



Shalhevet

Remember to say Thank You!

by Morah Nili Turetsky

In this week's parsha, Ekev, we learn about the Mitzvah from the torah of Birkat HaMazon, bentching after meals. The passuk says "ViAchalta ViSavata UVerachta et hashem elokecha al ha'aretz hatova asher natan lach," You should eat, be satiated and then bless Hashem your G-d for the good land which He has given you.

The Torah obligation is that we must bentch only after a full meal, when we are satisfied. But what if we have bread and we are not satisfied? Do we still have to bentch? The halacha is that we bentch even after eating the amount of "k'zayit," the volume of an olive's worth of bread. Why? Even though we are only obligated to bentch when we are satisfied, halacha requires us to bentch for a smaller amount so that we can show our Hakarat haTov to Hashem for every little thing. Even if this thankfulness and appreciation is not something that comes naturally to us, by bentching after even small amounts, we will build the middah of Hakkarat HaTov within us. In camp we have many opportunities for Hakarat HaTov; to our parents for sending us, to our division heads and counselors, to the specialty heads and specialty counselors, to our shiur teachers and all the people who help make our summer so special.

O! OLYM!! OLYMPICS!!!



ATHLETES, BAHAMAS, CANADA, DANCE-OFF, EVENTS, FOOTBALL, GYMNASTICS, HOCKEY, IRELAND, JUMP ROPE, KICKBALL, LEPRECHAUN, MARATHON, NEWCOMB, OLYMPICS, PARADE, (A)QUATICS, RACES, SOUTH AFRICA, TOURNAMENTS, (A)UTO RACING, VOLLEYBALL, WHEEL BARREL RACE, (FM)X MOTORCYCLE SHOW, YAY, ZUMO WRESTLING

(yes, a poetic license was used here)

Parshat Ekev

July 30th & 31st

Candle Lighting - 7:04 PM

Shabbat Ends - 8:11 PM

**Thank you Older Shtlim for
preparing our Shabbat in Tzfat!**

GIRLS CAMPUS RECAP

NITZANIM

We started off the week with a bang with visits from our families. We all had a nice day showing our parents around camp and we didn't even get homesick! Monday & Tuesday were awesome, playing sports and cheering on our teams in Olympics. On Wednesday, we said bye to our friends but we welcomed our new friends, Arielle, Kelly, Rose, Ana and Sara. On Thursday, we were treated to an amazing trip to see Despicable Me. This week was the best week yet!

OLDER SHTILIM

Visiting Day was great! We so enjoyed our visitors who made the shlep!! But the minute after they left, we were filled with pep!!

Olympic fever was in the air!! Flags, bandanas, the parade & music- so much fan fare!

It was truly an outrageous blast! The days went by too fast!

Then on Wednesday, to our first month's friends we bid farewell. When we think of how we miss them, all our hearts do swell.

Wednesday night was truly one of a kind, we called it "egg drop" - what a find.

It wasn't soup we made, but rather crazy contraptions. For our raw eggs, as they were the main attractions.

You see, the campers made each little egg its very own home. Some looked like houses, one like a dome.

When the egg was all packed up, off the rock climbing wall it went. Four out of eight that were dropped actually didn't break! This night activity was crazy to make!

Thursday to the art room with Shani we did go. The week was just too fast - hopefully next week will be slow!

YOUNGER SHTILIM

It was SO nice to see our family and friends and show them our clean bunks and tie dyed pillowcases on Visiting Day. Saying goodbye to our family and then our friends from first half was cushioned by our welcoming of the girls who joined our division. And what better way to start second half than a tractor ride to DJ's! The winner of So You Think You Can Dance went to G6 and the wild Bake-Off night activity was AMAZING! Warning: 2 cups salt does not equal 2 cups sugar! Thank you to our celebrity tasters / judges, Jeremy squared.

and now...A Day in the Eyes of...

This week, Camp Morasha had their annual Olympics for 2010. The 4 teams Ireland, Bahamas, South Africa and Canada competed against each other in swimming, boating, sports, track and individual activities. Everybody showed great sportsmanship towards one another and most people won gold, silver or bronze medals. For the first time in Morasha history, 2 teams tied in points. The winning team was Canada because they received the most medals. It was cool to take part in olympics. I'm so glad I'll get a chance to do this next year too.

by Hadassah Brenner

ILANOT

Stop motion animation is the process of creating a film using still photographs. Commercial Hollywood blockbusters can take years to create. The dedication, attention to detail, and patience in preparing a major motion picture one 12-frame-per-second moment at a time are unmatched and do not come at too cheap a price. There are months of tireless work involved in making just a minute of such a film. To say an artist or director is conscious of each twelfth of a second is an understatement. To say we as humans living a life that does not repeat itself have that a consciousness even approaching theirs is wildly fictitious. We have been given a gift, such a monumentally unrecognizable gift. We've spent years on this earth with many more in store. We've spent five weeks in this camp alone, 31 days, 744

hours, 44,640 minutes, 2,678,400 seconds, 32,140,800 frames. For how many were we actually present? How often have we frittered away those precious moments in search of ways to kill time? This week, Ilanot had the tremendous opportunity of grasping what the creators of Coraline, The Fantastic Mr. Fox, and Gumby know far too well. When it takes 1800 photographs to make a 3 minute video, you begin to suspect that the slow curve of the lips and slight scrunching around the eyes matter just as much as the smile they reveal. When we can truly be present in our own lives, when we can recognize the second hands revolving, when we start to value our fleeting time as we walk this earth, we can begin to understand the wonderful gift that has been bestowed upon us and learn to live another day. And that is awesome.

MANHIGOT

After spending a great day with our parents, our week started with a bang with the Olympics opening ceremony and our long awaited pool party. The Olympics continued for two fun, sports-filled days with awesome games of volleyball and hockey and running in the marathon and triathlon. Changeover Day had us saying goodbye to old friends, hello to new ones and off on our night trip to Woodbourne and bowling. Thursday night had all the machzor bet girls glowing while we played inter-divisional dodgeball. Happy belated birthday to Avital Rosen!

ALUFOT

The Alufot had another awesome week! We started out with a great Visiting Day on Sunday and opening ceremony of Olympics 2010. The Olympics this year was a blast! Congrats to our counselor, Danielle Weisstuch, ambassador of Canada on the big win! We then had an amazing night trip where we had dinner in Woodbourne & went bowling. We finished off the week with our usual awesome activities. We can't wait for the exciting things coming up like our Road Trip next week!

DAY CAMP & GAN MIRIAM

We used all of our senses to thoroughly enjoy the highlight of the week, daycamp's annual Overday. We had fun hiking, collecting stones, creating a Magen David, smelling the woods around us, and tasting a yummy bbq. We learned how the Jewish months of Rosh Chodesh are determined as well as a bit about American history, recalling the native American Indians. Looking forward to Yom Yisrael next week!

BOYS CAMPUS RECAP

NITZANIM

As we said our goodbyes to our hardnok brethren, we recall the awesome things that went down this week. Chagi led his way to victory as the other 3 countries were put in the "box of shame". We tracted to pizza & DJ's and started new leagues (twice). Toy Story III was remarkably like the movie, Despicable Me. Our counselors are psyching up for Fear Factor, who will be the one left standing...

OLDER SHTILIM

HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW YOUR COUNSELORS???

- * Adi Pasternak likes the pink Power Ranger.
- * Eli M. lived in Persia and Siberia for 10 years.
- * Alex Finkelstein has never eaten ice cream in his life.
- * David Gulumbeck runs a mile in 12 minutes.
- * Max Ottensoser still watches Barney.
- * Benjy Leihman likes the girls rock climbing staff.
- * Aryeh Wasserman could do a double flip at the age of 12. He learned how to walk at 4.

YOUNGER SHTILIM *by Dr. Steven B. Davis*

(read to the tune of "Waving Flag")

Woah oh oh oh oh, Woahoh oh oh ah oh oh oh oh
Woah oh oh oh oh, Woahoh oh oh oh ah oh oh oh oh

Give me shtilis, Parents stop by,
Give me tips please, None for me? K, bye.

See Olympics, We all have fun,
Who likes Canada? Too bad 'cause they won.

On the courts we, try our hardest,
Squad 4 dodgeball, Irish Goldstein rocked this.

Moto-cross bikes, Jumping on ramps,
Guest speaker dress nice, Long live Thunderpants.

(Chorus)
Singing forever young,
Except for me whose been here too long,
Meet new friends on changeover day,
And by the end all we do is say,

WE ALL SAY

When I get older, I will be taller,
Use Gold Bond Powder, And be just like Steven,
and keep going back, and keep going back,
until I'm old and fat, Whoao oh

Give us overnight? No, that's ok.
Give us Brazil kids. Awesome. great. k.

Give us dodgeball, Give us Invisi-pong,
Fot Got matchup? It's on like donkey kong.

See the Mishkin, See the Walkoff,
See the rivalry, Witness "Face"-off.

In the streets watch, Golf Cart cruise ship,
We just can't wait, For Shtim/Fot road trip.

(Back to Chorus)

ILANOT

Dear Grandma & Grandpa,
Last week, I sent mom and dad a letter and they did not reply, so I decided to right you guys this week instead. This was arguably the best week of camp, so far. Mom & Dad came to visit me on Sunday, but didn't bring me all the snacks I wanted (hint, hint, I like the new m&m's with the pretzels on the inside). Then we had Olympics. I was on team Bahamas. I played on the hockey team and competed in the safe and uneventful triathlon. My team did not win Olympics, but my team's float was the best. They turned a golf cart into a boat! On Changeover Day, a few of my friends went home, while other friends came up. On Wednesday, we had an overnight / dance party / sleep in our bunks / rainy night. It was sic! I want to do another one soon. Please write back soon. Love, Ilanot camper

MANHIGIM

As the second month began, the Manhigim picked up right where they left off. In the beginning of the week, they battled in the Olympics playing basketball, soccer and tennis. The gim then enjoyed a night out at Dougies and bowling. The week came to a close as the boys participated in soccer matches vs. our guests from Brazil. Considering it is their sport, we definitely held our own and played very competitive soccer.

ALUFIM The fim / fot are gearing up for the big Road Trip this coming Wednesday!

YACHAD We had a great time seeing our parents on Sunday and enjoyed introducing them to our new friends. The Olympics kept us very busy, and we had a blast! Congratulations to our medalists Nathan McCoy, Katie Bender and Matthew Solomon. It was sad to see some of our friends leave on Wednesday, we look forward to being back at camp with them next year. We are excited about getting to know our new bunkmates! Thursday night was so much fun!! We dressed up, put on our dancing shoes and did a lot of square dancing! And now, some quotes from us:

"I went tubing and it was a lot a lot of fun!!" -Melissa Spector

"Coming back to camp on Wednesday was so exciting, it made me feel so awesome when my bunkmates from last summer saw me and jumped on me!" - Frimi Walfish

"I went down the zip-line and it was so cool"- Max Dweck

CHINUCH

Education had a wonderful week ! The week began with the educational staff at the library on Visiting Day in place to meet the parents of the campers. Once the Olympics started, we learned about the place of exercise in Judaism. After the Olympics, it was back to the 39 melachot. Borer, Tzad and others... On Thursday, Rabbi Kessock and his ubiquitous assistant, J Litton, taught our campers about Tzad and the kashrut signs of the kosher fish. This week's Shabbat in Tzfat will be prepared by our young talent, R Yitzie Klapper and Morah Shayna (who, together with Morah Erica, show a bright future for Jewish education). Just like the campers, Ed Staff has changeover day. We bid adieu to Rabbi Moshe Willig and Morah Nili Turetsky who started in camp as day-campers and have progressed to be superb mechanchim here ! In light of the previous statement, and inspired by R Schiowitz's Nitzi Jeopardy, we offer the following 2 Ed Staff trivia questions. Which 4 other teachers were campers here and which 6 male teachers were division heads?
Have a great Shabbat !

ROVING REPORTER | QUESTION. MANY ANSWERS.

"If you could be anyone in Camp Morasha, who would you want to be?"

1. "Atara Yudin" - Michal Horn - G6
2. "Patricio" - Andrew Israeli - B16 counselor
3. "Gotch's wife" - Leah Schwebel - G18
4. "Alan Katz" - Shane Herskowitz - B12
5. "my mom" - Zahava Wiener - G6
6. "scooter lady" - Natan Hoffman & Jordan Schwartzstein - B14
7. "Eden, the ceramics lady" - Mikki Weinstein - G21
8. "Keved" - Avital Rosen - G19
9. "Jim Barton" - Spencer Tropper - B5
10. "Lisa Baratz" - Emily Gellman - G12
11. "Shalom Lamm" - Alex Fuchs - B3
12. "Moishe the Baker" - Aviva Sinai G12
13. "Chary Fox" - Evan Rottenstreich - B15
14. "Gotch" - Michal Engel - G8
15. "Penina Wiener" - Dina Finegold - Yachad
16. "Tzvi Weiss" - Dahlia Honigsfeld - G6
17. "Daniel Schwechter" - Max Parness - B1
18. "Jeremy Littin" - Gideon Gulko - B12

19. "a counselor" - Jason Folkman - B1
20. "Dave Friedman" - Adam Auerbach - B5
21. "Shani Norman" - Rebecca Alexander - G12
22. "Yisroel Feld" - anonymous - G22
23. "Jeremy Jozsef" - Josh Appel - B6
24. "Jenni Levine" - Leana Thurm - G10
25. "Laura Fruchter" - Katie Bender - Yachad
26. "Dr. Z." - Talya Gellis - G6
27. "Daniel Kirshblum" - Evan Feder - B11
28. "Hagler" - Daniel Kimmel - B12
29. "myself" - anonymous - G20
30. "a lifeguard" - Daniella Chesir - G19
31. "Natan Farber" - Nina Ottensooser - G6
32. "a Laifer" - Natan Farber - Fim DH
33. "David Lamm" - David Lewis - B4 & David Lamm - operations
34. "Norman" - Jordan Bistrzky - B12
35. "Jarod Bruh" - Danielle Silber & Yael Sinai - G21

BRAINGLE

30 = S in F J

7 = L in RN

5 = T on a C (including the S in the T)

256 = L in A PM

RIDDLE OF THE WEEK

I am a 6 letter word.
 Letters 6-5-2 spell out a drink.
 Letters 4-5-2-3 spell out a fruit.
 Letters 1-2-6 spell out a pet.
 Letters 3-2-6 spell out a pest,
 which often gets eaten by 1-2-6.

What am I?

GUESS THE PHRASE

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

1. L B Not L
2. B C Be C
3. N I The M Of I
4. T P Is M T The S
5. P Your B F F



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