



Shalhevet

LOOKING BACK AT SUMMER 2010

WELCOME,

GLEE CLUB, POOL PARTIES, INDEPENDENCE DAY,
COMO LEAGUES, SLUMBER PARTIES, FIFA WORLD CUP, SHIRIA,
MACCABEATS, HERSHEY PARK, PAY DAY, ALL STAR GAME, TENNIS
TOURNAMENTS, MAGEN MORASHA, CHESED DAY, 4-WAY INTERCAMP, GSQUARED,
OVERNIGHTS, OLYMPICS, TOY STORY III, GIRLS HOCKEY TOURNAMENT, FEAR FACTOR,
CARNIVAL, ROAD TRIP, ISRAEL DAY, BLOOD DRIVE, MORASHA MANIA, BAT
MITZVAH, NYC BASH, LAKE GEORGE, COLOR WAR, FACE
REALITY, MORASHA MARATHON, JOSEPH...

The Chofetz Chaim tells us the following mashal concerning one of the mitzvot in this week's parsha. A poor man approached one of the more generous men in town and begged him for a loan. "I have a business venture that I would like to embark upon but I need five hundred dollars to get started." "I'm happy to help you," responds the wealthy man, "But I don't have any money on me right now. Why don't you come over to my house at five o'clock and I'll gladly give you the money." The wealthy man made a concerted effort to return home on time and waited. After two hours passed, he began to worry, but the poor man never came. The next day, the two men once again met on the street and the poor man again requested the same loan. Once again, the poor man never came to claim his loan. However, the next day he repeats his request. This time the rich man is not so forgiving. "Certainly if this was important to you, you would have come to get it by now." In this week's parsha, we are told that if we see our friend's animal in need of aid, we are obligated to go help, and it is assur to ignore the situation. The Midrash tells us that this is even more so in heaven, that if Hashem sees that we are in need, he will rush to our rescue. However, just as if our friend shows no desire to help himself, we are free of our obligation to offer our assistance, Hashem requires that we perform the necessary 'hishtadlut' in order to merit divine intervention. Every day we daven, "Place in our hearts the ability to learn and understand your Torah... Enlighten our eyes with your Torah and let our hearts cling to your mitzvot." Hashem stands ready to shower us with divine influence and aid us to grow in Torah knowledge and acts of kindness, but we often refuse to follow up. We don't make it to the beit medrash or we overlook an obvious chessed opportunity that presents itself. Eventually, we appear similar to the poor man in our story; we ask for all the right things, but we don't really want them. The month of Elul is a golden opportunity for us to act on our words, and take advantage of Hashem's generosity. The Navi Hoshea tells us, "Take with you words and return to Hashem." Perhaps we are being told to take all of the tefilot that we davened throughout the year that have not yet been followed up with action and to finally take the steps necessary to show Hashem and ourselves what we really want out of life, and the high levels that we can actually reach.

Parshat Ki Teitzei

August 20th & 21st

Candle Lighting - 6:36 PM

Shabbat Ends - 7:42 PM

GIRLS CAMPUS RECAP



NITZANIM Upon return from an exciting day at Camelbeach and an amazing trip to Toy Story 3D, we came back to an awesome Color War 2010. Morashia was a blast and congrats to all our friends on team Menuch! The week flew by with a post CW lazy day and a fabulous night activity, "Face Reality". We had a special surprise birthday party lunch filled with pizza, cake AND a pinata! To top it all off, we loved watching our machzor aleph counselors win in the technicolor basketball game. The day ended off with the best play ever. All of our friends did such an amazing job! We want to thank everyone for such an awesome summer ans we can't wait for Morasha 2011. (Thank Sarah Auerbach for being awesome.)

YOUNGER SHTILIM Wow! Can't believe that I'm writing the last article for the summer. What an amazing week we had, it started with day 42 and 87 of color war! Mazal tov to our own Dahlia Honigsfeld, the winning blue team general (love the fancy shirt!) Next came the "best day" so far....Lazy Day. Capture was awesome, we are so proud that all 8 camper teams beat the counselor team! I wonder how hard they were trying :) On Wednesday we had to "Face Reality". It was really fun. Thursday night we got to finally see why most of our division has been absent for the last week. The play was AMAZING! We are so proud of all of the cast. Friday's marathon and awards ceremony ended off a great week. We are looking forward to a restful Shabbat and a whirlwind of goodbyes and packing on Sunday & Monday. Thanks for coming along for the ride.....it has been great! How many more days till OSG 2011????

OLDER SHTILIM OSG are winding down after a truly outrageous, wonderful, stupendous, fun, crazy, fun loving, entertaining, special summer. Oh, how we will miss camp and our friends & staff. Color War was great! Panic, Face Reality & "Joseph" were incredible. A big Hakarat Hatov to all who helped make summer 2010 so memorable.

ILANOT I've always enjoyed the epiphany moment, that millisecond where lightness descends upon the earth, where that which was blurry becomes clear. That's hardly extraordinary. We all share a common desire to know, to understand, to stand confident in our convictions. But, what about that moment before comprehension? What about before our theories become fact? What about the fork in the road prior to the completion of the journey? I like the chaotic mayhem before my assumptions are proven or disproven. I like not knowing how the story is going to end. I like guessing through the fog. The world is my white paper and I can choose my own adventure. You stand at the beginning of your tiny lives, ready to dive into your story. You want all the answers. You want to flip to the back page. You may be confused. You may be lost. But, this is the moment. This is the moment where you can be anything. You can climb treacherous mountains in the Alaskan wild. You can invent a device that will bring clean water to the billions dying of thirst. You can be a world leader who actually leads. This is the moment where the means matter more than the ends. This is the moment where your journey begins. You have a tremendous capacity for greatness, as you have already demonstrated in your incredible artwork in Color War, your remarkable performances in Joseph, your willingness to walk the treetops in Lake George, and your readiness to face the world head-on. It is a privilege—an honor—to work with such an extraordinary group of young girls, prepared to conquer the universe. Your talent, your compassion, your confidence is unmatched. You show me what is right and good. You lead me on the path of understanding. You inspire me. You astound me. I reach to the depths of my soul in search of ways to communicate my profoundest gratitude for all you have bestowed upon me. You, Ilanot Girls of 2010, are awesome.

MANHIGOT What a way to enjoy our last full week of camp! Color War resumed with a bang. Even though the weather didn't cooperate Red & Blue played hard and worked hard on our divisional projects to decorate the Pavilion. Both teams did a terrific job. Last Team Standing kept our competitive spirit going with wacky races, Outburst, Musical Chairs, and a spelling bee just some of the games played. Face Reality brought out our realistic/creative side with Iron Chef, Project Runway and American Idols among others being played simultaneously. Our last Shabbat in camp will be memorable with a special Machzor Bet Shalosh Seudot program planned. We can't wait to see everyone next summer in ALUFOT '11.

ALUFOT The Alufot had an awesome last week in camp! Color War 10 was fantastic - Mazal Tov to Eliana Brecher, our counselor & blue team general on the big win! The week continued w/ other exciting things w/ dinner at pizza & LGT. Congrats to all our new lifeguards! "Face Reality" was amazing & we had a great time at the machzor aleph vs. machzor bet basketball game & the camp play. On our final Shabbat as campers, we want to thank everyone for such an incredible summer!

BOYS CAMPUS RECAP

NITZANIM The hardnok era comes to a close... it was epic and strong; from Ari Mitchell to howy beasts, it's always been a wild ride. This week we learned the true meaning of coaching with our Russian and Icelandier imported olympic coaches. They also taught us the true meaning of clean...shout out to our baker and his "boids." The championships are sure to be intense, maybe even powerful enough to move some us to tears...hardnoks forever "whooh"!



OLDER SHTILIM Zarka sleeps next to Rubin who is friends w/ Hoffman who likes ice cream like Lish who hates clowns like Fleschner who loves ponies like Gettenberg who was in the play with Lamm who likes the Yankees like Natan who plays golf with Lauer who eats cotton candy like Chesner who has a fear of spiders like rosen who likes Power Rangers like Altman who likes the color green like Friedman who enjoys long walks like Gross who likes baseball like Hain who is an artist like Appel who likes oranges like Fishman who is a fisher like Forman who wears flip flops like Leifer who still watches Barney like Perl who can spell backwards like Presser who snores like Orlian who sings like Polinsky who jumps high like Rochlin who smiles a lot like Salamon who loves camp like all OSB.

ILANOT Dear future Manhigim,

Thank you so much for a great summer. We laughed (more one!), we cried (when we found out that our division head wood be sleeping in the bunk) and we even learnt from one another a long the way. This was truely a summer of growthe. You have all taught me how to deal with difficult situashions and i feel that me level of payshense has definitley improved (he he). Please keep growing and maturing and come back for your first summer in machzor bet. Love, The Ilanot SC/DH?

The Legend of the Shtilis

by Dr. Steven Davis

We are the Younger Shtili,
On mighty steeds we ride,
We roam this land quite freely,
Force enemies aside.
With rubber ball and iron fist
We constantly fight crime,
With Ninja stealth and Jedi skill
We also travel time.
For centuries we've roamed the earth,
For evil do we scour,
Tales of old and whispered hymn,
Made legends of our power.
So if you hear our mighty call,
From on a mountain top,
The Moon shall freeze right in it's tracks,
The Sun shall surely stop.
And down will ride us mighty kin,
With Mastodons to war,
Combining all the powers
Of the Spartans, Hulk, and Thor.
So raise your swords,
Hear our decree
Let it spread,
From land to sea,
Safe the world shall ever be,
Thanks to the Yo

MANHIGIM As the summer comes to a close, The Manhigim competed in intense Color war activities and finished up a great summer of basketball and football leagues. We wish everyone a great year and look forward to seeing you back for Alufim 2011!

ALUFIM It is very so hard and sad to realize that camp will be over in just two more days. It's at this point in the summer when you say to yourself "Where in the world did this summer go?" I want to take this opportunity in this week's Shalhevet, not to write a humorous article, but to thank everyone who made my summer in Alufim so fantastic. Firstly, a tremendous thanks to all of my counselors. Reb Yankel, Drew, Shloos, Rotty, and "Gains" were incredible (Also that "BMP guy" was ok). I'm happy that we created another great Chevra of counselors, and I want to express my tremendous gratitude to you for everything you've done to make this summer a memorable one. Yaakov, thanks for giving us memories on the Road Trip bus we will never forget. Thank you Dave Friedman, for being the best person in the world to work for. You are a role model for me and every division head in the way you run the campus. Thank you for being on top of everything, but always making Morasha Boys Campus the most pleasurable place to be a staff member. The Marines chant tune, and Oseh Shalom will be forever etched in our brains due to you. I want to thank my Machzor Bet partner, Rabbi Spier, for always making it easier to run Machzor Bet. From league schedules to davening announcements, from last minute Visiting Day camper name checks to endless amounts of jokes in the London House, JZ has been one of my closest friends in camp for the past 4 summers. Thank you so much and Mazel Tov! Jeremy Jozsef...my other roommate and close friend in camp. What can I say Jer. Thanks for putting up with me being a morning person. Thank you for all that you do for us on a daily basis. Words cannot express how much I appreciate your constant creativity, friendship, and random spurts of insane actions. Thank you Sarah for being a great co-worker. I know running FIM/FOT isn't always easy, but you helped do an amazing job this summer. Definitely thanks for putting up with me over the summer at various instances. Lastly, to my dear campers. These are the people who really make the summer what it is. Thank you for, mostly behaving extremely well this summer, and for providing me with a whole new slew of amazing memories. Leagues, So You Think You Can Dance, the Road Trip, Friday Night Live...all these things and more were only a success because of the way you participated and the way in which you carried yourself as a great division. Please be in touch throughout the year and for many years to come.

P.S. A tremendous Yasher Koach to Ed Ornoff, the greatest bus driver in the world!

DAY CAMP & GAN MIRIAM It's hard to believe this is the last newsletter of the summer. Our children learned & grew so much in the past few weeks. All of the yeladim participated in many various acts of Chesed this summer including the Chai Lifeline jump-a-thon as well as singing & dancing for the seniors at Camp Block. Our trip to Como Pizza to make our own pizza was terrific, and tasty too! The annual day camp carnival was a huge success. Best wishes for a K'tiva V'Chatima Tova!

ROVING REPORTER | QUESTION. MANY ANSWERS.

This week, Camp Morasha answered the following sentence starters:

"JEREMY JOSZEF CAN ..."

1. "work 24 / 7" - Adam Lifshitz - B17
2. "continue to surprise us" - Tyler B. - B17
3. "can make all campers have an unbelievable summer" - Laura Fruchter - Yachad director
4. "make amazing videos" - Daniella B. - G10
5. "pull a fast one on me EVERY time" - Aileen Mehlman - girls HC ass't
6. "eat 17 hotdogs" - Rachel Wolkoff - G21
7. "fly" - Justin Feldman - B12
8. "give me some counselors, but I don't wanna bother him" - Eric M. DH
9. "do EVERYTHING!" - Aryeh Norman - B16
10. "make things happen" - Meryl Hoffman
11. "take anything & make it fun" - Tzipora Baratz - DH
12. "Be the Master of Fun and Creativity" - Jared Bruh
13. "be the man" - Willie Salamon - B9
14. "make anything fun" - Vivian Rosenberg - Day Camp director
15. "do it all" - Jenni Levin DH
16. "make a summer" - Kara Winter - G19
17. "rock" - Jonathan Crane - B7
18. "make a summer" - Kara Winter - G19
19. "CAN & DOES make a dream come true year in & year out at Morasha" - Ira & Paula
20. "marry any of our daughters" - Gotch & Ruthie

and "JEREMY JOSZEF CANNOT ..."

1. "wear a pair of shorts" - R'Schachter - chinuch
2. "make a better summer" - Esther Sokol - G20
3. "make a bad Color War" - Jason Mishkin & A.J. Chesir - B7
4. "leave camper" - entire G21
5. "sleep" - entire B3
6. "come up with amazing ideas (yeah right)" - Yitz Mendlowitz - B2C
7. "say when Color War is" - anonymous
8. "go a week without a surprise" - Max Hoffman - B15
9. "scream" - Joseph Rosen - B10
10. "make a summer boring" - Sammy Weitchner - B5
11. "go cliff diving" - Meira Lamm - G18
12. "get a normal nights' sleep" - Jason Salamon & Yoni Gancz - B17
13. "run this camp w/o the help of his roommates" - Natan Farber - DH
14. "cook" - David Fleschner - B8
15. "fly" - Alan Katz - DH
16. "sing 'Shabbos Shabbos kodesh' very well" - R' Friedman - Boys HC
17. "take his eyes off me" - Steven Davis - DH
18. "complete a program without counting... 6 teams compete in 5 games of 4 skills in 3 days on 2 fields with 1 prize..." - Denah Emerson - DH
19. "leave Morasha (until Tess completes Alufot)" - Barbara S. - DH

CHINUCH Another unusual but great week in chinuch ! We had the privilege of teaching about menucha and melacha on Thursday-Monday. Even more, we experienced the exciting moment of hearing many of the campers sing "it's time to say good shabbos" over and over again ! Additionally, hearing campers recite tefillot ba'al peh, recite mishnayot ba'al peh, run around the Bondis playing educational Torah games and search in the library for texts and sources are just some of the ways that Morashia is seen through the prism of the chinuch staff's eyes. Kudos to all the staff members who provided worksheets and lesson plans together with Powerpoint presentations to make chinuch during Morashia fun. As camp winds down, we reflect on all the new educational techniques we have learned and look forward excitedly to doing so again next summer with the theme of 5771 (TBD). Personal thanks to all the superb teachers we have in camp who make working here such a pleasure. Ketiva ve-chatima Tova to all.

YACHAD Can't believe its our last week! Some highlights from our incredible summer: "Hanging out with the staff in the canteen" -Tamar Schlanger, "Winning colorwar"-Nechama Korn, "Basketball"-Rachel Kaplan, "Meeting new people"-Jonah Rubinstein, "Hershey park"- Gershie Young. We want to take this opportunity to thank all the specialty heads, division heads, programming staff, counselors, infirmary staff and our waiters for everything you did for us this summer to make it so amazing! Please be in touch with us over the year & come on our Shabbatons in your neighborhood. Can't wait for summer 2011!

For 10 years, Camp Morasha has been super-duper, fabulous for me. Even though I really did not know Rabbi Oratz that well, I know that he was a very special tzaddik and always taught the boys with love & care. I was here in 2001 and I'm telling you that Morasha is like no other camp. You have jobs, making friends, hanging by canteen, activities and a whole lot more. I also like socializing with people and going on trips like Dorney Park and the movies. This summer is my last summer in Morasha and I'm telling you that Camp Morasha is a special place that people can really connect and make strong bonds with each other.

*Thank you Camp Morasha,
Talia Forman*

MORASHA BRAINGLE

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RIDDLE OF THE WEEK

Read this sentence:

FINISHED FILES ARE THE RESULT OF YEARS OF SCIENTIFIC STUDY COMBINED WITH THE EXPERIENCE OF YEARS.

Now count aloud the F's in that sentence. Important, count them ONLY ONCE: do not go back and count them again



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