

# THE SHALHEVET

CAMP MORASHA | SUMMER 2013/5773 | VOLUME NO. 50

The atmosphere in Camp Morasha has been electric since the start of Staff Orientation all throughout the week and into our first Shabbat all together this summer! After an incredible first week, its wonderful to reflect on the excitement and the happenings that have gone on here in Camp.

It has been awesome to experience the new additions to camp - the stunning new Canteen and Bake Shop, the new Boys Pavilion and beach volleyball courts, and the state of the art Spin Room - in addition to our favorite locations, like the Mercazia and our picturesque waterfronts.



## STAFF ORIENTATION

Camp is only as good as it's staff and we are so proud that ours is absolutely incredible! Fun is of utmost importance here at Morasha, but providing our campers with the summer of their lives is absolutely essential. We ensure this by instilling the values that are paramount to us all through energizing activities, engaging learning, and through the positive examples our staff members set. Therefore, staff training was reconstructed in order to ensure that every staff member is thoroughly prepared to appropriately handle any situation that may arise, and do so by exceeding any and all expectations.

## OPENING CEREMONY

With the usual pomp and circumstance, Opening Ceremony was an electrically charged experience for our campers and staff. It was a sure indication of the incredible summer that is soon to follow!



## TRIP DAY

Our campers spent an exclusive and fun-filled day at Six Flags for a "great escape" from the fast paced days in Camp! They had time to experience both the amusement and water park free of other patrons and had a blast!

## MORASHA RUNS B'YACHAD

Morasha Runs B'Yachad is a historic effort spearheaded by campers and staff to raise funds for the Yachad program at Camp Morasha. Sponsorships goes directly to the building and improvement of facilities to ensure that ALL our campers have equal access, care, and comfort at Camp and continue to provide the magical Morasha experience to over 50 Yachad members each summer. What an incredible event!

### MORASHA RUNS B'YACHAD: BY THE NUMBERS

Total number of runners:

**562**

Total cups of water:

**2,863**

Money raised as of  
Friday Morning:

**\$109,310**

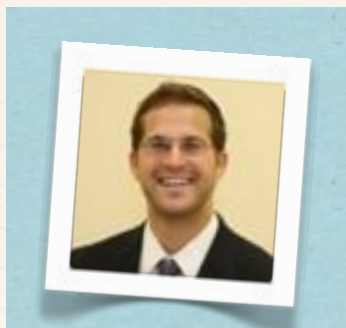
# Parshat HaShavuah

## Parshat Matot/ Masei

By Rabbi Jonathan  
Schachter,

Head of Boys Sports

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At the end of Parashas Matos, the tribes of Reuven and Gad request to remain on the Eastern side of the Yarden, with all of their cattle, while the rest of Bnai Yisrael prepare to cross into Eretz Yisrael. When Moshe grants their request, he commands half of the tribe of Menashe to remain there with the two other tribes, even though Menashe had never requested this "favor." Why did Moshe want Menashe to stay with Reuven and Gad? And why divide them into two instead of keeping them together?

When we look back to the ancestry of the tribe of Menashe, and we remember Menashe the person, we can begin to realize what Moshe might have had in mind. Sefer Bereishit is filled with sibling rivalry - Kayin & Hevel, Yishmael & Yitzchak, Eisav & Yaakov, Yosef & his brothers. Yet there is one set of siblings who manage to overcome the jealousy and sibling rivalry, and manage to get along with one another - that is Menashe & Ephraim. Even though Menashe was the older brother, and deserved his grandfather's right hand during the giving of the beracha, still he managed to get along with, and be happy for his younger brother Ephraim. Menashe then represents the ability to be happy for someone else and maintain a harmonious relationship in the face of adversity.

This is exactly the tribe that Moshe wanted to put with Reuven and Gad on the other side of the Yarden. Reuven and Gad were both the first born of their mothers (Leah and Zilpah), and neither one received any grand honor for being the Bechor. Moshe might have been nervous about these two tribes breaking away from the rest of the nation. So Moshe sent with them the one tribe which embodied unity and good will for others - the tribe of Menashe. Perhaps he divided Menashe in half in order to ensure they stay connected with their cousins on the other side of the Yarden, and by extension, with the rest of the nation.

What a great lesson for us to learn as we begin our summer together. Over the next several weeks together, we should try our best to be happy for our friends' successes and great moments. Instead of thinking "why wasn't I chosen?" or "why didn't I get a package?", let's try to cheer on our friends and do what Menashe would have done. After all, this is the glue which holds Klal Yisroel together.

### THIS WEEK'S WEATHER:

<b>S U N D A Y</b>	(subject to change)
80 degrees, 30% chance of rain, scattered thunderstorms	
<b>M O N D A Y</b>	
79 degrees, 30% chance of rain	
<b>T U E S D A Y</b>	
80 degrees, 30% chance of rain	
<b>W E D N E S D A Y</b>	
79 degrees, 30% chance of rain	
<b>T H U R S D A Y</b>	
78 degrees, 60% chance of rain	
<b>F R I D A Y</b>	
77 degrees, 30% chance of rain	
<b>S H A B B A T !</b>	
77 degrees	



**ROVING  
REPORTER**  
WITH JESSIE ALVARO



**THIS WEEK'S QUESTION:**  
**WHAT ARE YOU  
LOOKING FORWARD  
TO THE MOST IN  
CAMP THIS SUMMER?**

**Johnny Newman,**  
**B18:** Getting closer  
with my division!

**Zach Perl, Alufim**  
**Counselor:** The  
Play!

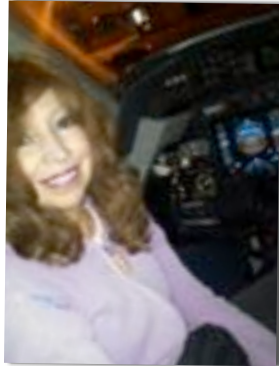
**Kyra Fischer and**  
**Kayla Silverstein,**  
**G21:** Dance

**Shlomo Kassai,**  
**B24:** Fim/Fot Road  
Trip

**Josh Geliebter,**  
**B20:** Hockey

**Max Kenigsberg,**  
**B16:** Yachad  
Marathon

**An interview with**  
**Camp Safta Rabbah,**  
**Rebbetzin Chani Oratz**



**WHERE DO YOU SPEND  
YOUR YEAR WHEN NOT IN  
CAMP?**

In Yerushalayim, Ir  
Hakodesh and lehavdil,  
Brooklyn, NY

**WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE PART OF CAMP?**

The people, the energy, the Shiurim, and the lake

**IS THERE A SPECIAL CAMP MEMORY YOU HAVE THAT YOU  
WOULD LIKE TO SHARE?**

A uniquely special memory I have is that of my arrival at Camp Morasha on the very first day the Camp opened in July 1964. I left all my city cares behind me as I experienced the pure air and natural country beauty of the Camp. The staff and the campers were all filled with a spirit of adventure and joy that amazingly, Baruch Hashem, continues to this very day.

**WHAT DO YOU DO IN CAMP?**

I work in the Gan where I work with the world's most delicious babies (aside from my own grandchildren). Out of Camp, I work as a Professor of Mathematics and Computer Science at a branch of the City University of New York. I definitely prefer my camp job!

**CAN YOU SHARE SOME IMPORTANT ADVICE YOU MAY  
HAVE FOR CHILDREN?**

Love Hashem, love His creatures, and know that Hashem loves you. Always give your best and do what is right and noble. Keep moving, keep smiling, keep focused, eat healthy, and don't stay up too too late. Be happy, be thankful, be flexible and be optimistic and brave. Enjoy yourself and have lots of fun in all the good things you do!

# News from Boys Campus...

**NITZI'S** Although we might be the smallest in size, Nitzi boys can make the most noise! With a whopping 80 campers (largest division in camp!), we are off to a wonderful "summer to remember." We waited patiently for the courts to dry so leagues could begin and had impromptu dodgeball, soccer, and even golf lessons. Our cereal named basketball teams and super hero hockey teams started off with a bang late this week! Our amazing 13 counselors helped us to get to know each other through ice breakers, and a competitive game of BINGO TAG! The mishlachat trained us as IDF soldiers in a fun filled army night. Other highlights included pool party fun, an awesome trip day, and we can't wait for more fun next week! Thank you to all the wonderful waterfront, sports, speciality staff, and especially chinuch and BMP staffs for inspiring us with spectacular tefillah and learning.

**YOUNGER SHTILI'S** Our summer began with a vicious civil war, in which the overmanned, but undersized campers defeated the undermanned, red headed goliath led counselors in an epic battle of Evade the Red Dodgeball. Leagues have gotten off to a great start with multiple Instant Classics and real nail biting finishers. It promises to be the most competitive season yet, certainly a hardwood classic. 4th of July celebrations included the classic display of fireworks over the lake, and a super fun and competitive game of divisional lineup. The celebrations continued with Camp Morasha renting out Six Flags for us, including the water-park! The trip included a stop off at a mall as well. We're all getting massages and taking ice-baths as we recuperate from the Morasha Runs - B'Yachad marathon, and the infirmery just placed a bulk-order for more Bengay. Jeremy Jozsef has publicly announced his plans to take up running as a hobby - he is now often seen jogging slowly (2 mph) around Camp grounds with his head bobbing and his headphones on. (Contributing author, Adi Pasternak, Shabbat Guest)



**OLDER SHTILI'S** It was a week filled with fun, excitement, and lots of rain for the Older Shtilim. We kicked off the summer with a huge pump up event in the Mercazia on Sunday night. On Monday we kicked off Hockey leagues, which were intense and lots of fun. Tuesday was the start of Basketball leagues, which were also just as competitive and exciting. Wednesday night we went roller-skating with the whole division in the Mercazia and had a blast. A highlight of the week was Wednesday night, when we watched the spectacular fireworks from across the lake for the 4th of July. We wrapped up our week on Thursday with an unbelievable trip to the mall and Six Flags. We all had a blast at Great Escape and the water park, which we rented out. All the rain in camp this week could not stop the Older Shtili's from having an awesome week, jam packed with activities and fun!





**ILANOT** This summer's Ilanot Boys are the best! This week started off with a blast! Sports were intense because of the rain, so game times were shorter and more dramatic. Hockey, basketball, and football leagues are underway and are going great! We had a blast at Six Flags, having the park to ourselves! We got to go roller blading, and despite our clumsiness, had a fist pumping, rockin' great time! We had table talk with Ilanot girls to break the ice and get to know

the better half of our division. Morasha Runs B'Yachad was an incredible experience and we are looking forward to some much needed rest this Shabbat!

**MANHIGIM** This week the Manhigim were off to a great, but wet start with the rainy weather. Opening Day was awesome – we got to hang out and get to know our Division Head, Yoni and bond with our counselors. This week had a pool party for us, where we played City and had a delicious BBQ. Leagues are going well with basketball, hockey, and football. Manhigim also played a very intense game of beach volleyball on the brand new sand volleyball courts on campus. We worked hard to solve the crazy murder mystery and got to daven Ma'ariv with Mr. Frog. Fireworks and a "Pop the Balloon" night activity were thrilling – it was a night of lots of explosions and popping! Six Flags was awesome! You know what they say – "more flags, more fun!" We ruled the dining room this week with our tzitzit and are looking forward to getting some rest on Shabbat Kodesh after the best week – so far – of Morasha history!

**ALUFIM** We are excited to be in Camp and are proud to be the oldest division. This first week started out great, with the beginning of leagues and participation in activities. We had an awesome pool party with delicious wings and are now davening daily in the Boy's Shul. From volleyball, to frisbee, to football, we have had an incredible week of sports. Participating in the marathon on behalf of Yachad was incredibly rewarding, as well as so much fun. We are excited for our first Shabbat in Camp!

**BOYS BMP** Chaburas are off to a great start with both Machzor Aleph and Bet. Inaugural week of Cocoa Club had about 50 kids participating per day. Mishmar happened on Tuesday night, with over 150 members of Machzor Aleph learning with chaburas. We had a full week of shiur with Rosh BMP, Rabbi Yehudah Balsam, Shlit"a. Our BMP rotating counselors have adjusted to bunk life and we relinquished our white van for the sake of Shalom Bayit with the GBMP.

## THIS WEEK IN SPORTS!

By Josh Ottensoser and Shimmy Steinmetz of Boys Sports Staff

Nets just traded Marshon Brooks and Gerald Wallace, and draft picks, for Boston Celtics' stars Paul Pierce and Kevin Garnett.

The Knicks just agreed to trade Steve Novak, Marcus Camby, and draft picks for Toronto Raptors' playmaker, Andrea Bargani.

The Yankees are 6 games behind in the AL East, behind the Red Sox and the Orioles, after CC Sabathia's 200th win on Wednesday night.

Mets are 12.5 back in the NL East, despite strong starts from young pitchers Matt Harvey and Zach Wheeler.

# News from Girls Campus...

**NITZI'S** It's so exciting to have so many familiar faces from Mania. We have a grand total of 100 (minus 28) Nitzi Girls in camp currently (72, for all those keeping score at home). Opening Night was super spectacular, and we jumped right into activities. Despite the weather, we swam between the raindrops and had a blast all week. Let's not forget the beautiful fireworks beautifully displayed over the lake. The colors of the fireworks and the booming noises was so exciting. We are so very proud of all of our marathon participants, especially the cheerleaders on the sidelines, cheering on not only Nitzi's, but campers as well (Shout out to Dana Frenkel for being an excellent sideline motivator!) We look forward to Shabbat and singing zmirot!

**YOUNGER SHTILI'S** This is the greatest group of YS girls ever! We were all surprised when we showed up to Camp, to find that our counselors had unpacked us and we were all ready to start our activities. It was an amazing first week, and DH Penina Weiner loved ductigami! There was karaoke in the brand new canteen, and our YS girls rocked it; they were even better than the Boys Sports-Staff! Roller skating was a blast, as well as watching the beautiful fireworks, and getting our faces painted for the 4th of July festivities. Trip day was amazing, and we were so excited to contribute to the marathon, we love Yachad! There were two birthdays this week, so happy birthday to Yonina Semer and Rachel Bodek. Lastly, thank you to Aileen for drying our wet clothing - we appreciate it so much!

**OLDER SHTILI'S** Where do we begin? We are so excited to finally be home, back at Camp Morasha! We were so happy to hug our old friends and greet our new ones! In just a few days we have had so much fun – from swimming, to horseback riding, spin, ceramics, art, aerobics, dance, jump rope, Israel XP, rock climbing, and ductigami, to sports and sports team tryouts. Last but certainly NOT least we have had a blast at shiurim with our fabulous chinuch staff. Throughout the week we enjoyed the ever-famous Opening Night festivities, wacky races with Team 3 as our winners, roller skating right here in camp, a beautiful fireworks display, and an outrageous trip day! What a blast we've had!

**ILANOT** Ilanot girls are so excited to be back at Morasha! Opening day and getting to see our old friends and meeting our new friends was so much fun. We got to practice our division cheer and aimed to be the loudest – to the point that we even lost our voices! After the Opening Ceremony, we were the last to leave the Mercazia because of our enthusiasm! We had a great week where we participated in fun activities like Spinning, "Table Talk" with Ilanot boys, and got to build monuments at our activity called "See, Run, Build!" Despite our clumsiness we also had an absolute blast roller-skating. Our trip to Six Flags was so amazing and our time in the water park that we had to ourselves was so awesome! Participating and cheering on our friends crossing the finish line in the marathon for Yachad was an incredible experience for us. It was a great way for us to go into Shabbat and our shabbaton with Yachad in the beautifully redone Canteen!





**MANHIGOT** Manhigot girls have been busy at all their daily activities – from ceramics, ductigami, arts and crafts, rock climbing, paintball, baking, to our all time favorite from last year, riflery, and our new favorite, spinning. Sports leagues in basketball, softball, volleyball, and handball are off to a fantastic start. Manhigot have even been able to go swimming even with the iffy weather. We played See Run Build by breaking up our division up into four teams. The counselors built two models that we then had to try and duplicate, with some campers being “see-ers”, some being runners, and some being builders. There was a Murder Mystery about a “murder” that happened in the dining room. Machzor Bet was charged with trying to solve who did it and how. We got to experience the ever-beautiful Pre July 4th fireworks and played an exciting and fun game of Pop the Balloon. On Trip Day, we got to go to a mall, and we had all of Six Flags – the amusement and water parks – to ourselves. In our first round of Wayne County basketball, we beat Camp Chenawanda with a winning 3-point shot by Michal Horn. She’s had a big week in Camp this week, as she also celebrated her birthday this week!

**ALUFOT** As the oldest division in camp, the Alufot are so excited to be home at Camp! For the Opening Ceremony, we wore our custom t shirts that read, “Fot ’13, Better than Ever!” We also got the chance to spend time with friends, old and new in the newly renovated Canteen! We continued our week with Fim/Fot Panoply where Table 12 was victorious! We had to name as many states as possible in 50 seconds, be able to know Jewish celebrities, and be able to identify cereal logos, and much more. We got to watch a murder mystery unfold starring our friends as the suspects. We as Alufot Girls did some karaoke where we got to showcase our vocal talents on the stage of the Canteen. We had a blast on our Six Flags trip on all the rides and in the water park, and we enjoyed our time at the mall! Whether as a runner or cheerleader, participating in the Marathon will be such a rewarding experience for us. We are so proud of us as the Alufot Team for surpassing our fundraising goals! We look forward to a wonderfully relaxing Shabbat!

**GIRLS BMP** This week, Cocoa Club in the GBMP started off with a strong showing by the Nitzanim and YS girls. We discussed what we have to be thankful for over hot cocoa and cookies. We also started our Alufot, Manhigot, and Ilanot chabburahs - all were well received and the campers were excited to return the next day! In addition, we had Shiurim this week by Rabbi Weinberg, Leah, and Rabbi Chaim Marcus. Not only did the BMP show up, but so many staff members came! We ended off the week with our very first GBMP trip - Pizza, DJs, Bowling, Walmart, Dougies, and a night shiur by our very own Rav Moshe Tzvi Weinberg in HASC. Looking forward to this Shabbat where the BMP, Yachad, and the Ilanot will share in an amazing shabbaton together!



# DAY CAMP



What a fantastic week we had!! We are making new friends, getting used to rules and routines, and enjoying great activities. Our trip on Thursday to Bumper Bowling and ice cream was great! We then returned to camp and watched a movie on large screens in our brand new Canteen! We ate popcorn and felt the magic of Morasha!! We are looking forward to a summer of growth, development, learning and FUN!

## YACHAD

Both the girls and boys Yachad members arrived this past Sunday, and activities were immediately off to a great start! The boys beat the girls in a highly competitive, but very fun game of human foosball.

Yachad enjoyed an excellent fireworks show, a fun day in Six Flags, and were so excited for the very successful Marathon. We are also looking forward to spending Shabbat with the Ilanot!





# INTERVIEW WITH DR. GAMI



## A CHAT WITH DUCTIGAMIST, DR. CHAYE LAMM WARBURG

**How long do you spend on Ductigami?** All year! I search for interesting projects and articles, and then I save them in a file or Google Bar. Then, when it gets closer to the summer, I review my findings and decide which project is the best for the kids!

**How did you get good at Ductigami?** I know how to sew, so I thought I could attempt any craft, it was just a matter of learning. I'm self taught by learning off of the internet from sites like Pinterest, YouTube, iPad Books, and blogs.

**What is your favorite thing to make?** Bloomies "Little Brown Bags"

**What is your favorite brand of duck tape?** Duck brand for regular duck tape and Fortis for specialty types of tapes.

## SOME DUCK TAPE FACTS

Duct tape was invented during WW II because there was a need for a strong, flexible, durable, waterproof tape that could seal canisters, repair cracked windows, repair trucks and help the war effort in general.

Using medical tape as a base, they applied two new technologies: adhesives gave the tape its unshakable stick and polyethylene coating allowed them to laminate the tape to a cloth backing, making it extremely strong and flexible. The resulting tape was nicknamed "Duck Tape" for its ability to repel water, while ripping easily into strips for fast convenient use.

After the war the tape was put to the more civilian use of holding ducts together, so the product changed from a nameless army green tape to the familiar gray duct tape.

Thirty years later, the name was changed to Duck Tape by Jack Kahl, former CEO of Manco, Inc. who put 'Manco T. Duck' on the Duck Tape logo. Manco, Inc. also began to shrink-wrap and label the product, making it easier to stack for retailers, and easier to distinguish different grades for customers.

Now, over 50 years after its invention, Duck® tape is sold in more than 20 colors and is touted by its followers for having a nearly endless amount of uses.



# FUN PAGE

## QUESTIONS TO PONDER

1. What travels around the world but stays in one spot?
2. What occurs once in a minute, twice in a moment and never in one thousand years?
3. What is so delicate that saying its name breaks it?
4. What has to be broken before you can use it?

## RIDDLE OF THE WEEK

A boy was at a carnival and went to a booth where a man said to the boy, "If I write your exact weight on this piece of paper then you have to give me \$50, but if I cannot, I will pay you \$50." The boy looked around and saw no scale so he agrees, thinking no matter what the carny writes, he'll just say he weighs more or less. In the end the boy ended up paying the man \$50.

How did the man win the bet?

## BRAIN TEASERS (pt. I)

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I'M you

## GUESS THE PHRASE

ex. Don't J A B B its C  
*Don't Judge A Book By Its  
Cover*

- C 200 D From P Go In M
- An A A D K T D Away
- If At F You D S T T A
- A P Is W 1000 W
- M K Best

## BRAIN TEASERS (pt. II)

12 I in a F

365 D in a Y

99 B of B on the W

6 O's in a M

52 C in a D

14 D in a F



# NIGHT ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

WEEK 2: JULY 7 - JULY 13

	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	M. SHABBAT
Nitzi Girls	Pool Party	Glow in the Dark DODGEBALL (Pargod)	Cupcake Wars	\$\$\$ \$ \$ P A Y D A Y \$ \$	S T O M P !!!	Layla Tov
Nitzi Boys	Super bowl sunday	HOCKEY TOURNAMENTS (boys hockey court)	Tribe Hunt			Movie Night (Mercazia)
YS Girls	Club Shtili (Pargod)	ARMY NIGHT	Cupcake Wars			PANIC
YS Boys	Super bowl sunday	CAPTURE THE COUNSELOR	Bean Bag Bonanza (Boys Shul)			PANIC
OS Girls	ARMY NIGHT	Shaving Cream TWISTER (Girls fields)	Cupcake Wars			PJ Party (Bondi 3/4)
OS Boys	Super bowl sunday	Baking (Baking Room)	OVERNIGHT			Scavenger Hunt
Ilanot Girls	RANSOM (Canteen)	(Glow in the Dark) DODGEBALL (Girls hockey court)	Cupcake Wars			Make Your Own Pizza mmmm
Ilanot Boys	Super bowl sunday		CAPTURE THE COUNSELOR			
Manhigot	Scavenger Hunt (Pavilion)	Dodgeball (Mercazia)	Cupcake Wars			
Manhigim	Super bowl sunday		FLAG FOOTBALL INVITATIONAL			
Alufot	Dan Lamm is the Man	BATTLE OF THE GENDERS (Pargod)	Cupcake Wars			
Alufim	Super bowl sunday		FLAG FOOTBALL INVITATIONAL			
Yachad	Glow in the Dark DODGEBALL (Girls' Courts)	Scavenger Hunt (Bondi 3/4)	Cupcake Wars boys Spinning	\$		Layla Tov

# **STAFF NIGHT ACTIVITIES JULY 7-13TH**

## **SUNDAY**

Junior Staff Ductagami 9:30 pm / Under the Pargod

R'Shmuel Hain-"The Most Interesting Man in Tanakh : Snapshots of David HaMelekh"

10:30 pm / Bondi 3/4

## **MONDAY**

Boot Camp w/Dan Lamm 9:45 pm / Meet outside Office

Staff Games vs. Camp Moshava Boys Courts

R' Mordechai Willig- "Reflections of Great Leaders: Their Successes and Failures"

10:30 pm / Bondi 3/4

## **TUESDAY**

Staff Tye Dye-BYOI (bring your own items - Please no sweats or towels 9:45 pm / Art Room

Guest Shiur- R' Aryeh Lebowitz (Shaalvim) 10:30 pm / Bondi 3/4

## **WEDNESDAY**

Women's Spinning w/Miriam 9:30 pm / Spin Room

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

## **THURSDAY**

Campwide Stomp following dinner / Mercazia Staff Games vs. Camp Mesorah / Boys Courts

R' Moshe Tzvi Weinberg- Nesivos Shalom: Chassidic Advice for Each & Every Jew

10:30 pm / Bondi 3/4

## **M.SHABBAT**

Make your own pizza 11:15 pm / Dining Room

Staff Games vs Lavi / Boys Courts - Time TBD