

Week One

THE SHALHEVET

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Spending our first Shabbat all together at Camp Morasha is absolutely incredible and so special. We are all so happy to be together once again and are so pleased to welcome back old friends as well as welcome new members to our Morasha Family. Opening Night festivities were electric and we're so "happy" about our special surprise. Coinciding with Day 1 of camp was the horrible news about our brothers in Israel. We hope to honor their memories through mitzvot and continuing the achdut and ruach upon which we pride ourselves here at Morasha. This week has been jam packed with activities, learning, excitement, and so much fun - not even a little rain or loss of power could stop the magic! With power back on and our whole campus humming, we celebrated July 4th with a carnival. After such a long and busy week we all look forward to a restful Shabbat and are excited to see what the rest of the summer brings!



Shabbat Shalom!

This week's weather:

(subject to change)

SHABBAT!

73 degrees, sunny, 0% chance of rain

SUNDAY

77 degrees, mostly sunny, 0% chance of rain

MONDAY

82 degrees, isolated t-storms, 30% chance of rain

TUESDAY

75 degrees, scattered t-storms, 30% chance of rain

WEDNESDAY

75 degrees, scattered t-storms, 40% chance of rain

THURSDAY

76 degrees, isolated t-storms, 30% chance of rain

FRIDAY

77 degrees, sunny, 0% chance of rain

SHABBAT!

78 degrees, partly cloudy, 20% chance of rain



Parshat HaShavua



Parshat Balak
By Rabbi Jonathan Schachter,
Head of Boys Sports
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Almost the entire Parashat Balak takes place on a mountain top, by the edge of the camps of Moav. It is there that Balak brings Bilaam to curse Bnai Yisrael. It is there that a miracle occurs, in which HaShem controls the mouth of Bilaam and transforms all of Bilaam's evil wishes into blessings for Am Yisrael. And it is on the way there that a donkey is given the power of speech and reprimands Bilaam for his cruelty. None of the events of our parasha (with the exception of the last 9 pesukim) occur in the presence of Bnai Yisrael. Did Bnai Yisrael ever find out about these events? Did they ever learn how HaShem protected them from the curses of an evil, but expert, sorcerer such as Bilaam? Or were these events like "the tree in the forest" which falls and no one hears?

What is most likely is that Bnai Yisrael learned of these events only after Moshe recorded them in the Torah. This was either a few weeks after the fact ("Torah - megilah, megilah nitna") or close to a year later, right before Moshe's death ("Torah - chatumah nitna").

But what is definitely clear is that at the moment the events of our parasha were occurring, Bnai Yisrael had NO IDEA of how much HaShem was helping them. It is theoretically possible that as HaShem was changing Bilaam's curses to blessings, someone in Bnai Yisrael, unaware of all that HaShem was doing for them, was speaking Lashon Hara or violating Shabbos, chas v'shalom. If only they understood the debt of gratitude they owed HaShem at that exact moment, they would never be able to sin.

This is something very powerful to think about in our own lives as well. We don't always realize how much HaShem protects us, both individually and nationally. We often hear the bad news, as we did this past week, but we don't always hear the good news. Just this past week, a family in Sderot reported to the Jerusalem Post how they miraculously made it to the bomb shelter in their basement right before a rocket launched from Gaza tore through their roof and landed in their bedroom. And none of us will ever be privy to what happens in our enemies' camps, how many of their efforts to attack us just didn't work, for some "unexplainable reason."

We can begin to train ourselves to look for HaShem's "behind-the-scenes" help by looking at the "behind-the-scenes" help we receive in camp from some of our staff members or fellow campers, and thanking them for it. Less than an hour ago, Morasha hosted Neshet in a Wayne County roller hockey game in the tank (Morasha won 8-1!!). But how many players realized that Michael Heller, Assistant Head of Sports, spent an hour sweeping puddles of water off the court, so that the court could be in top condition for the game. Thank you Michael!

If we train ourselves to recognize these "behind-the-scenes" acts by our peers in Morasha, we will be more attuned to recognize HaShem's help in our lives.

Shabbat Shalom!

News from Boys Campus...

Nitzis Our Nitzis boys made some noise this first week! We had a great time making new "connections" through ice breakers and team building exercises. Our leagues have gotten off to an exciting start. The Israeli Mishlachta taught us what it is really like to be in Tzahal during an amazing army night. We enjoyed cooling off in the water at the lake and our pool party. The rain took us by storm but we created some real "ruach" in the beach pavilion. We had some good bonding time in the bunks as we stayed safe while the lights were out. The July 4th carnival was a lot of fun and a great way to celebrate the "creation of a nation" in the USA. We look forward to a great Shabbat and fun week ahead of us.

Younger Shtetlis 78 campers?! Younger Shtetli boys are one of the biggest divisions in camp, which can complicate scheduling and leagues, but also makes everything more fun. Despite the rainy week, these guys were unbelievably cooperative (for the most part). Basketball leagues began with a bang, with everyone choosing a deodorant brand for their team names. Hockey leagues have had a rough start because of the weather, but we hope to have drier courts for next week. Bunk 7 thanks Alex Hirsch for his pizza party this week! Last night's black out was enhanced by a kumzitz on boys campus begun by the Ilanot. We all felt the ruach and experienced a closeness with Hashem that is normally unreachable because of our iPhones and other electronics. The younger shtetlis were eager to join, and through our singing we realized that Hashem is the only one who controls the world. Especially after losing Eyal, Gilad and Naftali this week, there was a small bit of nechama through the achdus and singing on Boys Campus last night.

Older Shtetlis Opening week 2014 in Camp Morasha has been really amazing for the older Shtetli Boys. It was really great getting to see old friends and meeting new ones. This week's night activities were really a blast. Starting with a game of lineup then off to rollerskating with the girls, bunk wars and some games of mafia, we are having so much fun. Leagues too, were really awesome and very intense. In only the first week, we already had 5 hockey games ending in shootouts and Caleb Pollen, Judah Schanzer and Zach Brown all hit game winning goals! In basketball, many games came down to the last few seconds and one game went into overtime when Zach Brown hit 2 free throws to tie up the game with no time left in regulation and then led his team to victory. We ended sports on Thursday with soccer in the rain which was absolutely amazing. In shuir this week, the boys started off writing moving letters to the parents of the 3 boys we lost in Israel and finished the week getting to know their Rebbeim a little better with a shiur scavenger hunt and some great learning as well. B13 had a pizza and ice cream party on Thursday to celebrate the birthdays of Ezra Shapiro and Yamin Semer, and B15 will have a pizza party on Friday to do the same for Brian Parness. All in all, a great week and looking forward to more. Shabbat Shalom, *Older Shtetli Boys*

Ilanot You know those perfect moments, where everything seems to just click and feel right? Well that's what it was like for the Ilanot Boys on the opening day of camp. Friends reunited, counselors bonded with campers, and an awesome mosh pit to the song Turbulence. The boys and girls got to know each other by having a rock, paper, scissor, shoot tournament that transformed each person from an egg, to a chicken, to a dinosaur, and finally to a superhero. It was awesome, just ask Ari Mitchell. Our first divisional night activity was awesome games of GAGA and counselor vs. camper dodgeball with Jonathan Kazlow winning 1 game, and B-16 winning the bunk vs. bunk game. We cooled off from the heat with a rocking pool party that included beach volleyball and a scrumptious BBQ. Leagues got off to a great start with Sammy Volodarsky leading the way with back to back shutouts in goal, Jonno Rosen doing his best Jerry Rice impersonation, and Jack Reinhart swishin and dishin (shoutout to Walt "Clyde" Frazier). B18 enjoyed DJ's thanks to Yonah Seewald, and B16 enjoyed a pizza party in celebration of Aden Einglander's birthday. During the blackout, we started a divisional Kumzitz that turned into a beautiful moment for all of Boys Campus with over 150 people joining in. Next week, we look forward to showing off our awesome jerseys at FIFA day, chilling in the woods for our overnight, and making memories at Dorney Park. Oh also, expect big things from us at Purim in July. Much love, *Ilanot Boys*



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Boys Campus (continued)

Manhigim

Welcome to Machzor Bet!
It's going to be
the greatest summer yet!
Opening night was great,
this summer has a lot on its slate.
We watched USA with frowns on our face
And we smiled during the Rock and Roller Skate.
Leagues are still on even when it pours,
Coming soon is Satran, Dorney, FIFA and more!
Stay tuned, because there's still much in store!

Shabbat Shalom,
The Manhigim



Alufim

The Alufim are here,
with nothing to fear.
The best summer of their lives,
With sports leagues starting on a high.
Basketball, football, volleyball and hockey are so intense,
The shmeels and jaba walkies don't really make much sense.
All day long we are having fun,
Even at night when there is no sun.
Panoply, roller skating and line up were a blast,
Especially leaving camp to watch the lightning go by fast.
Tree after tree we had to stop,
But it was surely exciting when we saw the transformer pop.
Tztzis and quiet during davening has been great,
Just make sure it's before barchu 'cus otherwise you're late.
E-Shap, Fruchter and Yopo's birthday,
Fun with Food and Archery.
Bongos, ukulele, guitar and water fight,
Watch out the mosquitos might bite.
Singing on boys campus and Rabbi Horn's awesome shiur,
Now the sun going down and Shabbat is here.

Love always,
The Alufim



Boy's BMP The first week of camp for the BMP was a tremendous success! The BMP members enjoyed the opening days of orientation, as they were introduced to the daily learning schedule and routine. The guys were privileged to hear from some of the esteemed members of the Educational Staff in camp on important topics in Chinuch, as well as are looking forward to hearing more as part of our Educational Seminar program. We began preparing our chaburot on nationhood and mitzvot for the kids, and have successfully begun transmitting and educating them. The BMP also began their beloved daily Cocoa Clubs dealing with our connection to Tefillah, and specifically we have been focusing how Mussaf can be a door to Shamayim. Lastly, the BMP ran an enthusiastic Mishmar, with learning, barbecuing and singing. The atmosphere can only have been described as electric. We hope the fuse lit in these camper's hearts will continue to burn bright *Midoor L'dor* and never blow out (unlike yesterday's power). Wishing everyone a wonderful Shabbat!

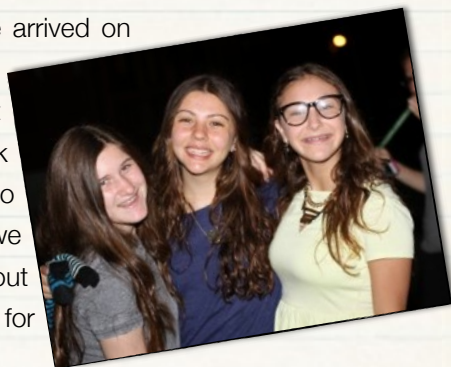


News from Girls Campus...

Nitzis We are so excited to be the largest division at Morasha with 96 amazing girls and 14 counselors. Having Barbara as our division head is awesome! Arriving on Monday was so exciting - we got to see some old friends and meet new ones and activities were off to an immediate start. Opening Night activities made us so "happy!" Our week has been jam packed, from specialties to shiurim, and we are all having such a great time, not even a little loss of power could stop us! Even with no lights we managed to make some magic with a bonfire and singing. Roller skating was fantastic and we got to hang out with our friends at Yachad. We are excited for next week's trip to Dorney and all the fun to come throughout the rest of the summer, but for now we must rest! Shabbat Shalom!



Younger Shtilis Younger Shtili Girls are having an awesome start to their summer! We arrived on Monday and could not be happier to be "home." Monday night we had our first YSG get together and loved wearing yellow to the Opening Night festivities! Tuesday we had a great first full day - from swim, sports, ceramics, art, ductagami, horseback riding, dance, rock climbing, and baking - the fun is never ending! Tuesday night saw video making on Video Star and watched them as a group. Wednesday night we rocked and rolled - literally - as we had a blast roller skating, as well during our co-ed sports night. Thursday night, even without power was so much fun. Waking up with power back was wonderful and we are so excited for today's Fourth of July festivities. Wishing everyone a restful and wonderful Shabbat, *YSG*



Older Shtilis Monday brought the gift that we were waiting for: 57 Older Shtili Girls! After 5 days of Orientation we were ready to finally meet our campers. It was so great to see so many familiar faces and a bunch of brand new ones too! We cheered like crazy for Penina on opening night and we're so excited to hear the "surprise" news of a new Mercazia. Tuesday was the first day of activities and we ended the night with karaoke and night canteen. We had a blast! Wednesday brought more amazing activities and a special coed roller skating night activity. We didn't really talk much but we certainly "rocked and rolled" to the music! Thursday really showed us what the Magic of Morasha is all about. With some pretty intense storms and a power outage, we learned what was really important: having a blast together completely "unplugged!" The twilight nature hike and the awesome bonfire really lit up our spirits and tired us out for "the best night's sleep ever !" Friday morning we were thrilled to have electricity again and it was certainly felt at the awesome carnival. We are looking forward to a restful Shabbat and some cool new activities next week! Shabbat Shalom!



Shabnot

If you don't know who the

Ilanot Girls are then you will find
crazy in the dining room, or

From our absolutely amazingly fun pool party, our surprise trip to Como Pizza and making our counselors look beautiful for Extreme Makeover: Counselor Edition, the summer is off to a great start! We just want everyone to know that the Ilanot Girls are loud and fun and crazy! And if you want to have the best summer of your life then it is best if you hang with us! Bring your sucking candies - because you will lose your voice!!

them cheering like
dancing away at every other activity.



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Girls Campus (continued)

Manhigot Welcome to Machzor Bet 2014! The Manhigot are off to a great start. We've started our sports leagues and tried out for Wayne County basketball, softball and soccer teams, as well as Night at the Tony's. We've baked, crafted, climbed and spun. We've had fun with food, ductigami, riflery, and the pool - we've even gone to Yagilu West! We picked our shiurim and learned with our chaburot. We've dressed our counselors and roller skated. The loss of power did not stop the Magic of Morasha and we had a blast. We are exhausted from the fun and can't wait for our first Shabbat in camp! Happy birthday to Gabrielle Posner and Emma Frank!



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, "This is our house" and on the back "#FimFotFourteen." We also got the chance to spend time with friends, old and new, as we settled into our newly constructed bunks atop the hill overlooking Girls Campus! We are excited about some of the new activities including Yagilu West, in which we ranked some activities we would be interested in doing with the mishlachot, including fishing, learning how to survive in the wilderness and learning about Israeli heroes. In addition, the Alufot enjoyed making Muddy Buddies in Fun with Food. They are also excited about the new shiur electives. They were given several topics to choose from, such as Ulpán, Sibling Rivlary in the Torah, JValues in Movies and Shmona Esrei, and were asked to rank them in order of interest. Each topic will be for about 10 sessions and then they will join a new group, so that they can explore different topics with different teachers throughout the summer. Our nights included Fim/Fot Panoply, a coed half-court line up game and Rock 'n Roll rollerblading in the Mercazia as well as spontaneous games with the entire division in the Canteen, led by our peers and counselors. Even the loss of power in camp did nothing to hinder our fun.

While we were so excited to be home at Morasha, the Alufot were saddened to hear about the deaths of Eyal, Gil-ad and Naftali. In their memory, the girls and their counselors have decided to spend the last ten minutes of clean up each morning learning "A Lesson A Day" together. As we enjoy our amazing days and nights, we also continue to memorialize our three brothers in Israel.

We look forward to a wonderfully relaxing Shabbat!

Girls BMP The BMP had a great first week! We enjoyed wonderful shiurim from Rav Jesse Horn and amazing opening guest shiurim from Rav Dovi Fischer, Rabbi Hain, Rabbi Schiowitz and Mrs. Shira Schiowitz. After greeting the buses on the first day we had an awesome time in Cocoa Club with the Nitzi and Younger Shtili girls, learning Torah and of course, drinking hot cocoa and marshmallows. We loved meeting the Older Shtili girls, Ilanot and Machzor Bet girls as we started our chaburot. Following the tragic events of the week, the BMP ran a meaningful "Erev Shira" together with Mrs. Shira Schiowitz, which included uplifting singing and perakei tehillim. We're looking forward to many more inspirational and exciting events throughout the summer!



In Other News...



Day Camp

It's hard to believe we are finished with our first week of day camp. We are learning the routines, making new friends while reconnecting with our old friends. Our days are so busy! Swim, arts and crafts, sports, shiurim, horseback riding, Israel XP, baking, fun with food, dance and ceramics are some of the activities that keep us stimulated and entertained. A tremendous shout out to our excellent counselors. We are sure this is going to be a fantastic summer!

Yachad

It feels so good to be back in our Summer home! We are having a great time hanging out with old friends and making new friends! Everyone enjoyed the festivities at opening night. We played an exciting game of Human Bingo and learned new things about each other, like Ronit was not born in NY, Yonatan has a pet, Serena knows a few good jokes and so many of us marched in a parade! We played a competitive game of boys vs girls Minute it to Win it. The game ended in a tie, stay tuned for a tie breaker!

Yachad's Morasha Vocational program is off to a great start! We began this year with a vocational staff orientation where all the staff members played ice breakers, learned the rules and regulations of camp, were addressed by the camp director, Jeremy Jozsef, filled out self-evaluation forms, signed contracts and took a nice walking tour of camp led by our veteran vocational members. Their positions include assistants in mishlachot, baking, canteen, ceramics, ductigami, arts and crafts, head librarian, shul maintenance and more. A special thank you to all of the department heads for being so accommodating to our Yachad participants and, even more importantly, a big congratulations to our workers of the week, Nathan McCoy and Ally Factor.

As always, Yachad is very excited for another fantastic summer in Camp Morasha!

Roving Reporter

With Jessie Alvaro and Josh Goldstein



WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING MOST FORWARD TO IN CAMP THIS SUMMER?

Andrew Helft, Nitzi The amazing sports

Akiva Schanzer, Nitzi Dorney Park

Tyler Baratz, Nitzi Counselor Frozen

ZJ Saks, Ilanot Winning basketball leagues

Daniel Sobin, BMP Learning and positively influencing kids

Alex Hirt, Manhigim Counselor Olympics

Gabi Rothman, Manhigim The Night Activities

Moshe Brun, Younger Shtili Counselor Hanging out with my kids at the waterfront

Isaac Cohen, Mishlachat Having Fun

Sammy Marcus, Boys Sports Staff Ensuring the best summer for campers

Jeremy Packer, Warehouse Hanging out with my friends

Yehuda Schein, Yachad Counselor Color War and Yachad Flying High

Sammy Wietschner, Alufim FIFA

Alufot are looking forward to:

- Color War and Road Trip - Isabella Oliner
- Dinner - Shira Rothwachs
- Rainy Days - Kyra Fischer
- Night at the Tony's - Chaya Levin
- Cold Weather - Alex Winter
- Lunch - Stephanie Kirshenbaum
- Yagilu East, North and South - Ottensosers,
Chaya Levin and Shira Rothwachs
- Road Trip - Brenner and Saffra
- Olympics - Zahava Wiener
- FOOD! - Sara Muharremi

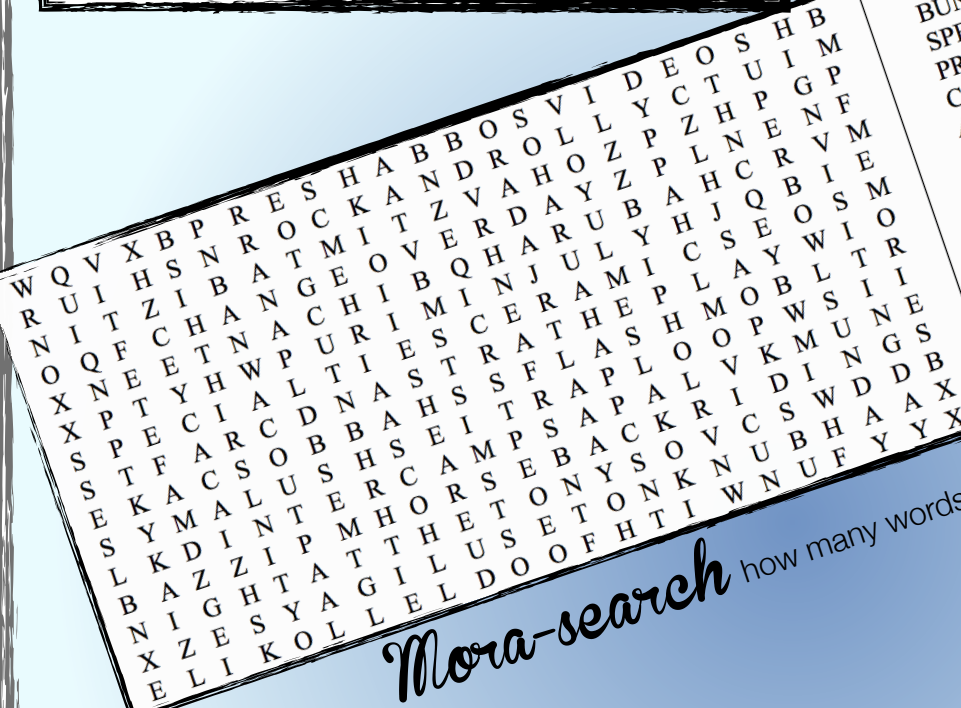
Ilan Ramraz, B26 Counselor Making my kids love Torah

Johnny Newman, B23 Making memories to last a lifetime

Fun & Games

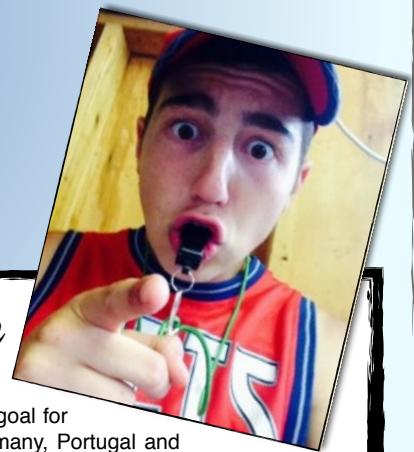
Riddle

A traveller comes to a fork in the road which leads to two villages. In one village the people always tell lies, and in the other village the people always tell the truth. The traveller needs to conduct business in the village where everyone tells the truth. A man from one of the villages is standing in the middle of the fork, but there is no indication of which village he is from. The traveller approaches the man and asks him one question. From the villager's answer, he knows which road to follow. What did the traveller ask?



FLASHMOB
BUNKNOTES
SPECIALTIES
PRESHABBOSVIDEO
CANTEEN
ARTSANDCRAFTS
CERAMICS
FUNWITHFOOD
HAPPY
MEMORIES
PURIMINJULY
ROCKANDROLL
NIGHTATTHE TONYS
CHANGEOVERDAY
SHIUR
CHABURAH
BMP
THEPLAY
YAGILU
SULAM
KOLLEL
SUPERBOWLSUNDAY
POOLPARTIES
PIZZA
SHABBOSCAKE
VISITINGDAY
NITZIBATMITZVAH
INTERCAMP
HORSEBACKRIDING

Mora-search how many words can you find?



This week in sports with Binyamin Zirman

The United States Men's Soccer Team lost 2-1 to Belgium in extra time. Julian Green scored the lone goal for America. It was a great run for the U.S. Soccer Team as they survived the Group of Death with Germany, Portugal and Ghana, finishing with 4 points in second place. The lone bright spot in the loss was goalie Tim Howard who set a World Cup Record with 16 saves, and time after time kept his team in the game. All of you who have been faking being huge soccer fans can now drop the act, as the next World Cup is in 4 years. :)

In the NBA, free agency has started and the stars are out and about. The open market season has seen players such as LeBron James, Carmelo Anthony, Dwayne Wade, Chris Bosh, and Pau Gasol opt out of their contracts, leaving their former teams. Players such as Carmelo and LeBron are looking for max offers worth approximately 20 million while veterans such as Pau and Wade are trying to find a team where they can win immediately even for less money. LeBron's agent has visited the Suns, Mavericks, Heat, Cavaliers, and Lakers but their have been no decisions made. All you LeBron fans get ready to buy some new jerseys because your favorite player has been reported to want to leave the Heat.

In the MLB, the Yankees had a terrible slide losing 5 games in a row only scoring 13 runs and dropping to 500. But they finally won a game against the Twins on Thursday 7-4 and that series continues on over the weekend. To makes matters worse C.C. Sabathia woke up with more inflammation in his knees as the Yankees put him on the 60 day DL and are unsure when he will return. Nothing is new with the Mets after being swept by the Braves and losing 7 of their last 8 games to put them 11 games below 500. David Wright has been battling shoulder inflammation and has missed the past 6 games. It doesn't look like there is any light at the end of the tunnel as the mets are showing no signs of improvement. If you're a mets fan I feel bad for you. Son, I have 99 problems but the Mets aint one.

Binyamin Zirman signing out!

NIGHT ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

WEEK 2: JULY 6 - JULY 12

	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	M. SHABBAT
Nitzi Girls	YNG-SCAVENGER HUNT ONG- Minute To Win It	YNG- Minute To Win It ONG-SCAVENGER HUNT	Purim in July	F I L M F E S T I V A L	TRIP DAY	Girls: Night at the Tonys BOYS: MO CUP
Nitzi Boys	NOCKEY TOURNAMENT (Hockey Courts)					
YS Girls	POOL PARTY	BUNK WARS (Pavilion)				
YS Boys	Dodgeball	POOL PARTY				
OS Girls	Talent Show (Pargod)	Find Something That... (Pargod)				
OS Boys	OVERNIGHT					
Ilanot Girls	Co-ed Dodgeball (Tank)	So You Think You Can Dance (Mercazia)				
Ilanot Boys		OVERNIGHT				
Manhigot	POOL PARTY	Human Anagrams (Upper girls' courts)				
Manhigim	Dodgeball	POOL PARTY				
Alufot	LIVE PACMAN	Minute To Win It (Mercazia)				
Alufim	OPEN COURTS					
Yachad		Glow in the Dark DODGEBALL (Girls' Courts)				

Staff Night Activities

July 11-18

Motzei Shabbat, July 5

Staff Melave Malka with Eitan Katz
11:15 pm / Dining Room

Sunday, July 6

Fun w/Food 'n Staff
10:45 pm / Canteen

Guest Speakers:

"Focus, Mindset, Perception"- R' Reuven Taragin

"Rachel Immenu: Mother at the Crossroads"-Shani Taragin

10-11:30 pm / Library

Monday, July 7

Ductagami

9:00 -9:30 pm Junior Staff

9:30-10:00 pm Senior Staff

Zecher L'Mikdash- What is it and How do I do it?"- R' Yamin Goldsmith

10:30 pm / Library

Tuesday, July 8

Purim in July Chagiga

8:15 pm /Mercazia

Staff Ductagami

9:30-11:30 pm /Ductagami Room

Series: "Arguments for the sake of heaven? Beit Shammai and Beit Hillel -Part 2

10:30 pm / Library

Wednesday, July 9

Film Festival-" Its Toy Time"

8:15 pm /Coliseum

Staff Cabaret-An evening of Song w/Danny Schatzkes

10:45 pm / Canteen

"Dating, Marriage, and Divorce"part 2- R' Mordechai Willig

10:30 pm / Library

Thursday, July 10

Trip Day!