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JULY 8-9, 2011 / SHABBAT PARSHAT BALAK



Our overnight trip to Dorney was a blast!

COMING UP THIS WEEK AT CAMP:

July 9
Morasha Cup

July 10
Shiria

July 13-14
Olympics

July 15
Lazy day

SHABBAT SHALOM!

FIFA, July 4th and Trip Day!

Though our week started off with a bit of rain, it didn't dampen our spirits at all. Motzei Shabbos, we had our first-ever Stomp Competition, where the Older Shtilim triumphed over the other divisions, with a performance focused on the theme of Tzahal. On Monday, the campuses were filled with rainbows of multi-colored socks, when we had our second annual FIFA soccer competition, with 24 teams playing against each other. Monday night we had a festive July 4th barbecue, followed by a dazzling fireworks display at the Coliseum. The entire camp left for an overnight trip on



Tuesday, spending the day at Dorney Park and the night in a hotel, where we were treated to a hypnosis show and movies, as well as some uninvited little guests! On Thursday night, we had "Purim in July," complete with a seuda, chagigah and costume contest! We are looking forward to our second Shabbos in camp, dedicated to heroes Miriam and Yocheved.



NEWS FROM GIRLS CAMPUS



NITZI GIRLS: *The Nitzis had an amazing second week in camp! We played our little hearts out in FIFA and loved the fireworks show on July 4th. We had so much fun on trip day and had a blast at Dorney Park! We also had some awesome night activities, including “Name that Tune” and a scavenger hunt!*

YOUNGER SHTILI GIRLS: *We started off our week with an awesome pool party on Sunday night. Everyone had a blast on the trip to Dorney Park, and we loved the hypnosis show. We were so excited to stay up late at night at the hotel to watch Harry Potter. The Younger Shtili girls also made their mark at Purim in July on Thursday, where they wore the most creative costumes -- DJ's flurries and ice cream, mimes, girls from the 80s, and our favorite -- bedbugs! We can't wait for Shiria and Olympics next week!*



OLDER SHTILI GIRLS: *We had a great start to our week, when we won the camp-wide Stomp competition -- a special thanks to Etan Kestenbaum for all his help and hard work. We were so excited to celebrate on Sunday with a pizza party. FIFA was awesome, and nobody loved it as much as Liz Pavel and Kyra Fisher! We also had a great night activity this week -- Extreme Counselor Makeover.*

Our counselors looked fantastic, especially Jamie, who won with her sparkly outfit. We had an awesome pool party, where we taught Lisa Baratz a new dance. We had a great time on the overnight trip and totally didn't bug out. Last, but not least, we had our first co-ed night activity, which was a three-in-one extravaganza. First, we had an icebreaker, where the boys ran circles around the girls. Then we played line-up, followed by hot canteen night. It was great!

BMP GIRLS: *Beautiful zemirot filled the air on Shabbos, when the BMP girls joined the Younger Shtilim for their division shabbaton. Everyone enjoyed the leibedik atmosphere, as we brought oneg shabbos to a new level. We also hosted the Ilanot girls for a Friday night tish, where we sang, heard divrei Torah and ate delicious chulent! This week, we also had the opportunity to tale on the role of counselors, coaching FIFA teams and watching a spectacular fireworks display. We can't wait for what next week has in store!*

NEWS FROM GIRLS CAMPUS



ILANOT GIRLS: Life's headlines tend to be comprised of Big Things: Birth, Bat Mitzvah, Graduation, Wedding... Stomp, Fifa, Dorney, Purim in July... And those things are rightfully headliners. They are Huge. They are Life-Changing. They are Awesome. We necessarily capitalize these things. But, as we learned at Never Say Never, when we forget about the little things, we're done. When we forget the individual beats, we're done. When we miss one clue in MapQuest, we're done. When we forget the

appreciation of each activity, each ride with no lines, each friend's encouraging smile, we're done. Though we anxiously await and bask in every Big Thing, the Ilanot know that it is the little things, the lower cased awesome things, that truly enrich our lives. And that is awesome.

MANHIGOT: We had an action-packed week, full of awesome night activities and trips. We loved our Justin Bieber night, where we all dressed in purple, watched "Never Say Never" and had a dance party! We also had a blast played co-ed dodgeball. FIFA was awesome, with South Africa being named the winners. The trip to Dorney was awesome, especially our surprise night excursion to Walmart! We were rocking in sports this week, winning our Wayne County league softball game at Nesher, and our basketball and hockey games in Como leagues. We also had a great time trying out Zumba!



ALUFOT: The Alufot had another amazing week in camp!! It started out with an awesome night trip to pizza and DJ's. We then had the FIFA tournament, which we rank as one of our favorite days of the summer! "This was one of the best days of my life," said Lily Ottensoser. The camp-wide overnight trip was unbelievable, and we had a great time in Dorney, the hotel and our surprise trip to Walmart! We got back to camp for "Never Say Never" movie night, which was AWESOME. We had a blast decked out in purple, singing and dancing along! The week ended off SUPER well when we had the best time at Purim in July, where we dressed up as superheroes. We can't wait for another exciting week!

NEWS FROM BOYS CAMPUS

NITZI BOYS: *The week started off with a Motzei Shabbat Stomp competition, where we flew the Nitzi flag high, representing Calev and Yehoshua. It was easy to relate to a hero that may be small in size, but still managed to influence those around them for the better, just like us! On Sunday, we had some counselor versus camper dodgeball, where Akiva Hain showed no fear against his six-foot-something counselors. Monday was the FIFA soccer tournament, where Aiden Englander played exceptionally well on his birthday. The final championship was an intense game, and Jonno Rosen and Ben Bodner led team Australia to a 3-0 victory over Honduras. But the week wasn't over -- we went to Dorney Park and a hotel, where we brought back smiles, prizes and bedbugs! But only the smiles made it through the fun, welcoming dip in the lake. On Thursday, the fun continued with Purim... in July! It's only two weeks in, but the fun is just beginning!*



YOUNGER SHTILI BOYS: *This past week has been full of surprises, both pleasant and awesome. From intense games of Glow-in-the-Dark Dodgeball on Sunday night to Max Elefant and Daniel Portnoy's birthdays, to Wednesday's quarantine, there was plenty of fun to go around. Also, on behalf of Camp Morasha, the Younger Shtilim boys would like to welcome our newest pets to the Morasha family, coming to a lake near you!*

OLDER SHTILI BOYS: *Why even have a first week when the second is this good? We started the week by winning Stomp by a landslide, and winning an amazing prize of division pride that we traded in for the privilege of paying for pizza. We all got socks on FIFA day, which proved helpful later in the week when we had to quarantine our clothing. The trip was awesome, including Morasha's first ever MP3 experiment. Dorney Park was a lot of fun and it satisfied our need for basketballs of different sizes and colors. The hotel was an experience that we will never forget. All of the campers emulated Avraham by leaving their doors wide open. It was an amazing week!*

NEWS FROM BOYS CAMPUS

ILANOT BOYS: After a week of anticipation, full of evaluations, tryouts and practices, the Ilanot came out firing in all sports, posting an unprecedented 3-0 record, sweeping in our two basketball games and one hockey game. Fearing Camp Tioga would be too much to handle, our boys fought relentlessly from the start, never looking back, en route to a

blowout. If this is only a slight

indication of our team's success, we're in for a treat!



MANHIGIM: What another awesome week for the Manhigim! It was packed with an awesome FIFA soccer day, Dorney Park, late night trip to Walmart and late night barbecue and pool party! With the beginning of hockey leagues, the Machzor Bet leagues are in full force and we can't wait for another great week ahead!

ALUFIM: It was another exciting week for the Alufim! It began with the second annual FIFA tournament. "Fifa was the best day of my life," said Nofi Genet. "I look forward to the FIFA tournament all school year. Even though I lost, I am happy to know that I gave it my all and had great sportsmanship throughout. That's what being a Jewish boy is all about." The day was capped off with a breathtaking fireworks show. Jacob Levy and Jason Levine both said, "Wow! Those were awesome fireworks," at the same time and then Jason said "jinx," so now Jacob can't talk until he buys Jason a soda. The week continued with the first ever camp-wide overnight trip. Sam Rochlin won the ring toss game and won a huge monkey. The monkey exploded everywhere in the hotel and there was white fuzz all over the floor. Michael Hirt and Alex Hirt both said it was hilarious. Then, Jason Levine said "jinx" again. The trip was amazing, and at the end, everyone was "bugging out." Get it? "Bugging?" LOL. We look forward to another amazing shabbos and another action-packed week, including Shiriah, Olympics and a massive cleanup for visiting day. (More names to be used next week...)

BMP BOYS: The Boys BMP had a fantastic week. In addition to our continued study of Perek Ben Sorer U'Moreh, we had a number of exciting bonding opportunities. Tuesday was trip day and we had a packed day at Monticello Raceway, Kiamesha Lanes and Woodbourne. The day's activities culminated with a pool party and barbecue back at camp. In addition, the BMP RC program was in full swing on Monday and Thursday, when we filled in as counselors. Thursday night's Purim in July also featured great ruach from the BMP, when we dressed up as rappers! We look forward to another exciting week ahead!

DVAR TORAH from MORAH ALIZA SCHACHTER

What is Bnai Yisrael's reaction to the miraculous blessings of Bilaam? Last week, after getting water in the desert, they sang a *shira*, to praise Hashem for providing the well. After the splitting of the Yam Suf, they also sang *Az Yashir* in thanks to Hashem. But in this week's parsha, Bnai Yisrael is silent-why? The answer is that Bnai Yisrael did not even know that it happened!!! The whole sequence of events in Parshat Balak takes place "behind-the-scenes." Bnai Yisrael are characters in the setting of the story, but they are never part of the action. In fact, when Bilaam is mentioned in later parshiot in Sefer Bemidbar, it is only in regard to his plotting with Moav to cause Bnai Yisrael to sin with Ba'al Peor (31:16). Bnai Yisrael only learned about what happened later, when Hashem told Moshe in Sefer Devarim, Parshat Ki Teitzei (23:5) not to marry Moavim because they hired Bilaam to curse Bnai Yisrael.

Hashem granted Bnai Yisrael a great yeshua that they might never have known about. According to the Vilna Gaon, this is what "*hallelu et Hashem kol goyim, shabechuhu kol ha'umim, ki gavar aleinu chasdo*," which we said in Hallel this week, is referring to. Why should the other nations praise Hashem for the loyal kindness that He bestows upon us??? Because, sometimes, they are the only ones who know about it! Hashem is always looking out for Bnai Yisrael and helps us all the time, even when we are not aware of it. In a similar vein, a lot goes on behind-the-scenes in camp that we may not realize. A special thanks to all the "crew members" who were "backstage" this week, allowing for the "show to go on" for the rest of the camp. Shabbat Shalom!

DAY CAMP: What a great week we had! Our trip was a great success. After Tefillah, we boarded the bus to Party Palooza. We ate our sandwiches and then decorated ceramic creations. Each child climbed a web and received tokens to play arcade games. The yeladim shared and took turns, all the way to Baskin Robbins, where we ate ice cream with sprinkles! We then visited Main Street Park in Honesdale to enjoy outdoor games and climbing equipment. We returned to camp, exhilarated but exhausted. This week, our counselors participated in a workshop on "Dealing with Power Struggles." We listened to the techniques of Dr. Becky Bailey and are certain that we will be able to use what we learned in our groups.



YACHAD by Katie Bender: This week started off with an extraordinary carnival made by SEG, a camp in South Fallsburg. The carnival had lots of fun things like face painting, a beading station and my favorite, karaoke. Monday came along and not only was it July 4th but the FIFA soccer games were taking place. Yachad had a big soccer game too -- boys, girls, workers and counselors all played. Following the game we all got ready for our July 4th BBQ. It was delicious. The sun set and the entire camp went to watch fireworks. Tuesday we woke up early to board the buses to Dorney Park. My favorite ride was the carousel and I

also won a stuffed animal. We stayed at a nice hotel and I liked that the whole camp was there together. Wednesday we came back to our regular, awesome schedule and we had a fun, yummy night activity, where we baked chocolate chip cookies. I'm really looking forward to the next couple of weeks in camp!

TRUE HEROISM AT MORASHA

People become heroes when they step up to the plate in a time of crisis, when a fellow Jew or human being needs help -- and there were many heroes at Morasha this week. The specialty staff, operations staff, counselors and all of the volunteers who stayed up for almost an entire night, doing laundry and separating the clothes and personal items of 800 people, were heroes. We would like to express our Hakarat Hatov to everyone who pitched in. Thank You!!!

Camp Morasha's Roving Reporter: WHO IS YOUR HERO AND WHY?

"Tzahal, because every day they give their lives, terrorists or no terrorists, to save Israel" - Andrew Bokor, B-13

"Jeremy Jozsef because he runs the camp and makes it enjoyable and fun! - Barbara Kaplan-Marans and Jordana Appel- G-23

"My brother and sister, because they always help me and support me" - Emily Packer, G-4

"Aharon HaKohen because he helps people and makes peace" - Jonno Rosen, B-2

"My Mom, because she's always there for me" - Emily Zrihen, G-3



"Hashem, because he gives me everything and because he gives life and lets us humans have fun" - Shachar Matsui, B-4

"Justin Bieber, because he's sooo cute, he has the best voice in the world, and he donated a lot of money to Haiti when they had the earthquake and visited them" - Sarena Perl and Margot Bokor, G-3

"My grandfather, because he came here from Romania after the Holocaust" - Talia Lisker, G-8

"The Jets, because they were steps away from the Super Bowl this year" - Yisroel Richter, B-2

"My mommy, because when I get sick, she's always there to help me feel better" - Rose Schwartz, G-6

"My parents, because they get me everything and are just so nice to me" - Abigail Appel, G-4

"Moshe Rabeinu, because without him we would not be out of slavery" - Jackie Glaser, B-2



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