

#### Parshat V'Etchanan by Morah Aliza Schachter

In Parshat Va'etchanan, the Aseret HaDibrot are repeated. There's a lot we can learn from the order of the Dibrot. For ex., if we line up the Dibrot side by side, we can see immediate connections between parallel commandments:

- 1) I am the L-rd your G-d // 6) Do not kill
- 2) You shall have no other gods // 7) Do not commit adultery
- 3) Do not take G-d's name in vain // 8) Do not steal
- 4) Remember the Shabbat // 9) Do not bear false witness
- 5) Honor your father and your mother // 10) Do not covet anything of your fellow's

But how does honoring one's parents (5) relate to coveting another's possessions (10)?

Perhaps we can say that a child respects his parents properly when he appreciates the generosity and selflessness that his parents bestow upon him like parents who send their child to a fabulous summer camp! Recognition of the kindness that one's parents impart, leads the child to feel fulfilled and happy with what he has been given in life. A child who achieves this recognition will not covet others' possessions, because they feel grateful for what they have. On the other hand, children who don't respect their parents, can feel that they're being denied things that should be "coming to them." As a result, they envy what everyone else has.

We rely on our parents for many things. Being away from our parents certainly reminds us of so many of these things (doing our laundry, providing us with delicious food, cleaning...). Acknowledging all that they do is essential in fulfilling the commandment of honoring our parents, and many of us will be able to do this on Visiting Day! We must make a great effort to respect our parents & acknowledge *all* the great things they do for us, and this way, we will be able to easily observe the 10<sup>th</sup> commandment of not being jealous of what other's have.

Ever wonder what it would be like to live in a world where every waking (and sleeping) moment, there's a team of wonderful individuals who's sole purpose is to take care of you, to enrich your life and to keep finding ways to do more for you? Imagine starting each day surrounded by friendly smiles and breathtaking views. Imagine having the golden opportunity to learn life skills by top Jewish educators, experiencing the beautiful outdoors all while having the time of your life.

You don't have to continue wondering or imagining any more. It's not just a dream. You are all experiencing another Morasha summer, a summer of a lifetime. To all of the campers that are leaving, we wish you a fantastic fall, a whimsical winter, a spectacular spring § iy"h, a sensational summer in Morasha 2011.

# Parshat V'Etchanan

July 23rd & 24th

Candle Lighting - 7:11 PM

Shabbat Ends - 8:18 PM

Thank you Fim / Fot for preparing our Shabbat Nachamu!

Shabbat Shalom to all!

## GIRLS CAMPUS RECAP







#### **NITZANIM**

The Nitzis had an amazing week! Intercamps on Sunday & then Army night where we learned a little discipline. A meaningful Tisha B'Av on Tuesday. A fantastic time was had by all at G-Squared on Wednesday. Lastly, a slumber party on Thursday watching High School Musical 3. What a week. What a wonderful week. What a wonderful summer. What a wonderful week in a wonderful summer at Camp Morasha.

#### **OLDER SHTILIM**

OSG really rocks

Let us tell you what we had in slock

The week started off w/4-way intercamps, what a blast It brought back memories w/ our friends from the past Then that night we gave our counselors a makeover and boy did we really take over

Tisha B'Av came & changed the mood

We were all really sad & didn't eat food

But then that night we had double the fun

Coed ice-cream making, we didn't want it to be done

G-Squared came &THE GIRLS WON

The boys cried & we all had fun

We made carrot muffins in the baking room

It was such a mess, good thing we found the broom

Shloime Dachs, we didn't forget you

We had a great time dancing at the concert too

OSG would like to say

Shabbat Shalom to our Morasha fami-lay

#### **YOUNGER SHTILIM**

Another magical, marvelous, memorable, mysterious Morasha week for YSG! We loved the intercamps at Moshava, especially the arts & crafts. Our nights are always filled with even more fun, like Capture the Counselor topped with a coed DJ's snack at midnight!

In preparation for Tisha B'Av, we played "secret Moshiach" and really learned how to be nicer to everyone followed by a very meaningful Tisha B'Av. Then we were ready to Rock n Roll after chatzot. We had a blast at G-Squared and LOVED the surprise concert. Club Shtili... Looking forward to an exciting (and major clean up) for Visiting Day!



**ILANOT** In life, we hope to encounter transcendent moments of clarity. We hope to understand our place in this vast universe, to make sense of this glorious tapestry of G-d. but those special moments cannot just be happened upon. It is on impossibility that we would reach nirvana without any sort of preparation. In Ilanot, we work for those moments of clarity. We learn to see the world not just for the grand moments like Olympics and Color War, but for the seemingly tiny brachot that surround us every day. Ours is not

simply a world of Hershey parks & Visiting Days, but a world of bubble wrap popping. The other side of the pillow and getting that last popcorn kernel out of your tooth. Ours is a world where we can't wait to give tzedakah till chatzot where we spend the night dancing in the presence of G-d where a smile shared between friends is of epic importance. Yes, we had a wonderful week in Ilanot, but not just for the rockin' G-squared festivities and for incredible wins in Intercamps, but for simply appreciating our friends, our Morasha family and the spectacular tiny details of the world in which we inhabit. And, that's awesome.

MANHIGOT Manhigot had another great week beginning w/ a volleyball tournament against Mesorah & Nesher where our Manhigot AWESOMELY beat both camps, making it to the championship & taking 2nd place. Our bake sale was a tremendous success raising \$500 for Tomchei Shabbat. We weren't deterred by the rain as Raizy A., Talia B., Lilly O. & Rebecca S. went porch to porch to sell all that we baked. Tons of thanks to our baking lady, Aleeza Lauer, it would not have happened without her. Sunday took us to



Mesorah for 4-way intercamps & all were happy to hang w/ friends & play a little sports & even learn a new song. Como leagues have been very exciting w/ our own varsity basketball team making it to the championships. G- Squared matched us against the Manhigim in different competitions & we emerged victorious ending the night w/ a great Shloime Dachs concert. Our week ended w/ Nitzimaps which was a blast. Can't wait to see all of our family on Sunday!



ALUFOT Another gr8 week 4 Alufot starting out w/ an awesome 4-way intercamp @ Mesorah & finished the night w/ hosting Como leagues @ Morasha. Mazal tov 2 the varsity girls basketball team on making it 2 the championship! The week continued w/ a very meaningful 9 of Av, incl. special programs & uplifting explanations of kinot. G-Squared was another amazing night w/ girls campus as the winners. Girls campus looked fantastic in their hats, given out courtesy of the Fot. The night ended off w/ a gr8 surprise Shloime Dachs concert! Can't wait 4 another week in camp w/ Visiting Day & Olympics!

# **BOYS CAMPUS RECAP**







### **NITZANIM**

Beware the Howy Beast. Oren Neuwirth is finally selling his new line of Tisha bav shoes. Thank H" for the mercy rule in intercamps, otherwise it wouldn't have been fair for.... Lavi. While thinking of something clever to end with I only have one think to say... Rabbi Dr. Ari Mitchell Shlit"a, nuff said.

## YOUNGER SHTILIM by Dr. Steven B. Davis

Roses are red, violets are blue I've been writing Friday Night Live for the past 24 hours, so please . . . . leave me alone.

## **OLDER SHTILIM**

keew nuf dekcap noitca rehtona dna ,scipmylo ,llabegdod liaj ot drawrof skool noisivid ehT .thgif maerc eci eht ekil ,stniop yzarc sti dah osla tey tub ,vA'B ahsiT ekil ,stniop lufgninaem sti dah keew ehT .slanif sa llew as sffoyalp llabteksab dna yekcoh eht lla htiw keew strops esnetni na osla saw tI .keew siht enod seitivitca gnizama eht fo wef a tsuj erew spmacretni yaw ruof dna ,s'JD dna azzip ot gniklaw ,derauqs-G .BSO eht rof keew taerg rehtonA

## ILANOT

Dear Mommy & Daddy,

This was a very fun weak in camp. on Sunday, we had 4-way Intercamp. Even though I didn't get too leave camp that day, I was able to see all my freinds from the other camps and play sports agenst them. On Tisha B'Av, I was able to not only make it through the fast, but growe from the post - eicha activity where we learnt about appreshiating our gifts and opurtunitys. On G-Squared, I dressed up in all blu, played Dance Dance Revolution and tryd to make it throo the lazer maze. The boys lost and that made me sad. We had a surprised Shloime Dachs consert afterwards and the singing and the dancing made me happy again. Please bring me more pudding and more apple juice on Visiting Day. have a great Shabbat and in my next letter, I will tell you all about this little thing called Friday Nite Live.



Love, Ilanot camper



MANHIGIM What a week for the Manhigim!!!

The week began as we visited Mesorah for a 4way intercamp. The campers then experienced a meaningful Tisha B'Av as they participated in a post-eicha program which taught them to make the most of the opportunities they have in order to reach the goals they set for themselves. During the morning, they heard from their counselors who all shared meaningful introductions to kinot. After the fast, we all had the annual machzor bet all night learning and sports which consisted of late night leagues, an ice cream party, movie and shiur about steroids in halacha. Congrats to Count Chaucula on winning the bball leagues and to the chargers for winning the footall league. To the campers going home this week, we hope you had a great summer and hope to see you back for Alufim 2011.

**ALUFIM** 

Natan Farber will be hosting tonight's FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE. No one is safe



YACHAD Another awesome week at camp! We started off our week at the Scranton Yankee game, having a blast cheering for the Yankees and getting free team hats! Tisha B'Av was a meaningful day for us all. We especially enjoyed our art project with the nitzis, creating our own mini Israel and learning about all different places there. G squared was amazing, go girls! And we loved the surprise concert at the end, the dancing and singing topped off the great day. Looking forward to seeing our visitors on Sunday! Mazal tov to Matthew Solomon who will be celebrating his bar mitzvah with us this Shabbat in camp!!!

CHINGCH Another unusual yet inspirational week in education. First, belated kudos to Morah Aliza for her informative learn-a-thon packet regarding the kedusha of Yerushalayim. So many campers learned so much important halachic information that day-tizki lemitzvot. May we not need Shabbat Chazon or Tisha B'Av next year! On the topic of Tisha B'av, the Ed Staff ran all the minyanim on that sad day. Yasher Koach to Rabbis Dratch, Balsam, Schiowitz, Goldfischer, Richter and Klapper for the planning and implementation of the Machzor Bet, BMP, Ilanot, Machzor Aleph and Specialty/Yachad minyanim on 9 Av. One adult appreciated the Kinot explanations so much he exclaimed "how lucky the campers are to be hearing these ideas! "Since the theme of this summer is Shabbat, Rabbi Dratch, yet again, planned a wonderful, fun and learning experience on Thursday. The topic was Kosheir, which refers to tying knots (not eating watermelon, sorry!) The staff shiurim are also proceeding apace. Highlights included Morah Nili's shiur on mezuza, Rabbi Moshe Willig's shiur on the parsha and Dr. Zeitchik's shiur about Jewish music and the cancellation of Shiurim.

# ROVING REPORTER I QUESTION. MANY ANSWERS.

In Camp Morasha, the campers were asked to fill in the blank for the following sentence starter:

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.... a night that raised the roof .... best night activity so far.... unforgettable....

- BI. fun
- **B2.** awesome
- B3. great
- **B4.** amazing
- **B5.** fantabulous, fun, fantastic, amazing
- **B6.** sick, amazing, awesome, upsetting
- **B7.** groovy, totally wicked, disappointing, sick
- **B8.** the best, rainy, awesome
- **B9.** heartbreaking, exciting, amazing, intense
- **B** 10. totally awesome, spectacular
- BII. watermelonish, dizzying, fun
- B 12. entertaining, exciting, rainy, fun
- BI3. incredible
- B 14. crazy, fabulous
- B 15. a night activity, insane, erribletay
- B 16. aight, decent, OK, extravagent
- B 17. ridiculous, rainy, fixed
- YACHAD- awesome, whack, sick

DAY CAMP & GAN MIRIAMOur day campers have been busy this week with Chai Lifeline jump-a-thon, make your own pizza day, special shiurim and a special "Dudu Fisher visits Yerushalayim" video, just to name a few of the exciting activities that are taking place in

- G I. amazingly amazing, the best
- **G2.** fantastic, outstanding
- G3. rad, awesome, even better than last year
- **G4.** unbelievable, spectacular, Xtreme
- **G5.** off the shizam, an unforgettable night
- **G6.** a social scene, the best night activity yet
- **G7.** intense, phenominal, fun, amazing
- G8. amazing
- **G9.** fantabulous, super duper, stupendous
- G I O. unbelievably fun, fun, fun
- GII. too good for words
- G 12. supercalifragilisticexpialidocious, brilliant
- G13. a blast, outstanding, awesome, fun
- G 14. intense, rainy, an experience of a lifetime
- G 15. amazing & awesome
- G 16. pink, packed w/ fun, groovy, memorable
- G 17. amazingly amazing, awesomely awesome
- G18. sickkkk, amazing, really fun
- G19. radical, off the hizzle, fun, indescribable
- G20. awesome
- G21 & G22. CLASSIC

exciting activities that are taking place in Morasha. A special shout out to the Senioritas who tie dyed this week this week and won first first place in day camp's very own Dance Dance Revolution! A huge thank you to all of the specialty heads and staff, counselors and many others who help make each day exciting for us!

### **BRAINGLE**

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43 = C in a N R

2 = P in C

:30 D H S

# stay tuned...

Visiting Day... Morasha Olympics....motorcycle stunt show...changeover day... Shalom to all ... night trips ... Toy Story... girls hockey tournament ... overnights... pool parties... army night...staff games...more Morasha memories.. guaranteed

## **AROUND GIRLS CAMPUS**



# GUESS THE PHRASE

ex. Don't J A B B Its C Don't Judge A Book By Its Cover

- 1. It's NUCOSM
- 2. E C Has A S L
- 3. B E G M There's A G W
- ·4. I A J Is W D It Is W D W
- 5. F and G S A T D

#### RIDDLE OF THE WEEK

Pronounced as one letter,
And written with three,
Two letters there are,
And two only in me.
I'm double, I'm single,
I'm black, blue, and gray,
I'm read from both ends,
And the same either way.
What am I?

# **AROUND BOYS CAMPUS**



