am Yisrael Chai! What a great experience for all those involved. We hope that all of our mitzvoth will bring he coming of Moshiach speedily in our time!!



Dvar Torah By: Noah Goldberg - BMP

Every year, Tisha B'av comes and we mourn over the destruction of the Beis Hamikdash. Despite the fact that, for most of us, the three weeks have passed without any change in mindset, and although it is difficult for us to mourn over something we've never seen, we all feel sad on Tisha B'Av. When we are sitting on the floor listening to our Rabbeim cry about the crusades, the holocaust, and about the current situation in Israel, it is impossible not to relate somewhat and to feel sad. However, shortly after the day concludes we begin feeling happy again. We play our music, we go swimming, we shave etc. additionally, we all get that tingly feeling inside when, in this week's haftorah, we read the prophecy of Yeshaya who delivers Hashem's famous words of comfort "nachamu nachamu ami". It seems like everything is all better. One can't help but ask himself "what happened to "eichah"? what happened to the six million? Are our brethren in Israel no longer falling in battle? Is there no longer a Muslim shrine atop the Har Habayis? What has changed since Tisha B'Av?

The answer to that question is that nothing has changed. However, there is indeed reason to be comforted. As Yeshaya tells us, there is still hope. There will be a day when the "Mevaseret", the herald of Zion will come with the news that Mashiach has come. There will be a day when the Jews will be gathered from the four corners of the world and brought to Israel to serve Hashem in peace. However, this day will not come on its own. In this weeks parsha, Parshas Va'eschanan, we read about the future of Am Yisroel; how we will stray from Hashem, and as a result, be dispersed and oppressed by the nations of the world. The torah continues saying that we will cry out to Hashem and do teshuva, at which point we will be redeemed once again. It is this teshuva that will end the "galus" and rebuild the Beis Hamikdash. Maimonodies writes that no matter how many good deeds we have done, we will only be redeemed through teshuva. It is no coincidence that we read this portion of the torah on Tisha B'Av itself as it tells us how to rectify what we are mourning over. It is also no coincidence that the month of "Elul", a special time for teshuva, is right around the corner.

It is therefore incumbent upon all of us to do some soul-searching and think of ways in which we can improve our avodas Hashem. We have been granted the power of teshuva, a way to make it all better. However, in the words of "Uncle Ben", "with great power comes great responsibility". We must use this power to draw ourselves closer to Hashem. Only then will we merit a true "nechama".





The Roving Reporter

What is your favorite activity in camp?

Yisroel Richter-SBDC-waterslides

Daniella Yudin-ODC- swimming and horseback riding

Elisha Willig- ODC- rock climbing and fishing

Avital Kimchi-G-12- swimming

Leba Rauch-G-12-sports

Elyse Vilinsky- G-11- rock climbing

Hannah Kolitz and Michelle Litton- G-4- rock climbing

Eliana Ogorek- G-4- sports

Lani Prus- G-4- ceramics

David Golombeck and Adi Pasternak- B-10- basketball leagues

Mickey Lehman and Benji Kantowitz-B-10-Hockey Leagues

David Weitz- B-10- Rest

Levi Light- Yachad: -Swimming!

Keevy Fried -Warehouse: Hanging out with Levi Light

Yitzi Kessock-Shalhevet: Picking up Shalhevet articles from the Division Heads

Thank you everyone who participated in this year's blood drive.

We thank you for making it such a success.

The raffle winners for DJ's were:



Aryeh Wasserman-waiter
Shani Hoffbaum- G-14
Lisa Golombeck-G-6
Moshe Laster- Kollel
Ari Lichtman- BMP/Waiter
Daryn Bryk- rock climbing
Atara Feldman- Alufot
Mordechai Kornbluth - Kollel
Oren Levy- Kollel

Como Pizza:

Ariella Bleich—Day Camp
Malkie Feignebaum - Girls HC
Aryanna Garber - Lifeguard
Yaffa Lamm - Mother Nature
Yitzy Kolb - Alufim Counselor
Avi Bernstein— Kollel
Yosef Berson—Waiter
Samantha Adelsberg Yachad
Dovid Katz -Yachad
Ori Kanefsky -Kollel



Shimmy Pianko -waiter Yaakov Guttman - Security

Morasha Sweater:

Yoni Horowitz

Thank you to DJ'S, Como Pizza, and the Morasha Shop for donating all the wonderful prizes. A special thanks to Chaya Lamm Warburg and all the volunteers for all their help.

Michal and Shira







SHABBAT SHALOM

Shalhevet would like to thank Mike

Cohen for all of our pictures.