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S U M M E R E D I T I O N



# SHALHEVET

JULY 20-21, 2012 / PARSHAT MATOT-MASEI



SHIRIA 2012:  
AND THE WINNER IS....  
BOYS CAMPUS!

## Unity Through Community

Morasha displayed a great show of unity this week, both within the camp and outside.

We started off on Sunday with Visiting Day, welcoming hundreds of parents and other guests who came here to see their children, enjoy the food and entertainment, and get a chance to experience some of the magic of Morasha.

Monday was the 2nd annual Flash Mob. Ilanot, Machzor Bet and Yachad danced to "Anu B'nai Morasha" -- original lyrics written by Shani Malitzky about the community of Morasha - to the tune of One Direction's "What Makes You Beautiful." Special thanks to Jessica and Caleb for choreographing the dance!

We had our 3rd annual FIFA soccer tournament on Tuesday, and each camper united with their team to play their best. That night, we hosted campers

and staff from the B'nai Brith Youth Organization (BBYO) for dinner, discussion and a chagiga, and went to their camp on Thursday to participate in a unique exchange of ideas.

Shiria was a night full of beautiful music, with the theme of "Unity Through Community." Boys campus beat the girls with their melodic renditions of "Yofyafisa" and "Ashira," while the girls won song of the night for "Nekadaish," and also sang "Ra'u Banim."

On Thursday, our Yachad members were "Flyin' High" and treated to a helicopter ride around camp, thanks to the generosity of Morasha parents Meryl and Jeremy Strauss and family. Shabbat Shalom!

### COMING UP:

**July 22**  
Inter-camps!

**July 23**  
Stomp!

**July 24**  
Changeover Day!

**July 26**  
Pay Day!



# NEWS FROM GIRLS CAMPUS

**NITZI GIRLS:** We started off our week with Visiting Day, which of course was amazing, but the day kept getting better, when we went out of camp at night to see the movie "Brave." Some of our other fun night activities this week were "Minute To Win It," a scavenger hunt, and hot canteen. We had a great time singing at Shiria and we are so proud of our own Nitzis, Shira Silverstein and Zee Joshua, who shined with their beautiful solos! Happy birthday to Daniella Glass, Bella Ingber, Marsha Joseph and Rachel Sussman! We are sad to say goodbye to all our friends who are leaving on Changeover Day but we hope to see you back at Morasha next summer!

**YOUNGER SHTILI GIRLS:** Visiting day was so amazing because our bunks were so clean and Penina was thrilled! We also had a night trip to see "Brave" and we were brave, and ate the best popcorn ever. We are so proud of our older friends who did a great job in the Flash Mob, and the next day we had FIFA. We had some great night activities this week! At our campfire with Ariel Cohen, we made Israeli s'mores, heard scary stories and discussed Israeli politics. We also enjoyed our barbecue and pool party with Abby, where we learned that YSG really can dance. Wednesday was Shiria and we were so proud of our YSG soloists. Better luck next year! On Thursday, we took a special trip to Camp Shoshanim to watch their play, and were treated to Como Pizza and hot canteen. Looking forward to our last Shabbos with our first monthers!



**OLDER SHTILI GIRLS:** The Older Shtili Girls had another action-packed week! First we cleaned all our bunks, in preparation for Sunday's visiting day, which was awesome. Night activities this week were also a blast. We played a crazy game of Panic, had night leagues and a pool party! On Tuesday night, we took a special trip to the movies, where had a choice of seeing "Spiderman" or "Brave." We also won our games in Como Leagues. We are so excited for our division shabbaton this week. On Thursday night, we baked cranberry crunch, carrot muffins, popcorn cauliflower and blondies for Shabbos! We are also looking forward to our Motzei Shabbos night activity of s'mores and a kumsitz around our



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**ILANOT:** Yes the rumors are true, and we are proud to say that on Tuesday night the Ilanot girls hiked up to Machane Yisrael, ate a delicious BBQ, told scary stories, sang beautiful songs and slept (or attempted to sleep) out in the forest under the stars. Besides for all the mosquito bites we are now covered in, we had a BLAST and according to Ariel Cohen, it was a "chavaya." I want to make a disclaimer as their division head, for how proud I am that the Ilanot girls tried this new and fun adventure!



We also had so much fun on the Flash mob/bowling trip. All of that, and FIFA, was awesome, along with spontaneous water fights and jumps in the lake, Shiria, League play-offs and rainbow tag! It was such a packed week and the summer is flying by, but the Ilanot are still pumped for some more action! Shabbat Shalom!

**MANHIGOT:** It was another fantastic week for the Manhigot! With the hot weather, we've been spending lots of time swimming in the pool and

lake. We really enjoyed our divisional shabbaton last week, especially the high school scenario discussions and our lunch with Yachad. Charlie Harari was also a big hit as the guest speaker on Shabbos. Visiting Day was a blast, only to be topped by Monday's Flash Mob at the mall, plus bowling, and Tuesday's FIFA soccer tournament. We also had "Katy Perry/Glee Night," where we dressed up, watched the "Glee" movie and had lots of fun nosh. We really enjoyed our co-ed glow in the dark dodgeball night activity. Looking forward to intercamps and Stomp next week!



# NEWS FROM BOYS CAMPUS

**NITZI BOYS:** The Nitzanim boys had another fantastic week! We were so excited to see our parents on Visiting Day, and were even more excited to go out to the movies on Sunday night, when we saw "Brave" and ate awesome popcorn! FIFA and Shiria were great, especially since we beat the girls! Our night activities continue to be awesome, with scavenger hunts, baking and human stratego. We bid farewell to all our friends who are leaving after the first month. See you next year!



**YOUNGER SHTILI BOYS:** YSB were back with a boom this week. Shabbos rocked as everyone started preparing for Visiting Day. A big splash landed on boys campus as the second inflatable water slide was blown up. Keep those splashes coming! After Visiting Day ended, we were treated to a movie in the one and only Capra Cinemas (who knew that a random movie theater in Lakewood, Pa. has Kosher pareve popcorn?!) Yasher Koach to all those who davened well and were

privileged to Dougies. Tuesday was Fifa and Wednesday was Shiria. To the YSB soloists, you guys were awesome, YBC anyone? Playoffs will begin Friday or Motzei Shabbos depending on the weather. Good luck to all the teams. It's hard to believe a whole month has gone by. We're gonna miss all those who are leaving Tuesday. Have a fun rest of the summer. And for those staying, the fun is just beginning, just wait and see. Shabbat Shalom!

**OLDER SHTILI BOYS:** The Older Shtili Boys had a great week!

After Visiting Day, we waited out the cold weather with a gaga tournament, followed by some very intense games of dodgeball. On Tuesday, our campers were representing numerous countries in our amazing FIFA World Cup soccer tournament. Everyone had a great time! This was followed by Shiria, where we sang our hearts out and were victorious over the girls! We look forward to an enjoyable Shabbos, as we are having our shabbaton this week. Since some of us are leaving this Tuesday, we will really cherish this last Shabbos together!



**MANHIGIM:** Manhigim, what a week it's been! Visiting Day was nice as it is always nice to see family and friends, but the real fun started on Monday... Taking to the mall in Syracuse, 450 Morasha campers and staff united as a community in the Flash Mob 2012! After the Flash Mob, we all enjoyed shopping time in the tremendous mall followed by disco bowling. As if Monday wasn't enough, FIFA Tuesday and Shiria Wednesday made this week one which is unparalleled by anything we have enjoyed so far this summer. Not a bad way to close out the week with playoffs in basketball and football leagues, as well as hosting Como Leagues. As we enter the 9 days, we should continue to work on our midot by focusing on our "7 values" with the hope that our actions not only affect our community, but the Jewish community around the world, leading to the rebuilding of the Beit Hamikdash! Shabbat Shalom!

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## *ALUFIM:*

Question: What was your favorite part of Visiting Day?

Answer: **Evan Feder**- When my parents left.

Question: What were your feelings, right when the Flash Mob started?

Answer: 1) **Zach Fuchs**- My emotions were pouring out, and the butterflies in my stomach were shooting out. I wanted to cry. All I could think about was....where is Salex?



2) **Dimitry Valdman**- I am from Russia.....Bingo.

Question: **Dov Stokar**- After Flash Mob practice, you guys want to have a four hour night activity?

Answer: **Michael Reinhart**- Only if I could stick my face in a plate of flour!

Question: Was FIFA fun?

Answer: 1) **Gideon Gulko**- I don't know, I was cleaning the Sprite out of my sheets.

2) **B20**- Football is our favorite sport!!!

Question: Describe the atmosphere at Shiria.

Answer: **Alex Hofstadter**- I wouldn't know, I fell asleep.

Question: How fast can you throw a dodge ball?

Answer: **Ethan Felder**- Fast enough to send five Shtilis to the infirmary.



**GIRLS BMP:** GMP was put to work on Visiting Day, parking cars and singing in the rain. On Monday and Thursday, we RCed and spent time with our bunks. Tuesday night, both Morasha BMPs welcomed BBYO, Mesorah, and Moshava for an intercamp exchange. Wednesday night s'more making with Manhigot was so much fun. (How do you think s'mores symbolize Judaism?) Thursday night, we met Mesorah and Moshava at BBYO for another great exchange. This was definitely the highlight of our week. Looking forward to more chaburot, visitors, requests for ice pops and soda (and A.C.) We love learning Toirah!



**Boys BMP:** This week really began last Shabbos with a ruach-filled tisch for Machzor Aleph on Friday night and learning with members of Yachad on Shabbos day. Tuesday featured the much-anticipated program with BBYO which we co-hosted with Moshava and Mesorah. The program included discussion sessions, a chagiga and time for everyone to further their friendships and hang out at the canteen. Wednesday showcased Shiria with our own Yaakov Schiff right in the center of the action, helping out with all of the harmonies for the victorious boys campus. After Shiria, Boys BMP hosted the 2nd Mishmar of the summer for Machzor Bet with over 40 boys participating! Everyone was treated to a BBQ (special thanks to Jacob Bernstein for “running the show”) and enjoyed some solid learning with chaburahs and even a little “kibud kal” rikud at the end. Thursday was part 2 of the BBYO program, this time traveling to the BBYO campus. All participants gained an appreciation for all streams of Judaism through informal icebreakers, questioning each other respectfully and appreciating each other for who they are. Shabbat Shalom!

**Yachad:** We're famous! Yachad made their YouTube debut in the Morasha Flash Mob 2.0! It was amazing! We loved being part of it and are so excited about all the compliments we are getting from our families, friends, and even strangers. Our week continued with non-stop fun. We competed in a scavenger hunt in the Syracuse Mall, went bowling, and had great games of soccer during FIFA. We sang our hearts out at Shiriah, and we got to see an aerial view of Camp Morasha! Our helicopter rides around camp were so cool. It is such an exciting experience to be able to fly over camp. Thank you very much to the Strauss family for making the rides possible. This week was a week we will always remember!! Looking forward to more excitement around camp :).

**Gan/Day Camp:** This past week we continued to enjoy all of our wonderful specialties. Thank you to our staff for all that they do for Day Camp. Special thanks this week to Benjy Garber for his patience, care and concern in helping to make our Shiriah experience so positive. Go Day Camp! After a great win at Shiriah, we are geared up for the coming week!

# Dvar Torah from Morah Yael Goldfischer

## Matot-Masei: Creating Kedusha

In Parshat Matot-Masei, we read about the interesting and puzzling request made by Reuven and Gad. They wish to live in the recently captured territories outside of Eretz Yisroel proper. At first, Moshe is upset with their request and compares them to the meraglim of the previous generation, for they too didn't want to live in the land of Israel. Moshe is worried that just like the meraglim led the nation to refuse the land of Israel, Reuven and Gad's actions would create the same devastating results. Once however Reuven and Gad explain that they are determined to help their brothers fight and settle the land of Israel, Moshe gives them Ever HaYarden to settle.

What happens to Ever HaYarden? Is it considered Israel or is it considered Chuz La'Aretz? On the one hand, Moshe is upset with the request to live there and these tribes had to get special permission to make it their home. This seems to prove that these lands are not considered Israel. Yet, on the other hand, the fact they are given permission to live there may indicate that it is part of Israel.

The status of refuge cities discussed in our parshiot might help clarify the confusing status of Ever HaYarden. We do have three cities of refuge established in Ever HaYarden. This again would indicate these lands are part of Israel. However these cities of refuge are not effective until the cities of refuge in the land of Israel are established. This teaches us that Ever HaYarden only becomes an extension of Israel once Israel is established as our homeland. Reuven and Gad at the moment are requesting land that is not Israel but in a few short years will become an extension of Israel and that's why their request is met.

We can learn a very important lesson in religious growth from these tribes and their portion in Ever HaYarden. Kedusha, once created, can and should impact surrounding areas. It is not enough to have an inspiring summer and then leave it at that. Rather one should take that inspiration and apply it to new situations and allow it to impact their lives. For those of us leaving camp in just a few short days make sure you extend your camp experience. Don't let your davening, brachot, interpersonal relationships, or whatever it is that you worked on this summer end now that camp has ended, but extend them throughout this year.

# FUN PAGES

## Morasha by the Numbers:

\* Number of Sifrei Torah in Camp Morasha — 7

\* Feet of fishing wire used in Camp Morasha's Eruv — 19,337

\* Number of Morasha T-shirts given out during the summer — 2,750

(Thank you Jeremy and Jared)

\* It takes 50 people 12 hours to wash, dry and fold the entire camp's laundry at Capra's Laundry in Hancock, NY

(Thank you Leslie Berger)

\* This one's a question —

How many redheads, (campers and counselors) do we have this year?

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## 5 facts by Bobby Dratch:

1) A dog can make about 100 facial expressions.

2) It is impossible to sneeze with your eyes open.

3) Light travels faster than sound.

4) The world's largest menorah is taller than a 3-story building.

5) Blondes have more hair than brunettes.

(Do they also have more fun)?



# BRAINTEASERS:

EXAMPLE: FAREDC = RED IN THE FACE

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Ag **Cirrus** Ag  
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1. Bob drowned Frosted Flakes
2. Joe buried Cap'n Crunch
3. Sarah threw Rice Krispies off a cliff
4. Emily shot Cocoa Puffs

Julio Iglesias  
Lana Turner  
Dinah Shore  
John Wayne  
Robert Redford  
John Ireland  
Elizabeth Taylor  
John Travolta  
Barbara Eden  
Jack Nicholson

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS:

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Odds and Ends

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Somersault

**SOIUDTE**

Inside Out

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Count Dracula

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**Ed.D.**

Two degrees below zero

# **Staff Night Activities**

## **July 21-July 28**

Motzei Shabbat

Staff make your own pizza

11:15 pm / Dining Room

Sunday

"Inyanei Tzibur/Community" - R' Mordechai Willig

10:30 -11:15 pm /Bondi 3/4

Monday

Staff Games vs. Camp Seneca

Boys/Girls Courts

"What's the Deal With..." - R' Moshe Tzvi Weinberg

10:30 -11:15 pm / Bondi 3/4

Tuesday

Staff Tye Die- BYOI (bring your own "Item" to tye die)

NO SWEATSHIRTS/SWEATPANTS OR TOWELS!!!

9:45 pm - Art Room

"Sichat Mussar" - R' Yitzchak Cohen

10:30 -11:15 pm

Wednesday

Camp Morasha's First annual female Sr Staff vs. Jr staff kickball game!!!

Girls Courts / 9:45 pm

Shiur- R' Shmuel Hain

10:30 -11:15 pm / Bondi 3/4

Thursday

Staff Trip to Bowling

9:30 pm/ Bus to leave from Dining Room- please sign up in Dining Room!

"Community & Calamity" - Jacob Bernstein

10:30 -11:15 pm / Bondi 3/4