



Shalhevet

Combating the Sins of the Spies

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It is no coincidence that the parsha of Devarim is always read on the Shabbat right before Tisha B'Av. In this week's parsha, Moshe rebukes the people for the sin of the Meraglim and reminds them how they spurned the Land of Israel and listened to a negative report from the spies. Chazal teach us that the Meraglim gave their report on the night of Tisha b'Av and the Jews reacted by crying that they wanted to return to Egypt. Hashem said to the Jewish people "You cried over nothing, I'll give you a reason to cry" and caused the date of Tisha B'Av to be one that was one of the most tragic in Jewish History. It is clear then, that the destruction of the 2 Batei Mikdash is not only linked to the sins of Bnei Yisrael during those times, but also to the sin of the Meraglim. Perhaps, in addition to working on our Ahavat Chinam during this time of year, we should also make an effort to try to cancel out the sin of the Meraglim. We can do that by working on our shmirat haLashon, since they spoke Lashon Hara about Eretz Yisrael, and our Ahavat Eretz Yisrael. Through our efforts at working on our middot here in Camp Morasha perhaps this year we will merit a national return to Eretz Yisrael.



How can you show respect to a child?

Be honest - If you do something wrong, admit it & apologize.

Be positive - Don't embarrass, insult or make fun of a child. Compliment them.

Be Trusting - Let the child make choices and take responsibility.

Be fair - Listen to the child's side of the story before reaching a conclusion.

Be polite - Use "please" and "thank you". Knock before entering a child's room.

Be reliable - Keep promises. Show the child that you mean what you say.

Be a good listener - Give the child your full attention.

Children learn from everything we say and do. Make sure that you're modeling respectful behavior.

Parshat Devarim

July 24th & 25th

Candle Lighting 7:09

Shabbat Ends 8:16

Shabbat Shalom to all!



ANNUAL SHABBAT CHAZON

TISCH W/ RABBI MORDECHAI WILLIG
10:15 - NSDR

6TH ANNUAL SHABBAT CHAZON LEARN-A-THON

in memory of R' Abraham Wahrhaftig z'l



This Shabbat, the fourth annual camp wide Shabbat Chazon Learn-A-Thon will take place. This summer, it is in memory of Rabbi Abraham Wahrhaftig z"l. Rabbi Wahrhaftig, affectionately known as Abie, was Camp Director at Morasha for many years. In his 40 years at camp, he modeled menchlechkeit and derech eretz with his gentle manner and his kind words. The theme of this summer is respect. The Learn-A-Thon will focus on respect for our parents.

This topic is a most meaningful way to memorialize Rabbi Wahrhaftig who exemplified treating others with kavod. May his beloved wife, Joyce, his children, Lisa, Yaakov, Michal and Yael and his grandchildren find a measure of comfort in the knowledge that we continue to be inspired by Abie's goodness. Yehay Zichro Baruch.

Schedule

BOYS

Nitzanim & Alufim
YSG & Manhigim
OSB & Ilanot & Yachad

Mercazia
Boys Shul
Bondi 3/4

GIRLS

YSG & Manhigot
Nitzanim & Ilanot
OSG & Alufot & Yachad

Pargod
Baking Room
Pavilion

GIRLS CAMPUS RECAP



NITZANIM

Nice to see all of our families on Visiting Day

Instead of sleeping in, we went skating out at Skate Estate

The girls performed beautifully at So You Think You Can Dance

Ze winner of the dance-off was G3

Another fabulous week at Camp Morasha

Night activities galore, like wacky races

Including musical chairs, sack races, jump-roping & scooters

Maintaining friendships & making new friends is our goal!!!

OLDER SHTILIM

The floors were spotless, the windows crystal clean, the cubbies immaculate. What's going on? With Visiting Day a few hours away and night canteen as an incentive, the girls did a top notch job preparing their bunks, with G10 doing a "fantastic" & "fabuloso" job. Our coed pin dodgeball game was loads of fun, especially with the added twist of trading boy & girl counselors! So You Think You Can Dance? All of the bunks worked hard & performed well with G11 receiving the highest score! It's raining. It's pouring. OSG is "mall"ing. We were very "Friendly's" at the mall & then rock 'n rolling at Skate Estate. We enjoyed creating our tie-dyed sweatshirts in art and wearing them proudly to DvD, the camp wide division versus division competition. We are sad to say goodbye to our friends who are leaving & look forward to befriending Tchaylet and Eden.

YACHAD GIRLS

This week was a great week for the Morasha Yachad girls. After staying up until the late hours of the night cleaning for Visiting Day, we were ready to greet our families on Sunday morning. Visiting Day was a blast. We enjoyed the BBQ and all of the rides. Although we were sad to say goodbye to our parents, we were still excited to go on our rollerskating trip! We had so much fun rollerskating and racing with our counselors! At baking, we made delicious cupcakes, but we knew that it would be our last time baking with Malkie this summer. We are sad to see Malkie & Rachel go, but we're excited to meet the new campers!

YOUNGER SHTILIM

As soon as we said our goodbyes to our parents on Visiting Day, we said our hellos to all of our friends in YSG as we boarded the buses to Skate Estate where we enjoyed skating, laser tag & miniature golf! We had a splashing good time at our pool party night activity with music & laughter filling the air. Tuesday night's game of PANIC was... a panic! Racing to dress up as the counselors, division heads, BMP girls, Hannah Montana was hysterical with the grand finale of all of the girls dressing up as one Chasidische family! Wednesday's game of DvD was colorful, competitive, creative and continuous fun for all! Can't wait for part 2 of Camp Morasha '09!



ILANOT

Visiting Day was enjoyed by all in the sun, sun, sun.
Chicken fights at the pool party were fun, fun, fun.
Counselors vs. campers in dodgeball, who's number one, one, one?
Water balloons at the boys, next time a water gun, gun, gun.
Rollerblading night trip, the excitement is never done, done, done.
DvD competition & great spirit, doesn't matter who won, won, won.
How much fun are we having? a ton, ton, ton.
Ilanot girls are certainly second to none, none, none!



MANHIGOT

1 amazing camp, 2 terrific sessions, 3 awesome bunks, friends 4ever, 5 weekly night activities, 6 outstanding counselors, 7 days a week, 8 activities a day. ManhiGOT are always on the GO with baking, rockclimbing, ceramics, aerobics, lacrosse, arts & crafts. We worked b'yachad with Yachad girls making beautiful beaded necklaces. In shiur we continued our part of the camp wide learning for the siyum this Tuesday night. We are proud of the \$380 we raised for tzedakah from the bake sale. Our pool party was invigorating as we enjoyed swimming in the warm water in contrast to the cool air around us. Our night activities included rollerblading, mini golf & laser tag at Skate Estate, coed dodgeball and DvD, where we rocked to the top! GO manhiGOT GO!!! Sorry to see our friends go & looking forward to a great second half!



ALUFOT

In Pennsylvania, born and raised the week started out with some Visiting Day. So we'll skip a few days and get to DvD (not the movie) where Ilanot took the lead along with the Manhigot although the A-fot's fire is still burning on girls campus!!!! The hike to DJ'S and pizza was quite delicious"88" with our backpacks and sunglasses we made our way. It ended with game night in d-kizzles cabin from banana grams to taboo, we covered it all. It was just another amazing, beautiful, caring, dandy, exciting, funfilled, gregarious, hilarious, ice- cream, jolly, kangaroo, laughable, marvelous, nice, outrageous, perfect, quaint, roaring, stupendous, terrific, united, victorious, wacky, x, yaaaay-ful, zainy week!!!! Have a great shabbat!!



BOYS CAMPUS RECAP



NITZANIM

Although we were saddened to say goodbye to some of our friends and counselors too, Nitzi boys had an awesome week, again! While we view all of the campers as champions, we wish congrats to our championship winners: Team 1 for hockey, Team 2 for basketball and Team 6 for softball. On our hike, our manly roughness & toughness came out. Capture the Flag and Bean Bag Bonanza were so much fun! Noah Wilkowski was an excellent division head for half a day. Job well done.

YOUNGER SHTILIM

Younger Shtili boys started our week with Visiting Day followed by a great trip to Skate Estate in Binghamton. We skated, mini-golfed and laser tagged through the best night trip ever! Monday saw YSB rock Nesher in a softball game and take a challenging hike which brought us to ... DJ's! We were awesome at DvD and Ariel Forman led YSB as the best 11 year old division head we have seen so far! We said goodbye to some friends, welcomed a few others & can't wait for second month 2009 to be the best ever!

OLDER SHTILIM

BUNK 8 RANDOM FACTS

- ▶ Adam Burbank's nickname is Bing Bong.
- ▶ Zach Fuchs hates wake up.
- ▶ Gideon Gulko scored a crucial goal in the semifinal hockey game.
- ▶ Ariel Groner had the most *davener of the day* awards.
- ▶ Eric Wietschner's nickname is Ricky Rubio.
- ▶ Shane Herkovitz loves to put maple syrup on his pizza.



ILANOT

Roses are red, violets are blue,

Rami Laifer's team won basketball and hockey too!

I love you, you love me,

We had 22 kids in the division and now we have three!

Gingle bells, gingle bells, gingle all the way,

O, what fun the night trip was, we have a cute camper named Genet!

Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall, Thursday night Jono had a great fall!

Twinkle twinkle little star, the kids that left i don't know where whey are,

Up above the world so high, for dinner we have whole wheat and rye!



MANHIGIM

Week 4 was truly spectacular for the Manhigim. The week began with our participation in Chesed Day as we raised a whopping \$380 for tzedakah at the bake sale. Congrats to J.Z. Spier on winning the raffle of fresh challah and chocolate cake, not once, not twice, but thrice!!! This week was also championship week in leagues. Congrats to Mica Gordon on coaching his hockey team to the championship and to Ari Drazen on winning the hockey leagues MVP. We also witnessed the best league game in recent camp history as the football superbowl ended in dramatic fashion after 2 overtimes, Gaby Baratz's QB performance is something that will be talked about forever, while Jason Solomon's clutch TD receptions lead his team to victory. As the week continued, the Gim & Got battled each other in Dodgeball and Capture the Counselor, but at the end of the day, the Gim/Got united to win the first ever DvD competition. Welcome to our new campers who joined us this week. Can't wait for a great second month!!



ALUFIM

Wow! What a week in Alufim! We started the week by greeting our parents on Visiting Day and getting mounds upon mounds of stuff. We experienced what was perhaps the best league game ever played in the history of this camp on the football field. Congrats to all the winners of the leagues and coaches. Special mazel tov to Simi Friedman on his hockey MVP trophy. Big thanks to all of the Alufim for making Panic the best night of the summer so far! We were sorry to see our friends leave on Changeover Day, but we're excited for what's in store for us in the second month. Could you believe we leave to Florida a week from Tuesday??? Special shoutout to my "Camp Mom", Penina Wiener!



CHINUCH Camp is all about having fun, making friends, playing sports & becoming a better Jew. Nitzi girls continued learning their unit on tefillat Shabbat. Younger Shtili girls did a unit on brachot. They learned all about shehakol and borei nefashot at their pre-changeover day visit to Jericho Dairy Bar. Younger Shtili boys continued on a road trip to boys waterfront where Rabbi Kessock showed them fins & scales. He also showed them fish that have them at first and then lose them. Manhigim/got and Alufim/fot are doing a unit on the Shoah for the 9 days. All machzor bet will be teaching machzor aleph this Shabbat at 5PM in our annual learn-a-thon. The topic is kavod for elders in line with the theme of the week, respect for the past.

YACHAD BOYS

When some of our friends went back home on Changeover Day, we were feeling a bit down, but our frowns turned into smiles in a matter of minutes. For the first time this summer, we faced the rock climbing wall. While some were a bit scared, others went racing to the top with smiles bigger than the walls themselves. Mikey Lorch and Max Dweck both reached the top and zip-lined down, yelling & screaming, kinda like Tarzan. As each Yachad member attempted to climb the wall, the cheers and encouragement grew louder & louder. What started off as a somewhat sad day, quickly changed into a day impossible to forget at Morasha.

DAY CAMP

With the 9 days upon us, we turn our attention to acts of chesed and kindness. We look forward to our annual Jump-A-Thon. Here in day camp, we are learning midot tovot. Sharing, taking turns and learning to see another person's point of view are areas for growth and development. Monday, July 27th, we will be learning about making other people feel good. We will be entertaining the bubbies and zaidies at Camp Rock. Our campers will dance & sing into the hearts of the senior citizens.

**WE CAN'T WAIT FOR PART 2 OF WHAT'S CERTAIN TO BE
THE CONTINUATION OF A SUMMER OF A LIFETIME...
CAMP MORASHA 2009**

ROVING REPORTER | QUESTION. MANY ANSWERS.

With Tisha B'Av approaching, what would you like to improve upon?



PHOTO OF THE WEEK

An "Incredible" DvD Night!

LION KING TRIVIA

1. "In the jungle, the mighty jungle the _____ sleeps tonight."
2. What was the name of Nala's mother?
3. Over which eye is Scar's scar?

L. lion & Sarafina Z. his left eye

Answers:

1. not speaking lashon hara / Alison K.- G2
2. kibud av v'aim / Leo R. - B8B
3. avoiding fights / Amanda S.- G6
4. more kavana in davening / Nofi G. - B9B
5. including others / Alex F. - G15
6. wearing tzitzit / Yehuda S. - B8B
7. treating others the way you would want to be treated / Micayla R. - G15
8. being dan l'kaf zchut / Basya G. - G6
9. bentching / Rabbi Aryeh Yudin - assistant to the director & Shoshana S. - SDCG
10. respect / Jordan B. - B8B
11. v'ahavta l'reyacha kamocha/Jesse S.-B8A
12. saying shehakol & amen with meaning/ entire G11 in memory of David Rottenstreich
13. patience w/others / Dahlia H.G11 counselor
14. making brachot acharonot / Boaz S.- B7
15. going to activities on time /Daniella W. G12
16. saying kriyat shema at night / Klara R.- G10

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. 60 M in an H
2. 13 L in a B D
3. 7 W of the W
4. 64 S on a C B
5. 29 D in O in a L Y
6. 9 L of a C

RIDDLES OF THE WEEK

What is it that after you take away the whole, some still remains?

I am weightless, but you can see me. Put me in a bucket and I'll make it lighter.
What am I?

I'm where yesterday follows today and tomorrow's in the middle.
What am I?

GUESS THE PHRASE

ex. Don't J A B B Its C

Don't Judge A Book By Its Cover

1. Don't B The H T F
2. C O Your N D Your F
3. P Who L In G H S N T S
4. R Was N B In A D
5. W N W Not
6. P C The K B