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JULY 6-7, 2012 / PARSHAT BALAK



BOYS CAMPUS
HAD A BLAST AT
SUPERBOWL SUNDAY!

The fun never stops!!

Our first full week of camp was jam-packed with tons of great activities and events!

To start off, boys campus competed in the first ever Superbowl Sunday, playing several rounds of football, and wearing cool shirts with their AFC and NFC team names.

The first round of Como Leagues is now underway. On Monday, Morasha won eight hockey and basketball games against Lavi and Seneca!

The Nitzi and Shtili counselors put on quite a show during Fear Factor, where they bobbed for live goldfish and

played with some white mice, among other stunts. The rest of the campers had a blast riding around on segways!

July 4th was also a day to remember, with a delicious barbecue, a festive carnival and eye-popping fireworks to top it all off!

Last, but not least, the entire camp had an amazing time on Trip Day -- shopping at the mall, and having exclusive access to Six Flag's Great Escapes amusement park and water park near Lake George.

Looking forward to a relaxing and meaningful 2nd shabbos here at Morasha!

COMING UP:

July 8

Shiva Asar B'Tammuz

July 9

Yom Nate

July 10

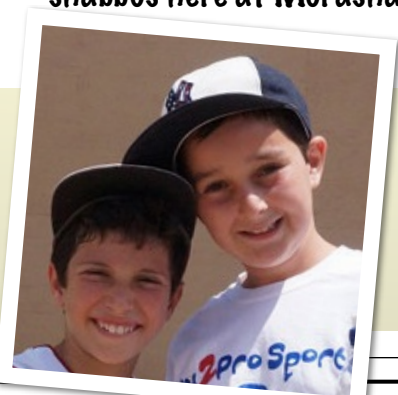
Olympics Torch Ceremony!

July 11

Olympics half-time show!

July 12

On the House



NEWS FROM GIRLS CAMPUS

NITZI GIRLS: We are so proud of our Older Nitzi girls for winning their soccer tournament against Camp Chestnut, 4-1! Our counselors did a fabulous job in Fear Factor and we had so much fun watching them! Our sports night with relay races was a blast, as was our pool party. We also had a great time tubing and motorboating on the lake! We loved our trip to Six Flags, and we were so excited since this was our first time out of camp, on coach buses! Happy Birthday to Rachel Bodek and Yonina Semer!



YOUNGER SHTILI GIRLS: The YSG had a great "Trashion Show" this week, where we dressed up our counselors using anything disposable, like garbage bags and tape! We also enjoyed our first co-ed night activity, "Minute to Win It," and "Fear Factor." Our favorite part was when our counselors went bobbing for goldfish, and were bubbling with excitement with alkaseltzer in their mouths! We are so proud of our counselors for being such good sports! We loved trip day, and especially the dress code at the water park! Congratulations to G-10 for winning the clean-up incentive contest and getting ice cream from DJs as their prize.



OLDER SHTILI GIRLS: The OSG had another great week! We had the best time at our Mexican fiesta night activity, wearing sombreros, eating chips and salsa, and dancing the night away. We played hard at Como Leagues and were excited to see our friends from Seneca and Lavi. The trip to the mall and Six Flags was awesome, especially the water park that was rented out just for Morasha! Congratulations to G-11 and G-12 for winning the benching contest in the dining room, and congrats to G-11 for getting poppers for their fabulous benching on Friday night!

MANHIGOT: The Manhigot continued their sports leagues and chaburot this week, enjoyed tubing on the lake, and had fun at riflery and ductigami. In Como Leagues against Lavi and Seneca, we won our hockey games but lost our basketball games by just a few points. For "Midnight Madness," we went to see a special showing of "Spiderman," in a theater opened just for Machzor Bet! Segwaying was awesome and everyone loved it! Some campers and staff even suggested that segways should be the new mode of transportation for camp! We also enjoyed a special mishmar with the Girls BMP, where we made sushi! July 4th was so much fun, with the barbecue, carnival and fireworks. Trip day was a blast at Six Flags and the mall!

ILANOT and ALUFOT are taking a hiatus this week! Stay tuned!

NEWS FROM BOYS CAMPUS

NITZI BOYS: This week in Morasha, the Nitzis really stepped things up a notch. We enjoyed the beginning of tubing behind the motorboat on the lake, and it was very impressive how the Nitzis managed to hold on and not fall off! (mostly). In addition, all of the Nitzis have finished their initial horseback riding training, and are gearing up for going on the trail next week. On thursday the Nitzis really enjoyed the mall and Six Flags. Personally, my favorite ride was the nice bench in the shade where I sat with some ice cream and got to relax for the first time in about 8 months. My second favorite ride was the Lazy River, where I spent a lot of quality time. Two things I learned on this trip: You know you're a redneck when you live in an area where Jeff Foxworthy sells his own energy drink, and I also learned that shnitzel sandwiches and the wave pool don't mix. I can't wait to see what next week has in store for us!



YOUNGER SHTILI BOYS: YSB got more into the swing of things this past week. Last Thursday night, YSB had relay races through a field full of water balloons and eggs. The counselors then had to go through blindfolded. Thank you to all the campers for guiding them through (and to the few campers who threw water balloons at them- nice shot!) As leagues really got started, there was a break in the action for the kickoff (or tipoff or handoff) for Wayne County leagues. The YSB team killed Camp Tiewannawanna-Yoga (Written- Tioga, read- Tie-oga) in basketball. Monday Night's Minute to Win It co-ed night activity was a nail-biter as each camper had the chance to compete against the other kids from the bunks. Congratulations to the winning bunk, B-6. Tuesday Night's Fear Factor night activity got a little interesting when all the counselors had to get up there and eat, drink, feel, and pick out certain foods or animals. The kids were lovin' it (but the counselors weren't -- that is, everyone except for Mr. Hot Sauce Jordan)! Wednesday was a camp-wide carnival and Thursday was trip day to Six Flags! B-6 has been rockin' in activities, B-7 has been rockin' in cleanup – Keep it up guys! B-8 is rockin' in curfew- Keep it up and go to bed! Happy birthday to Aiden Englander and the Goldfeder bash brothers- Adam, Coby and Josh. Shabbat Shalom!



OLDER SHTILI BOYS: The Older Shtilis had a great week! On Sunday, we participated in a day-long touch football tournament, ending off with the Super Bowl being played that evening. Following this, our boys competed beautifully against Camp Seneca and Camp Lavi in the Como Leagues. Our counselors were put to the test later that week in Fear Factor, where they were asked to complete some very challenging tasks. For July 4th, we had a fantastic carnival, culminating in an illuminating display of fireworks. This all led up to our trip to Six Flags, where we spent the entire day on roller coasters, water slides, and other enjoyable rides. After all of this, we are looking forward to a very relaxing Shabbos!

NEWS FROM BOYS CAMPUS

ILANOT BOYS:

*To the tune of Gotye's Somebody That I Used To Know
(The Ilanot Theme Song)
Lyrics by: Natan and Yitz*

(Ben Weinstein: Bum Bum Bum Bum Bum...)

*Now and then I think of when we started this summer,
Playing donkey games on courts, on the girls courts,
They thought that we did not want to be friends,
but "Would You Rather" made us be good friends,
And then we realized that the awkwardness, it was over....*

(Boooooo, Boooooo, Booooooo, Boooooo)

*Josh Geliebter's shirt said Bacon Strips 50 times,
that led Jonah Chill to do crazy things with his eyes,
At the Segway night activity,
Adi fell off and he hit a tree,
and we all thought that the fun, it was all over...*

Chorus:

*But then Levi got aboard the bus,
Tried to sit with Yitz, he struggled, it was very tough,
You treat us like we're Machzor Aleph,
but we're always with Bet and it feels so rough!*

*But we don't have to stoop so low,
If someone asks you "What Machzor?" you say "our own division,"
all you really need to know...
Is that you just tell Somebody that you're Ilanot!*

ILANOT!!!

YOU JUST TELL SOMEBODY THAT YOU'RE ILANOT!

NEWS FROM BOYS CAMPUS



MANHIGIM: Week one of camp started off with an immediate bang as the whole camp piled in to watch Machzor Aleph and Machzor Bet staff square off in an intense basketball game. Although Machzor Aleph came out victorious, a great time was had by all with the festive atmosphere, music, and cheering. It didn't take long for the next big activity as boys campus was treated to football

jerseys replicating the 32 NFL teams, and were split up for a day of intense football. 78 games later, the Dallas cowboys came out on top as the champions of "Superbowl Sunday!" But wait, Monday was not a regular day in camp either as we welcomed Seneca and Lavi to "our house" for the beginning of Como Leagues '12 as well as a Wayne county softball game. For the most part, it was a successful day of intercamps as we came out on top in a huge percentage of the games! While Tuesday may have been a Regular schedule, the night was anything but ordinary as we were all given the chance to ride around camp on segways for night activity! Happy Birthday America! And did we ever celebrate... with the colors displayed by many at the delicious BBQ, fireworks, and the huge annual camp-wide carnival. Keeping within the "norm" of the week, we were taken to a mall and Six Flags for the entire day. The highlight of the day was of course the privately rented out water park, with boys hours and girls hours, with all kinds of slides and rides which were enjoyed by all. After an exhausting week, late wakeup was much needed on Friday, but only so we could be ready to be awake and rocking again in the dining room this coming Shabbat! Shabbat Shalom!.

ALUFIM: *We are true generals (Alufim)! B-20 won the first Alufim zmirot contest in the history of camp Morasha last Shabbat! Como basketball leagues were....let's not talk about that, but we destroyed in hockey, LETS GO MORASHARKS! Do spiders in the middle of the night sound great?? Ooohhh yeah; On Monday night we saw the new Spiderman late-night style in the nearby movie theater. It was amazing! If Jeremy Jozsef would be a vehicle, he would be a Segway. Fast, cool, and the best night activity so far! Segway night just got better and better as the night went on. I think by the end of the night everyone decided that Segwaying is their calling (whatever that means). It was the perfect segway into Six Flags.*





Gan/Day Camp: What a fantastic week we have had!! We are making new friends, getting used to rules and routines, enjoying great activities and we even went on a phenomenal trip to Party Palooza and enjoyed refreshing ice cream. In Party Palooza we each created a ceramic design: snoopy, Yankees, Giants, Hello Kitty, and fireman were some of our hottest picks. Playing arcade games and winning prizes was so much fun! The climbing web tested our muscles. Our counselors climbed in with us!!!

Yachad: Our first full week was jam-packed with non-stop action! We loved making so many new friends at our Shabbaton with the Ilanot. We are having a blast on the courts, swimming, and all our specialties. We worked hard at Army Night with the Israeli staff, but loved every minute of it. July 4th carnival and fireworks were amazing, followed by a great trip to Six Flags! What an awesome week at camp! Looking forward to more :)



Boys BMP: The BMP continued with another week of intense learning and chaburot. This week, we kicked off our guest shiurim series by welcoming Rabbi Mordechai Willig for a shiur in Masechet Berachot on the topic of zmanei tefilah. Thursday definitely stood out as the highlight of the week. We began the day with a trip to Woodbourne and miniature golf, and returned to camp for a pool party, a competitive game of water polo and a pool-side barbecue! Thursday's night seder ended with a sichat mussar by Rav Moshe Tzvi Weinberg (rosh beit midrash of the girls BMP) on the importance of being an eved to Hashem. We are looking forward our Machzor Aleph tisch this shabbos!

Girls BMP: The girls BMP had another fantastic week! We are continuing with our chaburot, where we learn with the campers in small groups. We also welcomed the Manhigot to the BMP for a special mishmar and sushi-making activity this week! On July 4th, we were privileged to hear a shiur by Rabbi Matan Wexler on the power of speech, followed by fireworks!

Dvar Torah from Rabbi Lewis Wienerkur

Parshat Balak

This week we read of the fascinating story of Balak and Bilaam and their attempt to curse the Jewish people. It is well known that the curse became a blessing which serves as our verbal entrance to the synagogue. Less well known is the Rashi's statement that all of Bilaam's blessings reverted to curses with the exception of Ma Tov! His explanation is based on a distinction between singular and plural. In Devarim 23:6 when the Torah mentions Bilaam, it says that Hashem transformed the curse (note klala-singular) into a blessing (bracha-again note the singular). We know that Bilaam uttered many curses in our portion. Hence, says Rashi, only one of the brachot stayed forever.

The question arises: Why is this the one blessing that lasted? The answer is quite simple. The Jewish people exists because of our shuls and study halls. In fact, the evil king Achaz thought just this. He wanted to have the Jewish people forget about Hashem. He announced to lock all the shuls and study halls!

We see then how important it is to make the shul a serious place. In shul, there should be no fighting, no unnecessary talking, no sleeping or running around.

In camp, we don't have shuls that are carpeted and air-conditioned like we do at home. (Trivia: Which shul in camp has the two verses from the Torah which say "Morasha"?) Nonetheless, we still have to make our camp shuls special and holy so that our prayers can be heard and (hopefully) answered with a resounding "yes".

Mazel Tov to Chani Oratz on the wedding of her oldest granddaughter, Shoshana Hadas Oratz to Yisroel Cohen-Skaly!

FUN PAGES

In honor of Morasha Olympics 2012,
some Jewish fun facts about our 4 teams, by Sara Lamm Dratch:

China

About 1,000 years ago, the first Persian Jews arrived in Kaifeng, China to set up businesses. The emperor allowed them to build a synagogue in 1489. In 1899, many Jews came to Harbin, China to help build railroads. Officials believe several hundred buildings in Harbin were part of the Jewish community. The city contains a Hebrew cemetery. Shanghai was one of the few international cities to open its doors to Jewish refugees during World War II. At one time there were 30,000 Jews living in Shanghai!

Mexico

Jews have lived in Mexico since Hernán Cortes conquered the Aztecs in the 1500s. Later, Jews arrived to escape from the Spanish Inquisition. There have been waves of Jewish immigrants from Germany, Russia, Rumania, Turkey, Morocco and France. Today there are about 40,000 Jews living in Mexico, mostly in Mexico City. Other large communities live in Guadalajara, Monterrey and Tijuana. There are even some lucky ones who have recently immigrated to Cancun! Sign me up! Ole!!!!

Jamaica

The first Jews came to Jamaica from Spain and Portugal in 1494. They referred to themselves not as Jews but as Portuguese, and practiced Judaism secretly. In 1665, when England took over Jamaica, Jews were permitted to practice openly and were granted British citizenship. The first Jamaican shul was built in Spanish Town in 1704, and was called the "Neveh Shalom Synagogue." It is estimated that about 400,000 Jamaicans have Sephardic ancestry due to the Spanish Inquisition. Today there are about 200 Jews living in Jamaica. One of the most famous Jewish Jamaicans was Moses Cohen Henriques, a pirate!! Take THAT, Jack Sparrow!!!

England

The first written record of Jewish Settlement in England dates back to 1070. In 1829 Jews were finally allowed to serve in the English Parliament. In the 1930's and 40's some European Jews immigrated to England to escape the Nazis. In 1650 there were 10,000 Jews living in England, and Today there about 3 million!!! British Jews do not need to join the army, but are required to volunteer part time for 2 years for the Royal Navy. There are 20 Jewish newspapers in England, none of which are as good as the Shalhevet!!!!

FUN PAGES

5 facts by Bobby Dratch:

- 1). Joey Chestnut won this years Nathan's hot dog eating contest. He ate 68 hot dogs and buns in 10 minutes!
- 2). Your brain is 80% water.
- 3). Hot weather makes your hair grow faster.
- 4). There are 1,000 different kinds of stink receptors in your nose.
- 5). Your stomach takes about 6-7 hours to "process" a three course meal

Morasha Critters, Week 2 by Sara Lamm Dratch

Who is that masked man hiding under the bunks and picking through the garbage? No, it's not the Nitzi boys! Why, that would be the Camp Morasha raccoon families who wait all winter for us and our canteen goodies!

Raccoons are cousins to the bear family. They, like the skunks, like to roam around at night looking for food. They will eat anything -- fruit, nuts, bugs, berries, eggs, rodents, grapes and challah.....which means, cover the garbage cans if you can.

They like to live in tree hollows, under bunks and even in abandoned cars, sewers and chimneys. Their long fingers allow them to open clam shells, trash cans and doors. (Uh Oh!) Their fingers are so nimble that they can unlace shoes, open cages and pick up thin coins!

Mom raccoons usually have 3-6 "kits" (babies) at a time. Mom will teach them how to swim, look for food and climb.

Raccoons have been kept as pets! President and Mrs. Coolidge had a pet raccoon named Rebecca.

Raccoons can make up to 30 sounds, such as whistling, purring growling, hissing screaming and even whinnying like horses!

If you see a raccoon during the day, please stay away! It may be that it has rabies or is sick. Call your local Jim!!

BRAINTEASERS:

EXAMPLE: FAREDC = RED IN THE FACE

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HOROBOD

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS:

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Son of a gun

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THE END

The beginning of the end

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whelming

Odds are overwhelming

IFLAND IFIFC

One if by land, two if by sea

dumps dumps
goosefeathers
dumps dumps

Down in the dumps

SAFE

SORRY

Better safe than sorry

WEIGHT

Five pounds overweight

CHART

Eye chart

Staff Night Activities

Week of July 7-July 13

Motzei Shabbat

The MOrasha Cup
9:15 pm / Boys Courts

Sunday

Make your own Sundae
10:00 pm / New Staff Dining Room

"Inyanei Tzibur/Community"-R' Mordechai Willig
10:30-11:15 pm / Bondi 3/4

Monday

Staff Games vs. Mesorah (@Mesorah)
Departure Times TBA

"Sichat Mussar"-R' Yitzchak Cohen
10:30-11:15 pm / Bondi 3/4

Tuesday

Morasha Staff Book Club-"The Arrogant Years"
7:30 pm / Library

Olympic Torch Ceremony
8:30 pm / Girls HC

Zumba w/Jessica(Female Staff Only)
9:45 pm / Music Room

"What's the Deal with..." -R' Moshe Tzvi Weinberg
10:30-11:15 pm / Bondi 3/4

Wednesday

Olympic Halftime Show-Ramp it Up
7:30 pm/ Mercazia

Staff Co-Ed Volleyball/Dodgeball
9:45 pm / Girls Courts

Shiur-R' Shmuel Hain
10:30-11:15 pm / Bondi 3/4

Thursday

Parade & Olympics Closing Ceremonies
7:30 pm / Coliseum