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# SHALHEVET

JULY 13-14, 2012 / PARSHAT PINCHAS



OLYMPICS 2012:  
AND THE WINNER IS...  
JAMAICA!

## COMING UP:

**July 15**  
Visiting Day!

**July 16**  
Flash Mob 2.0!

**July 17**  
FIFA 2012!

**July 18**  
Shiria!

**July 19**  
Yachad Flyin' High

## Recapping the Olympics

We started off the week on a more serious note, with the fast of Shiva Asar B'Tammuz. As part of Morasha Connects, we wrote letters to Israeli soldiers, which will be given out in Israel by Sulam.

After playing inter-camp sports as part of Yom Nate, the highlight of our week came Tuesday night, with the opening ceremonies of the Morasha Olympics 2012! The countries were China, England, Jamaica and Mexico. After two days of intense sports and competitions, team Jamaica emerged as the winner, with the most gold medals!

Everyone enjoyed the international cuisine and the halftime "Ramp It Up" bike stunt show. Campers of all ages had a blast. There was a place for everyone to shine and show off their skills, whether it was in the marathon, table tennis, paintball, dance-off, triathlon, hula hooping, sumo wrestling, jump rope, or rock climbing.

The energy and spirit displayed throughout those two days was truly amazing, and we look forward to all the other special events coming up. We can't wait to greet our family and friends on Sunday! Shabbat Shalom!





## **6 Questions for Rabbi Ira Spodek, Executive Director**

**Interview by Sara Lamm Dratch**

**What exactly does Rabbi Spodek do?**  
**As Executive Director, he worries about money, he worries about registration, he worries about water, and he worries about how all of us get to and from horseback riding. He also worries about having enough quarters for the staff washing machines. Here he answers 6 questions while worrying about visiting day.**

**1) As a child, what did you want to do when you grew up?**

**I loved camp so much that after spending 19 years there, I tried to figure out a job that would keep me there.**

**2) What's the best movie you ever saw?**

**The James Bond series with Sean Connery.**

**3) What's the best part of camp?**

**Seeing the happy faces on the campers as they enjoy all the special activities, and especially seeing the ruach on Shabbat.**

**4) What's the worst part of camp?**

**Paying all the bills necessary to ensure that our kids have a wonderful summer.**

**5) Which bunk requested the most water?**

**(Ira consults his spreadsheet.) The award goes to Bunk G-23, Alufot girls!**

**6) Who requests the most quarters for the staff laundry machines?**

**(Without having to consult his spreadsheets.) That would be Sara Lamm Dratch.**

# NEWS FROM GIRLS CAMPUS

**NITZI GIRLS:** On Shiva Asar B'Tammuz, the Nitzis enjoyed seeing the movie "Evan Almighty." We also had a great night activity this week – "So You Think You Can Dance." Everyone had so much fun, and it was so nice to see all the Nitzis working together as a team!

Congratulations to G-4 for winning! The Olympics were amazing, including the pre-games face painting, and we are so proud of our own Danielle Silber for leading team Jamaica to victory! Nitzis Mia Drazin, Sophia Purow, Lily Petak, Tara Wilner and Olivia Weinstein represented the Nitzi division on Yom Nate, an intercamp sports competition, where they played soccer.



**YOUNGER SHTILI GIRLS:** The Younger Shtili girls had a great week. We enjoyed our sushi-making activity with the girls BMP, as well as our ice cream party after the fast. We had a blast showing off our skills at "Shtilis Got Talent," and we thank our celebrity judges -- Sara Lamm Dratch, Dan Lamm, Melissa Rothwachs, Julie Joseph, Chaye Lamm Warburg and Amy Berger, for their valuable input. Our counselors were the most talented of all, and we are especially proud of our own Gabriella Fadlun for leading team England as an ambassador during the Olympics. We are looking forward to Penina's favorite activity – cleanup – for Visiting Day on Sunday!



**OLDER SHTILI GIRLS:** The Older Shtili Girls started out their week with a yummy treat of hot pretzels and slushies from the canteen on Saturday night, followed by "make your own sundae" on Sunday! On Monday night, we performed in "Shtilis Got Talent." Everyone put on a great show, especially Eva Ingber who won for singing, Serena Perl, who won for her gymnastics/dance show, and the OSG counselors, who also won for their dance performance. We had a blast at the Olympics, from the face painting before the opening ceremonies to the parade and dance-off on Thursday night. We are especially proud of our counselor Leora Litwin who was an ambassador for Mexico! Shabbat Shalom!



# NEWS FROM GIRLS CAMPUS

**ILANOT:** WE'RE BACKKKKK!!!! Sorry if you were worried about us last week, but have no fear. *We're Ilanot -- We paint the boat! We're feeling fine -- We paint the boat! You mess with us -- We paint the boat! We'll blow your mind! We painted a boat, because who are the Ilanot without their boats?! Otherwise it was a pretty chill week for the girls. We had some birthday parties and Ductagami-a-fication and PANIC! Under-ratedly the best night activity ever. We had visits from One Direction, Lady Gaga, Jared and Jeremy, Sports Staff (Vish and Hermon), plus a bonus of counselor and division head look-a-likes. And the highlight was the Olympics! It was amazing to see the Olympics "Morasha-style," everything was amazing and we played our hearts out for those gold medals. GOOO SQUAD 2!!! Shabbat Shalom! Adios, the Ilanot*



**MANHIGOT:** Trip Day last week was awesome, especially having the water park all to ourselves. We also had Picture Day and every bunk came up with their own theme. Over Shabbos, we enjoyed hearing from guest speaker Rabbi Aryeh Lightstone. Our pool was great the weather was so hot that it was perfect to jump in the pool! On Saturday night, we watched the Morasha Cup and had a pre-fast pizza party, in addition to a post -fast ice cream sundae party on Sunday night. We had a Nitizi Maps Scavenger Hunt with a post-night activity treat at Dougies. Olympics were a blast and now we are busy practicing for next week's Flash Mob! We are looking forward to our Shabbaton this Shabbos and can't wait to see our parents on Visiting Day!



**ALUFOT:** Fot have been exceptionally busy and thus been quite delinquent in reporting on those activities that have been occupying all our time. We shall take a moment to review last week: after falling off the most awesome segways this week, Fot had the best day of our collective lives in Six Flags Great Escape. It was a day of freedom. We are too overwhelmed with emotion to report any further. This week, we played hard and cheered harder as we repped our countries all the way to gold. And with that gold

in hand, we renounce citizenship of Mexico, China, England, and even Jamaica, as we more fully embrace our singular Fot Land citizenship. G-d save us. YOFO. YOLO. YODO. YOPO.

# NEWS FROM BOYS CAMPUS

**NITZI BOYS:** The Nitzanim boys were so excited to welcome Rabbi David Goldfischer as their new division head this week! We also had a blast at Olympics and our awesome night activities, including "Sunday Sundaes," an egg drop contest and a great pool party. Can't wait to see our family and friends on Sunday!!



**YOUNGER SHTILI BOYS:** A blast was had by all at last week's Fourth of July carnival, and the firework show was truly spectacular. Thursday we went to Six Flags Great Escape in Lake George. Camp Morasha flashed their dance skills at the Six Flags dance party with Mr. Six himself. Everyone enjoyed the attractions and for those who went on the rides, enjoyed the rides. After a while in the amusement park, we davened Mincha and had a great schnitzel sandwich dinner. Then the girls came out of the exclusively rented out Water Park, and we had a wet and wild time there. Afterwards, everyone was zonked and fell asleep on the bus on our way back to camp. Shabbos was electrifying as B-7 made their Shabbos zemiros heard. Good job on winning that pan of poppers (your counselors appreciated that). Let's see if we can keep it within our division this week and see which bunk can win that giant pan of tender, spicy chicken. Hatzlacha! YSB Wayne Count softball team destroyed as they scored 12 runs in the first inning. Keep it up! Olympics kicked off Tuesday night and went until Thursday night. A big congratulations goes to Jamaica for winning! B-7 rocked clean up again, so they received pizza as they move up the prize chain (next stop, Dougies?). Great Job! Monday night we went for an overnight in the woods. Everyone jumped out of their seats as Ariel Cohen told scary stories. Tuesday morning was a lazy morning but then got a little more exciting because someone started a big water fight (a big thanks to the counselors for participating). Yasher Koach to Joshua Levine, Zach Weiss, and Coby Goldfeder on winning the raffle this week for good davening. Everyone is very excited for Sunday. Have a great Shabbos!



**OLDER SHTILI BOYS:** It has been a great week for the Older Shtili Boys! In addition to our regular activities, we were swept up in the excitement of the Olympics, which took over Morasha! Our campers participated in a number of team competitions, in basketball, handball, and paintball, in addition to many individual events. We were also treated to a

halftime show by BMX stunt riders, who performed many daring tricks for us, including backflips. Regardless of whether we won or lost, the OSB were happy to participate in such a wonderful program. We are looking forward to seeing all of our parents and friends on visiting day!

# NEWS FROM BOYS CAMPUS

## *ALUFIM:*

We started off the week with The Morasha Cup,

Where in the championship, Dov and Simon gave up.

The long vatikin, which we sang hymn after hymn,

We woke up for mincha for ALMOST the whole time. (Even Degen left)

Then the Alufim went to Nesher, to play tennis for Yom Nate,

Whoops! Did I say Alufim, I meant B20 because they're great.

We went to Woodbourne, Felder wasn't it fun,

Dougies, Chinese, Bubby's, Fuchs get the Tums; RUN!

Nightlife in B21 is never boring; this week was a slam,

Fuchs and Gideon put on a show, with BBQ sauce and pam.

Dimitri where are you? Dimitri where are you?

Я звоню маме, который находится в России, очень далеко; WHAT?!!

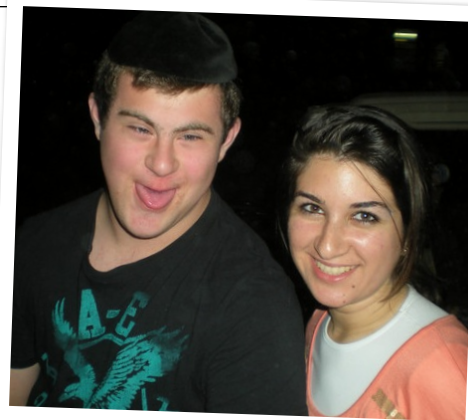
To end off the week Olympics would unfold,

Congrats to Goldstien and his dread locks for winning the gold.





**Yachad:** Yachad went international this week as we were many of the forefront athletes for Morasha Olympics 2012! Our squad 7 participated in neck to neck games of newcomb and line-up, as well as the triathlon and marathon relays. Congratulations to Max Dwek, Zev Diamond, and Dina Finegold for representing all of us on the podium and winning the medals for the individual basketball sporting event. This past week the boys had the opportunity to have chavrusas with the boys BMP. And at shiur, we got to play water games in honor of this week's featured city, Teveriah. In addition to sharing our fun with our families on visiting day, we are pumped up for a "flashy," fun filled week!



**Gan/Day Camp:** Another wonderful fun-filled week! Day Camp participated in our Overday. We hiked deep into the woods. Ariel Cohen told us about the plants and animals who are our neighbors this summer. We enjoyed a delicious BBQ of hamburgers and hot dogs. We broke into 4 teams for a construction project. Giraffes, lions, frogs and dolphins busily created a house, a bridge, a road and a tree. The singing of "Ani Baniti Bayit" followed as each child pointed to his/her creation. The yeladim joined our Israeli mishlachah in a medley of sounds accompanied by the strumming of the guitar. "Time in Tents" followed by yummy s'mores culminated our Overday. Thank you to Ariel Cohen and his fabulous team, as well as our hard-working counselors for their herculean efforts in making Overday 2012 such a huge success!

**Boys BMP:** This Shabbos caps off another amazing week in the boys BMP. On Sunday, we had a very meaningful Shemona Asar B'Tammuz, with the BMP packed full of learning, even without food. We enjoyed an amazing shiur on Monday with Rosh Morasha Kollel Rav Willig, on hilchos tefila. Tuesday night began the weekly mishmar extravaganza with over 40 guys from Machzor Bet joining the BMP in learning and smores. (Come this week for smores "plus.") On Wednesday afternoon, we had an intense extra-inning softball game, ending in 14-13. (Sorry Rabbi Hain, pitcher Andy Rosenberg). Thursday the BMP guys were spread throughout both campuses giving shiur to almost the entire camp in back to back periods (shekoyach!). This week's bomb kasha of "stand or sit" evolved into a deep, passionate discussion that engrossed the BMP for days on end. We hope everybody has a great shabbos and invite all guys to come to the BMP for some food, Torah, and A.C.

# Dvar Torah from Rabbi Matan Wexler

## Parshat Pinchas

A fascinating debate among the sages of the Talmud is mentioned in the introduction to the Sefer Ein Yaakov. Various opinions are offered as to what should be regarded as the most important pasuk in the Torah. Some of the more obvious pesukim that come to mind, such as Shema Yisrael and Ve'ahavta Le'rayacha Kamocha - Love your neighbor like yourself, are suggested. However, there is one verse championed by one of the rabbis that seems strange. He suggests that the pasuk that highlights the twice-daily Korban Tamid, found in Parshat Pinchas, is of utmost importance. Why?

Last Sunday, we began to observe the mourning period of the Three Weeks by abstaining from food and drink due to a number of calamities that befell our people on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of Tammuz. One of the lesser-known tragedies that occurred on this date was the cessation of the Korban Tamid, the sacrifice offered each morning and afternoon without fail. Our rabbis determined that we must fast to commemorate this terrible event. Why? It's true that even Cal Ripken's consecutive games record doesn't compare to the well over 200,000 straight days that this sacrifice was offered. But, is it really that big of a deal that the Jewish People should fast?

Perhaps, the importance of the Korban Tamid to the Jewish People and its prominence in the Torah is found in the word, "tamid", which means constant. The Korban Tamid serves as a sign of the constant devotion of the Jewish People to Hashem and His Torah. Judaism is not just a religion where a person prays three-times-a-day and fulfills mitzvot throughout the day and week; it is a way of life. Just as a person's heart constantly beats, so too a Jew needs to constantly and consistently live a Jewish way of life. This is the lesson that the Korban Tamid teaches us. It is such an important one that one rabbi ranked the verse discussing the Korban Tamid as pasuk #1 and a major reason for the fast of the 17<sup>th</sup> day of Tammuz!

In Camp Morasha, we are members of a community whose Torah values and Jewish lifestyle permeate our camp experience. Throughout most of the year, our parents and teachers strive to instill within us middot tovot and Jewish ideals. Now, during the summer, we have the opportunity to show Hashem, our families, and ourselves that we constantly carry with us our Jewish heritage and middot tovot that they taught us.



# FUN PAGES

## Morasha by the Numbers:

- \* Golf carts — 18
- \* Water bottles used by campers during the summer — 36,916
- \* Toilet paper rolls — 14,360 (Thanks Anne Marie!!!)
- \* Heads of lettuce — 5,000
- \* Eggs — 80,000
- \* Visitors on visiting day — 3,000
- \* Paintball pellets — 140,000
- \* Pounds of flour used by Aleeza's baking room — 700
- \* Toilets — 261
- \* Dogs — 4

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## 5 facts by Bobby Dratch:

- 1). About 150,000 hairs are growing on your head right now.
- 2). Didaskaleinophobia is the fear of going to school.
- 3). The sun has enough energy to burn for 100 billion more years
- 4). When bald eagles were named, the word "bald" meant "white"
- 5). Your brain is sometimes more active when you sleep than when you're awake.

# BRAINTEASERS:

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LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS:

**PLEASE**

Pretty Please

FUNNY FUNNY  
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WORDS WORDS

Too funny for words

**HOROBOD**

Robinhood

**PHROMATE**

Mixed Metaphor

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A cut above the rest

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# Staff Night Activities

## July 15-July 21

### Sunday

**Girls** Pool Party  
9:30 pm / Pool

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

### Monday

Staff Games vs. Mesorah (@ Morasha)  
10:00 pm / Boys-Girls Courts

Staff Shuttles to Capra Laundromat-sign up in Dining Room  
10:30 pm / leaving from Dining Room

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

### Tuesday

Staff Shiurim - R' Kevy & Shani Taragin  
9:30 pm (Shani)10:30( R' Kevy) / Bondi 3/4

Staff Drive-in Movie  
9:45 pm / Girls Courts

### Wednesday

Shiriah 2012  
7:30 pm / Mercazia

Staff Shuttles to Walmart  
9:45 pm / leaving from Dining Room

Shiur- R' Shmuel Hain  
10:30 -11:00 pm/ Bondi 3/4

### Thursday

Staff Shuttles to Capra Laundromat-Sign up in Dining Room  
10:30 pm/ Leaving from Dining Room

"Community & Calamity"-Jacob Bernstein  
10:30 -11:15 pm / Bondi 3/4

### Friday

"Friday Night Live"  
following Seudat Shabbat /Mercazia

### Motzei Shabbat

Make your own Pizza  
11 pm / Dining Room