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- PARSHAT VA'ETCHANAN - SHABBAT NACHAMU



PURIM IN JULY!

A week to remember at Morasha!

This week was jam-packed with tons of special activities! We started Sunday on a sad note with Tisha B'Av, a day of fasting and davening, ending off with beautiful singing at Morasha's Beit Hamikdash.

We quickly switched gears on Monday, with Purim in July! Everyone dressed up in creative costumes and enjoyed the music and dancing in the Mercazia.

On Tuesday, we welcomed over 100 campers for Morasha Mania. They had a blast as they experienced the magic of being a Morasha camper. The Manhigim and Manhigot had so much fun on their trip to a ropes course that afternoon.

On Wednesday night, we had Morasha's second annual Film Festival. Everyone came to the Coliseum, where three giant blow-up screens were set up for us to watch "E.T.," "Shrek," or

"Space Jam," while snacking on yummy popcorn and candy.

The week just kept getting better! On Thursday, the Older Shtili and Ilanot Girls won the Wayne County League softball championships! Also, congrats to the Older Shtilim boys and girls for winning the Stomp competition, based on the theme of Morasha's values!

The Alufim and Alufot have been having the time of their lives on their road trip. See inside for more details!

We are so excited for the girls campus carnival and boys "King of the Rink" on Motzei Shabbos. Shabbat Shalom!

COMING UP:

August 4

Girls Campus Carnival
Boys "King of the Rink"

August 5

Beauty and the Beast

August 6-7

Trip Day!

August 8

Lazy Day

August 9

Yom Yisrael/Cafe Night



NEWS FROM GIRLS CAMPUS



NITZI GIRLS: We had a great week! Tisha B'Av was very meaningful for us. On Monday, we had a blast at Purim in July. We dressed up as babies, Little Miss Morashas, and farm animals and had other creative costumes. Our "Panic" night activity was a real panic! We dressed up as Justin Bieber and Selena Gomez, Atara and Dave, our counselors, the BMP girls and the Kardashians. The Film Festival was so much fun, and we can't wait for our Bat Mitzvah next week plus our trip to Camel Beach!

YOUNGER SHTILI GIRLS: Tisha B'Av was a meaningful day for us and we loved the Beit HaMikdash. Purim in July was a blast, as was co-ed rainbow tag and canteen. The counselors found a great hiding spot and all hid in the canteen! The film festival was amazing, and the Nitzis and Younger Shtilis showed achdut and community at Stomp! Instead of a Shabbaton this week, we are having a special Oneg with Dougie's and homemade chulent. Looking forward to the best trip ever next week!

MANHIGOT: The Manhigot had a very meaningful Tisha B'Av, and we were especially moved by the program for Ilanot and Machzor Bet on Saturday night. Our Sunday night post-fast trip to Walmart was great, too. For Purim in July, we dressed up as a dozen eggs, mimes, dancers, and Things 1 & 2. On Tuesday, we had a special trip to CBK Ropes Course and dinner in Woodbourne, which was a blast. The camp-wide Film Festival and Stomp competitions were great, and we had a lot of fun at Boot Camp with Dan Lamm. Lastly, we also enjoyed our "Ask the Rabbi" session with Rabbi Hain, an opportunity to ask him anything we wanted. We are very much looking forward to our two-day NYC trip this week!





CONGRATULATIONS TO THE OLDER SHTILI AND ILANOT GIRLS FOR WINNING THE WAYNE COUNTY LEAGUE SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS AGAINST CAMP WESTMONT THIS WEEK! WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU!

OLDER SHTILIM: We had a great week! After Tisha B'Av, we were happy to celebrate at Purim in July. We had a blast at boot camp with Dan Lamm, and also took a special trip to Walmart as our prize from Pay Day! We are working very hard on our division cookbook and encourage all counselors, senior staff and parents to send recipes!



ILANOT: The week started with Tisha B'Av, which was meaningful and uplifting. The beautiful kinot and programming made the fast fly by. We made up for the past 9 Days on Monday night at Purim in July. Dressed as cartoon characters, smurfs, magic 8 balls and the days of the Morasha calendar, we danced our hearts out at the awesome chagigah. It was a blast, and we were dripping! Panoply was so fun - recognizing staff members by their eyes or spelling their names by the numbers on a cell phone. And of course there is Name That Tune or Put The Lyrics to the Justin Bieber song. The film festival was also great, where we had the whole camp come together watching classic movies, The Ilanot division also came together to take over the Morasha stomping ground!

NEWS FROM GIRLS CAMPUS

ALUFOT:

[To the tune of "Some Nights" by Fun.]

Some nights, I stay up watching some August Rush. Some nights, I watch Home Alone
Some nights, I wish that Rush Hour would never end. Some nights, I wish for more Matilda

But I still look out, I still see asphalt. Oh Lord, I'm still not sure what state I'm in oh
What state am I in? What state am I in? Most nights, I don't know anymore...

Oh YOLO, oh YOFO, oh YOLO oh...Oh YOFO, oh YOLO, oh YOFO oh

This is it, Fot, Orlando- what are we waiting for? Why don't we ride The Hulk already?
I was never one to stay up all night. Back bus puts up quite the fight
I guess two hours will be just alright. It's time for another meal anyway.

And that's alright; I found a marine in Parris tonight
He makes us march and ease and kick and turn
And where am I? Hey, where am I? Mmhmm...

Well, some nights, I wish that Yes Man would end cause I could talk to friends for a change
And some nights, I'm scared you'll put on Bourne again
Some nights, the Muppets win, the Muppets win...

But I still look out, I still see asphalt Oh Lord, I'm still not sure what state I'm in oh
What state am I in? What state am I in? Most nights, I don't know... Come on!

So this is it? I drove 60 hours for this? Slept in the Days Inn for this? I miss my bunkhouse for this?

Yes! When I see Myrtle Beach, when I see Virginia Beach, when I bike on the sand, by water and land, I love it! Oh, live it. Oh, love it. OH, LIVE IT!

Well, this is it, guys, Motorworld, our go karts like to swirl...
6 days of this, I'm not sure if anybody understands
Newport News and Richmond VA, sorry to leave, I couldn't stay
Washington DC is where I will spend Shabbos

I'm going to Atara's sister and her house in Maryland. When I look at Goldberg's Bagels...
Man, you wouldn't believe the most amazing things that can come from... some really long rides...aahhh...

Oh YOLO, oh YOFO, oh YOLO oh....Oh YOFO, oh YOLO, oh YOFO oh

NEWS FROM BOYS CAMPUS

NITZI BOYS: The Nitzanim boys had another fantastic week! We had a very meaningful Tisha B'Av, and enjoyed seeing Morasha's Beit Hamikdash. We had an awesome pool party, and had a blast dressing up and dancing at Purim in July. We also had a great time performing at the Stomp Competition. Can't wait for our Trip Day next week!



YOUNGER SHTILI BOYS: YSB had a jam-packed week! Running from activity to activity really gets tiring. (Someone should tell all the schools that we get more tired at camp then we do at school.) But all the activities are great and a lot of fun. This week we even were privileged to have riflery. Working backwards, Thursday we had a surprise trip to Binghamton Mall where we had a picture scavenger hunt and walked around the mall. YSB did a great job on their Stomp. Wednesday we had Film Festival and Tuesday we played rainbow tag and had night canteen. We are looking forward to our trip coming up next week. Have a great Shabbos!



OLDER SHTILI BOYS: If you thought last week was great, wait 'til you hear about this week! After a meaningful and reflective Tisha B'Av, the Older Shtili Boys jumped right into Purim, where we danced our hearts out at the

annual Purim Mesibah! This led us right into our amazing overnight, where we slept outdoors and gazed up at the stars. Everyone truly enjoyed the opportunity to connect with nature and "rough it!" Maybe we'll try to have a second overnight! After sleeping in, we enjoyed a wonderful movie night, where our campers chose between three high-quality films. And of course, we concluded our week by winning the divisional Stomp competition with our amazingly incredible performance, using the wonderful Morasha values as the basis for our Stomp! We love the values and we certainly love Camp Morasha!

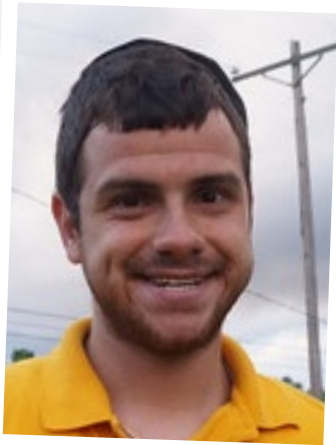
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ILANOT: The Ilanot have had a great last three weeks of camp. From Shiva Asar B'Tammuz to Yom Nate to Olympics to On the House to Visiting Day to the Flash Mob to FIFA and Shiriah, to Como League Championships and Lavi Intercamps, the 3 on 3 Tournament and Pay Day, to Tisha B'Av, Jonah Hill's eyeballs, Purim in July, the Film Festival, and STOMP (where we were robbed of a win), the Ilanot had an amazing time all around. A big thank you to Sammy Weitschner for taking charge of our STOMP, and to Adam Auerbach, the gofer for the STOMP for setting up all the materials. The Ilanot are looking forward to the Ilanot Wilderness Trip, including the ropes course, white water rafting, and the ultimate wilderness experience - a big beautiful air conditioned mall.



MANHIGIM: Although Tisha B'Av is not viewed as a day of enjoyment, it was definitely one filled with growth and productivity. The memorial program, kinos, and "Game of Life" was our way of showing what it means to have a meaningful Tisha B'Av. By Monday, we shifted back into normal camp life as the 9 Days were over and prepared for what was going to be an action packed week. A trip to the ropes course and Dougie's in Woodbourne, followed by a Manhigim volleyball tournament with non-stop grilling (over 100 hotdogs and 100 hamburgers!), Film Festival, Stomp, and finally a golfing outing for a pre-Shabbos trip. As we head into Shabbos, we look to rest up prior to our highlight of the summer, "Gim/Got NYC BASH" early next week! Shabbat Shalom!

STAY TUNED NEXT WEEK TO HEAR ALL ABOUT THE ALUFIM AND ALUFOT ROAD TRIP ACROSS THE EAST COAST!



Yachad: What a week it's been! We started off with a very inspirational Tisha B'Av. We painted the parochet for the Camp Morasha Beit Hamikdash. We had a great time at Yom Nate B'Yachad at Camp Nesher. All the Yachad summer programs came together for a day of sports, music, and a carnival! On Purim in July we dressed up as cats and mice and danced our tails off! Tuesday we got to redeem our Pay Day prize of Hot Canteen! So yummy! The whole camp felt the excitement of our Stomp extravaganza on Thursday! We had a great time joining the Manhigim/Got. Have a good Shabbos!

Girls BMP: Coming out of a reflective and meaningful Tisha B'Av, the Girls BMP focused this week on the topic of how to bring Mashiach. We enjoyed a trip to Camp HASC, where Rabbi Weinberg gave a shiur and we led a division-wide chaburah discussion for Manhigot on Wednesday. We all really enjoyed having Morasha Mania campers around this week and some BMP-ers were Mania counselors for the week. Many of us ventured to the huge Siyum HaShas at MetLife Stadium, which was inspiring and emotional. We are also very thankful to the warehouse crew for building incredible bookshelves in the BMP. Thanks; they are beautiful!

Boys BMP: This past week put our RCs to the test. With back-to-back star days and some of our RCs serving as role models for Mania, we got knee deep in counseling skills. Thursday featured the Siyum HaShas program where we helped mold young minds in the Mercazia by opening up the next cycle of Shas with the first mishna in Masechet Brachot. To top it off, we welcomed Rav Eli Marcus of Yeshivat Reishit for a sicha on Friday morning discussing Tu B'Av. What a week!



Gan/Day Camp: It is incredible how fast the weeks are flying by! This past week we continued to enjoy our regular activities as well as a "Hay Ride" and a visit for Senior Boys and Girls to Riflery. Rock climbing, ductigami, ceramics, baking, shiur, arts and crafts, horseback riding, swimming, aerobics, Israel XP, library, music and dance continue to keep us entertained. This week our oldest campers joined Morasha Mania. We are having so much fun making new friends, learning to respect each other and growing physically and spiritually.

Dvar Torah from Morah Sara Richter

Va'Etchanan - Shabbat Nachamu

In the Haftorah of Shabbat Nachamu, Hashem comforts us and promises that the final Geula will eventually come. What can we do to help hasten the final Geula? Let's look for the answer in this week's Parashat HaShavua, Parashat VaEtchanan.

In 6:18 it states: "Ve asita hayashar ve hatov be'ainay Hashem." (Do what is right and good in the eyes of Hashem.) Rashi and the Ramban explain these words as follows: "This is pshara - lifnim mishurat hadin." (This is compromise - beyond the letter of the law.) The Ramban explains the idea behind this mitzva: It is impossible for every single detail of human behavior to be recorded in the Torah.

Yes, the Torah tells us not to speak about others and not to hold a grudge, but what about the way we look at our friend after he or she strikes out in baseball, the tone that we use when we apologize, or when we are thinking about whether or not to invite a bunk mate to join a game or a conversation?

The Torah is providing a guiding principle for us: Do what is YASHAR and TOV in every single situation and when necessary compromise even if it goes beyond what is actually required. With two weeks left of this fabulous summer, let's continue to strengthen our Morasha community by reaching out and finding opportunities to do what is YASHAR and TOV - b'ainay Elokim v'Adam.

FUN PAGES

Morasha by the Numbers:

- * 3—Number of Morasha men who finished this last cycle of Shas. Mazal Tov to Gary Hoffman, Menachem Rosenberg and Tzvi Weiner!!! Honorable mention goes to Ari Spodek, son of Ira and Paula who also finished!!!
- * 2—Number of Morasha men who celebrated the siyyum mishnayos—Mazal Tov to Chaim Schwartz and Akiva Zimmerman! Let's go waiters!!!
- * 7—Number of DSLs the camp owns (is that a lot?) Thanks Avi F.
- * 18—Number of golf carts in camp
- * 50—Number of walkie talkies used. Thanks Jared.
- * 472—Number of pints of blood Camp Morasha has collected for the past 5 years (Thank you Chaye Lamm Warburg)!! That is 1, 416 lives saved for people who needed blood transfusions.
(Thank you to Yolly Dratch for heading up Friday's blood drive!)
- * 5,361,824—Number of "Amens" recited by the entire population of Camp Morasha this summer. Let's shoot for more! Thanks to Rabbi Dratch and Spodek for figuring this out.

Just the facts by Bobby Dratch:

- 1) The smell of minty toothpaste can attract bears.
- 2) The average person has more than 1,500 dreams a year.
- 3) If you cross the international date line, you'll arrive yesterday.
- 4) The # symbol has a name—It is called an Octothorpe.
- 5) Birds don't sweat.
- 6) "Not to be weird or anything, but" one of the world's most expensive coffees comes from animal poop.

BRAINTEASERS:

EXAMPLE: FAREDCE = RED IN THE FACE

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GET **GO**

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS:

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That is beside the point

duobles
doulebs
duboles

Mixed doubles

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Sold down the river

BUSINES . .

Unfinished business

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Condescending