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# SHALHEVET

JULY 23-24, 2015 / PARSHAT DEVARIM / SHABBAT CHAZON

## Nine Days to Remember

This week started off with one of the most anticipated days of the summer: **Visiting Day!** We were thrilled to welcome family and friends to our beautiful campus and allow them to experience some of the magic of Morasha.

On Monday, we kicked off a whirlwind week of Lev Leytzan medical clown workshops, Krav Maga sessions, and basketball clinics with professional athlete Zack Rosen. Monday night, boys campus enjoyed an exciting 3-on-3 basketball tournament, while girls campus had a blast at their inaugural "Camper vs. Staff" competition. And the fun was just getting started!

Tuesday's Israel Day had everyone dressed in blue and white and the campus adorned with Israeli flags. At breakfast, we were welcomed into Morasha's very own Kibbutz, featuring a live donkey, rabbits and chickens. Campers watched a video about "Israel's Story" and had the opportunity to visit the "Shuk," where they baked pita and ate watermelon, enjoyed a petting zoo, and were challenged to find Israeli cities on a map. At night we attended a special Tekes, which included a poignant video of Morasha campers and staff expressing why they love Israel, and ended off with everyone singing Hatikvah.

Tuesday was also Yom Nate, an annual sports competition with six local camps, in memory of Camp Neshet's Nathaniel Cohen. Congratulations to many of our teams for winning - See page 8 inside for pictures of some of our champs!

On Wednesday, Yachad visited Camp Mesorah to participate in a special Color Run. At night, we ate breakfast for dinner and watched a special Nine Days play called "A Nation Apart." An original production created by our drama and music heads Sally and Danny Shatzkes, the performance was both meaningful and educational, as it took the audience through various stages of Jewish history.

Thursday was the sixth annual four-way intercamp between Mesorah, Lavi, Neshet and Morasha. Each camp hosted one or two divisions for a great day of competition and reconnecting with friends. At night, we had our Division vs. Division Stomp competition, where each group performed a Stomp depicting a different mitzvah. Congrats to the Manhigim/Got for winning!

As we head into Shabbat Chazon, we look forward to a meaningful and introspective weekend, which will include a tisch with Rabbi Mordechai Willig, a campus-wide learn-a-thon, guest lectures by Zack Rosen and special Tisha B'Av davening and programs. Shabbat Shalom!



# DIVISIONAL SPOTLIGHT: ALUFIM

## A Day in B-25

by Iron Pumpkin Diet Chez, Shabsi Roz,  
Zaus Baus, and Wieds King of the Whip



Every day at 8:20 we hear the ear-gauging sound of counselor Shmuel Rosenthal's terrible music. After 20 minutes of delaying the inevitable, the late risers, such as 3 on 3 champ Dani Roz and of course Mook, finally get out of bed. After 5 minutes of walking 3 miles to the girl's pavilion, half the bunk suddenly realizes they are without their tzitzit. Following a long davening and a scrumptious

breakfast meal, our bunk heads back to home base for a nice relaxing shiur period. After shiur is clean-up, where we are attempting a triple crown for pizza, Jericho Dairy Bar, and a Walmart & Co run.

Next, we head to ball facilities where intense matchups take place and then there is the other game against Alec Goldstein's team. After a great period of hardcore basketball and Shalom Ezekiel sniping 3s, we have optional swim, aka free time. After SHAQ!!!! finally succeeds in getting everyone out of the bunks, football leagues begin? Next is lunch where everyone gathers as much bread and cheese as possible and runs back down to the pavilion to get an open outlet. Then, we don't have hockey leagues — we prefer the arts of European handball which has yet to see the daylight in Camp Morasha. In the afternoon, the bunk (minus Stevie) heads to specialty, which consists of the activities of baking, baking, or baking. Later, we have our second period of 3 intense ball games and a blowout featuring yet another tough loss by the  $0-\infty$  Alec Goldstein squad.

Finally we get to our great shower period where an anonymous member of B25 prefers to go barefoot. Next, we show up to Mincha and observe the DRS kids in their exotic Adidas track pants. Finally, we round the day off with dinner and the usual night canteen with a solid ratio of the whole Alufim division (minus Alec Goldstein's saddened squad) paired up with a total of 5 girls. As we head to bed, we prepare ourselves for the arrival of Jack "Bane" Stepner. Goodnight B25! Sweet dreams. Alec.



## DIVISIONAL SPOTLIGHT:

**MANHIGOT:** This was an epic week for the Manhigot Girls. On Sunday we had a great time spending the day with our families. Sunday night's activity "Whose Line is it Anyways" was so much fun thanks to Danny and Sally Shatzkes. Monday we had Camper vs. Staff. We played dodgeball and newcomb against our counselors and we clearly

dominated. On Tuesday we had Yom Yisrael.

Manhigot Girls dressed up in blue and white and learned all about Israel. Wednesday we really enjoyed watching our friends perform in the Nine Days play. On Thursday we were all so happy to reunite with all our friends from Mesorah, Lavi and Neshar for intercamps. What a great way to end the week. We hope you all have a great Shabbos. Love, The Manhigot Girls

**OLDER SHTILIM GIRLS:** The OSG haven't stopped for a minute! We truly cannot believe first month is almost over. We've been so busy every day with amazing specialties: horseback riding, blogging, drama, dance Chesed, baking, art, glass fusing, Israel XP, rock climbing, sports and swim! We are also enjoying shiur and special BMP chaburahs.

We have Friday night Onegs and Shabbos parties that are real highlights. Our trips and night activities have been unbelievable! We did an incredibly fun and challenging night activity focusing on team building that was awesome. Panic of course left us laughing and laughing for over two hours! The Carnival that our counselors organized was a big hit! Let's Make a Deal and Minute to Win It were also so fun! Olympics was jam-packed and we can't wait for second month and Color War!!!



# BLOGGERS OF THE WEEK

## **MANHIGIM BOYS:**

What a week for the Manhigim! On Saturday night before Visiting Day, everyone was flipping out during Clean Sweep because our bunk was so messy. In the end (at 10:45 p.m.), after three hours of intense cleaning, we passed our inspection and celebrated with over three pies of Lake Como Pizza.



Visiting day was so much fun! After our parents restocked our treasured food supply, everyone went around camp doing various activities. As they left, after giving us gallons of food and fun times, we said goodbye until July 28 or August 20. On Monday, we had a 3 on 3 tournament which was very competitive because the winning team got the ultimate prize: Dougie's.



On Tuesday, Yom Nate (multi intercamp day at Nesher) was so awesome for the Manhigim tennis team! At first, when the tennis team arrived at Nesher, our bus driver, Art Jones, said we would have to walk back to Morasha if we lost. With that incredibly strong motivation, Morasha faced Camp Seneca Lake and emerged with a 2-1 victory.

With the help of Jack Ganchrow, Charlie Friedman, Solomon Rappaport, Kurt Moskowitz and managers Manny Strulowitz and Josh Packer, the tennis team (consisting of Joseph Abrahams, Coby Kranz, Ezra Levi, Akiva Hain and Eli Jarachow) won the championship (3-0) for Morasha (and were able to take the bus back)!

Later on Tuesday, the Manhigim had an intense beach volleyball tournament with the winning team receiving DJ's and Lake Como Pizza. The highlight of the tournament was when Aiden Englander was able to kick the volleyball over the net and scored a point. It was a competitive tournament and very enjoyable.

With so much action going on at Camp Morasha, it will be difficult going into Tisha B'Av. As a special activity for after Tisha B'Av, Morasha hired 25 European masseuses who will be offering free back massages post-fast. We believe that there will be a long line for that activity. Just Kidding!!



Until next time,  
Coby Kranz and Adam Bromberg, B-22

# BLOGGERS OF THE WEEK

## **OLDER SHTILIM BOYS:**

This was a great follow-up week to the Olympic week! We started up with my favorite day of this camp month: Visiting Day! There were kippahs to buy, Morasha merchandise for sale at the beach pavilion, and my personal favorite: Como Pizza. It was great to see my sisters and parents again (we went to Jericho's Dairy Bar which Morasha calls DJ's for some reason. We waited in line for a hour, but it was still worth it!).



After Visiting Day, we had hockey leagues and played "Beat the Fanatic." There were sport questions and you had to get more questions correct than the fanatic. Rabbi Krinsky was the fanatic. I don't think anyone beat him. On Tuesday we had 3 on 3 tournaments. My team got out in the second round. In the end, Jonah Hornblasse's team won.

Tuesday was Israel Day! During breakfast, we had a donkey, two rabbits, and two chickens in the dining room (it only smelled a little). Then we visited the shuk in the Mercazia. There was a mini petting zoo with a sheep, a goat and the chickens, but only one bunny. We also found Israeli cities on a map to win watermelon, heard stories and made pita.

I'm sad that I'm leaving camp on changeover day next week, but I'm happy I will get to see my parents and sisters again.

*"That's all for this summer, folks!" - Alex Hersh, B-15*



## **SPOTLIGHT ON DAY CAMP**

**Camp Morasha is blessed to have a day camp which is run for the children of our staff. It is run with the philosophy that each child is unique with his or her special characteristics. The goal for each of the yeladim is for them to grow socially, emotionally, spiritually and physically. Counselors and Morot are chosen who can bring out the very best in each child. The program is a full day program where the children participate in a variety of activities ranging from shiurim, swim, art, ceramics, rock climbing, chesed, ductigami, baking,**

**shake it up, and horseback riding. We also enjoy special activities such trips, an over-day, and our very own Israel day! Children are loved and cared for in this special environment. Additionally they are having fun!! We believe that by having the children busy and well cared for, their parents can do the very best job for the Morasha campers!**



## **MEET OUR NEW STAFF!**

**This week we are proud to introduce...  
Erica and Jason David**



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

Erica: I work in the main office.

Jason: I am the Older Shtili Boys Division Head.

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

We live in Teaneck, NJ and are the youth directors at Congregation Beth Aaron.

Erica: I'm the second grade Hebrew learning center teacher at Yeshivat Noam.

Jason: I'm a special ed teacher at Yavneh Academy.

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

Camp Morasha has such an amazing reputation. When we finally had an opportunity to work in sleep away camp, we got in touch with Jeremy Jozsef. We are so excited to be here!

### **What are you most looking forward to this summer?**

We look forward to joining the great staff, participating in the exciting programs, and giving our children the Morasha experience.

### **Jason, what do you like best about being the OSB division head?**

Connecting with the campers and counselors and working with the talented staff at Morasha. I really enjoy developing and implementing creative and fun programs.

### **What was the most fun activity the OSB have done so far this summer?**

There are too many fantastic activities to name. So far, the favorites were the Olympics, Let's make a Deal, Beat the Fanatic, and of course sports leagues.

### **Erica, what do you like best about working in the office?**

Helping make sure that all the campers are having the best summer ever! I also love working with Rina, Leba, and Paula.

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

The food! Especially the salad bar. We also love the facilities and working with the great staff.

# DVAR TORAH by Lauren Bergman (Girls BMP)

In Parashat Devarim, Moshe begins his final speech to Bnei Yisrael before he passes away. Our scene opens with Moshe standing in front of Bnei Yisrael, just outside of Eretz Yisrael. Here, Moshe reminds the nation of all the places where they traveled, and everything that Hashem did for them. When Moshe speaks to the nation, he speaks with the confidence and strength of a true leader.

If we compare this picture of Moshe with our first impression of him, we find a drastic change in Moshe. Earlier in the Torah, when we met Moshe for the first time, he didn't even want to become a leader of the Jewish people! In fact, when Hashem told him that he would become the leader, Moshe refused and gave various excuses as to why he was not the right person for the job. Moshe did not think he had it in him to be a leader. He placed limits on himself, and believed that he was not able to achieve anything so great. With this mindset, how was Moshe able to transform himself into the great leader that he became?

In Devarim 1:12, Moshe tells Bnei Yisrael that he had to deal with "tarcheichem u'masa'achem v'rivchem". The Ramban teaches that each one of these words reflects an obligation of a Jewish leader. "Tarcheichem" refers to the effort one must put in, in order to stretch oneself past his or her limits. "U'masa'achem" refers to taking responsibility for those who are suffering by reaching out to Hashem on their behalf, through prayer. "V'rivchem" refers to an obligation to solve issues within our relationships with others. In other words, if we were to come up with guidelines to becoming a leader, they would be:

1. Push yourself past the limits you put on yourself.
2. Daven to Hashem for help and guidance.
3. Work on getting along well with other people.

These are the steps that Moshe took, changing his mindset into that of a leader. But how does this apply to us nowadays?

A famous Gemara in Megilla (16a) brings to our attention the fact that, in the Torah, Am Yisrael is compared to both dust and stars. When we descend as a nation, we fall all the way to the dust, but when we rise, we rise up to the stars. During the Nine Days, we sit in the dust of all our sins with regret and sorrow, it's as if we're sitting in the dust of the destroyed Beit HaMikdash! However, we can't let this "dust" hold us back. Instead, we each need to become a leader, as Moshe did. Although it may be hard to envision a version of ourselves that is better than who we are today, we can achieve that level. If each of us becomes a true leader, we as a nation will rise up to the stars. With Hashem's help and a lot of our own effort, we need to push ourselves to learn to get along with each other. When we do this, we will have merit to see Mashiach.



May this be the year that we see the Beit Hamikdash rebuilt! Shabbat Shalom!

# SPORTS CHAMPS OF THE WEEK

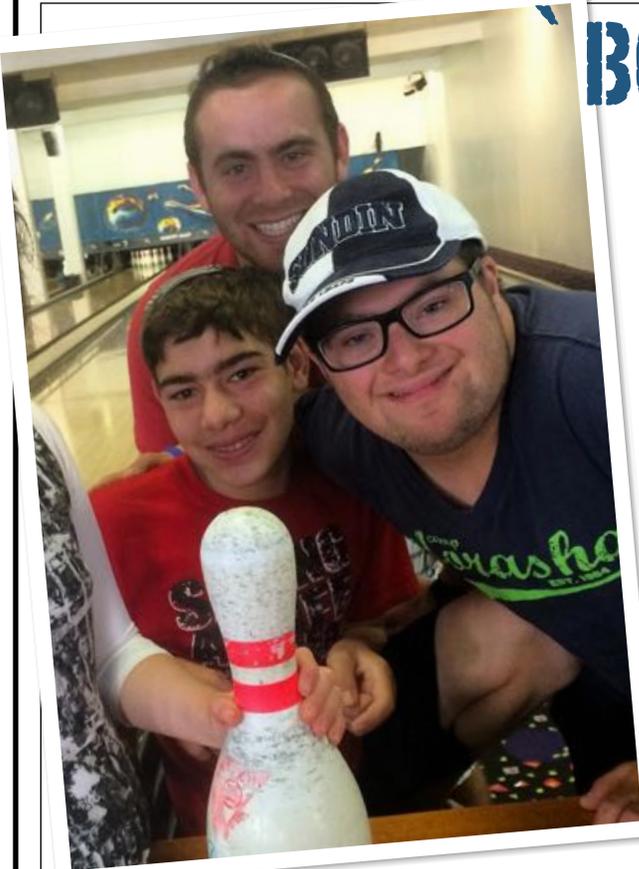


MACHZOR BET volleyball champs (left) and  
YOUNGER SHTILI basketball champs (right)  
at Yom Nate



Winners of the 3-on-3 basketball tournament  
(Elijah Mosberg, Jonah Hornblass and Dani Roz)  
and ILANOT and MANHIGOT baseball champs  
from Yom Nate

# BOYS CAMPUS IN ACTION



*YACHAD having a ball  
at bowling trip*



*NITZIS at intercamp*



*YOUNGER and OLDER  
SHTILIM havin' a blast*



# GIRLS CAMPUS IN ACTION



*ALUFOT (left) and NITZIS (right) enjoy DJ's*



*SHTILIM (left) do medical clowning and  
ILANOT (right) eat watermelon at the shuk*

# Staff Night Activities

## July 26-Aug.1

**Monday, July 27**

**Shiriah 2015- “Raising Us Up”**   
**Mercazia**

**SLIP Meeting**  
**10:30 pm/ Mercazia**

**Tuesday, July 28**

**Staff Ductagami**  
**9:30 pm/Ductagami Room**



**“Living Inspired Week by Week”- R’ Mordechai Willig**  
**10:15 pm/Library**

**Wednesday, July 29**

**“Shake it Up”- Staff Smoothie Night**  
**9:30 pm/ Canteen**



**Staff Shiur with R’ Reuven & Mrs. Shani Taragin**  
**Details so follow**

**Thursday, July 30**

**Staff Ceramics #2-paint your item**  
**Ceramics Room/2 sessions 9:30 pm & 10 pm**



**Motzei Shabbat Nachamu**

**Eitan Katz Melave Malka**



# NIGHT ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

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JULY 26 - AUGUST 1

	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	M. SHABBAT		
Nitzi Girls	T I S H A B B A V	S H I R I A	STRING HUNT	Ka ra etzel ma king (BAKING ROOM)	ODT	M E L A V E  M A L K A		
Nitzi Boys			Nockey	cookout	Snapshot CEREMONY (MERCAZIA)			
YS Girls			cookout	Whose line is it anyway? (PARGOD)	KARAOKE (CANTEEN)			
YS Boys			Ultimate GaGa	Prison Break & 'more (BEACH PAVILION)	BEAN BAG DODGEBALL (GYM)			
OS Girls			pool party	OSG'S GOT TALENT, LIVE! (MERCAZIA)	Think Pink (A&C ROOM)			
OS Boys			ping pong & Movie Night & CANTEEN, OH MY!	MYOP & ODT	pool party			
Hanot Girls			Human Anagrams	pool party	CAPTURE THE COUNSELOR			
Hanot Boys			Balloon Pop Plus (TANK)	Night Leagues				
Manhigot			/		CAPTURE THE COUNSELOR		MACHZOR BET MADNESS	open courts (LOWER COURTS)
Manhigim					pool party			PANIC
Alufot			V		3 ON 3			pool party
Alufim					cookout			Whose line is it anyway? (PARGOD)
Yachad								