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# SHALHEVET

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## Flyin' High at Morasha

The highlight of our week was our 10th annual Olympics, which began Sunday night with a torch procession and opening ceremony at the Coliseum to announce the ambassadors who would lead Fiji, Ireland, South Africa and Switzerland. It was a whirlwind two days of fun and games as campers joined their squads and competed in sports, a triathlon, a marathon, a dance-off and a trivia challenge. Athletes also competed in a variety of individual skills contests, including archery, arm wrestling, mountaineering, jump rope and gymnastics.



Each team hosted one meal in the dining room, using creative decorations, music and ethnic food to represent their country. From a Tiki Bar on the beach during the Fiji Fusion lunch to the African Safari dinner with monkeys hanging from the fans, and from the snowy Swiss Alps during the Swiss Cheese lunch to a green-tinted Irresistibly Irish dinner featuring leprechauns and a castle, Morasha's Olympic Village was full of international flair, as each country embraced its unique spirit and culture.

The competition was balanced out by spiritual training sessions with special Olympic-themed shiurim, as well as an entertaining half-time show by Urban Circus Spectacular, with juggling and breakdancing. Team Switzerland came out on top, with 15 gold medals and 17 silver medals.

On Wednesday, the camp took its annual night trip to the movies to see "Inside Out." Everyone enjoyed the film at the drive-in theater, as well as dinner and popcorn. On Thursday, our Yachad campers had an awesome time "Flyin' High" over camp in a private helicopter, thanks to the generosity of Morasha parents Jeremy and Meryl Strauss.

We look forward to hosting Rabbi Marc Penner, Dean of Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary (RIETS) at Yeshiva University, as our Shabbos guest this week. We can't wait to welcome our family and friends to Morasha on Sunday for Visiting Day! Good Shabbos!





## **NITZI GIRLS:**

***The Nitzi girls were so excited to finally have a night just to themselves, with Extreme Bunk Makeover! What better way to spend it than a night full of Fashion, Friends, and Fun! The workroom was the Pargod and the challenge was to incorporate the Morasha calendar into the different outfits. Using materials ranging from wrapping paper to fabric scraps, each bunk created two articles of clothing from styles including sportswear, swimwear and evening wear. They began with sketching the outfit, then grabbed the materials, and began to work. Once the pieces were complete they ran to their bunk to find matching accessories; it was a real team effort! There was a tremendous sense of pride as each model struck a pose, and everyone had a blast!***

## **DIVISIONAL SPOTLIGHTS:**

### **YOUNGER SHTILI BOYS:**

The week had begun with some Olympics fun. The camp took a walk for a Coliseum talk. There were 4 countries who went to the extreme-Switzerland, Ireland, South Africa, and Fiji. From breakfast to dinner, the dining room was aiming for a gold medal winner. Half Time show Monday night was a blast, while all the dancers had our expectations surpassed. The Triathlon race throughout the camp helped reveal the champ. The Olympics experience ended with 4 awesome teams putting on a great performance. The Mercazia was hoppin' that night, and each country put up a great fight.



B8 and B10 had two pizza parties in honor of Jesse Muller and William Jacobs. Younger Shtilim boys had

their own Army night with Israeli Soldiers who did not allow us to sleep tight. We had a great end to the week with beach volleyball and smores treats. With visiting day coming up on Sunday, we are all excited for a fun-filled day!

# DIVISIONAL SPOTLIGHTS:

## OLDER SHTILI BOYS:

*Morasha had their annual Olympics this week! We started off with an amazing opening ceremony introducing each country's ambassadors. Our very own counselor, Yehoshua Lehrer (B11), was the Ambassador for Switzerland. The next day got off to a quick start. All the countries — Fiji, Switzerland, Ireland and South Africa — battled it out in their different competitions. We played team handball, soccer, tennis, hockey and water polo, and also had individual activities including sumo wrestling, ping pong, subway surfers and arm wrestling. We also had a marathon, which Switzerland won by a mile!*



*At night, we had an interesting halftime show with some guys on roller-skates who were breakdancing, doing flips and juggling basketballs. Each team also decorated the dining room and had foods from their countries. Switzerland had Swiss mac n' cheese, Ireland had green-tinted leprechauns and a castle, Fiji had a beach with sand, and South Africa had a safari with animals. It was pretty cool.*

*The second day, South Africa won the gold in handball and Fiji won the gold in soccer. Switzerland won the gold in tennis and Ireland won the gold in water polo.*

*We also had a triathlon, which South Africa won (even though they might have cheated.) At night, we all went to the Mercazia, where all the gold medal winners were announced. Switzerland won first place with 15 gold medals and 17 silver medals. Avi Tepler won a gold medal for ping pong, Avery Stepner won the silver in handball, Gabi Warshaw won a silver for the Switzerland soccer team, and Sam Mandel won a bronze for soccer. It was great!*

*Till next time,  
GABI WARSHAW, AVERY STEPNER, AVI TEPLER  
AND SAM THE MANDel (B11)*



# DIVISIONAL SPOTLIGHTS:

## **ALUFOT GIRLS:**

*It's been another awesome week here at camp! We started with a competitive and ruach-filled Olympics where the Alufot competed in team activities of hockey, volleyball and dodgeball, and individual activities such as sumo wrestling, arm wrestling and rock climbing, as well as many more! Although Switzerland took the gold, all the teams put up a great fight.*

*Wednesday started off as a regular day and ended with a plot twist: rather than having a movie night in camp, we went to a drive-in, where we saw "Inside Out!" Though it was a bit cold, the movie warmed our hearts. On Thursday we woke up to a beautiful day and enjoyed our sports, specialties and especially our electives - drama, glass fusing, art, ductigami, chesed and video editing with Shimmy. We then went to Camp Lavi for a sports night followed by a surprise trip to Walmart! With such a busy week, we are truly looking forward to seeing our families and friends on Sunday!!!*



## **ILANOT BOYS:**

What do you think of when you hear the adjectives fun, cool and inspirational? The correct answer is the 2015 Ilanot boys. What a summer it has been so far! The week began with a bang as we had a great time at the Mo Cup, including our very own Avi Weitz and Evan Kinches bringing home the hardware. Leagues were competitive and exciting, led by a buzzer beater by Caleb Pollan. We showed off all of our skills and spirit during the incredible Olympics, which had Switzerland winning it all. Even with the Olympics, we still had some awesome night activities. We bundled up to leave camp and see "Inside Out" at the drive in theater and had a ball. In our NBA All Star skills challenge, Yoni Mann got the fastest time and won himself Como Pizza. As we head into the 9 days, we look forward to an inspirational, and meaningful Shabbos, while also celebrating the Bar Mitzvah of Brian Parness. We are so excited to greet our families on Sunday. Peace out.



## **MEET OUR NEW STAFF!**

**This week we are proud to introduce...  
CHANA PRERO**

### **What is your job at camp?**

I run Shake It Up, a new smoothie- making activity.

### **Where do you live during the year and what do you do?**

I live in Mevo Horon in Israel. It is a yishuv (town) in Emek Ayalon, a beautiful valley filled with vineyards and almond orchards. I work as an administrator at Naaleh College, an online college.

### **What brought you to Camp Morasha?**

My husband, Tani, runs Yagilu and I wanted to work here too.

### **What do you like most about camp so far?**

The people! Everyone is really friendly and positive. That makes it fun to work here. I also love the lake. Swimming there is so relaxing and refreshing.

### **How did you get into smoothie-making?**

I wanted to get sufficient greens into my diet every day, and smoothies are an easy way to do that. I started making smoothies around a year and a half ago, reading vegan blogs for recipes. There are so many great recipes online.

### **What is the secret to a great smoothie?**

The secret to a great smoothie is the ratio of fruit to greens and the ingredients. For a green smoothie, the ratio is 2:1 of fruit:greens. For ingredients, try to use overripe fruit because they are sweeter. Also, a strong blender is necessary to pulverize the ingredients.

### **What's the most interesting smoothie flavor you're planning to try this summer?**

I plan on trying a pumpkin pie smoothie from a recipe that I found online. The ingredients include cooked pumpkin, maple syrup, and pumpkin pie spice. Yum!



# DVAR TORAH by Eliana and Marc Poleyeff



When we think about great people, we tend to focus on their impressive achievements. For example, when we think about a great Torah scholar, we might focus on how many books he wrote or how many students he had. However, we sometimes forget that what really makes these individuals special are the small acts of kindness that they perform. This rule does not only apply to great people of fame but to each and every one of us. It is the small acts of kindness, without the focus of the public eye, that Hashem really cares about.

In Parshat Matot, Hashem commands the Jewish people to wipe out the nation of Midyan since they caused the Jews to sin. Rashi is troubled as to why Hashem does not command them to also wipe out the nation of Moav who hired Bilam to curse the Jewish people. Rashi explains, based on a Gemara, that there was a special woman named Rut who would come from Moav and whose descendent would be King David. If the Jewish people would have wiped out the entire nation of Moav, we would never have been fortunate to have Rut and her descendent David in our lineage.

If we could imagine, there were probably hundreds of thousands of people in the nation of Moav. Yet, because one descendant of Moav would have a positive effect on Jewish history, Hashem said we should not kill off the nation of Moav. We see from here how important one small "act" of good is. Even for something so small (one special person), Hashem was willing to save an entire nation. Every small act of kindness, whether it be picking up a piece of garbage or giving a high five to a friend after he hit a basket, is so important to Hashem.

The great Rav Moshe Feinstein zt"l was known for his greatness in Torah. He answered Torah questions from around the world and was considered the Posek for all of America. What is less known about him were his small acts of kindness that truly made him great. An older woman once came and asked him to translate letters that were written to her by a relative in Russia. Since Rav Moshe grew up in Russia he was fluent in Russian. Rav Moshe was very busy teaching and writing yet he took out some of his precious time to help this woman. He could have passed off the job to someone else who knew Russian, yet he decided to perform this small act of kindness for this woman.

As we get closer to Tisha B'Av, let us focus on and perform small acts of kindness that will help rebuild the Beit HaMikdash!

# GIRLS CAMPUS IN ACTION



*SHTILIM hangin' with YACHAD*



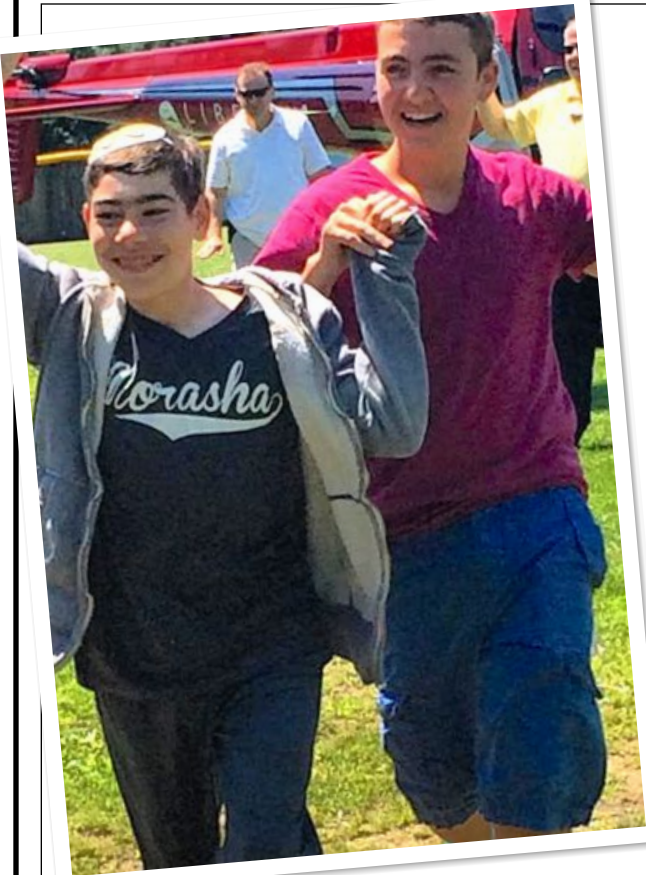
*NITZIS enjoying "Inside Out"*



*ILANOT and MACHZOR BET display  
country pride during Olympics*



# BOYS CAMPUS IN ACTION



*YACHAD flying high after their helicopter rides*



*NITZIS + Camp Mom Alyssa = One big happy family :)*



*ILANOT (left) at glass fusing and MACHZOR BET (right) at Olympics*





# BRAINTEASERS:

Below, 10 nine-letter words have been broken into chunks of three letters. These chunks have been mixed up, no chunk is used twice and all of the chunks are used.

Can you determine the 10 original words?

RBR TIM SAG TEL LIG ENT  
 HEA DLI BLE WHI HTN FER  
 CAR AGE ESC ING IND WAT  
 TIL HAI USH DIF ETA NEW  
 RLW ALL ERF OPE ENT GHT

Combine the word fragments below to produce pairs of words that have opposite meanings. There are 9 pairs of words, one pair on each line.

Example: USE REF EPT ACC  
 becomes ACCEPT-REFUSE.

AB ANT RCE SCA UND

WA RY RD BR ICE CO AVE

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ACT AND CO EXP NTR

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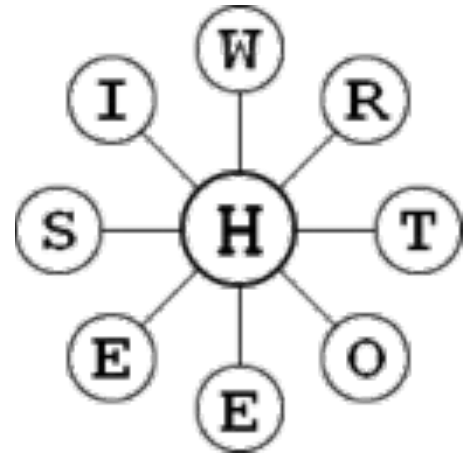
CAL HO RI RTI TAL VE ZON

TIO AL CID EN ENT INT NAL AC

OWL OR KN IGN GE ED CE AN

Using the BrainTracker grid below, how many words can you find? Each word must contain the central M and no letter can be used twice, however, the letters do not have to be connected. Proper nouns are not allowed, however, plurals are.

Can you find the nine letter word? Excellent: 63 words. Good: 45 words. Average: 35 words.



Below are some eight-letter words, with only their endings remaining. Can you figure out the words?

- \_\_\_\_\_ YEE
- \_\_\_\_\_ EGY
- \_\_\_\_\_ IGM
- \_\_\_\_\_ LSE
- \_\_\_\_\_ COM
- \_\_\_\_\_ BET
- \_\_\_\_\_ LEL
- \_\_\_\_\_ DEE

# Staff Night Activities

## July 19-24

Sunday, July 19

R' JZ Spier-"Living an Inspired Life"  
10:30 PM/Library

Monday, July 20

SLIP Meeting #2  
10:30 PM/Mercazia

R' Dovi Fischer-"Everything you Need to Know About Eretz Yisroel"  
Library/9:15 PM

Tuesday, July 21

Staff Baking Night  
9:30 PM/Baking Room  
Please sign up in the Canteen

R' Mordechai Willig -"Living Inspired Week by Week- Week 4"  
Library/10:30 PM

Wednesday, July 22

Staff Games @ Camp Lavi

"A Nation Apart"- 9 Days Camp Production/Mercazia

Staff Shiur- TBA

Thursday, July 23











Staff Spin w/Miriam  
9:30 PM/Spin Room

Staff Shiur -TBA

# NIGHT ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

WEEK 4

JULY 19 - JULY 25

	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	M. SHABBAT
Nitzi Girls	Night trip		Paper Bag Dramatics (PARGOD)	9 days play		Tisha B'av
Nitzi Boys		3 ON 3	WACKY RACES (BOYS' GYM)			
YS Girls	BATTLE OF THE Genders (MERCAZIA)					
YS Boys		3 ON 3	BALLOON WAR RACE			
OS Girls	Whose line is it anyway? (PARGOD)		CRAZY Let's Make a Deal (MERCAZIA)			
OS Boys	BEAT THE FANATIC (CANTEEN)					
Ilanot Girls	NITZI MAPS		HUMAN GUESS WHO (GIRLS' PAVILION) & NIGHT CANTEEN			
Ilanot Boys		3 ON 3				
Manhigot	Whose line is it anyway? (PARGOD)					
Manhigim	ALL STAR CHALLENGE	3 ON 3	BEACH VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT			
Alufot	Whose line is it anyway? (PARGOD)		Edible arrangements (MERCAZIA)			
Alufim	Night Leagues			3 ON 3		
Yachad	ARMY NIGHT	3 ON 3 	PANIC			