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SHALHEVET

JULY 22-23, 2011 / SHABBAT PARSHAT MATOT



*Boys Campus won
G-Squared!*

COMING UP THIS
WEEK AT CAMP:

July 24
Acrodunk

July 25
Changeover Day

July 26
Fim/Fot Road Trip
Morasha Mania arrives!

July 29
Blood Drive

SHABBAT SHALOM!

Morasha FlashMob Takes Over Mall

The Steamtown Mall in Scranton was treated to a surprise on Thursday, when Morasha had their own FlashMob, dancing to the song "Magic." After days of practicing and perfecting their dance moves, Machzor Bet and the Ilanot campers and counselors put on quite a show, thanks to the talented Jessica Alvaro and Caleb Siegel, who led the performance. Anyone who missed it can check out the video on YouTube!

Another highlight of the week was G-Squared, our annual guys versus girls six-part competition. The boys campus won this year, proudly



waving their blue bandanas, while the girls, decked out in pink, put up a good fight. We had a blast playing line-up, dodgeball, "spin and speak," "don't forget the lyrics," Jewpardy and Dance Dance Revolution.

We want to say goodbye to all our campers who are leaving this week. We will miss you, and we hope to see you here next summer for Morasha 2012!





NEWS FROM GIRLS CAMPUS

NITZI GIRLS: *This week we had the first ever bi-annual Nitzi girl skydiving convention! Many campers learned about gravity... Most of them won't be able to join us 2nd session. Later in the week we had riflery, but we were too young. Barbara decided she didn't want anyone to not be included so she did the shooting and let*

us hold the targets! She is a great shot (mostly, also someone tell the kitchen to get bigger apples). For our night activity that night we had a civil war re-enactment mixed with army night where Ariel Cohen explained the difference between zeh yoonion and zeh coonfedorites. Who can forget our excellent scavenger hunt where we had to do things like go into the woods and find bears! Next time we will plan to go into the woods and find the four campers that have not come back yet. We also made ice cream Sundaes!



YOUNGER SHTILI GIRLS: *The Younger Shtilim had a fantastic week. We loved seeing our parents on Visiting Day, ending off with G-Squared at night. The week was filled with great activities, including "Kitchen Sink," Justin Bieber night and Capture the Counselor, but our favorite was the Egg Drop, which was amazing. We were given different random materials, like string, streamers and plastic bags, that we used to create clever contraptions to protect the raw eggs that were dropped from the top of the rock climbing wall. Special thanks to the rock climbing crew for helping us out! We also named all our eggs, and we want to congratulate all the eggs that survived the plunge: Eggford, Nick, Eggward, Yoko Junior, Martin, Goober and Frankie!*



OLDER SHTILI GIRLS: *The highlight of our week was an all day activity, called "I Dare you to Win It." The Older Shtilis went around camp completing crazy*

challenges, such as proposing to Gotch, asking Yafa Lamm to turn seaweed into lip balm, asking Rabbi Wienerkur if they had to fast on Yom Kippur even if they never sinned, and making a present for Chaye out of duct tape. The completed challenges were rewarded with tickets, which were used in our Chinese auction that night. We loved seeing our parents on Visiting Day, and congratulations to G-11 for winning "Sweepstakes," our cleaning contest before Visiting Day, earning a prize of hot canteen night.



NEWS FROM GIRLS CAMPUS

ILANOT GIRLS: *One of the tenets of*

Improvisational Acting is that you are never the most important person in the scene. You are always there to serve your fellow actors and the larger production. This concept encourages the actors to serve something greater

than themselves and, in so doing, create a better production together than the individuals could possibly have created separately. This week, we had the unbelievable opportunity to participate in Flash Mob. We worked hard, practiced tirelessly, and perfected our technique. And though we each committed personally, the success of the Flash Mob was due to the entire group coming together, working together, and serving something larger than each of us individually. When we can learn to live our lives in this manner, serving our friends and larger concepts, we can accomplish unbelievable tasks. And that is awesome.

MANHIGOT: *The week started out with Visiting Day, followed by G-Squared.*

We had a meaningful fast on Shiva Assar B'Tammuz, with programs focused on Roi Klein and Gilad Shalit, led by Ariel Cohen, Eli Groner and Rabbi Gotch Yudin. Our favorite night activity was when we played "Panic" and we dressed up like the Manhigim! Other highlights were Capture the Counselor, ice cream sundaes, a pool party, riflery and of course, the FlashMob, which was awesome! Manhigot are also rocking inter-camp sports. On Yom Nate, we won the basketball championship, and we are excited to compete in the basketball and hockey playoffs in Como Leagues.

ALUFOT: *The Alufot had another awesome week!! We started with Visiting Day, where we were so excited to see our families. We continued the week with games at Yom Nate and a meaningful Shiva Asar B'Tamuz. We then headed to the Scranton Mall to the amazing Flash Mob 2011!! Eliora Korenblit said: "This was an awesome week! My favorite part was the Flash Mob which was exhilarating!" Deena Drazin said, "The trip was awesome! Especially with the air conditioning!" Were so happy that Kara Winter was able to cool off! And of course a huge highlight was the Wayne County Volleyball Tournament where our Alufot team won the championship, beating out eight other camps! A very special Happy Birthday shoutout to Avital Rosen! Were looking forward to a very funny Friday night with Friday Night Live, and of course our upcoming week of our ROAD TRIP!*



NEWS FROM BOYS CAMPUS

NITZI BOYS: *Time moves fast! We can't believe that the first session is already coming to an end... But nobody could have picked a better week to end off on such an awesome note. After the Boys showed their true skills on Sunday in G-Squared we continued with canteen night on Monday and ice cream Sundaes... On Tuesday! Wednesday night we played see, run, build and we showed off our true abilities to create some crazy stuff out of various kitchen accessories. We ended the week off with a kickin overnight with Yachad and finally ending off with intercamps at camp Lavi!*



YOUNGER SHTILI BOYS: *The Younger Shtili Men enjoyed what was a fun, quick final week of the First Session. Visiting Day brought fun, excitement and Gatorade, and G-Squared showed us that we can throw dodgeballs at girls. We then switched gears on Monday with Shiva Assar B'Tamuz, which brought on an uplifting, meaningful water fight. Later in the week, the Younger Shtili Men joined forces with Jenni Levin and the Younger Shtili Nashim for a very loud Egg Drop off the rock-climbing wall. Congratulations to all teams whose eggs survived the plunge. Other highlights from the YSM include Basketball and Hockey League Playoffs, upcoming Division-Wide Pizza Lunch, Ductigami, an updated kitchen staff, and Dubi Fischman's head flashlight.*



Campers of the week: Eitan Mehlman, Jason Folkman, Benjy Feintuch, Adam Frenkel, David Lewis, and Sammy Sokol. At this

time, the Younger Shtili Men would like to wish a farewell to all those who will be leaving us. It was a great first month, you guys will all be missed, and stay tuned for our sweatshirt order in the near future. Better hope you guys have a swingset at home!



OLDER SHTILI BOYS: *What can you say about a week that was defined by post visiting day criers, a fast, and heat so intense it killed off all the remaining bedbugs? After a jealous Bashki Simon separated all of the campers from their true parents, we began the G-Squared competition. The campers were sure to dress in the blue miniskirts that were generously provided by the camp. We are still not exactly sure what Yom Nate is, but it turned out to be a fine day. Then came the fast day in which the camp was able to put us in the correct mind set by making us daven in the Pargod. We played a game of Prediction and group 4 won the prize of being winners. We also had the night activity called make your own pizza, and in a classic move, several campers asked what we were going to do.*

NEWS FROM BOYS CAMPUS

ILANOT BOYS: *What a month it's been for Ilanot Boys! We had evaluations, leagues, Movie Night, Coed Dodgeball, Glow in the Dark Dodgeball, a cancelled swim party, an Undernight, lake swim, a Dougie's order, Dorney Park, Shabbas, stomp, we shot guns, we danced in front of strangers, we hiked to DJ's and pizza, we won Como Leagues game, we celebrated Shiva Assar b'Tammuz by having a food fight, we had an inspirational rip from Rabbi Goldfischer, we had Visiting Day, ductagami, we hameedooed, we medoonenhaned, we had olympics, we saw our parents, and we hameedooed once again. Mature camper of the month, Sammy Landesman by an armhair. We wish farewell to all those leaving us!*



MANHIGIM: *As the first month of the summer comes to a close, the Manhigim had another phenomenal week. From G-Squared, to the Team Handball Tournament, to Capture the Counselor, the week was full of exciting activities. The highlight of the week was the Flash Mob performance in the Scranton Mall (make sure to check it out on YouTube). Stay tuned next week for the results from our Leagues Championships and Como Championship games. To those campers leaving on Monday- we hope you had a great summer, and can't wait to greet you back here next summer for Alufim 2012.*



ALUFIM: *Due to a combination of hard work on Friday Night Live, Flash Mob Practice, Visting Day, Shiva Asar B'Tamuz, amazing off day at Vacation Village, and the unbearable heat, the Alufim Shalhevet Article has taken a hiatus this Shabbos. Tune in next week for a long, detailed recap of the much anticipated, exciting, Alufim/Fot Road Trip!*

DVAR TORAH from MORAH NILI TURETSKY

Parshat Matot: Guard Your Tongue

In this week's parsha, the Torah teaches us that a person can create new realities with his speech with a Neder. By making a Neder, new prohibitions can be created, something which Halacha takes very seriously.

The Perek is introduced with the expression "zeh hadavar asher tziva Hashem" - "this is the thing that Hashem commanded." Rashi cites the Midrash which learns certain laws pertaining to vows and oaths from the use of this expression. Rashi adds that this expression also defines the unique quality of Moshe's prophecy, known as "aspaklaria hame'ira" - "the clear lens." All other prophets begin their prophecies with the expression "ko amar Hashem" - "so says Hashem," which denotes a lower level of Nevuah, "aspaklaria she'eina me'ira" - "an unclear lens". However, Moshe's prophecies begin with "zeh hadavar" - "this is the thing" which denotes clarity of transmission. Why is this unique aspect of Moshe's prophecy taught through the use of the same expression that introduces the laws of vows?

When a person makes a Neder, they use their faculty of speech, which was given to man by Hashem's own essence. When Moshe prophesied, it emanated directly from Hashem. This connection allowed for a clarity in Nevuah. We all possess this same Divine connection through our speech. During these three weeks, we should try to use our speech for only good and elevated purposes.

BOYS BMP by Yechiel Schwab and Shlomo Friedman: This week at the BMP started with an awesome Friday night tisch, as over 150 campers packed into the BMP and surrounding lawn, to eat cholent and learn. Sunday was great, as the parents came to camp to pay, I mean meet the waiters and RCs. Sunday night's G-Squared started off great, but as the divisions got older, the campers did steadily worse at Jewpardy. Monday was very exciting as BBYO, a pluralistic camp, visited the BMP. We were very surprised that many of these pluralistic kids were more modest (in the Hebrew sense) than many girls in Morasha, but the BMP was just excited to have an excuse for night canteen with the GMP. On Wednesday the heat wave started with temperatures hitting over 100 degrees. In an unrelated note, there was increased attendance in the nice 68 degrees BMP. This week the BMP officially replaced the Alufim in the tzitzis-wearing campaign, due to legal reasons associated with bending the truth and lying. The BMP learned this week about why it is assur to enter someone else's Beis Medrash and decorate it pink. Needless to say, the GMP did not learn this, but merely continued learning about Girls and Marriage in a Program fashion. On Thursday, the BMP enjoyed the Flash Mob, as the four BMPers who attended outnumbered all the non-Morasha onlookers combined. The BMP also learned the Halakhot of the Three Weeks, specifically whether it is assur to listen to music, or dance in public. We look forward to some more amazing tisches this Friday night, and Shabbos ruach and remind all boy campers that we have food and air conditioning, but most importantly Torah, available anytime, any day.

GIRLS BMP aka GMP: These past few weeks in GMP have been as "shtark" (aka awesome) as usual. We are at loss for words in regards to our shechita plant tour. (aka we don't want to talk about it.) No, really, it was enlightening and inspiring to see the detailed kashrut process, although we are afraid some of us may have seen more than we should've. (or were physically hit by more than they should've been.) We redeemed ourselves at Dougies that afternoon in the poultry department. Bowling and the shuir by Rav T at HASC were a hit too (a better hit than being hit by a chicken head, that's for sure) Along the lines of kashrut, since we are women and other than learn all day in the Beis, we are responsible for the kitchen, we got a tour of the camp kitchen and even got behind the window of DJs, which was great. We've really enjoyed giving or daily chaburas and filling in for chinuch staff while participating in the campwide siyum. We participated in G squared by creating the JEWpardy game. (No, it was not rigged and no one cheated) Thanks to our counterparts over at Bmp for picking up slack and doing the rest of the work. Snaps to BBYO OOOO for a great night of discussion and conversation, we hope to still keep in touch with our new friends. Yes, we still do learn.

Important Eruv Information from Rabbi Dratch

The eruv on the road to Kollel includes ONLY the road and most of the old Tisha B'Av site. The eruv does not include the Coliseum, the horse stables or the road up to the stables.

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Yachad Girls by Arielle Harter: When Visiting Day ended, we had a



fun activity called G-Squared. It was guys against girls. The girls wore pink and the boys wore blue, and we got matching bandanas. It was fun, and you got to dance on Dance-Dance Revolution mats and play dodge ball. We also played a game where we had to spin around a bat and then talk about different, funny topics. There was a Jeopardy game with questions about Torah, holidays and camp. There was a big basketball game and a round where we had to name different songs. It was a lot of fun and great having our good friends around

from the Ilanot girls. The boys won the contest, but we all had a great time.

Yachad Boys by Hudsi Rosenberg: This week I accomplished my goal for the summer: to go all the way up the difficult side of the rock climbing wall and zip line down. I love sports. I had the best summer in a long time. Everyone around me is so nice. We had great activities such as sports, ductigami, rock climbing, ceramics and horseback riding. Summer is going so fast. Time flies when you are having fun! Shabbos in camp is a whole different experience -- a really fun one. During Olympics I got two medals - one for Line-up and one for Newcomb. I plan on coming back next year. Thank you to Yachad and Camp Morasha for an awesome summer!

DAY CAMP: It's hard to believe that Changeover Day is here. With the start of the Three Weeks, our thoughts turn to Yerushalayim and the mitzvot and maasim tovim we can do to bring Moshiach speedily in our day. Some mitzvot that we do every day are t'filah, brachot, learning Torah, sharing, taking turns and being mevater; when someone does something we don't like we try to look away and not let it bother us. Our shiurim reinforce these concepts as well as teaching us about the Parsha. We will be participating in our annual Jump-A-Thon during the Nine Days to raise money for Camp Simcha and Chai Lifeline. Details will follow. We will also be entertaining the Bubbies and Zaidies at Camp Block in the coming weeks. Yom Yisrael, Trip Day, Army Day, Make Your Own Pizza and Carnival are just some of the events that we will participate in during our second month. Get ready for more fun!

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