



Shalhevet



The 12th Mishna in Pirkei Avot states in Hillel's name "Be among the students of Aharon ; a lover of peace, and a pursuer of peace..." The term Rodef Shalom is a fascinating term that highlights Chazal's rich use of language to drive home important lessons. The term Rodef is classically used to describe a pursuer of violence who needs to be stopped at all costs. In Az Yashir , our enemies are described as saying " Amar Oyeve, Erdof , Asig...("The enemy stated , let me pursue , conquer...") In Jewish law, a Rodef can and should be killed to protect the innocent loss of life. The fact that Chazal used the term Rodef to describe Aharon's pursuit of peace begs for explanation. I'd like to suggest that the term Rodef Shalom is a perfect formulation that captures Aharon's character. Aharon brought intense and relentless passion to his pursuit of peace. The use of a term normally associated with violence to describe Aharon's commitment to peace is the Chiddush of this Mishna. A "lover of peace" describes a fine person, sensitive to others and wanting to live in a conflict free world; in contrast, a "pursuer of peace" strives to create a society that is invested in genuine peace. That is the virtue that Aharon embodies throughout his life. What does it mean to "Be among the students of Aharon"? We all have the capacity for passion especially when we are enraged, and at times we all have peaceful sentiments. The challenge is to become passionate pursuers of peace (quite a phrase!). That requires becoming students of Aharon, trying to learn from his love of and active pursuit of peace. As a community of Jews at Morasha trying to elevate ourselves through Torah we would all benefit from continuing to immerse ourselves in the the lessons of Aharon's type of Rdifa, the Rdifa of peace.

by Dr. Jerry Zeitchik

"Every day should be Israel Day", was overheard from a group of Morasha campers who were immensely enjoying the Israeli atmosphere including ivrit, food, music, crafts, learning and even a cow! Truth be told, we often hear campers and staff too, comment on how wonderful many of the activities are here in Camp Morasha. Since every day cannot be Israel Day or GSquared Day or FIFA Day, etc., we are thrilled to see how everyone is enjoying all of the exciting activities that fill up each day of the Morasha calendar. A huge thank you to all of the individuals who work tirelessly to ensure that the campers have a summer of a lifetime. Todah rabbah to the entire staff of 2010 who continue to outdo each proceeding summer since the "inception" of Camp Morasha!

Parshat Re'eh

August 6th & 7th

Candle Lighting - 6:55 PM

Shabbat Ends - 8:02 PM

Thank you Gim / Got for preparing our Shabbat Across America!

GIRLS CAMPUS RECAP

OLDER SHTILIM

NITZANIM

The Nitzis continue to rock the camp! In Fear Factor, our counselors did awesomely well throwing fish & picking up mice. At Center Stage, the Nitzis wowed the audience with their creative dances. We had a blast dressing up as Justin Bieber and our counselors in Panic & an even better time at our pool party. Thursday was a great day spent as Yom Yisroel. We got to eat Israeli foods and make Israeli jewelry, ending the night off with a meaningful ceremony. With play practice and the water slides, the Nitzis are keeping busy. Can't wait for our Bat Mitzvah next week!

OLDER SHTILIM

Motzei Shabbat we had a blast at Carnival. Our booths were so much fun and the shaving cream fight afterwards was great. Sunday, we loaded the buses to go out of camp to the movies. We saw Despicable Me and it was hilarious. The popcorn and soda were so yummy. Monday night, we had Center Stage and enjoyed the talents of our fellow campers while performing our own song and dance. Tuesday night, we had coed "You've Got A Minute To Win It"...we're pretty sure the girls won all the competitions....sorry boys....we ROCK! Wednesday night, we truly entertained ourselves. We divided into groups and created our own short movies. After each group was filmed we got to have popcorn and soda and watch each group's movie. How funny was "The Infirmary Gone Wild" and "The Cooking Show" just to name a few?!?! Thursday was super special...Israel Day. We loved the music, atmosphere, food, dressing up, seeing the calf in the dining room, making pita, the shuk, Army training, Hadaya and watching the special movie. We want every day to be Israel Day!!!! We love camp so much and are really looking forward to next week when we go on our trip day and more!

Israel Day was amazing. We are so happy to take a day to appreciate the Jewish land. Wednesday was coed paper bag dramatics. Sunday's Fear Factor was crazy Cow in the Mercazia, playing catch with a "not so fresh" fish, bobbing for apples in a fish tank! Our counselors rocked it! Center Stage was great. Girls just wanna have fun...& boy, did we have fun. Tues. night was our night trip to see Despicable Me. Movie was great but the popcorn was even better. Looking forward to getting some much needed rest over Shabbat.

Dear Staff & Campers of Morasha,

I just wanted to say thank you to everyone who made my stay here at Morasha such a wonderful experience. I came here knowing no one, but I leave with so many new friends, and I am so grateful to all of you who made me feel so welcome. I don't want to leave anyone out by mentioning particular individuals, but I must especially thank the great infirmary staff who made work a pleasure indeed!

To everyone here at Camp Morasha, I wish you a pleasant rest of the summer, and a Shana Tova UMevorachah. Please keep in touch and know that you are all welcome any time to visit us in Baltimore or LY"U" soon in Eretz Yisrael.

With best wishes, (Dr.) Paula

ILANOT

Few feelings in life compare to defeating the white paper, playing back an original score, or attempting to catch your breath after showing off innovative choreography. It's more than just pride; it's the knowledge that something did not exist until we decided it should. We worked hard and have now left an indelible mark on the universe—we were here. Ilanot were definitely here this week. From the incredible compositions and performances of Center Stage to inventive cookie recipes in the No Recipe Bake-Off, we've shown our names can never be scrubbed off the surface of the world. When we create, we emulate Hashem and fulfill the responsibilities inherent within being created b'tzelem Elokim. Each and every one of us have been presented with different strengths and abilities. Some of us are natural painters, some are writers, some dancers. We are orators, we are musicians, we are thinkers, dreamers. We have unique skills and talents that cannot be compared to those of our friends. And why would we want them to be? We have the power to grasp at nothing and leave something in its place. We have the power to create and in so doing follow in the ways of our Creator. Through our creative processes, we have the ability to connect to Hashem on a truly unique level and leave our personal mark on the world. We—as both creators and creations—were here. And that is awesome.

ALUFOT

The Alufot had another amazing week in camp starting off by making a fun and meaningful carnival at Camp Hasc. We then departed for our Road Trip! We have been having an awesome time so far from painting houses in New Orleans, kayaking & BBQing on the beach in Florida! We're looking forward to a wonderful Shabbat in Charleston & can't wait for the fun to continue next week with more amazing activities coming up!

MANHIGOT

We can't believe we're already finishing our fifth week of camp, but we keep having fun. The girls campus carnival was a blast with our division running the booths for spin art, face painting and body boppers. We finished off the night with the required shaving cream fight. Sunday night, we played "Panic", which was a panic. We met Lady Gaga, Justin Bieber and Barbie & Ken among others. This week was our first Center Stage performance where the Manhigot did us proud with their terrific dance routine. Later in the week, we went to Prompton State Park where we chilled out with a BBQ and a pick-up game of football 'frisbee' with the Manhigim. This Shabbat, the Manhigim / got are hosting Shabat with our theme "Shabbat Across America". We can't wait for our NY trip next week!

DAY CAMP & GAN MIRIAM Yom Yisrael was certainly the highlight of the week with each group learning about different places in Israel, like Haifa, Eilat, Machane Yehuda, Midbar Yehudah and Yerushalayim. The yeladim were busy all week long as they learned about their special place, created decorations, and planned activities for this exciting day that will surely be remembered by all.

BOYS CAMPUS RECAP

NITZANIM

Jorge sends his apologies, but Alex Fuchs got enough coins in the hunt for 2 people. Yitz took enough away for 7 people. Minesweep was CRAZY! The Hardnoks keep on trucking and we are ready for the trip next week.

OLDER SHTILIM

- * David Fleschner loves cheeseballs.
- * Benjy Lamm loves to swing on the swings.
- * Tzvi Gottenberg wants to be an FBI agent.
- * Paul Heisler knows all comic book facts from 1973-2010.
- * Gabriel Leifer was the speed knitting champion in his school.
- * Joe Rosen loves to listen to Q and A sessions.
- * Jeremy Brody is the Robin to Joe Rosen's Batman.
- * Ariel Forman was an opera singer for years.
- * Noah Orlian can read books upside down.
- * Evan Polinsky is 70% right in "heads or tails" games.
- * Josh Chesner has Canadian record for longest time on a pogo stick.
- * JoJo Fishman is a full time fisherman during the year.

YOUNGER SHTILIM

by Dr. Steven B. Davis

The Younger Shtili Boy's Anthem

To be sung every morning at the flagpole (to the tune of the Star Spangled Banner)

Younger Shtilis are the best,
People in the world,
All other people,
Are probably not as good.

Younger Shtilis can shoot,
Lasers out of their eyeballs,
And have the ability,
To control people with their brains.

Younger Shtilis are clean,
And always smell great,
Expect for one kid,
But he does not count.

We are the Younger Shtili Boys,
Dodgeball is our oxygen,
We are made out of titanium,
And our counselors are really handsome.

ILANOT

Dear Alufim & Alufot,

So, what's this I hear about you guys going on a trip? I didn't even notice that you guys left. I'm just joking. I miss you guys a lot. But, it does seem a little quieter and less scary since you left. I also heard you painted F.F. on a house in New Orleans. I've been trying to keep busy so that my mind isn't on you. I learnt that it takes a minute to win it, that Luigi will always beat Mario and that there is a special place called Israel. Next week, I am going to Lake Jorge on an adventure and it's gonna be sick. Please write back soon, buy me a t-shirt and enjoy the rest of your trip.

Love, Ilanot camper

MANHIGIM

This week was full of wonderful adventures for the Manhigim. On Wednesday night, we journeyed to Prompton State park in Honesdale for a chilled out BBQ. The fact that the park gates were closed didn't stop us!!! After eating and playing football, we then continued to Walmart. On Thursday, we went to Hancock Golf Course for an afternoon on the links. What a day!! We now have 15 more kids hooked to golf. Our week continued on Friday hosting intercamps with Moshava. If you think this week was good, just wait till next week, New York City, here we come!

YACHAD

Our week was jam packed with lots of fun. Sunday night, Ariel Cohen and his staff had us training for the Israeli army. We ran laps, did pushups and rolled in the mud; we worked hard but had a great time. Our pool parties were so relaxing; nothing better than a night swim in a warm pool. We finally got to push Laura and Brocha into the water! We all got to show off our hidden talents at our talent show! From rapping, to chazzanut, to dancing, and telling jokes, we were all stars of the show! Mazal Tov to Joey on his siyum! Thank you everyone for your participation in helping to make it such a special event.

ALUFIM

I'm not even going to try to attempt to make this article funny as I am writing it at 5:30AM in the middle of nowhere, USA. The Alufim had an incredible week so far on their road trip. The plane ride was quick, and B"H, no one got lost. We landed in New Orleans where the Alufim helped paint houses that were destroyed in Hurricane Katrina, it was a very meaningful experience. The following day, we traveled down the Kalluwa River in kayaks and canoes where we were met by a few alligators, venomous snakes & a rabid black dog (no joke). Today, with our eyes barely able to open, we are traveling to Perris Island, the home of the U.S. Marines Corps. The campers will be able to see how grueling it is for boys and girls not much older than them to train in order to protect the country in which they live. We are looking forward to spending Shabbat in Charleston, as well as Ice Skating, Paintball, Motor Racing, Biking on the Virginia Beach boardwalk, eating pizza by the Washington Monument, spending time and money in Six Flags Great America of Washington, and then coming home to Camp Morasha for our last 2 weeks as campers.

CHINUCH

Another week of education like none before! The various divisions LOVE going to the lake to hear R Kessock's shiur on animals, Shabbat (the theme this year) and kashrut. The classes continue apace with campers continuing to be inspired to love Shabbat like never before. The highlight of the week was Thursday's Israel day prepared by our own Morah Aliza Schachter (Do they speak Accadian and Ugaritic in modern-day Israel?) and assisted by our own R Chanan Bina and Morah Shayna Stollman. It was great seeing the campers doing army training exercises, making jewelry, learning the map of Israel, being greeted by Sarah Imeinu and many other classic Israeli activities. Even though not one camper or counselor provided the answer to last week's trivia question, here's another one. Which 3 male teachers in camp learned Torah in the now-defunct BMP?

.....A SPECIAL SHOUT OUT & RECOMMENDATION FOR:
AZARIA BIN-NUN,
.....EXTERMINATOR EXTRAORDINAIRE.....

ROVING REPORTER | QUESTION. MANY ANSWERS.

This week, we played word association.

When I say the word "ISRAEL", the first thing you think of is...

1. "our home" - Aliza Schachter - chinuch staff

2. "Moshiach" - Rebecca Weiss - G5

3. "Gotch" - Gideon Gulko - B12

4. "Big Apple Pizza" - Gabriel Leifer - B10

5. "Dead Sea" - Leora Fadlun - G12 & Jeremy Klein - B3

6. "Eilat" - Willie Salamon - B9

7. "tzahal" - Gabriella Tuchman - G13 & Simon Boch

8. "falafel" - Josh Appel - B7

9. "kotel" - Penina Levine - SDCG & Yehuda (Laiby) Stern - Yachad & Gabriel Kalter - B6

10. "Schwarma" - Daniel Levy = B9 & Rabbi Gotch Yudin

11. "spiritual" - Adina Roth - G14

12. "Masada" - Leo Rubin - B11

13. "Chevron" - Rachel Yudin - G2

14. "amazing" - Rami Laifer - B14

15. "Hashem" - Pammy Brenner - G14

16. "french fries" - Yoni Saks - B5

19. "Zack Folkman" - Jordan Bistrizky - B11

20. "kosher McD's" - Daniella Chesir - G19

21. "flag" - Natan Hofman - B14

22. "accents" - Keren Trink - G13

23. "Yerushalayim" - Benjy Lamm - B8

24. "promised land" - Leah Dahan - G18

25. "Moshikos" - Jeremy Brody - B10

26. "Ben Yehuda" - Sara Weitz - G6

27. "Marzipan bakery" - Max Parness - B1

28. "Beit Hamikdash" - Sophie Kule - G8

29. "Yam Hamelach" - Daniel Weiss - B3

30. "holy" - Lizzie Wallach - G10 & Rayna Kaufman - G15

31. "Shores" - Talia Yudin - G11

32. "pickles" - Spencer Tropper - B5

33. "Magen David" - Talya Gellis - G6

34. "Israel" - Steven Davis - YSB DH

35. "seminary girls" - Eric Moerdler - Ilanot DH

MORASHA BRAINGLE

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RIDDLE OF THE WEEK

You do not want to have me,
But when you have me,
You do not want to lose me.

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 I T The G

2. L The C O O The B

3. W Y D K W K You

4. F O Of W

5. W Y S Is W Y G

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