



# Shalhevet

## EXTENDING CAMP by Yael Goldfischer

In Parshot Matot-Masei we read about the puzzling request made by Reuven and Gad who wish to live in the recently captured territories outside of Eretz Yisroel proper. At first, Moshe is upset and compares them to the meraglim, who didn't want to live in the land of Israel. Moshe is worried that, like the meraglim, Reuven and Gad's actions would create the same devastating results leading the nation to refuse the land of Israel. Once, however, Reuven and Gad explain that they are determined to help their brothers fight and settle the land of Israel, Moshe gives them Ever HaYarden to settle.

What happens to Ever HaYarden? Is it considered Israel or Chuz La'Aretz? On the one hand, Moshe is upset with their request and they had to get special permission to make it their home. This seems to prove that these lands are not considered Israel. On the other hand, the fact they are given permission to live there may indicate that it is part of Israel.

The status of cities of refuge might help clarify the confusing status of Ever HaYarden. We have three cities of refuge in Ever HaYarden, indicating they are part of Israel. However, these cities of refuge are not effective until the cities of refuge in the land of Israel are established. This teaches us that Ever HaYarden only becomes an extension of Israel once Israel is established as our homeland. Reuven and Gad request land that is not Israel but will become an extension of Israel and that's why their request is met.

We can learn a very important lesson in religious growth from this. Kedusha, once created, can and should impact surrounding areas. It is not enough to have an inspiring summer and then leave it at that. Rather one should take that inspiration and apply it to new situations and allow it to impact their lives. For those of us leaving camp make sure you extend your camp experience. Don't let your davening, brachot, interpersonal relationships, or whatever you worked on this summer end now that camp has ended- but extend them throughout this year.



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OLYM!  
OLYMPICS!

### Questions to Ponder

1. How do **you** feel when someone judges **you** without knowing **you** or giving **you** a chance?
2. How do **you** feel when someone **you** disagree with calls **you** a name?
3. How do **you** feel when your bunkmates don't include **you**?

Now, I'd like you to replace the **you** in the questions above with someone you might not be friends with (yet) & think about how that boy or girl feels in these situations. Let's use the 3 weeks as a time to improve our mitzvot Bein Adom L'Chaveiro.

Parshat Matot-Masei July 17th-18th 2009

Candle Lighting 7:15

Shabbat Ends 8:22

Mazel Tov To Rabbi Ira & Paula Spodek on the birth of a grandson born to Sruli & Melissa Spodek.

## NITZANIM

What an exciting week! On Sunday, we showed off our artsy (& messy) sides while tie-dying our own shirts & a mini t-shirt for our Morasha teddybears! "It was really fun getting messy...", said Deborah R. That night, we made a SPLASH at a pool party! "The water was warm and it was so much fun", said Chaya L., while Hadassah B. exclaimed, "It was the best night activity we ever had!". On Monday night, we had a scavenger hunt collecting all sorts of items all over the camp. Each bunk proudly presented their finds to the entire division. At the Olympic torch ceremony, on Tuesday night, the whole camp felt the pulsing excitement of the Morasha Olympics! We were blown away with the incredible bike stunts at the BMX Show. On Wednesday & Thursday, we flaunted our Olympic team colors and participated in athletic & aquatic competitions that provided opportunities to display individual talents, skills and strengths. Tamar K. said, "The Olympics are amazing but I don't care if I win or lose because I had so much fun anyway".

## OLDER SHTILIM

Where were you Sunday night? OSG played Panic, a hysterical dress-up game, dressing up as their counselors, M.J., Art Jones, Atara, Gotch and Naomi & Shira Weiner. What did you do Monday night? OSG competed in Extreme Counselor Makeover. Honorable mention to our BMP counselor, Julie Widman, who allowed her group to completely cover her face in vasoline! What were your Tuesday plans? OSG celebrated Shira Weiner's b-day with a party serving & eating their own decorated cupcakes. Thanks to Janet, Morasha's one and only baking lady, for baking them! Did you think Texas was going to win Olympics on Wednesday & Thursday? Looking forward to a wonderful Shabbat & Visiting Day on Sunday!

## YACHAD GIRLS

This week was action packed with sports, swimming in the lake, hanging out with Alufot & Shtili girls, and baking delicious brownies with Janet. At the Extreme Makeover Counselor Edition, we dressed up as our counselors as hippies, winning second place in the night activity! On Wednesday, we celebrated Rachel Kaplan's b-day and sadly said goodbye to Nechama Korn who is going to Yad B'Yad. We all dressed up in our respective colors and participated in the Olympics. Although some of us were on Texas or Florida, and others were on California or New York, we're all B'Yachad!

## GIRLS CAMPUS RECAP



## YOUNGER SHTILIM

Thanks to Talya & Aryeh for planning the coed game night on Sunday that was such a blast! Congrats to the purple team! On Monday, our counselors were such great sports allowing their campers to give them makeovers for our "Extreme Counselor Makeover Competition" with the Nitzis, OSG & Yachad. Thanks to our "Alufot Consultants" for all of their help (& make-up!). Besides for counting down for Olympics, we had a BBQ on Tuesday & started selling tickets for our car wash for Chesed Day. Sorry if we were annoying. "Just doing our jobs!". We loved every second of Olympics on Wednesday & Thursday. The BMX stunt show kept us on the edge of our seats. AMAZING, is all we can say!! Now we're counting down the days to Visiting Day & our night trip out of camp!! Shabbat Shalom!!



Did those endless pails full of water for tie dying our clothing & adorable teddybear Morasha t-shirts just magically appear? No, they did not. A huge thank you to David Lamm & Rafi Shorser for taking care of the water needed this week for the entire girls campus to enjoy tie dying! It was to dye for!!!



## ILANOT

We didn't want to share, our tent with a bear  
Instead of an overnight in a tent, to Army Night we were sent.  
We shouted, saluted & ran all around, to the Israeli army, we were bound.  
Ending w/a bbq thanks to warehouse boys, which some of us feel are their toys.  
Our days have been busy filled with activities galore,  
Tie-dying, rock climbing, sports & aerobics, who needs more?  
Co-ed Rainbow Tag went really well, painters & washers in the dark, who can tell?  
Arms painted orange, yellow, red, blue & green, afterwards we headed to canteen.  
Olympics w/ states, all we could do was talk, California, Texas, Florida & New York.  
Competition is great, our skills put to the test, win or lose, we just try our best.  
Visiting Day is just around the bend, letters home of what we want brought we did send.  
We're looking forward to our parents whom we haven't seen, now all we have to do is CLEAN!



## MANHIGOT

And the winner of this week's coed Panoply night activity game goes to ... GROUP 5! Your prize package includes a pizza lunch AND the first picture in the pre-Shabbat video. Does hot pretzel making top that? Morasha's States Olympics '09 was awesome from the moment the torch ceremony began to the final medal & congratulations delivered. All of the monies from our bake sale on Chesed Day will be going towards a sefer torah in memory of David Rottenstreich. We are looking forward to our roller skating / mini golf night trip, our pool party & DVD, division vs division!!!



## ALUFOT

The Alufot started off on an interesting note this week with our "army" draft and our first normal day of camp (a.k.a. no comedy sportslike events). Extreme makeover Shtili edition. "Club Alufot" was quite the night activity of the summer and we had a great time not being the ones tortured. Olympics was amazing while our very own Ariella led Texas to victory while Julie Katz attempted to lead Florida's basketball team to victory as well. This week was great and we're looking forward to an awesome rest of the summer!

### Learning & Lyrics by OSG

Shlomo Hamelech was a 12 year old king when he begun,  
his first case was about a stolen son.  
Woman B suffocated her baby in bed,  
& woke up in the middle of the night with her baby dead.  
In the dark, in the middle of the night,  
she switched them around which led to a fight.  
Shlomo Hamelech said to cut the baby in half,  
Woman B just laughed and laughed.  
Shlomo Hamelech was the one to clear the lie,  
now the real mom did not have to say goodbye.

Two women with babies of their own, lived together in one home.  
One night a baby was dead,  
the mother found him suffocated in her bed.  
She made a switch in the middle of the night,  
which gave the other mom quite a fright.  
"Oh my gosh, this baby is dead...  
wait a minute, he has a freckle on his head."  
"Shlomo, Shlomo what should we do? Please don't cut my baby in 2"  
Shlomo Hamelech was a smart leader,  
he could tell the difference between the truth and a cheater!

## BOYS CAMPUS RECAP



### NITZANIM

Olympics '09 provided us with tons of healthy competition in Softball, Water Polo, Football, Teams - we sure made our states proud! Due to Sergeant Daniel's more intense army-like inspections, we are all living a cleaner life and we're proud of it (we're sure our moms will be quite proud too!). Shoutout to Aaron Rosenberg, our very own Nitzi counselor. He did an awesome job as Texas Senator!

### YOUNGER SHTILIM

We had a rockin first coed night activity racing against each other with team purple winning. On Monday night, the YSB matched wits with a scavenger hunt with puzzle clues. The winners were Josh C., JoJo F., Ariel F., Jonah G., Alex G., Ari H. & Eitan H. YSB brought the Olympics to a whole new level with their amazing performances in softball, football and their other competitions. We brought smiles to the faces of many older people at Camp Block with our singing, ruach & chesed. Congratulations to Charles Bressler on being an awesome Senator! We welcome back Max Spekter and say goodbye (for now) to Shai & Aryeh as the first month comes to a close.

### OLDER SHTILIM

tournament tennis doubles competitive a, Open Morasha their started they, boys Ilanot the with, week This. BBQ a with party pool a at splash a had they, night Monday. round final the until game the in staying feet quick of show fantastic a on put Feldman Justin and Bonanza Balloon of game thrilling a played OSB the night Sunday. Anthony Benjamin from speech powerful a received they afternoon Shabbat On. Shtilim Older the for week great Another



### ILANOT

In Balloon Bonanza, Furer stomped out the competition & won free DJ's. Last Sunday night, they had a coed game of Rainbow Tag, followed by night canteen.

An exciting tennis tournament, the Morasha Open, started this week

Next Monday night, he Ilanot look forward to an exciting overnight & camping.

On Friday they went on an intense hike through the woods to raise money for Chsed Day.

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## MANHIGIM

What a magnificent week for the Manhigim. The week began on Sunday night with the great night activity, Panoply. The Gim/Got were tested in their random trivia knowledge and "name that tune" competitions. Monday & Tuesday saw the regular season of leagues come to a close. It's Playoff time!! In Olympics, the Gim battled it out in football, soccer and team handball. Congrats to Texas on their Olympic victory. For those leaving after one month, we hope you had a great summer. Keep in touch. See you for Alufim 2010!!!



## ALUFIM

Once upon a time, in a camp far, far away, there were 54 strapping, handsome lads called Alufim. One glorious morning, the Alufim boys and their wise, trusted advisors decided it would be a splendid idea to take a nice, long hike in the beautiful, lush forest of Camp Morasha. Lions and tigers **and** bears (oh my) were not seen. The end.

**CHINUCH** Camp is all about having fun, making friends, playing sports & becoming a better Jew. Nitzi girls are learning the process of Shabbat davening. They created slogans on posters for Shmirat Halashon & had an interactive lesson in our lake on tvilat keylim! YSG are preparing a surprise chesed project. Stay tuned for more details! Manhigot are learning all about women in tanach & tefilla. YSB are involved in a series of hands-on roadtrips including proper boundaries in eruvin, mezuzot, laws of Bikur Cholim (hope we won't need to use them!) & upcoming kashrut in the kitchen. Manhigim are learning the laws of sifrei torah & kriyat hatorah. Alufim are learning masechet shabbat with Rabbi Oratz, the same rebbe who has taught these boys consecutively since Younger Nitzi!!!

## DAY CAMP

This week, during Olympics, we enjoyed cheering for all of the states, although Texas was our favorite, and we benefited from extra specialty periods. Now that the weather is better, swimming in the lakes helps us to build muscles. In addition to our daily Torah learning, we kicked off our Chai Lifeline jump-a-thon which will be held during the 9 days. Speaking of Chesed... Friday was Chesed Day, in memory of the father of Morah Sharon Richter. Yasher Koach to the senior boys & girls who participated in projects earmarked for chesed organizations!

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YASHER KOACH TO ALL OF THE PARTICIPANTS IN

MORASHA OLYMPICS '09!

CONGRATS TO THIS YEAR'S WINNER, TEXAS!

Y'ALL DID A GREAT JOB!  
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# ROVING REPORTER | QUESTION. MANY ANSWERS.

"If I could be anyone in Camp Morasha, I would want to be..."



## PHOTO OF THE WEEK

Olympics was flying high at Camp Morasha with BMX

## LION KING TRIVIA

1. Simba said, "I \_\_\_\_\_ in the face of danger."
2. Whom does Nala try to eat?
3. What is beyond the borders of Pride Rock?
4. How many fingers does Timon have?

1. laugh 2. Pumba 3. an elephant's graveyard 4. 8

Answers:

1. "Rabbi Oratz" / Mathew Parker- B13
2. "GOTCH" / Alex Yudin- B15
3. "Dave" / Josh Chesner- B7
4. "Atara Yudin" / Rachel Wolkoff-G18
5. "Jeremy Jozsef" / Lizzy Brenner-G20
6. "Lisa Baratz" / Rebecca Meller-G3
7. "Chavie Balsam" / Judah Klein-B13
8. "Shani Norman" / Aryeh Norman-B10
9. "myself" / anonymous
10. "rock climbing lady" / Rebecca Klein-G3
11. "sports staff" / Millie Gittleman- G19
12. "Nature guy" / Miki Liechtung- G17
13. "mother's helper" / Molly Norman-SDCG
14. "Jim Barton" / Aryeh Isaacs- B14
15. "guy who drives golf cart" / Rami P. -B14
16. "I am torn between being Nili Yudin's mother's helper or the aerobics instructor or ultimately, Nili Yudin's aerobics instructor" / Gotch Yudin-Camp Director

Submit your brain teasers, riddles & guess the phrase for a chance to be published in the final Shalhevet edition of '09. Place entries in mailbox marked **SHALHEVET** in main office with your name and bunk #.

### BRAIN TEASERS

1. 26 L in the A
2. 100 Y in a C
3. 13 S in the U S of A F
4. 5 T on a F
5. 18 H on a G C
6. 90 D in a R A

### RIDDLES OF THE WEEK

- What gets wetter and wetter the more it dries?
- What can you catch but cannot throw?
- What goes around the world but stays in a corner?
- Give me food and I will live. Give me water and I will die. What am I?

### GUESS THE PHRASE

- ex. Don't J A B B Its C  
Don't Judge A Book By Its Cover
1. H Me W Your B S
  2. L Is T Best M
  3. T Is The W The C C
  4. The A D Not F F F The T
  5. G The B B Its H
  6. C K the C