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# SHALHEVET

AUGUST 5-6, 2011 / SHABBAT PARSHAT DEVARIM, SHABBAT CHAZON



*Fear Factor!*

COMING UP THIS  
WEEK AT CAMP:

**August 7**

Yom Yisrael

**August 8-9**

Tisha B'Av

**August 10-11**

Trip Day

**August 12**

Morasha Marathon

**August 13**

Aladdin

SHABBAT SHALOM!

## Chesed Begins at Camp

We had our annual Chesed Week at Morasha, organized by Sharon Richter, and dedicated L'iluy Nishmat Avraham Aryeh ben Yaakov Ha'Kohen z"l. From selling cookbooks for tzedaka, creating signs for the campus, writing letters to the elderly, giving sports clinics, redecorating the Mercazia, giving manicures and car washes and jumping to raise money for Chai Lifeline, everyone participated in their own way, adding extra meaning to the Nine Days and fostering an attitude of "giving" at camp.

This week, the Alufim and Alufot joined us once again after returning from their road trip. We also played sports and saw our friends during five-way inter-camps and girls campus learned some

useful cooking tips from "Top Chef."

Machzor Aleph had a blast watching the staff do daring activities and eat some wild and interesting food cocktails during "Fear Factor" and every bunk came out a bit richer after our annual PayDay auction! Some of the fun prizes which were won included "Fishing with Dave," late wake-up, watching a movie in the bunk, throw your division head in the lake, home-made challah, pizza and DJs.

Congratulations to the Machor Bet girls basketball team for winning the Wayne County league championship!

We are looking forward to a meaningful Shabbat Chazon, as we prepare for Tisha B'Av. Shabbat Shalom!



# NEWS FROM GIRLS CAMPUS

**NITZI GIRLS:** *The Nitzis had a great week! We loved Panoply, Top Chef and Fear Factor, especially Yitz Mendlowitz's Q-tip show. We earned great prizes in Pay Day, including trips to pizza and DJs, late wakeup, golf cart rides, fishing with Dave and a movie in the bunk! For Chesed Week, we made signs to hang up around camp, and the Manhigot gave us manicures and cleaned our cubbies! We also had our own Nitzi carnival on Thursday night, which was a blast!*



**YOUNGER SHTILI GIRLS:** *The Younger Shtilim had a fantastic week. We had so much fun at Top Chef, where we smelled different foods, as we were blindfolded, we peeled potatoes and we decorated a cake. Fear Factor was also unbelievable, as we watched our counselors and division heads do crazy, and hairy things! Thanks, Mo. We won awesome prizes from the PayDay auction, like the chance to throw Jenni in the lake, and other cool rewards and snacks. On Thursday night, we took a special ride to Como Pizza, on the Morashuttle. The Younger Shtilim have also been working so hard on their cookbooks for Chesed Week, which we will be selling to raise money for tzedaka. We also cleaned all the benchers in the dining room! We can't wait for another great week ahead! Shabbat Shalom!*



**OLDER SHTILI GIRLS:** *The highlight of our week was "Fear Factor," where Nitzi counselor Yitz Mendlowitz creatively used a Q-tip and Penina and Jenni had a "hair-raising" experience. We had a blast at Top Chef, where we learned that the secret ingredient in potato kugel is rubber gloves. The Older Shtili Girls also enjoyed playing sports and seeing our friends at inter-camps. Our favorite part was the triple-overtime basketball game against Mesorah, which we decided to end in a tie, and we thank Jessica for reporting on that game. We also want to thank Sara Mendlowitz for coordinating our great sushi-making night activity! Finally, on Thursday, we were treated to a trip to Walmart, where we bought gifts for our friends, as part of Chesed Week.*



## NEWS FROM GIRLS CAMPUS

**MANHIGOT:** *Our week started off with shuttles to pizza and DJs for a late-night snack on Motzei Shabbos. On Sunday, we did embellishment art and decorated T-shirts with paint and markers, and cheered on the boys in their league games.*

*During Top Chef, we won rounds in onion peeling, potato peeling and taste tests, smell tests and touch tests. We had a blast at the five-way inter-camps, where we won some basketball, volleyball and hockey games and mostly just had a good time hanging out with our friends. We also did our Chesed Day project and helped the Nitizis neaten up their cubbies and gave them manicures. On Tuesday night, we played Panoply which was a lot of fun. Although we couldn't listen to music because of the Nine Days, the counselors sang for us to keep it fun. We also had a special bonus round of counselor trivia that everyone really enjoyed! On Thursday, we had a flag football invitational and BBQ on boys campus, which was also awesome. Congratulations to our Machzor Bet girls basketball team for winning the Wayne County league championships!*



**ALUFOT:** *The Alufot had another awesome week in camp! After our return from the most amazing road trip, we got right back into a great week. We had a blast at Girl's Campus Top Chef and had so much fun seeing all of our friends at inter-camps! We continued reminiscing about our favorite moments from the Fim/Fot trip with the Road Trip Trivia Challenge! We won awesome prizes in Pay Day, which Ellie Fadlun voted as her favorite moment of the summer, and finished off the week having fun and winning the Wayne County Basketball Championship! Congrats to everyone on the Machzor Bet Team. Lily Ottensoser said: "OH EM GEE, BEST WEEK OF MY LIFE, I'M NEVER GOING HOME!" We also wish a very special Happy Birthday to Danielle Chesir (otherwise known as Chesir Chesir). We also wish a very happy month-a-versary to Koldberg!! We can't wait for another amazing week in camp!*

**ILANOT GIRLS** *are taking a hiatus. Refuah Shleimah to Denah Emerson!*



## NEWS FROM BOYS CAMPUS

**NITZI BOYS:** *Another chart topping week for the Nitzi boys! We started off with a co-ed panoply followed by counselor switch day where our counselors left for a day and were replaced by the Nitzi girl counselors! When our counselors came back they all had pretty nail polish. Monday ended with a boys campus wide 3 on 3*

*tournament where our very own Menachem Kravitz and Josh Packer played in the championship game. On Tuesday we traveled to Nesher, where our division represented Morasha with great athleticism and sportsmanship. Tuesday night was the highlight with Fear Factor, where the Nitzi boy counselors showed no fear and love of month-old stale cinnamon buns, carrots run over by cars, mayo-coke shakes and the scrumptious Q-tips. Wednesday was PayDay... Thankfully the IRS doesn't audit for Gotch money, otherwise the Nitzi girls might be in line for fraud charges. The week ended with a siyum/football tournament which was both yummy and entertaining. With less than two weeks left to camp, we are all wondering if it can get any better... You ain't seen nothing yet.*

**YOUNGER SHTILI MEN:** *What. A. Week. For. The. Younger. Shtili. Men! Sunday. Brought. Us. Minute. To. Win. It. Featuring. Jenni. And. The. Younger. Shtili. Nashim? Once. Again. The. Teams. Brought. Their. Best. To. The. Table And. At. The. End. We. Had. A. Six. Way. Tie. For. First. Place. As. Everyone. Won. It. In. A. Munnit. Monday. Brought. Us. The. First. Ever. Boys. Campus. Wide. Three. On. Three. Tournament. And. Drew. Korn's. Squad. Finished. On. Top. With. A. Little. Help.*



*From. Machzor. Bet! On. Tuesday. The. Counselors. Stepped. Up. To. The. Blender. And. Made. Us. All. Nauseous. From. Fear. Factor() We. Then. Brought. Our. Best. Middot. Out. On. Wednesday. Which. Was. Quite. Convenient. As. Wednesday. Was. Also. Pay. Day" Later. That. Night. We. Traded. In. Our. Gotch. Gelt. And. Dave. Dollars. For. A. Shuttle. To. DJ's. And. What. Proved. To. Be. Extremely. Expensive. Cheese. Balls\* The. Week. Ended. Off. With. A. "Surprise". Trip. To. A. Minor. League. Baseball. Game. Followed. By. A. "Scavenger. Hunt". In Walmart# We. Ended. Our. Week. By. Displaying. Our. Deep. Desire. For. Chesed. On. Chesed. Day. By. Washing. Cars@ What. A. Week\$ PERIOD.*

**ILANOT BOYS** *are taking a hiatus. Stay tuned for more updates next week!*



**OLDER SHTILI BOYS:** *On a scale from 1 to 10, this week was fun. We started it with an Older Shtili favorite: the water balloon thing. Then we had a 3 on 3 tournament which, to everyone's surprise, included people that Mo Fuchs didn't know. Next was the intense inter-camps and our division went to Lavi. That night we had Fear Factor! It was only when we called out the counselors names did we realize that most of the them never showed up. The camp mom, Bashi, helped Zach stop crying after the realization that he could be picked to be in the vicinity of a live animal.*

*The next day we defeated the four letter camp - LAVI - in the Wayne County championships. Lavi played a good game, and gave us a taste of what their camp is about. That day we showed what people will do for money. Thank you to all the campers who traded real cash for PayDay money. I also like my shirt. Thursday was mamish a stunning day. We traveled via school bus to the Scranton Yankees game. Thank G-d we came because without us there would have been more players than fans. Then we headed to Walmart for a scavenger hunt, and to spend our parents' money on things we don't need. What a week! On a scale of 1 to ten, it was fun.*

**MANHIGIM:** *The fun times for the Manhigim continued on Sunday, when they spent the day at EMR Paintball course and enjoyed many of the 24 paintball fields, as well as a delicious BBQ, followed by a trip to Walmart in Binghamton. The Manhigim did their share of Chesed this week as well, playing "See, Run, Build" on Tuesday night with Yachad, and gave basketball, hockey and soccer clinics to Nitzis on Thursday. Additional highlights of the week included the intense PayDay auction, 5-way inter-camps, and the Morasha Flag Football Tournament. NYC here we come!!!!*

**ALUFIM:** *Article in the Style of Denah Emerson's Shalhevet Articles:*

*What is life, but just another Road Trip. Life is an amalgamation of many things...it is a journey, an excursion, a voyage, and many other synonyms for the word trip. We must learn to capitalize on all letters that come at the beginning of a sentence... or a pronoun. When we join with our friends in Island of Adventure to discover the Magic of the Wizarding World of Harry Potter, or fly with our buddies on bungee jumping skycoasters in Motor World, Virginia, we must always remember, to fly to new heights, and uplift ourselves with... OK, Denah, I don't know how you do this every week. This stuff makes no sense. The Alufim had a great time on the Road trip. Ed provided us with many "twitch-worthy" moments. Biking on the Virginia Beach Boardwalk, touring the Marine Base in Paris Island, South Carolina, and Feeding Fish in Myrtle Beach are just some of the great memories that we took away from this trip. How appropriate is it that the bus rides were mostly spent watching "Friends" as we all became much closer as a result of living with each other for five days on a cramped coach bus. If anyone in camp wants to know the best way to fall asleep on Coach Bus seats, please see Rachel Simon, or Sara Kaszovits. We look forward to one more full week of Camp, including our fourth trip out of camp, co-ed dodgeball, 127 Hours, and much more. "Good to go?" I think so.*

## **Dvar Torah from Rabbi Reu Berman:**

### **Power of a First Impression**

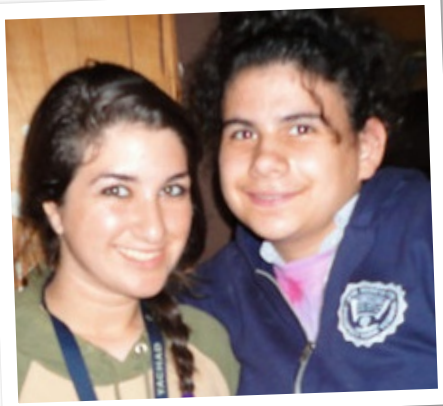
At the beginning of Parshat Devarim (1:16), Moshe Rabeinu tells Bnei Yisrael that when he appointed judges he commanded them: “Shamoa Bein Acheichem U’shefatetem Tzedek.” Rav Nebenzahl asks in his sefer on Bein Hamitzarim: Why doesn’t Moshe just say more simply, Shiftu Tzedek -- judge favorably? The Gemara in Sanhedrin answers that we learn from this passuk that a judge is not allowed to hear the claims of either party unless both are present. The reason for this prohibition is that if the judge would hear the arguments of one side without hearing the counterarguments, it is likely that he will be convinced by that side and not be able to accept the claims of the other party.

It is not only judges that have to beware of the power of first impressions. The first tragedy that befell the Jewish people on Tisha B’Av was the decree of the punishment for the Cheit Hamiraglim and Rav Nebenzahl points out that the Cheit was due to a mistaken first impression of Eretz Yisrael. During the three weeks and nine days we try to correct the mistakes that led to the tragedies of Tisha B’Av, so it is appropriate during this time to improve on our mistaken first impressions. One of these mistakes relates to the theme of this summer. Many of us, at some point in our lives, have been given the impression that our heroes are athletes or movies stars or U.S. presidents and the like, and when we have that impression imprinted on our minds it is hard to change. However, hopefully during this summer, and especially during this time leading up to Tisha B’Av, we can work to realize that our heroes should really be the Gedolim of Tanach, Chazal, the Rishonim, Achronim, Talmidei Chachamim and other Jewish leaders from our past and present.

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**BMP:** This past week in the BMP was our best one ever. Starting with our incredible Friday Night Tish, the BMP set the tone for the week learning with campers of all ages, while eating some of Master-Chef Ira's delicious chulent. The BMP continued to delve into the deep and profound sugyas found in the 8th perek of Sanhedrin, learning about the mitzvah of Kiddush Hashem, and other interesting topics. The BMP also continued to give their legendary chaburahs to both Machzor Aleph and Bet, discussing a wide range of Torah-related topics. We look forward to the most amazing tish ever this Shabbos, and invite all campers to come to the BMP to enjoy food, air conditioning, Torah, and a great time. Good Shabbos!

**GMP:** This week, the G-BMP was privileged to hear from a crowd favorite, Rabbi Aryeh Yudin, who spoke about the Asara Harugei Malchut and our Emuna that Hashem is running the world. We also had the Zchus of hosting Rabbi Weinberg and the Mesorah GMP, who described what it means to build a Mikdash in our hearts. On Tuesday, after a tiring day of inter-camps, we had a well-deserved DJ's trip. There was also a day this week where we were particularly impressed with the campers' Tfila participation...only to find out it was PayDay. Shabbat Shalom!



**Yachad Girls by Tali Cutler:** On Sunday night the Israelis ran army night for Yachad. We had training, as if we were in the real army. We lined up, jumped over benches and ran around all the fields. When someone misbehaved they had to do extra running, or push-ups. We also hopped through tires and crawled through an obstacle course. The Israelis taught us some Hebrew too! At the end we all got certificates for completing army training. Even though it was hard work, we had a really fun time! It was a

great experience for all of us.



**Yachad Boys by Adam Berzin:** This week Yachad went on a trip to Carousel Park. We had a great time! I loved the go-karts most of all because I got to race the bunk around the track! There were two really fun water slides as well. I loved the huge green twisty one. I was soaked! The bumper boats were also really cool and at the end of our time in the park we got ice cream. What a great surprise! I saved my admission bracelet for memories. I think I'll remember this trip for a long time!

**DAY CAMP:** Week 6 was amazing! Army Day gave us a taste of what basic training is like. Making our own pitot was a delicious experience. Pajama Day gave us the opportunity to learn some fairy tales. It was so much fun seeing our counselors and Morah Tina in pajamas. Water slides and -covered fruit were a real treat! All the yeladim participated in the Jump-A-Thon. Prachim used trampolines. Parparim played rattle snake. Cochavim and Senior Sharks played belts and Senior Girls Keshet did some fancy footwork. A great time was had by all!



# BRAINTEASERS:

EXAMPLE: FAREDCE = RED IN THE FACE

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2.  
3. glance  
4. glance  
5. glance

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## ANSWERS TO LAST WEEK'S BRAINTEASERS:

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mountains

Neon lights

knee  
light light

Green with envy

nv green

Highway overpass

hi way  
pass

Ill in bed

Billed

H20

H-I-J-K-L-M-N-O

Circles under the eyes

i i i i  
oo oo

Foul (fowl) language

cluck cluck  
quack quack

Long time no see (C)

t i m e  
abde