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SHALHEVET

AUGUST 10-11, 2012 - PARSHAT EKEV

Ending off the summer on a high!



BEAUTY AND THE BEAST!

COMING UP:

August 11
Melave Malka!

August 13
Boys Night at the Park!

August 14
The Voice / The Battle

August 15
Looking Back...

August 16
Goodbye :(
See you next summer :)

The last full week of camp was amazing! The fun began on Saturday night when the Manhigot ran a carnival for girls campus, while the boys played hockey at "King of the Rink" and enjoyed a BBQ.

On Sunday, the Alufim/Fot returned from their road trip, with stops in Florida, Virginia, Washington D.C., and North Carolina. They had a blast with Go Karting, Marine training, Universal Studios and more! At night, the camp watched the Nitzis and Shtilis perform in "Beauty and Beast." Bravo to the entire cast and crew!

Next was Trip Day! The Ilanot and Manhigim/Got left for their two-day adventures to Lake George and New York City, respectively. Between boat rides, scavenger hunts, white water rafting, arcades and Broadway shows, there was never a dull moment!

On Tuesday, the rest of camp also had the best time on their one-day trips. Whether they were cooling off at the water park, rafting, paintballing, shopping, or watching "Ice Age," everyone had a blast!

After a much-needed late day on Wednesday, we got right back into things on Thursday with Yom Yisrael. Amid a sea of blue and white, we dined on Israeli food and had the chance to experience Israel, from pita-making and a chasidish tisch, to the Dead Sea, army training, Kibbutz life and building the walls of Yerushalayim!

We extend a special welcome to the Morasha Board of Directors who is visiting camp for Shabbos.

We can't wait to see what's in store for us the last few days of camp! Shabbat Shalom, and we hope to see you all back here for Morasha 2013!

NEWS FROM GIRLS CAMPUS

NITZI GIRLS: We had a great week! The carnival on Motzei Shabbos was so much fun, and we loved watching all our friends perform in "Beauty and the Beast" on Sunday. One of the highlights of our week was Monday's mock Bat Mitzvah! We had a great time dressing up and dancing the night away! Trip day was also a blast. We went to Camelbeach and enjoyed a pizza dinner, followed by "Ice Age." The week ended with Yom Yisrael, and we loved visiting all the different cities in Israel and participating in the activities. We are so sad that this will be our final Shabbos at camp, but we are looking forward to making the most of our last few days!



YOUNGER SHTILI GIRLS: We are so proud of all our girls who were in Beauty and the Beast, which was amazing! Special shout out to Naomi Butler, who played Belle. Monday was super charged with more excitement than we could handle-. In the morning, we had our bris for our Younger Shtili baby girl. Her Hebrew name is Morasha and English name is Jared. Thank you to Rabbis Hain, Wienerkur and Yudin who all officiated. We also had riflery for the first time this summer. Thanks to Dan Lamm, as we watched his demonstrations with our jaws on the floor. Then, we had a counselor switch! Who knew that boys could look so good in Hard Tail skirts and tutus?! Best game of kickball ever played! We ended off the day with co-ed "Make Your Own Pizza" at Como. Tuesday's trip was amazing. We had so much fun and "threw up" our hands in excitement all day. Nobody liked the water park as much as Kayla Gottlieb! We were so tired at the end of the day that we couldn't even make it to our midnight Dougie's party, so we postponed it to our hike and BBQ the next night with Ariel Cohen, which was great. Yom Yisrael was so much fun, and G-8 did a beautiful flag dance. Looking forward to color war!

OLDER SHTILI GIRLS: The Older Shtili girls had an amazing trip. We went to Mountain Creek, to the mall, ate pizza and saw a movie, "Diary of a Wimpy Kid Dog Days." We also had a Dougie's party the next night, because we didn't have time to eat it on Trip Day. Army Night was a blast, and so was co-ed rainbow tag, canteen night, and Yom Yisrael. Our cookbook is almost finished, and we are going to be selling it soon for Tzedaka. We are so excited for Color War, whenever it comes!



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MANHIGOT: Our week started out with a carnival for the girls campus on Saturday night, and the Manhigot ran all the carnival booths for the younger kids and did a great job! Sunday we watched the camp performance of "Beauty and the Beast," and we are proud of our own Lizzie Wallach who helped backstage. Our two-day trip to New York City was awesome! We went on The Beast motorboat ride on the Hudson, had a limo scavenger hunt, ate dinner at Mendy's, and saw the Blue Man Group, where we got to participate in the show! We spent the night at the Sportime USA arcade from 11 p.m. until 8:30 a.m., where we played for 7 out of the 9 1/2 hours! In the morning, we had brunch at JZ Spier's house, went shopping and saw a movie at the Palisades Mall. Lastly, we went to Bounce, where we played basketball and dodgeball and did flips in rooms where every surface is a trampoline! We ended the trip with dinner from Carlos and Gabby's at Rockland State Park. On Wednesday, we had a lazy morning to help us recover, finished up leagues in sports, went on water slides and played Last Man Standing. We also had a great time at Yom Yisrael on Thursday. Looking forward to our last few days of camp!



ILANOT: The Ilanot had a blast this week at camp! We had a great time "roughing it" on our awesome overnight Lake George trip. We started out in Albany at the Crossgates Mall, followed by Adventure Racing with Go Karts, laser tag bumpers cars and a rock wall. We spent the afternoon at the Adirondack Extreme Adventure Course. The next day, we went white water rafting, and ended off with a BBQ. We also had a great time on Wednesday at our "Extreme Counselor Makeover" activity. We are so sad that this is our last Shabbos in camp, but we know it will be a great one!



ALUFOT: After embarking on a world tour, Citizens of Fot have returned to Fot Land with great festivity and jubilation! As we prepare to enjoy our last week in Fot Land to its fullest, we are reminded of all the incredible adventures and perfect memories this land has provided us. But, more than Fot Land (hard to imagine anything "more than Fot Land"), we are taking a moment to remember the past six or seven years of the best summers Camp Morasha has to offer. It truly has been a lifetime of passion, growth, friendships, and fun. We will miss Fot Land and our summers as campers, but what we have gained is immeasurable and we cannot thank Camp Morasha enough.

NEWS FROM BOYS CAMPUS

NITZI BOYS: The Nitzanim boys had another fantastic week! We had a great time watching our friends in "Beauty and the Beast" on Sunday, and had a blast at "Minute To Win It" on Monday. Tuesday was our amazing trip. In the morning, we went rafting at Skinner's Falls and spent the afternoon at Carousel Park -- with go karts, bumper boats, mini golf and water slides! We capped off the day by seeing "Ice Age" in Hancock. On Wednesday, we had a pool party, and we all



dressed in blue and white for Yom Yisrael on Thursday. Have a great rest of the summer!



YOUNGER SHTILI BOYS: This week flew by. Like too fast. It's hard to believe we are less than a week away from boarding those buses. Congratulations to the YSB Wayne County Basketball team on beating Camp Wayne in the Championship! Sunday we watched a few of our division mates participate in the "Beauty and the Beast" play. Great job guys! Monday we started a Handball tournament and had pizza making at Como Pizza. Tuesday we went paintballing, had a BBQ and then went to Ice Age at the 5 star Capra

Cinemas. A great time was had by all. Wednesday was a lazy day, just without the lazy part. Happy Birthday Ben Leifer! Thursday was Israel day and Friday it rained a lot. We are looking forward to the last Shabbos and want to make it very magical. Shabbat Shalom! Have a great Shabbos! Happy Birthday Eli Yushuvayev. (And Happy Birthday to all those whose birthdays are before or after camp!)

OLDER SHTILI BOYS: The Older Shtili boys had an awesome week! We showed off our hockey skills during "King of the Rink" on Saturday night and enjoyed a late-night BBQ on the courts. The fun continued with "Beauty and the Beast" on Sunday night and a pool party on Monday night! Next was trip day, where we had a blast playing paintball, eating pizza and seeing a movie at night! On Wednesday, we played rainbow tag with the Older Shtili Girls and had canteen night. The week ended with Yom Yisrael! Good Shabbos!



NEWS FROM BOYS CAMPUS

ILANOT: Bacon Strips and Bacon

Strips...Somebody That I Used To Know....Jonah Chill's Eyes...Like a BIG OL' FISH...Donkey Game...SHEEP/BONG...Bone and Pistol Pete...Nefilas Apayim...GET VERTICAL!..."The Siddur should be your...friend"...Throw me to the wolves..."Sick means...good"...Ring Toss with Orlow...Portnoy Rafting in Jeans ..."Edelstein's UNI...(cycle)"...American Gladiators...Where is Gibber...Carl from Jimmy Neutron looks like Ottenstein..."CAN SOMEBODY PLEASE BURY ME?"...SUDDEN DEATH...Ooooish...Scaring Simi with Snakes...the Traffic guy at Six Flags...We got robbed in STOMP...THANKS FOR ALL THE GREAT MEMORIES!!! HAVE A GREAT YEAR!!!

MANHIGIM: Here it goes for the last

time.... Beast Ride, NYC scavenger hunt, Pink Limo, Dinner at Mendy's, Blue man group, Suffocating with toilet paper, Adi getting swung around backstage, Arcade all night, Free fountain soda and soda's, Fischer breaking the jungle gym, Caleb and Jack playing basketball all night, ICE CREAM SUNDAY's, Sleeping on pool tables/ball pits/slides and racing games, Breakfast at

the Spier's, Chilling in the mall, Batman ending before its over=free movie tickets, Gabe Leifer showing off his hops at bounce, Dani showing off nothing as he fell on his face, Carlos and Gabby's for all, August Rush anyone?, and Last but definitely not least.... IT'S ALL ADI'S FAULT!!! Happy Yom Yisrael to all! Have a great rest of the summer and enjoy your year! Good Shabbos!





Gan/Day Camp: The end of another full week of activities is here! The summer has flown by! Here in Day Camp the fun never ends!! Our trip to Discovery Center was a huge success. The children “shopped” in a supermarket, “fought fires” on the fire engine, were “Hatzalah volunteers” in the ambulance, “checked our teeth” at the dentist’s office, “banked” our money at the bank, were “meteorologists” at the weather station, “camped out” in tents, and were “fairy tale

kings and queens” in the enchanted garden. We ended the day with a trip to DJ’s for ice cream. Everyone had a great time!

Yachad: We can't believe this is our last week of camp! The summer flew by. It was a week full of activity, starting with an amazing production of Beauty and the Beast. It was very exciting to see our star actors and actresses, Yosef Taubes, Yaakov Bartky, Nechama Korn, and Daniella Ben-Arie, as the wolves in the play. The girls had an amazing time as we joined the Nitzis for a mock Bat Mitzvah, while the boys made a pool party with the Shtilis. Trip Day was unreal. We went climbing on trees, swinging on tires, ziplining, and bouncing through obstacle courses at Ring Homestead. The day ended with the “Ice Age” 3D movie. Yom Yisrael gave us a glimpse of what so many different communities in Israel are like. Our favorite activity was baking pita. We are looking forward to one more, fantastic, action-packed week at Morasha 2012.

Girls BMP: This past week was a very busy one for the G-BMP! We had so much fun giving chaburot and being counselors. On Monday, we celebrated our waiter, Zach’s, birthday, and made a surprise party for him! The G-BMP also participated in running Yom Yisrael. We ran many tachanot, from Tzfat to Yerushalayim, to Yam HaMelach and the Kinneret. On Thursday night, we ran “Shavuot in August,” an all-night learning program open to Machzor Bet. It was so beautiful to see girls come to learn even after the long day of Yom Yisrael.

Boys BMP: The Boys BMP was so dedicated to the camp this week, running so many activities for the campers, that the Beit Midrash was practically empty. We ran a great Mishmar for the Older Shtilim, Ilanot and Machzor Bet. On trip day, we had a wonderful time and had a very hard time finding our way home. On Thursday, we helped coordinate and run all the stations throughout the day for Yom Yisrael. We also experienced our own mini “geula” this week as many of us went home. Looking forward to a wonderful last Shabbos at camp!

Dvar Torah from Rabbi Moshe Tzvi Weinberg:

Ekev: It's All About the Little Things

A man was once walking down the road when suddenly he tripped on a little rock. In his anger and annoyance he kicked the rock to the side of the road, muttering under his breathe how that worthless piece of mineral nearly sent him tumbling to the ground. Little did he realize that the "worthless mineral" was in fact a large diamond that had merely fallen in the mud.

Like the man in our tale, how many times in our lives have we foolishly trampled a golden opportunity? Parshas Ekev begins with the words, "V'haya Ekev Tishme'un." Rashi famously comments, that the Torah is promising great reward for one who fulfills even those mitzvos that, "people normally trample with their heels." So often we like to place our man-made price tag on Hashem's commandments. How often do we hear people say, "this mitzvah is really important!" or "this mitzvah is not soooo important." Yet our parsha reminds us that each opportunity to fulfill Hashem's command and further our relationship with Him is not to be missed!

When Rav Aharon of Belz ZT"L was a little boy, someone once stopped him in the street and asked him for the time. He responded that it was 9:18 and 22 seconds. The man's facial expression indicated that he suspected the young boy of trying to show off his very precise watch. Rav Aharon immediately sensed the man's critique and replied, "please don't suspect me of being haughty. My father taught me that when you do an act of chesed you must strive to do so in the most complete fashion. If I didn't answer you fully and precisely, my mitzvah would simply be incomplete."

It's the little things that make all the difference in the world. So next time you stumble across a mitzvah on the road, make sure to treat it with the proper respect. You never know - it just might be a diamond.

Morasha by the Numbers

By Sara Lamm Dratch, Lois Lane, Clark Kent and Perry White:

*38.5 -- Number of continuous years that Rabbi Sammy Zimmerman has been learning daf yomi.

He's now starting round 5!!!

* 31 -- Number of consecutive years that Dr. Deena Zimmerman has been learning daf yomi. She is now starting round 4!!!!

* 49 -- Summers that Mrs. Chani Oratz has been at Morasha. She came year #1 and has never missed a summer.

2nd place goes to Mr. Moishe (MDB) and Malka Birnbaum, baker and former boys camp mom, who came year #2 and have never missed a summer!!

* 44 -- Weeks until camp 2013 begins. Can't wait!!

*8,472 -- Number of bullets used in riflery.

Thanks Sgt. Dan Lamm

*Too many to count -- Photographs taken by paparazzi Leora Goldberg and Bashie Simon

*Too many to count --

Quiet acts of chesed performed at camp Morasha

* Too many to count -- new friendships made

* Everyone -- Number of people who had a fantastic time at Camp thanks to Jeremy Jozsef and his magical talented staff!

***** *THANK YOU* *****

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank all the staff members -- especially the division heads, BMPs, Yachad, Day Camp and Ed Staff -- who contributed to the Shalhevet this summer. A very special thank you goes to Sara Lamm Dratch and Bobby Dratch for your weekly submissions, which were always interesting and on time! Thanks to all the loyal readers and brainteaser fans, and to the office staff for putting everything together so nicely each week.

*With much gratitude,
Yaffi*

Fun Facts by Bobby Dratch

- 1) It is untrue that you can catch warts from touching a toad.
 - 2) Your tongue has 8,000 taste buds.
 - 3) Hair grows about 1/2 inch per month.
 - 4) Burping gets rid of a quart of gas from your stomach every day (eeeew).
 - 5) Children grow faster in the Springtime.
 - 6) Do you think the Dratch triplets (Bobby, Yolly and Sam) look alike?
- Just asking!! Have a great summer!

It was such fun writing for the Shalhevet. Hope to write more next summer!!

BRAINTEASERS- EXAMPLE: FAREDCE = RED IN THE FACE



LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS:



Skate on thin ice



Matinee



Get up and go



Go up in smoke