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# SHALHEVET

JULY 15-16, 2011 / SHABBAT PARSHAT PINCHAS



*The Morasha Cup  
was awesome!*

COMING UP THIS  
WEEK AT CAMP:

July 17  
Visiting Day  
G-Squared

July 19  
Shiva Asar B'Tammuz

July 20  
Ice Hockey Trip

July 21  
Morasha FlashMob

SHABBAT SHALOM!

## India wins the Morasha Olympics!

What a fantastic week! On Motzei Shabbos, we had the first-ever Morasha Cup, an awesome hockey tournament, plus a late-night barbecue on boys campus. On Sunday, we sang our hearts out at Shiriah, playing tribute to the “unsung heroes” of past and present. The girls won, with beautiful renditions of “Mi Kamocha” and “Acheinu Hu.” On Monday, which was 7/11, we all enjoyed ice cold slurpees. Finally on Tuesday night, we kicked off the Olympics, with a torch procession and opening ceremony. The camp was transformed into an Olympic Village, with countries Australia, Greece, India and Spain competing for the



gold, and after two days of intense competition, led by our Ambassadors, India won! Some highlights included a half-time break-dancing show, an all-boys dance-off and ethnic decor and music in the dining room. Thursday night, Machzor Bet saw the premiere of the new Harry Potter Movie, and on Friday, we had a much-deserved lazy day. We are looking forward to Shabbos, dedicated to the Biblical hero Ruth.



# NEWS FROM GIRLS CAMPUS



**NITZI GIRLS:** *Shabbat was over, and a new week was born! What better way to celebrate than with an ice cream party! Remember all that Shiria practice? It paid off, big time! The Nitizi girls rocked out with solos from Bradley Friedman and Meira Cohen. The next day was 7/11 when we celebrated our victory in style with a nice cold slurpee. That night we had the first-ever talent show of the summer*

*where everyone displayed their unique abilities.*

*Highlights included Emily Zrihen who sang a song... without opening her mouth! Shoshana Schiowitz did something different and made a beautiful picture! Before we knew it Olympics was here and the games began. The summer is almost half over and it still feels like it just began!*

**YOUNGER SHTILI GIRLS:** *In addition to Olympics and Shiria, a highlight of our week was the division talent show! We were so impressed by all the*



*performers. The winners were singers Miller Friedman and Eva Ingber; Rachel Harris who played the piano; and Zoe and Grace Klein, who did a comedy dance lesson with Rose Schwartz, Rotem Cohen and Sarah Tessone. Everyone had a blast, and the winners will receive hot canteen night on Sunday! We are so excited to see everyone on Visiting Day!*



**OLDER SHTILI GIRLS:** *OSG had a wonderful group swim in the lake this week, with our counselors and division head, Penina, all joining in the fun! We also had "OSG Got Talent," an entertaining talent show*

*featuring our campers and counselors. Our judges were staff members Rina Fuchs, Sari Drazin and the very British Ruthie Yudin, who declared the jump-roping jellybeans the winners. We also watched some not funny comedians, plus a finale dance performance by our counselors, who hopefully won't be "Single Ladies" anymore. We are so proud of our counselor, Leeora Judas, who served as Ambassador to Spain for the Olympics, which were a blast. We loved our lazy day, because we're so good at that... and we can't wait to see our parents on Visiting Day!*



# NEWS FROM GIRLS CAMPUS

**ILANOT GIRLS:** *The life of an Olympic athlete is an admirable one. They identify (at a surprisingly early age) their dream, outline a plan to achieve said dream, and work harder and harder until they can hold that gold in their fingers. Through hard work and dedication, they turn their dreams into tangible*

*realities and reap the benefits of accomplishment. Michael Phelps does not have superhuman blood coarsing through his veins. Dominique Moceano was never bitten by a spider and given the ability to scale walls. They are humans who have followed their paths to glorious conclusions. We had an intense two days where we played hard, fought harder, and grasped at that gold. It starts with a dream. Then, a plan. And then, tireless work until the dream is realized. Whatever the dream, we each have the capacity for greatness. And that is awesome.*



**MANHIGOT:** *We started off the week with the Morasha cup on Saturday Night, where we got to cheer on the boys campus as they competed in several intense games of hockey. We beat the boys at Shiria on Sunday and all enjoyed our 7/11 slushies, which tasted great on such a hot day. The week kept getting better, with our "overnight." We hiked up to the campsite, enjoyed a barbecue and learned about Roi Klein in connection with the summer's theme of heroes. We ended off the night by eating yummy s'mores and hearing scary stories by the campfire before heading back to campus. We had a blast during Olympics and also rocked our Como Leagues games, where we beat Moshava in both basketball and hockey! On Thursday night, we were psyched to see the first showing of Harry Potter. Can't wait to see our families on Visiting Day!*



**ALUFOT:** *The Alufot had another awesome week! We started off with an unbelievable Shiria win and continued with a day filled with slushies, slip n' sliding, and an amazing pool party! Then Olympics 2011 began! We've had a blast playing hockey, volleyball and tennis and representing our countries. Congrats to India and our very own counselor, Sara Kaszovitz who was a winning Ambassador! Of course, also a very special happy birthday to Daniella Bodek. We can't wait for another fantastic and fun-filled week at camp!*

# NEWS FROM BOYS CAMPUS

**NITZI BOYS:** *Just when we thought things were calming down... Shiria and Olympics in the same week? One word -- AWESOME! The Nitzi boys once again represented boys campus, with solos from Jackie Glaser, Chaim Medetsky and Yonah Seewald.*



*Monday gave us a moment to chill down a bit with a nice ice cold slushie, which was a fine complement to the world-renowned Morasha cinnamon buns. We finished the night with a "Guess Who" night activity, but instead of characters, we used campers! By Tuesday night, we already started Olympics, where we competed in Squad 4 for the honorable gold medal and bragging rights... until next year! It's hard to believe that visiting day is here already!*



**YOUNGER SHTILI BOYS:** *Week 3 in Camp Morasha was chock-full of Camp-Wide Events and awesome activities for the Younger Shtili Men of Oh Eleven. Shiria! Pool Party and Barbecue! Leagues! Olympics! A seminar on the history of Hip-Hop! Lazy Day! So much in one week! How about that! So much excitement! So many exclamation points!!!! Stay Tuned for Visiting Day, G-Squared, and more! Yay parents! Right on, gang! And*

*now, for our first installment of the Younger Shtili Men Names of the Week, sponsored by Swingsets Worldwide: Simon Kleiman, Shachar Matsui, Gabriel Yaghoobzar, Eliau Bruger, and Joshua Gershfield. Neato!*

**OLDER SHTILI BOYS:** *Wow, the week flew by! A select number of campers played in Mo's hockey tournament, and on Sunday, we had shiria in which we accidentally won song of the night on the wrong song, and we came in second place. The week then continued, with Olympics, in which the Older Shtilim got to show off their sumo wrestling and riflery skills. Our division rocked the dance competition, and some of the campers have already met with Dr. Zeitchik after dressing up as women. We had the best night activity ever, called water balloon wars letter puzzle code thing. Lastly, we defeated camp Seneca in Wayne County basketball and showed that you could wear a kippah and still play ball.*



# NEWS FROM BOYS CAMPUS

**ILANOT BOYS:** *There have been some scary moments thus far in camp, but none were scarier than the Ilanot movie night featuring "The Sixth Sense." Luckily, the boys were too full to feel the effect after a long-awaited Dougie's BBQ order. The kids enjoyed fine meats and delicacies, which they hadn't eaten in a long two weeks.*



*But nothing was more exciting than Olympics. One camper's reaction summed it all up: "I love Olympics so much!" I am Michael Heller. And I am a hero. Thank you, Avi. Let's build a better future.*

**MANHIGIM:** *What another great week for the Manhigim! They continued to excel on the courts, winning Lake Como League games versus Moshava and Nesher. The week was highlighted by Australia, Greece, India and Spain competing on the fields during the 6th annual Morasha Olympics. Congrats to the India basketball team and the Spain soccer teams on their gold medal victories. If you thought the week was done after the Olympics, you were very wrong. The Manhigim were treated to a big surprise, as the camp took us to the premiere of the new Harry Potter movie late Thursday night! Stay tuned for playoff results, as the first month of leagues comes down to the wire.*



**ALUFIM:** *Hola! Aqui esta otra edicion del articulo de Alufim en espanol. La weeko comenzo con una explosion en Shiriah. Los chicos won songo de la noche. En 7/11, todos los camperos*

*fureron tratados con libre medio slushies. La noche de martes, vio el principio de la ceremonia annual de Olimpiadas. Los equipos fueron Australias, Espana, Greece y India. Todos las campistas tuvieron un tiempo asombroso que tratar de ganar la medalla de oro par sus equipos. Nofi Genet quiere jugar al futbol. Las felicitaciones a Daniel Genachowski en llega a ser un ambassador a Espana. Gotch, el director de Campamento Morasha, siempre dice "Ah bebe!" Los ninos mas viejos todo experto para la Flash Mob en el paseo el proximo Jueves. Los campista fueron tratadosa a un viaje de la sorpresa a Harry Potter! Buscamos todo hacia adelante Dia de Visiting.*



## DVAR TORAH from RABBI YEHUDA BALSAM

The events surrounding this week's parsha contain two very unique incidents. When Pinchas committed his famous life-saving act of zealotry, he stopped a plague that had already taken 24,000 lives. It was an event beneficial to people of the time, and it taught us a lesson for our period as well. However, one question that jumps out at us when we read about this incident is, where was Moshe Rabeinu? Why didn't he take action the way Pinchas did? Surely if it was a question of knowledge of the halacha, Moshe was the greatest Torah scholar of all time. If it was a question of revelation, Moshe was the greatest Navi of all time. Why, then, did he not take the appropriate action as his student Pinchas did?

Rashi tells us that Moshe forgot the halacha concerning this matter. He explains that surely Moshe did not lack the intensity or the gumption to act, for he stood up before the entire nation when it worshipped the Eigel HaZahav and smashed the Luchot. Rather, Hashem hid the halacha from him so that Pinchas could come and claim his portion in the Torah. Pinchas approached Moshe and asked him, "Have you not taught us that in such a case a zealot can take action"? Moshe, who until this point had forgotten the halacha, now remembered it, and told Pinchas, "He who reads the letter should be the messenger in carrying out its contents". Immediately Pinchas set out to perform his mitzvah.

Similarly, we find the incident with the B'not Tzafchad, whose great love for the land of Israel drove them to approach Moshe and request a portion in the land in place of their father's. Moshe, in his humility, did not even attempt to answer their question, but rather presented it to Hashem and awaited the answer. Here, too, Rashi comments that the halacha became hidden from Moshe because Hashem wanted the daughters of Tzafchad to be the ones who received credit for teaching these halachot to the Bnei Yisrael. Due to their initiative and willingness to step outside their comfort zones for the sake of receiving a chelek in the holy land, they were rewarded for all time, becoming teachers of halacha to the entire Jewish population.

In both instances, Hashem prevented Moshe Rabeinu, the greatest teacher and scholar of all time, from being the one to transmit these halachot because He wanted to leave the opportunity for others to do so. This concept is often referred to as "makom hanicho lo," a place has been left open for him. Although we assume that the scholars of earlier generations were far greater than we, that should never prevent us from trying to master and add our original insights and perspectives to the Torah. Every Jew, no matter how gifted, scholarly or skilled, has something that only he or she can add to Hashem's Torah. The Zohar HaKadosh tells us that there are 600,000 letters in the Torah, one for every Jew. This means to say that every Jew has a portion in the Torah that only he or she can 'write'. A Torah that's missing even one letter is unusable, and it is our job to make sure that our letter is filled in beautifully and brightly. Hopefully we can take the lesson of Pinchas and the B'not Tzafchad and achieve our chelek in Torah, as slowly but surely the sefer Torah that represents Am Yisrael becomes filled with our letters.

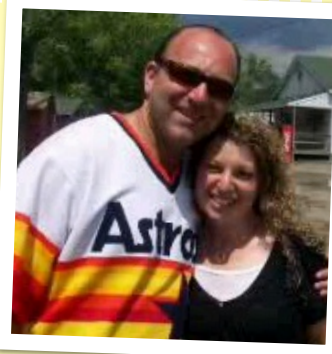
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### ***BOYS BMP by Yechiel Schwab and Shlomo Friedman:***

*This week was the MOST AMAZING, GREATEST WEEK in BMP history! Starting on Motzei Shabbos with the Morasha Cup (the most fantabulous ever) where Rotty, a BMP Division Head, uncharacteristically didn't quit and led his to victory, as the staff and campers not chosen in the random lottery sat and watched. The BMP continued its rigorous learning asking the questions who (not what) is a hero, and who really wrote Az Yashir. Thankfully Shiria (the most awesometastic ever) answered these questions. The BMP also continued its studies in more applicable fields such as the wayward son, the intruder who entered another's bunk at night, and the Rodef, one who chases with a knife or rifle. During this year's Olympics (the most unbelievably great ever) the BMP learned much about the rich culture and history of the four nations involved, definitely not just hackneyed associations. We look forward to amazing and lively Tisches this Shabbos, and more fantastic Shabbos Ruach. We encourage all campers (not really all; boys only) to come to the BMP this week to enjoy Torah, air conditioning, and our restocked food supplies. We wish you the most amazing Shabbos ever!*

## MEET MO AND RINA FUCHS

Mo and Rina Fuchs are some of the newest members of our Morasha family. Mo runs hockey clinics on boys campus on the weekends, and frequently gives "shmoozes" on Shabbos. Mo -- the varsity hockey coach and director of operations at TABC, and the president of a real estate management company -- was also the mastermind behind last Saturday night's first-ever Morasha Cup. Rina works in the main office and in the programming department, planning activities for our staff members. Before coming to Morasha, the Fuchses spent several summers at Mesorah, and we are excited to have them here! Mo's favorite part of Morasha so far is "the people," he says. "It was amazing to Rina and me how welcoming everyone was and how nice everyone has been to us." Rina -- who works as a nursery school morah during the year -- says that "she loves the staff at Morasha," which is why she has been planning amazing night activities for them, including baking, ductigami, make your own pizza, and trips to movies, bowling, Walmart and ice skating. We are so happy that the Fuchses have joined us this season and we look forward to a wonderful summer!



**YACHAD BOYS** by Laiby Stern: This week I helped the operations crew in camp help set up for the Olympics. I had to carry chairs from the Mercazia to the Coliseum and set it up in rows. They're cool guys and chilled out. I enjoy working with them. They are going to call me to help them work whenever there are big special events going on. The rest of the day I chill with the bunk. I like sports with the guys and swimming in the pool. On Wednesday, there was a camp wide marathon as a part of the Olympics, I ran for my team, India. I think we did well. I love camp!



**YACHAD GIRLS** by Melissa Spector: This past Sunday we had Shiriah, and the girls won!! We sang some good songs- 'Mi Kamocha' and 'Liman Achai.' I really enjoyed it. We practiced a lot and worked really hard on the songs, and it paid off. The boys won song of the night, but the girls won the entire night. At the end of the Shiriah, there was a colorwar fake out- break out. They had us all confused for a minute until they said it was a joke! I also work part time in the library with my friend Bobby Dratch. I put the books in order on the shelves. I love to read so I enjoy working there. I go to the library in the morning but I have activities in the afternoon with the rest of the campers. It's fun to do both.

**DAY CAMP:** What an amazing week we had here at Day Camp! Sunday night, the yeladim did a great job singing "Shema Yisrael" at Shiria. On Thursday, we had our overday. We had a barbecue lunch, relaxed in tents and enjoyed peulot designed by Ariel Cohen and his staff. The children at Gan are also doing well, enjoying their water and sports activities.

# Camp Morasha's Roving Reporter:

## IF YOU COULD CREATE ANY NEW ACTIVITY AT MORASHA, WHAT WOULD IT BE?

"Painting the bunks" - Lizzie Wallach, G-17

"Camp-wide scavenger hunt" - Emily Zrihen, G-3

"Watermelon eating contest" - Matan Wexler, Kollel

"Interior designing your bunk" - Sarit Perlman- G-17

"Go-Carting" - Aiden Englander, B-2

"Bowling" - Leeora Judas, counselor and Ambassador of Spain

"Teaching bunny rabbits how to shake hands" - Marsha Joseph, G-2

"Archery" - Alex Gross, B-13



"Scuba diving" - Sophie Kule, G-10

"Being able to call your parents before Shabbos, learning about Israel and learning to drive a car" - Ayelet Segal, G-17

"Exercising" - Noach Balsam, Day Camper

"Computers" - Mimi Leifer, G-5

"Bows and arrows" - Rachel Piontnica, G-3

"Paintball" - Annabelle Muller, G-4 and Ariel Forman, B-13



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### FAREWELL FROM OUR CAMP DOCTOR, PAULA TRINK

To all the staff and campers at Camp Morasha:

My time at camp has gone by much too quickly. It was so nice to see so many familiar faces this year, and I have so enjoyed meeting many new ones! Although I would have loved to stay longer, we are planning to go to Israel for the year and there is much to prepare. I wish you all a wonderful rest of the summer, and look forward to seeing you next year. Know that you are all welcome to come and visit us in Israel, and please keep in touch. Thanks to you all for the very warm welcome. Special thanks to the wonderful infirmary staff -- I have so enjoyed working together with you again.

With best wishes,

"Dr. Paula"

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# A poem from Bobby Dratch, library assistant:

Camp Morasha is a place where you can learn Torah,  
And when your day is done, you'll be dancing the Horah.  
You might be able to make new friends, and you'll be able to talk,  
And if you are lucky, you'll get a Shabbos walk.

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## ANSWERS TO LAST WEEK'S BRAINTEASERS

Three blind mice

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Ice cube

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No one to blame

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You're out of line

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Tennis shoes (ten issues)

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Paradox (pair of docs)

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# BRAINTEASERS:

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CHECK BACK NEXT WEEK FOR THE ANSWERS!