

THE SHALHEVET

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A Week in Review:

Saturday Night saw a beautiful closing ceremony to our wonderful Yom Yisrael. Thank you to all involved in its production and execution! The same thank you is extended to those involved making our play, The Wizard of Oz, come to life on the Morasha stage. We followed the Yellow Brick Road and we had a magical night in Munchkin-land and in the Land of Oz seeing all of our talented friends up on stage. Machzor Bet Girls got to have their own Color War and Nitzi Girls got to have their "Bat Mitzvah" this week as well. The Morasha Campus was transformed into the Olympic Village for two days of fun and friendly competition. Congratulations to Team Brazil, but more importantly to all involved to make these last two days such a success! Everyone's hard work, team work, sportsmanship, and willingness to participate was such a beautiful sight to see!

As we head into the last Shabbat in Camp, we reflect not only on this summer, but on our past Morasha history as well. We are a Camp that is built on values, but also runs on fun. Our main goal is to provide our campers with an experience of a lifetime through our exceptional programming and learning opportunities. This has been the goal for the past 50 years, and will G-d willing continue on for many years to come. We live 10 months out of every year for the 2 wonderful months of Camp - its a motto and its a way of life. We thank the parents for entrusting their beautiful children to us and thank our staff for working so hard to ensure that this summer was indeed another success. Shabbat Shalom!



THE THINKING CORNER

PARSHAT KI TETZEH

BY AN ANONYMOUS CONTRIBUTOR

There are two mitzvot in the Torah that have the promise of a long life as a reward - honoring parents and the mitzvah in this week's parsha - that of sending off the mother bird. The Midrash comments that these mitzvot are the easiest of the easy and the most difficult of the difficult, yet they have the same reward.

Sending away the mother bird is the easier mitzvah.

We can understand the idea of sending away the mother bird when we are commanded to take the eggs. It is important to act in a merciful way, and according to the Ramban, this will condition us to become more merciful. It would be cruel to take the eggs as the mother bird is watching. Honoring parents, however, goes against human nature. It requires us to acknowledge all that they have done for us and show gratitude. It is an admission that we needed them and could not do things by ourselves. It is saying to our parents, "I owe you everything!" This is why this mitzvah is the most difficult of the difficult.

As we leave Camp Morasha for the summer of 2013 and look forward to returning in 2014, let us remember when we get home to thank our parents for all that they do for us, including sending us to a wonderful camp. Instead of thinking of how we are independent and can do it all, we need to tell our parents that we owe them everything to them and thank them for the sacrifices they make for us all the time!

LESSONS FROM THE WAYWARD AND REBELLIOUS CHILD

BY RABBI SHMUEL HAIN, CAMP RABBI

The case of the Ben Sorer U'Moreh - the wayward and rebellious son - is one of the most ethically challenging scenarios described in the Torah. As has been noted by Chazal (Sifre Devarim, Tosefta and Bavli Sanhedrin), the idea that a child or adolescent who eats some meat and drinks some wine would be taken out to be stoned is highly problematic!

There are several approaches found in Rabbinic literature to this question. Perhaps the most provocative is the explanation that the parsha of ben sorer U'Moreh never happened and was never intended to be implemented. Rather, the scenario was included in the Torah to be studied, expounded upon, and in order for those who study the portion to benefit from their insights.

What are some of the insights we can derive from the wayward and rebellious child? Certainly many important lessons for society, for children and for parents are embedded in the portion. One particular lesson that the Midrash derives is that the parents must speak the same language, an even dialect, in order to generate the status of a rebellious child (Kol Aviv V'Kol Imo). Perhaps the Midrash is teaching us something more than a technical point about the language spoken in the home. The idea of parents speaking with one voice underscores the importance of being on the same page when it comes to discipline and parenting styles.

What other lessons can you learn from the scenario of the Ben Sorer U'Moreh?



ROVING REPORTER

WITH JESSIE ALVARO

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION:

WHAT ARE YOU GOING
TO MISS MOST ABOUT
CAMP?

Sigal Levine, G24: My friends

Joseph Rosen, B22: Shmuel Hoffman

Kara Winter, Shani Mehlman, Lily Ottensoser: Jessie Alvaro (*aww, thanks girls!*)

DJ Presser, B22 (*to whom I also owe a shout-out for being awesome*): The Pre-Shabbos Video

Ellie Fadlun, OSG Counselor: Hanging out with my campers!

Gavi Smith, B22: Saturday night singing

Jessica Myers, Ilanot Counselor: Everything - I love Camp!

Avi Faitelewicz, Warehouse: All the different experiences you get to have in Camp that you can't get at home

Atara Yudin, Girl's Head Counselor: The Morasha Family (and of course, swimming in the Lake)

Who's Who in Camp Morasha:

An Interview with Camp's Director,
Jeremy Jozsef



What has been your favorite part of the summer?

Hands down Shiria 2013: Songs for Sara. Perhaps one of my highlights of my 18 years in camp. It was an absolutely magnificent event.

What has been the most challenging part of your job? Thinking of new innovative and exciting ways to keep advancing our camp. How can we continue to improve to

offer our campers and staff a more rewarding and healthy experience? That's what we have 10 months for :)

When you do leave your office, what is your favorite camp activity to partake in?

Sleep! JK - While I would love to leave my office more often, when I do get that chance, my favorite thing to do is to simply interact with our campers and staff. Seeing smiles on their faces makes the whole job worth it.

Did you ever imagine that you'd be the head honcho here at Morasha when you first started working at Camp?

My focus was always and continues to be giving the campers of this camp the most memorable and positive summer experience possible. While it's an honor to serve as Director, I -- and the entire staff -- focus our imagination on creative programming and activities for our campers.

How many cans of Coke have you had this summer?

Good question! I'd say 3 on a regular weekday and then at least 6 when creating the PreShabbat Video. I guess that would total roughly 162. Yikes!

What is your favorite food?

Anything Ira Tannenbaum brings out of the kitchen. Am I allowed to answer anything else? :)

THIS WEEKS WEATHER:
(subject to change)

SHABBAT!
75 degrees, mostly sunny,
20% chance of rain

SUNDAY
74 degrees, cloudy, 10%
chance of rain

MONDAY
75 degrees, AM clouds/PM
sun, 20% chance of rain

YACHAD! Can't believe it's our last week! We learned a lot and enjoyed celebrating Israel last weekend. Broadway came to the Camp Morasha stage on Sunday night. The Wizard of Oz performance was unreal! Congratulations to all the cast members and especially to Ruchama, Yosef, Manny, and Jacob. Our annual Nitzi/Yachad mock Bat mitzvah was so much fun. We danced the night away around our 'Bat Mitzvah girl,' Sigal. Olympics were the perfect end to a fantastic summer of fun. How many days until Morasha 2014?



DAY CAMP! It's hard to believe that the summer is over. It has flown by! We have had so much FUN and learned and grown so much! Thank you to all the specialties and department heads who have given us so many hours of fun. Thank you to the administration who is always available for Day Camp. Thank you to the Day Camp staff for all your dedication, patience, and hard work. Thank you to the parents who have entrusted your precious neshamot to us and thank you to my wonderful yeladim for a job well done! Mazel Tov to the graduates who will join the Nitzanim next summer! We look forward to welcoming everyone back in the summer of 2014. Ktiva Vachatima Tova!

-Morah Vivian (Savta)



News from Boys Campus...

NITZI'S Nitzi Boys had a packed week of fun and excitement. Many of our campers starred in the Wizard of Oz. Great job to Simon Pinter, Joseph Schwartz, Aharon Soloveichik, Ezra Wallach, and Tzvi Yudin. We had an exciting trip to "Tom the Tractor Driver's" farm, where we got an up close view of the animals. Our counselor Yair was a great sport! We began our playoffs in hockey and basketball, with some really close games. Olympics came and swept us off our feet. We had 2 competitive, but fun days fighting for our countries. We look forward to our last Shabbat in camp this summer. We will miss all of our friends but can't wait until Morasha 2014!

YOUNGER SHTILI'S As I took the stage in wizard of Oz I new it would be a great week. Starting with the Play, into an intense week of playoffs followed by Olympics, this week was absolutely a great one to end off our summer. Looking forward to banquet and championship games, but not looking forward to having to say goodbye. All in all, we had an unbelievable summer and are going to miss everyone a great deal. We had fun. Shabbat Shalom from the Younger Shtili Boys!

OLDER SHTILI'S Poems are great, but we're going to call this one Macklemore's next hit single:

"Older Shtili Boys 2013":

It was a summer that we will surely never forget

A summer that was better then all the rest, I will bet

From the very first day all the way until the Olympics

It was nothing, but excitement, just look at all the pics

Can you even believe it? Morasha's 50th summer

And it's already over, what a bummer!

We will take with us so many memories, fun times, and laughs

Like Color War and the time Oren and JJ pretended to be staff

From Jack Reinhart's Bar Mitzvah to winning on stomp night

Our division had so many special things that made us the best outright

It's hard to imagine that it's almost coming to an end

We'll surely miss B13's cleanliness and those towels that from the ceiling did suspend

And how about B12, there was nothing like hanging out with Jono and Lauer

The sheer number of kids in that bunk did over power

And don't forget B11, they were much cleaner then all the rest

But in the end they were ditched by the counselors, I do attest

We can't wait for the 50th Birthday Bash which will occur on Sunday

Where we will celebrate with everyone and beg to stay

At this point we want to thank all the staff and our parents for these unbelievable seven weeks

For without you our summer would have been pretty bleak

Now it's back to following camp on Instagram and facebook, which is great

But that's just until next summer, for which we all can't wait!

ILANOT Shabbat Shalom L'kulam! How could we follow last week, I don't understand how, but we did! This week was amazing! Wizard of Oz was incredible! Great singing and even better acting. Round of applause. Besides for hot night canteen (sushi, pretzels, cinnamon roles, cookies) and instead of going to the movies on Monday night, we brought the movie theater to the Morasha Canteen! We watched Monsters University which was awesome! Olympics blew everyone away and the fun and was just out of control. It is amazing that Camp is almost over and we will miss everyone when we leave Lake Como, but do not fear, we will reunite soon! What a week! Shout out to Gary Slokowsky! Shabbat Shalom!



MANHIGIM First we start off with I love you Israel,
 Johnny Newman with the flag sing and smell
 Par birdie golf trip driving around a golf cart :)
 Thanks to the driver himself too bad it wasn't Art
 Pizza on the house with the wizard of oz
 There's no place like home for peas in the pods
 Watch out Manhigim are PANICing
 With Ahron Yudin, Josh Geliebter and Levi light frolicking
 The Olympic Village has been built
 With Alex Finkelstein's guilt
 Scotland Russia Italy and Brazil
 Ambassadors on golf carts how super chill?!
 The closing ceremonies were exceptional and great
 Congratulations to Brazil,
 You really put up a gate
 The end is so near
 With the last shabbos here
 But do not have any fear
 For it shall be so dear.
 Thank you to all those for all you have done
 With out you Morasha would be no fun
 Now this is a wrap for the Manhigim 2013
 But we will return for Fim 2014
 Happy Birthday Morasha at 50
 Our last Shabbat Kodesh for this summer,
 Make it lifty (holy)!
 We love Hashem!



ALUFIM

Our Final week in Camp Morasha - what can we say
 As little Nitzis arriving, we never expected this day
 We'll soon board the busses, our final moments as campers
 To me you guys are all little children in your Pampers
 As your DH there are many things I will miss
 If I did not list a few I would be remiss:
 Eytan Aryeh, his legs pumping so fast,
 From all the running I hope he won't need a cast.
 Jesse "Whaz zat mean", Lamms portrayal as the wizard
 Waking you guys up with water, making it colder than a blizzard
 Josh, Chesner and Gabe, making up the big three
 Only Abie would get it, unless he strains his knee
 Willie with his quips, and Zev not saying any prayers
 You know how we did it in FIM, we have NO CARES!!!!
 Hoffman and CK, were most definitely great additions
 Alex thinks he can eat bread, while Matties on thinks marshmallow fluff is
 good nutrition
 Gettenberg decided time was over for two skunks
 Eitan Aryeh decided he wanted to be in two bunks
 Brody always claims he's getting out of bed
 Its not clear to me what goes through Jojo and Itzkowitz's head
 Gabriel definitely enjoyed his chats with Rabbi Feder
 To davening kassai and gettenberg could not come much later
 Ganchrow serves as Jesses Katz's mother
 While Forman, Mr Fleschner and Willie treat him like a brother



Levy was our journeyman and Charlie was Messi
 Jarashow is perfect and DJ is always dressy
 R. Appell made sure the Canteen was always hoppin
 While E. Appell made sure that with Schraga he was boppin
 Jonah lightened our days with his humor and the dome
 G. Smith never misses, While Paul and Jordy both went home
 Starbucks bagels and Dunkin Donuts many thought were ok
 Shimmy Socol lights up the nights and guitar he can play
 Judah Levine is an angel, always asking what he can do
 However no one rivals THE VOICE, a man of chessed through and through
 The Duetsch's shared a bunk bed, however to eachother they dont speak much
 Gabe Miller shreds the corners with a very sweet touch
 Forman led the ceremony as we said goodbye to COCO
 Judah Lyons has impressions that make us all go loco
 Akiva smiled for cameras, while Zack was busy with Tom Landry
 Ian learned in kollel, while Noah slept and slept and slept (and opened up his pantry)
 Dratch of course is missed for his smiles, jokes and decisions
 While Caleb is simply no longer in our division
 I will miss my Alufim for their grace and their charm
 I will miss not rolling out of bed and oversleeping my alarm
 I will miss all the minyanim, in such unison we all did pray
 I will miss how easygoing in the tournaments you did play
 I will miss how zikk and zimple all of you guys really were
 I will miss all of your cellphones, and how they created such a stir
 Finally my boys, one last message I would like to shout:
 I REALLY WON'T MISS ANYTHING BECAUSE I AM TOO CHILLED OUT!
 Back to my off-months,
 - BurBear

BOYS BMP For the last paragraph of the summer, we wanted to begin with a tremendous thank you to Jessie for her tremendous efforts throughout the summer, which made the Shalhevet amazing! We would also like to thank Rabbi Yehuda Balsam for giving shiur to the Boys' BMP throughout the summer, and for making the learning intense and productive! This week, we have gotten back to giving chaburot to most of the divisions, hosting mishmars for all of the divisions, and running tisches/programs for many of the divisions over Shabbat. We welcomed some new guys and said goodbye to a few others, and are proud to have been able to remain consistent in our program even with many of our guys leaving after one month to Yeshiva! We will miss the campers who we have built relationships with and will miss the camp experience and its impact on us! We hope that our work and efforts were productive and seen as useful in camp and hope that the impact we have made will remain for a long time! We want to thank all those who have assisted in the programs, projects, and overall success in the BMP this summer, including our Camp Administration, the Kitchen/Dining Room Staff, Warehouse and Tech Teams, Division Heads and Counselors, Specialty Staff, Ed. Staff, the "Committee." and the many other individuals who have contributed in their own way to the BMP mission this summer. Shabbat Shalom, Ketiva v'Chatima Tova, and have a wonderful year!

BMP BY THE NUMBERS

Number of campers who came to Cocoa Club:

120

Number of pieces of meat grilled on the BMP Porch:

1522

Number of people at the last Mishmar:

175

Cups of Cocoa poured this summer:

1300

PAY DAY PRIZE: A PAGE IN SHALHEVET

“B-24's Quotable Quotes”



- "Tzvi put your gun away"

- Whaaaaa?

- What's that mean?

- "This is the last call"

- "Kassai, lets go drive to G-20" (A.F)

- That's not healthy

- "A shoe a day keeps the doctor away (T.G.)"

- Rafi stop being so nice

- "Danas"

- B-24.5

- Your beds over... In the lake!

- Tuna Levine

- "I am Batman (E.A.)"

- "Caleb... O wait your not our counselor anymore"

- We want Caleb back!

- "Is this gluten free?" "No" "OK, pass em over (A.G)

- Coco Puff a'h

- Elie and Sarah/Leora/all Alufot

News from Girls Campus...

NITZI'S After dancing the night away at the Yom Yisrael chagiga, the Nitzis did an awesome job playing munchkins in the Play. What a fun night that was, only to be followed by the Nitzi Bat Mitzvah – a night activity where we got to have a blast with the Yachad Girls! Segal Miller was our Bat Mitzvah Girl and our event included a candy table, a Bat Mitzvah cake, and a chocolate fountain with marshmallows – it was a big hit! We made memory candles and door hangers, did a lot of dancing, and watched a beautiful montage of the Yachad and Nitzi Girls. Olympics have been fantastic and it has been awesome seeing our Nitzi Girls shine in individual events. We got to watch awesome movies at Film Festival, even though it was freezing! Never fear – we had our blankets, pillow pets, and each other to fight off the cold! We are so sad that camp is over, but we have adopted the motto that "We live 10 for 2!" We cannot wait until next year! Shabbat Shalom!

YOUNGER SHTILI'S Can't believe this was the last week of camp, but don't worry...YSG had a blast every minute of it. On Sunday night we got to finally see what our friends have been busy practicing for weeks. The play was amazing and packed with YSG superstars. We are SO proud of them. On Monday we had an "opportunity of a lifetime," too many night activities to fit into 1 night, so we had to start them early in the morning. We ran around camp doing all sorts of challenges. We thank all of the Senior Staff for playing along and hope that you will soon forgive Penina! After we had finished stalking staff and asking for horses, recipes and motorboats, we boarded the bus to Como pizza for a creative and yummy night activity. Who knew that Penina was SO good at pizza/nacho/french fry making...we hope she won't leave Camp Morasha to explore a career at Como! As if the day couldn't get any better, we came back to a beautiful Chinese Auction with awesome prizes. Congratulations to all of the big winners. Tuesday brought a much-needed "late day" and led to our final full 'real' day of the summer. The Olympics began with an awesome torch ceremony and our own Talia Baratz became an ambassador. We loved 2 full days of fun competition and are now looking forward to a restful Shabbat together. We are already getting the tissues ready for Monday's goodbye, but are looking forward to a YSG reunion very soon! Shabbat Shalom!

OLDER SHTILI'S OSG - what a week! After a spectacular Yom Yisrael finish and the fun we had watching our friends in the Play on Sunday night, it was sure to be another spectacular week at Camp Morasha! We went around Camp selling the cook book we made for tzedakah and had so much fun soliciting our sales! When it came time for Olympics, it was difficult to contain our excitement. From the torch procession, to the team events, to the Film Festival, to the dances, and the Closing Ceremony - this



Olympics was so much fun for us as Older Shtili's! Its so hard to fathom that this summer is almost over - time truly does fly when you are having fun! Although we are going to miss our friends, we know that we get to come home next year to Morasha and will be reunited once more. Thank you to our amazing Division Head, Jenni Levin (we missed you so much!), as well as our amazing counselors - our summer would not be as spectacular were it not for you! Shabbat Shalom and see you next year!

ILANOT This week was filled with ice cream and pizza - the only way to end off the summer! With birthday parties and goodbye parties, we can't believe this amazing summer is coming to an end :(We spent the week making even more memories to remember forever! Between the Yom Yisrael finale melave malka and the outstanding performance of Wizard of Oz, our minds were blown. We were also rewarded with our second Hike2DJ's due to our timely completion of leagues. And girls know how to have fun- especially at pool parties. And although it was new, we loved having Olympics in the second month. It was the perfect way to end off the summer instead of sitting in suspense the entirety of August trying to figure out when Color War would break out. The intensity, yet unity of the 4 teams was indicative of the atmosphere and success of the summer. No matter where you come from, **EVERYONE** can be a part of the Morasha Family! It has been an unforgettable summer here on the Ilanot boat! We have made amazing friends and created bonds and memories that will last a lifetime. Until next summer, peace out! Shabbat Shalom!



MANHIGOT/ALUFOT The Machzor Bet Girls danced the night away at the conclusion of Israel Day and thoroughly enjoyed the Play! There was a one day Machzor Bet Color War - Pink vs. Purple. Congratulations to Team Purple, Soul/Nefesh Generals Tali Levy, Rachel Packer, Jessica Orski, and Aderet Brenner, as well as the generals for Team Pink, Heart/Lev, Leora Spitz, Sigal Levine, Tamar Kinderlehrer, and Rebecca Weinberger. This mini Color War was complete with activities like cheers, authoring a Dvar Torah, friendship bracelets, video star, a dance, a scavenger hunt, an apache relay, Parsha Bee, and sports/games such as red rover, gaga, coke and pepsi, BBK, and line up. Congratulations to the Pink Team on their victory! Olympics was two days of non-stop action and fun, that we got to rest up for with a late wakeup on Tuesday morning. It is unbelievable to all of us that this is the last Shabbat of the summer. The Manhigot had such a great summer and are so sad to say goodbye to everyone, but cannot wait for AL, ALU, ALUFOT 2014! The Alufot also had such a wonderful final summer as campers in Camp but are looking so forward to Sulam and reuniting with their friends from their Morasha Family very soon! Shabbat Shalom from the Machzor Bet Girls!



GIRLS BMP GBMP ended this week with an amazing line up of star speakers! We had a Yom Iyun on Sunday where we heard from Rabbi Balsm, Rabbi Hain, and Shira Schiowitz all about Elul and Teshuva. On Monday we were lucky to have Rabbi Weinberg back in action and a guest shiur by Rabbi Aryeh Yudin on Selichos. Last but not least, we ended the GBMP with Shiurim on Tuesday by Rabbi JZ Spier and Yael Goldfischer. We sadly said goodbye to our final three BMPers this week. But have no fear -- the Friday night GBMP tisch's will go on this Shabbos!! Looking forward! Thank you to everyone for making this summer so amazing for us! Enjoy the chulent :)



THANK YOU TO WAREHOUSE:

This summer was built on the backs of the hardworking guys who worked in the Warehouse. We really appreciate all the work they have done, from the heavy trunks to the day-to-day maintenance. You guys really rocked! It was an awesome experience working with this group.

-Mike



A MESSAGE FROM OUR PLAY DIRECTOR, RACHEL STERMAN

I want to thank the entire cast of the Wizard of Oz, as well as the cast of the Night at the Tonys for their incredible performances and an amazing summer! Being the only one in my department, and having had two shows this year, I wanted to thank the entire Morasha staff for your support throughout the summer. I also have to give a huge thank you to all of the staff members who took the time out of their own schedules, beyond the requirements of their own jobs, to help out and contribute to the success of both shows. It was greatly appreciated and I could not have done it without you!

Special thank you to....

Mike Cohen, Daniel Schein, Avi Feitelowitz, Nomi Mermelstein, Esti Traube, Penina Wein, Daniella Baratz, Jenny Korman, Eitan Ross, Chaim Metzger, Michael Halpern, Gabe DuBow, Jacob Bernstein, Natan Bienstock, Avraham Wein, Josh Goldstein, Jacob Saks, Avi Lent, Ariel Kirschenbaum, Melissa Appel, and Horseback Riding Staff.

I also wanted to give a shout out to our terrific Yachad actors who performed as the Guards in the Wizard of Oz:
Yosef Taubes, Manny Isaacs, Jacob Gross and Ruchama Broyde

Great job!

Wishing everyone an awesome year!

-Rachel



FUN PAGE

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MORASHA TRIVIA

1. Name three current buildings in Camp that were standing in 1964.
2. Name 5 Camp Directors.
3. How many followers does Camp's Instagram have?

1. The London House, the Dining Room, and the Boy's Shul. 2. Tzvi Reich, R. Abie Warhaftig, R. Ira Spodek, R. Gotch Yudin, Jeremy Joszel. 3. 1, 265

WHAT AM I?

What goes up and down the stairs without moving?

What's black and white and red all over?

What can run but never walks, has a mouth but never talks, has a head but never weeps, has a bed but never sleeps?

I am mother and father, but never birth or nurse. I'm rarely still, but I never wander. What am I?

I'm where yesterday follows today, and tomorrow's in the middle. What am I?

If a man carried my burden, he would break his back. I am not rich, but I leave silver in my track. What am I?

WOULD YOU RATHER:

Be 4'5 or be 7'7?

Be a half hour early to everything in your life or be a half hour late?

Run at 100 mph or fly at 10 mph?

Have a dragon or be a dragon?

Speak any language fluently or be able to talk to animals?

One Last Author's Note...



To think that we have reached the last few days of Camp and the last Shalhevet of the summer is both unbelievable and bittersweet. It has been a pleasure having so many faces be a part of our Morasha Family this summer and we can't wait to welcome you back next year for more amazing programming, fun, learning, personal growth and memories for a lifetime.

I would like to extend a thank you to the Warehouse guys who prepared the Pavilion daily for dance as well as personally thank all those who contributed to Shalhevet - the Division Heads, all who wrote beautiful Divrei Torah, and those who sent in blurbs, pictures, and announcements that all enriched this newsletter on a weekly basis.

I had the privilege to interact with campers and staff in a means differing from my daily capacity as "The Dance Teacher" and I loved meeting people who I otherwise would have had no interaction with in camp. Thank you to the people who answered incessant questions about themselves and those who were so willing to let me interview them. Thank you to everyone who gave me such amazing suggestions

and feed back, as well as the people who reminded me to sleep :)

Thank you to the one and only Shani Norman, who was such a great sounding board for ideas and was always so supportive of me. Last but not least, thank you to Director Jeremy Jozsef for giving me this opportunity and for trusting me with this project, as well as the Blog.

I would like to wish everyone a wonderful new year, filled with only good health, happiness, and a Ketiva v'Chatima Tovah.

Shabbat Shalom!

Jessica Blaire Alvaro