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# SHALHEVET

JUNE 29-30, 2012 / PARSHAT CHUKAT



*Welcome Campers!*

## COMING UP:

**July 1**  
Superbowl Day!

**July 2**  
Como Leagues!

**July 3**  
Fear Factor!

**July 4**  
BBQ and Fireworks!

**July 5**  
Trip Day!

## Welcome to Morasha!

We welcomed a record number of 662 campers to Morasha on Wednesday, and the first few days of summer 2012 have started out with a bang!

On opening night, we were introduced to the summer's theme: "Community - One for All, All for One," a message which was also incorporated into a catchy song, whose lyrics can be found on page 2. We also learned about the seven core values upon which Morasha is built - mutual respect, observe and study, responsibility, appreciation, heart and soul, and achdut.

Regular activities were in full swing on Thursday -- from sports and swimming to last year's popular hits, zumba and ductigami, in addition to Morasha's newest activity -- paintball, led by our own Ariel Cohen and his staff.

Night activities got off to a great start as well, with pool parties, human bingo, cupcake and challah baking, drive-in movie, scavenger hunt, and so much more! See inside for full schedule of camper and staff night activities!

This week, we will focus on the community of Chevron and learn about it in our shiurim.

**SHABBAT SHALOM!**



Camp Morasha Flash Mob Song 2012  
"Anu B'nei Morasha"

Tune: What Makes you Beautiful ~ One Direction  
Lyrics: Shani Malitzky

**Verse**

A world unsure, don't know what for, Separation, degradation and more  
People divide, from fears they hide; Disconnect in effect at the core

**Bridge**

What can we do to bridge the distance?  
Make our dreams come true...

**Chorus**

Let's join our hearts and our souls for the world to see  
We will unite and stand tall as one family Learning and growing together, one we will be  
We say...oh, oh, oh - Anu B'nei Morasha

Our pride and our fight lead us to achieve  
Getting along, feeling strong - A community  
Hand in hand we all go because we believe – in –  
Sayin'...oh, oh oh - Anu B'nei Morasha  
Oh, Oh oh... Yad B'Yad, Kulanu Echad

**Verse**

So c-c'mon, summer comes, spendin' our days in the sun havin' f-u-u-n  
People create, with love and faith  
We are all parts of a whole that can't break

**Bridge**

Here is a place we can make a difference; Make our dreams come true...

**Chorus** - Let's join our hearts and our souls for the world to see...

**\*\*Last Chorus changes to this...**

This is a place where we always can be at home  
A haven for us so we never feel alone  
We know forever, whenever, we'll always be...  
Singin'...oh, oh, oh - Anu B'nei Morasha  
Oh, oh, oh...Yad B'Yad, Kulanu Echad  
Oh, oh, oh... Anu B'nei Morasha



## **7 Questions for Camp Director Jeremy Jozsef**

**Interview by Lois Lane (aka Sara Lamm Dratch)**

**When you were a kid, what did you want to do when you grew up?** Always wanted to run the worldwide Olympics. At least I come somewhat close with our annual Olympics :)

**If you could sum up your goal for the summer in one sentence, what would it be?** To give the Morasha campers the most fun summer they've ever had while instilling our seven values in each and every camper.

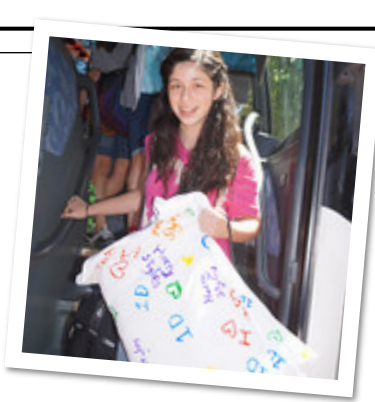
**What's the best part of your job?** Watching the campers and staff on the last night of camp. The electricity, emotion, and energy in the room is tangible -- and it makes all our hard work worthwhile.

**What's the worst part of your job?** Leaving camp. We love our summers at Morasha as much as the campers do - and we are equally sad when we say goodbye.

**Who should play you in the movies?** I think Natan Farber is probably most capable to play ANYONE in the movies! Although Samantha Meisels put on a pretty good show as well...

**What is your favorite movie?** Social Network - no doubt.

**What is your favorite book?** Delivering Happiness by Tony Hsieh



## NEWS FROM GIRLS CAMPUS

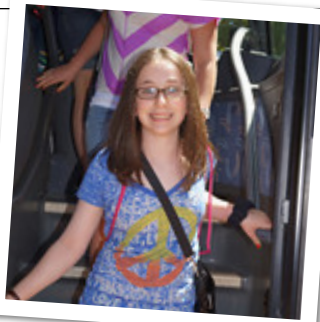
**NITZI GIRLS:** *The Nitzanim girls are proud to be the largest division in camp, with close to 80 campers, 14 counselors and 7 bunks! Since our counselors unpacked all our stuff before we arrived, we were able to start our activities on the first day. We've already played sports, had baking, ceramics, art, cleanup, shiur, swim and rock climbing! Our first night activity, human bingo, was a blast as we all got to know each other. We are so happy to be here and are looking forward to an amazing summer!*

**YOUNGER SHTILI GIRLS:** *YSG is off to a great start this summer. Starting with opening night, we cheered super loudly for our division head and had a great activity called name bingo! Congratulations to the winner who got hot canteen. We even had a birthday cake at the very first meal of the summer - Happy Birthday, Eden Garber! On Thursday night, we were rocking out at "Club Shtili" with an awesome dance party where we enjoyed delicious snacks and drinks! We also started cleanup and it will be a close race for the winner! Stay tuned!*



**OLDER SHTILI GIRLS:** *We are so excited to be in camp this summer, with our warm and caring counselors. We started out with a great night activity on Thursday called "Cupcake Craze," where we decorated our own cupcakes and bunk cakes with our camp rules, using professional cupcake-decorating tools. Our specialties so far have been amazing, from ductigami and horseback riding to arts and crafts and dance. Can't wait for more fun in the weeks ahead!*





# NEWS FROM GIRLS CAMPUS



*ILANOT: Everywhere we go people wanna know... The Ilanot girls are proud to be the oldest and loudest and best division in Machzor Aleph. Their reach is to the roof and their cheering has not stopped since they stepped off the bus!! From unpacking to opening ceremonies to leagues and paintball to pre-shabbos chili baking, the fun never stops and the energy and excitement just keeps on growing!*

*MANHIGOT: All our Manhigot arrived safe and sound, happy to see old friends and make new ones. So far, we went swimming, had sports (basketball, volleyball and softball), learned at shiur and chaburas and had dance, aerobics, arts and crafts, ceramics, paintball and baking! Opening night was awesome, as was our division night activity of "See, Run, Build." We are looking forward to our Friday night oneg this shabbos, and our trip to Six Flags next week!*



*ALUFOT: 63 pioneers have conquered heretofore undiscovered lands, settled the colony, and planted a flag, thereby establishing Fot Land. [Imagine the dramatic lasers and overwhelming bass.] There are four tenets of Fot Land, to which our fine citizens adhere: we are classy, we are elegant, we are awesome, and we are chill. Citizens of North and South Fot enjoy a wide array of entertainment and recreational activities that follow the Fot Doctrine, including dominating cheering sessions, agriculture, and late night soirées. One thing's for sure: there is no question as to who rocks Morasha. As our anthem says, "We're in Fot Land after all. All the rest are gonna fall, off our cliff that's really tall, and we're gonna rule this camp!"*

# NEWS FROM BOYS CAMPUS

**NITZI BOYS:** *This is Rafi Allman. My wife Leah and I are the Nitzi division head/camp mother team. You may be asking yourself, "Why do the Nitzi boys have TWO people on their Division Head team?" Well, the answer is simple. It's because the Nitzi boys are just so cool and awesome that just one person wouldn't do. Want proof? Which other division in camp had almost 90% of their campers awake and having a huge water fight in front of their bunks at 5:30 a.m. the first morning of camp? NONE. Just the Nitzi boys. Obviously, they know how to party. Speaking of parties, on Thursday night we had "Drive-In" for a night activity. We watched "Despicable Me" on a giant projector screen while enjoying delicious popcorn and soda. In other news, a record number of Nitzi Boys are now deep water swimmers! Many Nitzis, like Chaim Cohen, passed the deep water test. We are all really proud of him! Leagues got off to a FANTASTIC start. With team names like "Rabbi Hain's T-Shirts," "The Ira Spodeks", and "The Rabbi Dratch-culas" you know it is going to be an exciting summer. Ezra Wallach and Rafi Lewis really shined on the courts. Today is my favorite day of the summer. Why? Simple! Because the canteen is opening! Just kidding. It's because EVERY day in camp is my favorite day of the summer! Duh! Now I need to go so that I can stand on the canteen line until it opens. Until next week, Rafi.*



**YOUNGER SHTILI BOYS:** *Welcome home Younger Shtili boys! It was so exciting to greet everyone as they walked off the bus (or off their parents' lap). Someone must have pulled the trigger on the race gun because the second those bus doors opened, everyone took off for their bunks. Unpacking was somewhat exciting as David Wolkoff's margarine slowly began melting away (Editor's Note-B"H the margarine was saved and is now safe in a refrigerator). Our cheering got off to a great start with Ari Mitchell leading the pack. Our first night activity helped everyone learn their fellow campers' names. Then the welcome home ceremony in the Mercazia was absolutely a sight to be seen. The excitement was palpable, the level of shrieking was amazing, and the different colored glow sticks waving from side to side all truly topped off the beginning of Morasha 2012. 12:30 A.M. struck and the counselors pulled up their chairs; it was draft time. The teams were set, and leagues got off to a great start on Thursday. Thank you Dove, Suave, Axe, Irish Springs, Head & Shoulders, and Old Spice for becoming part of our league this year (and for making sure we stay clean in camp). Looking forward to the first awesome Shabbos of camp, full of ruach, Torah, singing, relaxation and sleep (Editor's note- the last two are more meant for the counselors, they deserve it).*

**OLDER SHTILI BOYS:** *The OSB are looking forward to an awesome summer. From the start of sports leagues to a scavenger hunt night activity, we had a great first week and are so excited for the jam-packed week ahead, especially Trip Day!*



## NEWS FROM BOYS CAMPUS

**ILANOT BOYS:** *After five summers as Alufim Division Head, I needed a change. I looked to view camp from a different perspective. And so, this summer, I made the decision to become the new Ilanot Division Head. And so far...the decision was a great one. We started off the week with some great*

*games of "Donkey," "Sheep-Bong," and "Concentric Circles." We participated in awesome league games. On Thursday night, we were treated to an amazing pool party and BBQ. This Shabbos, we are privileged to have our own private Ilanot Shabbaton, with our own meals, programs, and Tefilot. We would like to thank all the Ilanot Girls for baking the wonderful Challahs for Shabbos. This summer is going to be a memorable one, and we look forward to the big Ilanot events coming up: the Ilanot Trophy Induction Ceremony, the Ilanot American Gladiator competition, the Ilanot Movie Premiere, the Ilanot Wilderness Trip, and much more. So who is going to have the greatest Morasha Summer of 2012? "US! US! US!" (That's not to be read U-S...it's US as in US the Ilanot). Now to leave you with the "Would You Rather of the Day:" Would You Rather have bendy straws for hair, or newspaper for skin?*

**MANHIGIM:** *Manhigim 2012 welcome home! After many long days of waiting anxiously, summer 2012 has finally arrived! From the moment we got off the bus, we were swarmed by our new amazing staff of counselors waiting to welcome us with open arms. After we unpacked and settled in, we spent the afternoon doing various sport evaluations. In addition, we also had tryouts for our Wayne County and Como League Basketball and Hockey Teams. As always, our programming department got us pumped up for what will surely be an incredible summer with a "Welcome Home" night activity filled with excitement, energy, and best of all glow sticks (Note: please don't throw the glow sticks). Lastly, we closed out our short but packed week with a full day of leagues which included 3 sports and a pool party with a delicious BBQ and music! After an action packed 2 days, we're looking forward to a Ruach filled Shabbat in the dining room!*

**ALUFIM:** *Welcome home Alufim 2012! It was so exciting for everyone to meet this week. The buses unloaded with so much fun and flare, and the "Welcome Home" ceremony exploded with glow sticks and Fim/Fot cheer, which took first place (of course). The night soirée surely did break the ice in our first icebreaker night activity. Can't wait to hear the Fim/Fot zmirot on Shabbos!*





**Gan/Day Camp:** We are off to a great start!! The campers and staff are all excited to be here in Camp Morasha for the summer of 2012. We have already begun our activities -- ductigami, ceramics, horseback riding, baking, music, swim, shiurim and library. We are making new friends and learning rules and routines. We are looking forward to a summer of tremendous growth!

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**Boys BMP:** The BMP got off to a strong start this week. We only arrived here Sunday afternoon, but it wasn't long before the Beit Midrash was rocking with the sweet sound of Torah. This summer, we are very excited to be learning the sixth perek of Masechet Brachot. Our competitive sports also began with Rabbi Hain delivering the heat with his pitching during the first two softball games. In additon, this Thursday marked the kickoff of Chaburot with Ilanot, Manhigim and Alufim. We're all looking forward to a great, ruach-filled Shabbat here in camp!

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**Girls BMP:** The GMP has officially commenced and we're off to a fabulous start! Led by Rabbi Moshe Tzvi (Matt) Weinberg and Naomi Rabinovich, the girls BMP is brimming with Torah learning. With our daily schedules set, we anticipate long summer days jam-packed with learning, positive thinking, and of course, chaburot with campers. So far this week, we were lucky to have Rabbi Weinberg give many shiurim, and our very own Rabbi Balsam also gave a shiur on the topic of Tefilah. Our doors are always OPEN, and Midreshet Morasha aims to be the most popular place in Morasha!

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**Yachad:** Yachad is off to a fantastic start, welcoming new and returning campers! Opening night got us so excited for the awesome summer ahead. Our first full day of activities was amazing. We are looking forward to our first shabbaton with Ilanot this shabbos. We can't wait to make new friends this summer!



# **Dvar Torah from Rabbi Shmuel Hain, Camp Rabbi: Parshat Chukat**

(adapted from Tzemach Dovid- a sefer in memory of David Rottenstreich z'l)

## **I. The Mystery of Parah Adumah**

Chazal singled out Parah Adumah as the most mystifying of all hukkim maintaining that the wisest of men, King Solomon, was unable to understand its laws even after extensive investigation and contemplation (Bamidbar Rabbah 19:3). It is generally assumed that the incomprehensibility of the red heifer lies in its idiosyncratic preparation and its paradoxical impact: "Metaher et ha'Temeim u'Metamei et ha'tehorim" (purifies those who are defiled and defiles those who are pure).

Rav Soloveitchik ("Interpreting the Parah Adumah", Man of Faith in the Modern World: Reflections of the Rav, Volume II) proposed that the true hukkah of the Parah Adumah is not its ritual preparation/ performance or its impact but rather the ultimate mystery- death itself. Death is "a trauma of human helplessness which disturbs our existential serenity." "Zot Hukkat HaTorah, Adam Ki Yamut, this is the hukkah when a person dies" (Bamidbar 19:14). Human mortality is the supreme hukkah of Torah. A brief overview and analysis of the distinguishing feature of Tumat Meit may help guide us in coping with the pain of death while underscoring the importance of community.

## **II. The Process of Purification**

Typically, the procedure for purification after contracting tumah entails tevillah- immersion in a mikvah, and waiting till sunset (ha'arev Shemesh). These two components of the process are halakhically and symbolically significant. They correspond to the two essential elements necessary for attaining purification: human initiative represented by man's act of submerging in the waters of purity, and Divine assistance represented by the setting of the sun, a natural event that is controlled by God and is beyond human hands. When it comes to Tumat Meit these two steps remain indispensable, but are not sufficient. The act of haza'ah- the sprinkling by another person of the red heifer's ashes on the third and seventh day of the purification period- is additionally required. The watery ashes of the Parah Adumah are exclusively employed to counter tumat meit, the defiling effects of exposure to a human corpse; no other form of contracted tumah requires this additional restorative for taharah (ritual purity). Why are tevillah and ha'arev shemesh not sufficient for tumat meit as they are for all other tumot?

## **III. The Power of Haza'ah- The Power of Community**

Perhaps we can suggest that when one encounters the enigma of death the third element of haza'ah is required, symbolizing a third party critical to the successful completion of the purification process. Surely tevillah, representing human initiative, is required for tumat meit as man is obligated to do all that he can to alleviate the effects of death. Additionally, God as the ultimate Metaher looms even larger in the context of tumat meit: God's help is critical if we are to have the strength to go on with life's work. Haza'ah, the sprinkling of the ashes by another human being, reveals that one other piece is necessary; it indicates that when we confront tragedy we require the assistance of others.

The powerful message of haza'ah is that during difficult times, we must draw not only on our own reservoirs of resilience and on the belief and acceptance of a providential, loving God, but we must also rely on the support of friends, family and community. We cannot go it alone. It is for this reason that during the Shivah period, the community comes to the home of the mourner, offering expressions of comfort, providing a Minyan and supporting the mourner during the most difficult stage of mourning. What is true about coping with supreme challenges is true about our daily life, especially in camp. In the dining room, on the fields, in the bunks, we all need to work together and support each other to grow as individual human beings and as a special community.

# FUN PAGES

## 5 fun facts about Israel:

by Sara Lamm Dratch

- 1) Israel has the largest Raptor migration in the world, with hundreds of thousands of African birds of prey crossing as they fan out to Asia
- 2) Mighty Morphin' Power Rangers was produced by Haim Saban Saban, an Israeli whose family fled persecution in Egypt.
- 3) The Dead Sea is the lowest point on earth
- 4) When Golda Meir was elected Prime Minister of Israel in 1969, she became the worlds second elected female leader in Modern times (anyone know the first?)
- 5) Israeli tennis player Anna Smashnova is the 15th ranked female player in the world!

## "Did you know.....?"

by Bobby Dratch

1. Studies show that painting your room blue could make you more creative!
2. Our universe has no center.
3. Chewing gum may improve your test scores.
4. The Dead Sea is seven times saltier than the ocean.
5. A hippo's lips are about two feet wide. Yikes!!!!

## Beware The Morasha Critters!!!! by Sara Lamm Dratch

What's black and white and stinks all over? No it's not the Alufim boys' bunks! It's actually our local friendly skunks that live in the woods with us. Remember, they were here first! In order for us to live peacefully with the four footed stinkers, it's a good idea for us to know a little bit about them. Skunks are nocturnal. They like to be active at night. So if you see one going for a walk, just quietly slink away. If they get scared or think you are going to harm their babies, they will fluff their fur, stamp the ground with their little feet, growl and will shoot out really smelly liquid from under their tails. Skunks usually have their babies in May or June. Each mom has between 2-10 "kits" at a time. Skunks are omnivores. That means they will eat basically anything, so please guys, don't keep food or garbage lying around. You do NOT want to get in the way of Pepe' le Pew or his sister Daisy!!! Skunks like to dig their homes under porches decks or rock piles. If you see skunks hanging around your bunk at night, you may be sharing an address! Call your Division Head right away!!! They will don their trusty gas masks and remove them. Or maybe Jim Jr. will come to the rescue. P.U!!!!

# BRAINTEASERS:

EXAMPLE: FAREDC = RED IN THE FACE

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**Gun Junior**

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**WEIGHT**

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**goosefeathers**  
**dumps dumps**

**SAFE**  
**SORRY**

CHECK BACK NEXT WEEK FOR ANSWERS!

# NIGHT ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

WEEK 1  
JUNE 1 - JULY 7

	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	M. SHABBAT	
Nitzi Girls	Sports night (Mercazia)	POOL PARTY	Fear Factor	★camp wide carnival	TREPP DAY	Layla Too!	
Nitzi Boys	SUPERBOWL SUNDAY	OVERNIGHT				MORASHA CUP II	
YS Girls	TRASHION SHOW (Pargod)	MINUTE TO WIN IT (Pargod)				Sushi Making (Girls BMP)	
YS Boys	SUPERBOWL SUNDAY						MORASHA CUP II
OS Girls	Mexican Fiesta (Pavilion)	COMO LEAGUES  Midnight Madness MACHZOR BET				SEGWAY NIGHT	Hot Canteen
OS Boys	SUPERBOWL SUNDAY						MORASHA CUP II
Ilanot Girls	POOL PARTY		PANIC (Girls Rock)				
Ilanot Boys	SUPERBOWL SUNDAY		MORASHA CUP II				
Manhigot	CHEERLEADING SQUAD		POOL PARTY				
Manhigim	SUPERBOWL SUNDAY		MORASHA CUP II				
Alufot	Drive -In in Fot Land (behind bunks O & P)		Blank Canvas (girls bball court)				
Alufim	SUPERBOWL SUNDAY		MORASHA CUP II				
Yachad	SCAVENGER HUNT (Bondis 3 & 4)		MINUTE TO WIN IT (Pavilion)				ARMY NIGHT