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Shalhevet

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What an Amazing Summer!!

Can you believe that the summer is almost over? It seems that it was just last week that we were unpacking our bags and getting ready for two months of fun.

This summer we got to meet some new and exciting people, who taught and inspired us in ways we could not imagine. We made some new friends from different schools and places, that we just can't wait to see next summer.

We have grown both as a group and as individuals. Who knew how much one can get done in such a small amount of time?

Do you remember that first week? Those amazing fireworks, at the Fourth of July celebration. Remember dancing with your bunk and friends at the Shlock Rock Concert? What about week two? Did you sing your hearts out at Shiria? Or did you

get to dance with those crazy Alufim?



How about the third week... Were you a Mexican, Jamaican,



British or Chinese? Were you there when King Kong made his ap-



pearance at the Carnival? Or were you too busy eating cotton candy

or playing a virtual reality machine?

Did you get to milk a cow, or did you capture the old city? Or did you spend Israel Day relaxing in a spa drinking smoothies and getting pedicures?

Let us not forget that amazing time we had capturing the flag and shooting our friends during paintball. Hey Younger Ilanot how was Lake George? What about the Older Ilanot's trip to Hershey? Alufim where did you have more fun in Toronto or Great Adventure?

Plus so much more. From Flag Football to Extreme Make-over Morasha Edition we had non-stop fun and excitement.

Well with one week left you would think there is nothing left to do in camp except...

Morasha Mania and Flag Football Three Wild Days of Fun



This past week Morasha experienced its first ever Morasha Mania. From the moment the Mania campers stepped off the bus, they experienced three days of non-stop fun alongside their Nitzi Division comrades. The Mania campers got to participate in all of the regular activities, and experience first hand what it is really like to be a Morasha camper. From horseback riding to water polo they got a real taste of the Morasha flavor.



At the same time Machzor Bet boys were treated to the first ever Morasha Flag Football tournament. Three straight days of football fun. Everyone had a great time; even the staff got in on the action. We sure hope that this was the first of many football tournaments to come.



Trip Day



How was your bus ride this past week? That's right we had trip day and it was a great experience. The Nitzi and Shtili boys went to Rings Homestead, saw a movie, went to a mall and ate dinner at Woodbourne, while the girls went to Camel Beach. The Younger Ilanot had a great time in Lake George and the Older Ilanot ate a lot of chocolate at Hershey Park. The Alufim enjoyed themselves in Great Adventure while Yachad got to go on the rides at Dorney Park.





Younger Shtilim Girls

Younger Shtili girls had another fantastic week. We went bowling at Hamlin Fun Center, made our own Sundaes, watched our shtili stars in an unbelievable performance of Annie, had our car wash for chessed (and earned \$100!! Thanks to our supporters), made our very own pizza at Como Pizza followed by our own Unsleeper Party, and last but not least enjoyed Simchas Night with all of Machzor aleph girls.

We are so sad camp is coming to an end and want to thank all the staff for going out of your way for us! We had an amazing summer!!



Older Shtilim Girls

We have been doing great. Let's start by color war fake-out. The buzz going around on shabbos really got us wondering: is this real or not? Rabbi Gotch had us really believing in it with his excitement, but oh well, we'll just have to wait and see for the real one. The Machzor Aleph play Annie was amazing. Congratulations to all of our actresses! Monday night we had our chessed art project. We made message boards and put a pen pal letter onto it. We can't wait to see if anyone gets a letter back. Tuesday night was our simcha night we partied the night away. We danced, ate, made memory candles, and watched our very own slide show. Yachad was a great addition to our simcha night. Our trip to Camel Beach was amazing. We had bright sunny skies and great water rides. We are looking forward to girls Rikudia, Thursday night- girls, get your dancing shoes on!

Congratulations to Older Shtilim girls Basketball team for receiving 2nd place in Camp Morasha's Basketball tournament.



Younger Ilanot Girls

This week was a great one for Younger Ilanot Girls. We went to Camp Block and Hexter where we broke the ice while making picture frames with new friends. A fabulous time was had by all at our luau where we swam, hula'd, and just plain had fun. We finished off by rowing across the lake to our BBQ dinner. Monday night (or was it Tuesday morning?!) we left for our long awaited trip to Lake George with YIB. We fulfilled our cardio quota with white water rafting and ice skating and had a great time at THE GREAT ESCAPE amusement park. Thursday we recuperated from our trip and rejuvenated in time for Rikudia, which was amazing. This week was somebody's birthday. Who's birthday? Talia Silverstien, Daniella Bitton, Ati Levin, and Jen Perl's birthday. How old are they? 13,13,13, and 18. HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



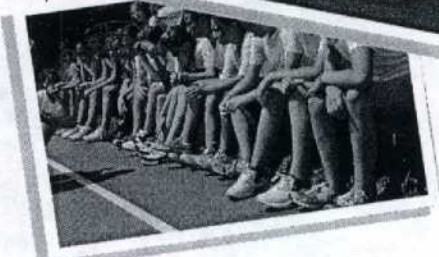
Older Ilanot Girls

This week in Older Ilanot girls was quite entertaining. We started the week by attending the Machzor Aleph presentation of "Annie", which was awesome. Then we left camp on a two-day adventure to Hershey Park. We enjoyed all the rides and especially the chocolate. We visited the Herr's factory and learned how potato chips are made. From there we found our way through the corn maze back to our bus for our return to camp. We had a blast and we can't wait to enjoy our last shabbos in camp.



Yachad Girls

As the summer is coming to an end, the Yachad girls had a very exciting week. Color war fake out had us all fooled, it was a great start to the week. We loved watching the Machzor Alef girls in Annie, they were amazing and now we can't stop singing all of the songs! Wednesday we went to Dorney Park and had so much fun on all of the rides. On Thursday we had intercamp with camp Moshava: we had a great BBQ and Carnival with them. For Rikudiah on Thursday night, we all wore our tie-dye T-shirts which we just made this week, and we danced away to the song "Put a smile on your face." We are looking forward to an amazing Shabbos and last few days in camp for this summer. We can't wait to see everyone again next summer!



Nitzanim Boys

Nitzi boys had a blast in their last full week of camp. On Sunday night they enjoyed intense night water action in ferocious games of water polo. Big thanks to Rabbi Yitzi Kessock & his staff for providing a truly awesome night. On Monday the Nitzis went on a long bus ride, but unfortunately a power outage cancelled their bowling night. Fortunately on Tuesday the camp provided ice cream, not to mention more on Wednesday in Woodbourne, and more on Thursday in honor of Sam Feldstein's birthday {Happy birthday Sam, and thank you Mr. & Mrs. Feldstein}. Tuesday night the Nitzis entered Binyamin's army, and survived a fierce night of combat while practicing their survival techniques. Wednesday was a great trip day, and on Thursday there were intercamp. Thursday night the Nitzis prepared early for Shabbos by baking their own challah; big thanks to Rina Emerson. All anticipate this final Shabbos of the summer, and look forward to what lies in the last week in camp.



Shtilim Boys

The Shtilim boys had another enthralling week here at Camp Morasha. They were enthralled by the enthralling Fish Fry program. While only three fish were actually fried, the fried fish were enjoyed by all. Also noteworthy was Gary Hoffman's pile of wood. How much wood would Gary chop if Gary could chop wood? Although we didn't start the fire, it started anyway, and we were able to use all of our chopped wood.

The next night, our Shtilis were amazed yet again during a talent show with Yachad. Fortunately, all of the Shtilis have many talents and a great night was enjoyed by all.

Wednesday brought Trip day to camp. Actually, to many places out of camp. We, the Shtilis, went to Middletown, saw Ant Bully, then went to Rings Homestead and then to Woodbourne. (Travel Guide - if you go to Woodbourne, nisht varfen shmutz -- \$250 kenas). Everyone had pizza, soda, ice cream, and then Dougies.

Here at Camp Morasha, we are gearing up for the final week, which promises to be fantastic. On Sunday, we are looking forward to the Binghamton Airshow, followed by Topsy Turvy day on Tuesday. We hope you enjoyed the Shtili articles in Shalhevet this summer, and come back next year for more enthralling entertainment. And remember folks, Stay Classy... the Class of Shtilis

Younger Ilanot Boys

The entire Ilanot division spent most of the week involved in an intense 3 day flag football tournament. After exciting regular games it was time for the playoffs. In round 1 Schrein and the Jets dominated the Ravens and the Steelers easily defeated the Browns. In the NFC the Giants knocked off the cowboys and the Panthers led by Myers beat the 49ers. Next came the conference championship games. Eventually, after some controversial calls the Steelers won by 1 point. In the NFC Kirschner and the Giants beat the Panthers to set up a Giants- Steelers championship game.

The 2nd half of the week was a great trip to Lake George. The YIB woke up at 2:30AM Tuesday morning and drove straight to white water rafting. The boys battled through some intense rapids and all had a great time. Later that night the entire division went on a cruise ship and saw some of the nicest sites in Lake George. After an exhausting day the division got a night's sleep in a nice hotel. The next day began with a ride to The Great Escape amusement park. Following that everyone walked around Canada Street and finished a great trip with an hour of ice skating. We all look forward to a great last week of camp.





Older Ilanot Boys

Trip week for the OIB! The OIB took Hershey, Pennsylvania by storm, managing to beat the crowds and do all the best rides. Then, they were treated to a surprise showing of Superman Returns in IMAX 3-D. The second day we had chocolate milkshakes and learned about how Hershey's makes chocolate and how Herr's makes Potato Chips. Though we're sad it's the last shabbos, we look forward to Shlomo Katz and Hum-di-di-dai throughout Shabbos.

Alufim

Well, it's that time of year again. No, we're not talking about the 8th Annual Caribbean International Festival in downtown Detroit (call 313.255.CCCO for more info). It's almost the end of the summer, and as we the Alufim collectively wipe away a tear from our eye, we can hardly believe that we will soon be saying goodbye to all of our great friends from camp. We truly had an amazing time. And we wanted to thank everyone at camp for contributing to our wonderful experiences.

As a final goodbye to the pages of Shalhevet for the summer of 2006, we have prepared a haiku as a tribute to the great Alufim/fot trip that took place this week. For those of you not in the know, a Haiku is a type of traditional Japanese poetry, made up of 3 lines with 5, 7, and 5 syllables, respectively. It's a great party activity, and will surely make you popular with your friends. And just so you know, Rabbi Gotch Yudin LOVES Haikus. You should go up to him without even saying hello, and recite your favorite Haiku or even an original one you composed. He gets a real kick out of that.

And now, an Ode to the Alufim Trip:

Alufim Had Fun

With Wax, Pizza, and Baseball

Don't Forget Dougie's

Well, that just about does it here for us at Bunks 15 and 16 for this summer, so until next time....You Stay Classy, Camp Morasha...We will never forget you!



Yachad Boys

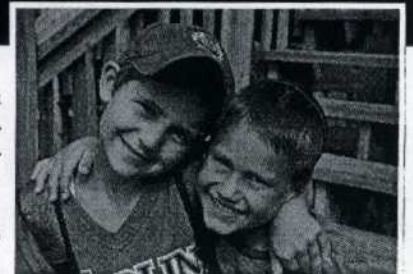
The last full week of Boys Yachad was jam packed with fun activities. The week began with an exciting nerve racking game of Bingo, with four campers emerging victorious. On Monday we designed "beautiful, colorful, cheery, tie-dyed shirts," to quote Yechezkel Levine. Who would of thought that Yachad boys had so much talent as they showed off their vocal and basketball talents with the Shtilis at the talent show? After traveling three hours to an undisclosed location, Yachad had a blast at Dorney Park. The rides and games satisfied all.

The excitement continued through Thursday as we spent an eventful day barbecuing, singing and having a carnival with Machal at camp Moshava. We hope that our last week of camp will be as much fun as this past one has been.

Day Camp

It seems like only yesterday I was welcoming and now the summer has flown by. What a blast we've had. This week we took our full day trip to Discovery Center in Binghamton. We pretended to be doctors, pilots, lawyers, shoppers, and TV. anchormen. What fun it was using our imaginations. The day was capped off by a trip to DJ's. A great time was had by all!

The final week of day camp will be fun filled as well. A carnival, make your own pizza day, and overday are some of the great events to come. Here in Day Camp the excitement never ends!!



Dvar Torah

By: Dovi Fischer - BMP

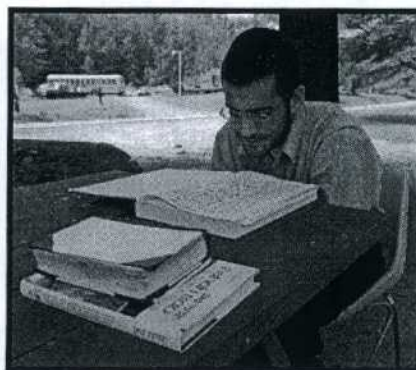
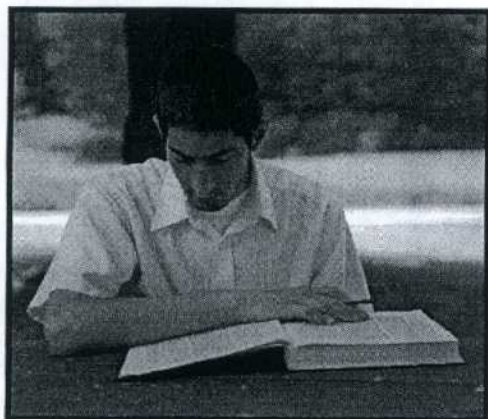
This week's parsha opens with a commandment that when one eats and becomes satisfied, he is required to bless Hashem for the food which he ate. Immediately following the commandment of birkas hamazon, we are reminded that Hashem fed us the man in the midbar and that we might think that all of the good we have is because of our own doing, but it is really Hashem who has given and constantly gives everything to all of us.

We must ask: Why is it that food is so central to our recognition of Hashem as our creator? The commentaries explain that it is not only that we are grateful for our own food but we are also grateful to those people who provide us with food and all other needs. Eating food is such a routine act to which we are accustomed that we often forget that it is Hashem who provides us with this food. Even if we have trouble grasping this idea that it is Hashem who is the direct provider, being that nowadays our food is so tasty and we are surely not lacking by any means, we can understand that our parents provide us with the support of food on a daily basis. Our parents are Hashem's representatives on earth to care for us and ensure that all of our needs are provided and it is to them that we truly offer thanks.

As the summer draws to a close, we must look back at our enjoyment in camp and realize two things: One, that our counselors and the upper staff of the camp work very hard to ensure that all of our needs are taken care of, and two, when we arrive home we must give thanks to our parents and ultimately Hashem for sending us here for an unbelievable summer. The camp staff are

Hashem's messengers that we enjoyed our time even when we are not in the comfort of our own home.

Good Shabbos!



The Roving Reporter

What was your favorite moment in Camp?

Gabe Baratz- B-4: When I had a 22 point game in basketball.

Julia Siegel - G-14: Morasha Olympics

Diana Meyer – G-14: Nights in the bunk

Aliza Fox-G-14: everything

Shana Wagner G-14: When the boys thought that they won Shiria but they didn't

Eliana Straus- G-14: When the food comes out during meals

Yosef Richter B-14: Trip to Hershey Park

Sammy Meyers—B-12: The Carnival and Basketball Tournament

Eli Rosenberg—Tech: The guys faking to win Shiria

Adi Pasternack B-10: When my team made it to the Championships

Daniel Gurell B-10: White water rafting in Lake George with my friends

David Weitz- B-10: Water Polo

Levi Light- Yachad: -Wrestling on the trampoline.

Yitzi Kessock BWF :Wrestling with Levi Light on the trampoline.

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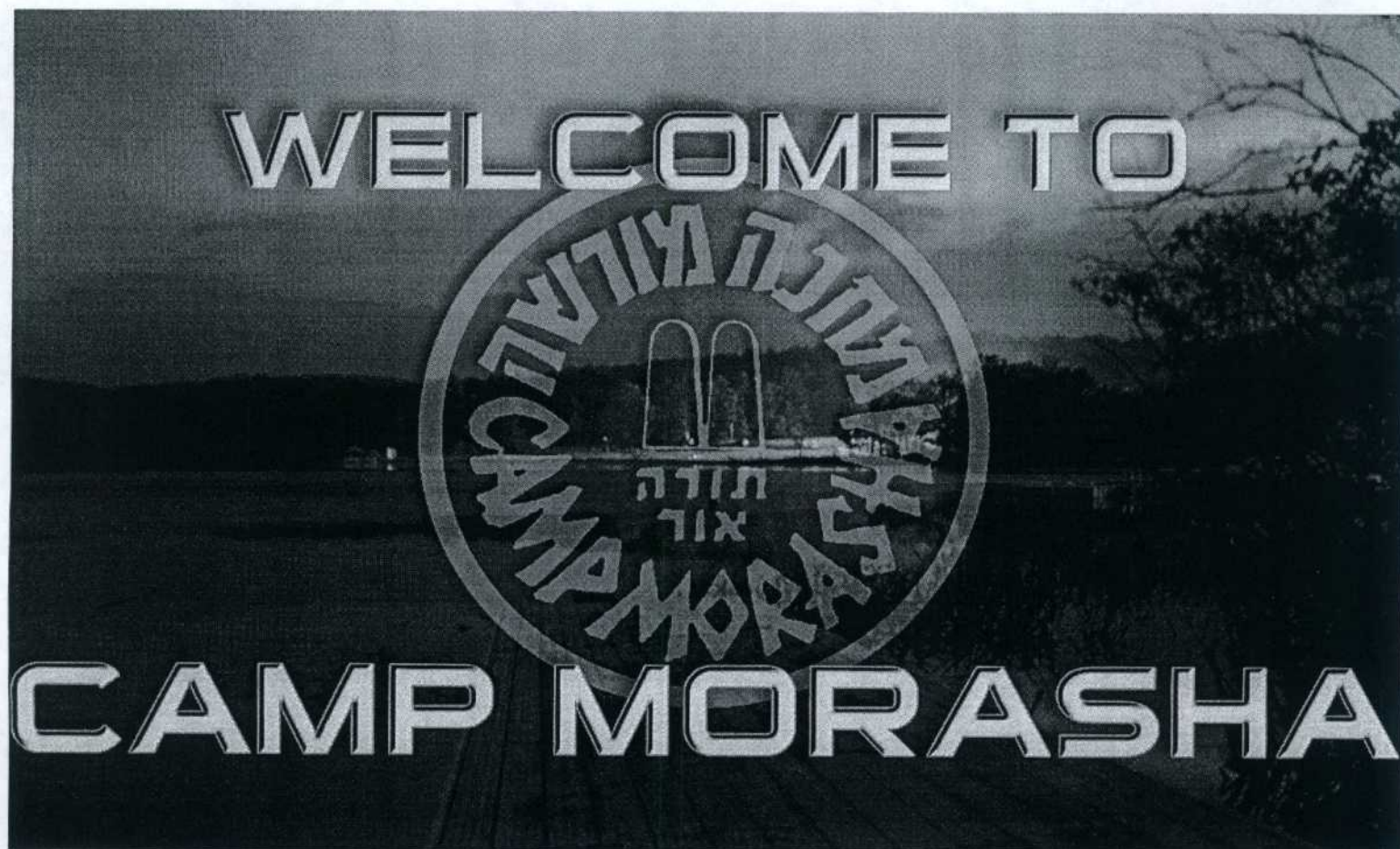
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Have a great Shabbos!