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JULY 31-AUGUST 1, 2015 / PARSHAT VA'ETCHANAN

Second Session Off to a Great Start!

On Motzei Shabbat, Tisha B'Av began with a torch procession leading to the Tank, where we heard Eicha, had a moving kumzitz, and saw the words "Im Eshkacheich Yerushalayim" burn into the night sky. Machzor Bet enjoyed a meaningful video presentation and program connecting the tragedy of Tisha B'Av to our times. The next day, each division davened, recited Kinnot and participated in special activities to mark the commemoration of the fast. May we merit to see the Beit Hamikdash rebuilt soon!

A highlight of the week was Monday's "Shiria: Raising Us Up," a beautiful night of music and singing that brought both campuses together. This year, Shiria was dedicated to our camp parents. Each song was uniquely chosen, introduced and presented in honor of our mothers and fathers and as a thank you for their support, dedication and love. A special video "Dear Parents: Thank You," was also shown, featuring our campers expressing their gratitude to their parents for everything they do. Each campus sang two songs, accompanied by our new camper orchestra, with the girls being crowned the winner for their original renditions of "Kamu Baneha" and "Malchuscha."



On Tuesday, we bid a fond farewell to our first-monthers, and were excited to welcome 60 new campers to the Morasha family for our second session. Activities were in full swing for their arrival, with pool parties, pizza-making, ping pong tournaments and cookouts among some of the fun-filled night activities.

On Wednesday, Ilanot and Alufim/Fot enjoyed "Machzor Bet Madness," where they went out of camp for a bowling trip and dinner in Woodbourne. Friday's schedule featured a Shabbat Nachamu carnival where everyone had a blast going on the giant slides, bounce houses, rides and other attractions.

We look forward to welcoming Rabbi Aryeh Leibowitz as our guest speaker this shabbos, as well as Eitan Katz for a Melave Malka on Saturday night. Good Shabbos!

DIVISIONAL SPOTLIGHTS:



ILANOT GIRLS: What a summer it has been so far for the Ilanot girls! Last time we spoke we were just starting off our summer and now a month has gone by and we have made memories that will last forever.

This week we said goodbye to some amazing friends and we will miss the first monthers a ton. But we also were lucky to welcome so many new girls on Tuesday.

They just make us even greater than we already are.

We had a fun girl power week with human anagrams and a pool party bash!! We are so excited to go rock

climbing and horseback riding this month as well. And we are the most happy that the water slide is now up and running! I think Ilanot girls have definitely made nice use of this activity and we wish we can just go on it all day. Check in with us next time after Bunk Wars and our epic wilderness trip!

NITZI BOYS: What a packed week it has been for the Nitzi Boys!

From a meaningful Tisha B'Av to the Shabbat Nachamu Carnival, we have been very busy. Our leagues from the first month ended with exciting victories for Yoav and Eric's hockey team and Jonah's basketball team.

We said goodbye to many of our friends on Tuesday but welcomed some new campers and solidified our bonds with the campers who stayed. Our 2 day photo scavenger hunt sent us on a great

adventure throughout the camp trying to take pictures as possible to win the Snapshot Competition. We began our new leagues with exciting team names like Cookies n' Cream and Cookie Dough for basketball, and Brisket and Pastrami for hockey. While we may be a very small division, we have great friendships, a lot of fun and definitely make some noise!

#NitziBoys #MakeSomeNoise



DIVISIONAL SPOTLIGHT: MANHIGIM



What a week for Manhigim! As the first month came to an end, and all the championship games have been played, we were not even close to done. We had an action-packed week filled with so much fun! Tisha B'av was very meaningful, although we do hope we don't have to experience it the same way next time around. Shiria was awesome! Pulling out some of the old classics for the boys brought back good memories for us all.

We let the girls win this year, but we will be back. As leagues start up once again, we played our best before we went to find our sneaky counselors during Capture the Counselors. The next day we went to Walmart, bowling and Woodbourne for an amazing time. Just throwing out

that the highest bowler of the evening was someone with the initials Y.P.

Anyway, we even got to daven Maariv in the seforim store. The owner loved us and gave us a huge compliment. We finished off our week with a lot of sports. Lots of leagues and for the night... open courts! We can't wait to spend another heiliga/geshmak Shabbos Kodesh in camp! An awesome Shabbos to all!

-The Gim





BLOGGERS OF THE WEEK

OLDER SHTILIM BOYS:

This week in Camp Morasha there were a lot of fun activities going on. The carnival on Friday was great! There were bouncy houses, obstacle courses, slides and races. But the highlight of the week for OSB had to be the great night activities, courtesy of Jason David. We had hot canteen, ping pong

tournament, a movie, pool party, smores, BBQ, make your own pizza and Off Duty Training (ODT) in the Tank with the Israeli Mishlachat.

ODT was a great program that taught us the importance of working as a team, and how teamwork is vital if you want to succeed in the army. One way they taught us this was by making kids walk on wood that was held by teammates. In order to get across the room and back, you would have to work together and carry the logs for your teammate to walk on. If you didn't move fast enough, or work together, your teammate would fall and you would have to start over. For another ODT activity, we had to lock our feet into slits of big skis made of wood, and walk across the room, working together. If even one person would walk with their left foot, while everyone else was using their right foot, the whole team would fall over and you would have to start again. To get from one place to the next, the person in front would call out left, right, left, right, etc. until everyone on his 'ski' would make it to the other side of the tank and back. Everyone had a great time!

When we made our own pizza at Como, they gave us our own dough to spread and squish. Then we put sauce on and they added cheese and cooked it for us. Some people even added French fries! The pizza tasted great! The ping pong tournament was also really fun. Jason made a bracket of all the kids in the division, and the winner, Akiva Perlysky came out on top and got DJ's as a prize.

So this is us signing out,
Sam Hilbert, Sammy Portnoy,
and Henri (Ashi) Norman





BLOGGERS OF THE WEEK:

OLDER SHTILIM BOYS (continued):

It all started on Monday night when B-11 exchanged goodbyes with the departing campers and had a good time. We woke up Tuesday morning in a bad mood because for half our bunk, Morasha 2015 was over. After everyone left, the kids who were staying for two months switched beds so everybody was able to get a single bed. Up until lunch, B-11 was waiting for the arrival

of Ezra Baron who would later join our bunk. Now our bunk has 8 kids instead of 16 so we have more room in our bunk to chill. Our new counselors, Yehuda and Jonah, are chill people and they joke around with us and chill with us. On Monday night, we had our first night activity of session number 2 as OSB. We had a really fun ping pong tournament (Akiva won) and movie/canteen night. We watched "Mcfarland" and ate hot fudge brownies and hot pretzels. We can't wait to get second month started!

See you later, Avery Stepner B-11

*On Monday we wear sports staff shirts
Taking early morning group pictures, that hurts
And Charlie still needs to be cropped in.*

*On Tuesday we shrunk
And who would've thunk
Lizzie still doesn't have a shoe tan*

*DJ's for dinner
And Yael's the winner
Because she always sits shotgun*

*And that night we made it mandatory
Girls sports staff night activity
Plus Dubow, Nomi, Jacob and Schein*

*Wednesday was hot
The boys left their food in the shack to rot
And Deena and Daniella were matching*

*But all day we waited for the night
So we can watch Camp Rock right
"Samie, we're up to final jam"*

*Thursday = mandatory day off
And the bus ride was slightly rough
And Miriam probably did spin.*

*But we couldn't forget
Even though we're not finished yet
Our amazing sports staff dance!*

SPOTLIGHT ON: GIRLS SPORTS STAFF 2015



BLOGGERS OF THE WEEK: ALUFIM

AN ORIGINAL POEM

by Daniel Greenfield.

In cooperation with Doni Sausen, Jeremy Klein, Charlie Bendheim, and Max Wiederhorn. Inspired by Evan Chesner and Noam Kuritzky

— Dear Alec, you pretend you don't like Baum, trying to hide from your past,
You might've won a basketball game, but

that streak won't last.

— Dear Levi, You write in your diary, waiting for camp to end,
Because you're upset that Shmuel's your only friend.

— Dear Elan, you can only talk to Alessandra in camp if you had a hotspot,
Because you're scared that she'll see your bald spots.

— Dear Sruli Fuld, you might have Jordans, but you're a smooth liar,
The only reason you'd live in an apartment is if all your mansions went on fire.

— Dear Elie, you take golf cart rides from Shaq, but you can still run laps,
And you're hitting it off with Holtz, but where is LeoPaps?

— Dear Wernick, you stroll around camp not knowing where to be,
But you're just confused because your girl looks like DP.

— Dear Mook, you comb your hair but it's stiff, totally stuck,
But nobody looks at your hair when you drive your truck.

— Dear Wieds, you're by the computer at blogging every day,
And everyone laughs at you, when you do the whip nae nae.

— Dear Gideon, nobody likes you in rap battles, when you rap no one cares,
They're not listening to your raps, they're staring at your awkward chin hairs.

— Dear DRoz, you're always in the spotlight, you love the attention,
But for going for Emma, you should be put in detention.

— Dear Weiss, you try to make jokes, but you come out as a fool,
So we remind you again, what's the number one rule?

— Dear Green-bahs-hood-bahs, you might be good at rapping, but you have a red face,
If Erica found out you were in the play, it'd be a huge disgrace.

-Dear SHAQ!!!, you're the best division head, you can't be beat,
We're all still waiting for some Shaq Poppers to eat!





MEET OUR NEW STAFF: Rachel and Yisrael Feld

What is your job at camp?

Rachel: I run the chesed program

Yisrael: I give basketball lessons and am a member of the Ed/LT staff.

What do you do during the year?

Yisrael: I'm a senior at Yeshiva University and I will be starting my semicha studies this year.

Rachel: This year, I will be working in Central High School, in the learning center and as part of the programming team.

What brought you to Camp Morasha? Were you here as campers or staff?

Rachel: Surprisingly, neither of us went here as campers! Yisrael worked on the sports staff for a few summers and I worked with Morasha Yachad. We were so excited to come back and join the senior staff this summer.

Rachel, what are some of the Chesed projects you've done with campers?

The campers have really done some incredible projects this summer. We've made hats for children with cancer and had medical clowning to learn about bikur cholim. The clowns taught us how to make dogs, hats, swords and flowers, using balloons. We tie dyed socks for Knock Knock Give a Sock, an organization that gives socks to people who are homeless. The Machzor Bet girls have decorated shoes for Gotta Have a Sole, an organization that distributes shoes to underprivileged children.

Yisrael, what do you enjoy teaching, both on the basketball court and in shiur?

I love teaching kids the fundamentals of both Judaism and basketball. When it comes to basketball, no one can be a successful player without understanding the basics, and the same applies to Torah - both require time and effort in order to be successful.

What do you like most about camp?

We love seeing both kids and staff members in all of the elements, from Shiur to basketball to Chesed, and everything in between. It's amazing to see people utilize their talents for different things.



DVAR TORAH

by Rabbi Kenny Schiowitz

This Shabbos is called Shabbos Nachamu because it is supposed to be the beginning of our consolation from the sadness of Tisha BeAv that we just experienced. The truth is, however, that it is hard to understand what should make us feel better. After all, we still do not have the Bais HaMikdash or any of the things that we mourned

for on Tisha BeAv. In addition, the Haftarah, which begins with the words "nachamu, nachamu" is taken from a prophecy that refers to the time of Moshiach, when comfort will actually be possible. But how is it possible to be comforted now?

One of the kinos of Tisha BeAv describes a Torah being burned and a rabbi described his impression that only the parchment was burning, while the letters of the Torah were jumping off the page and floating away. This symbolizes the fact that there are two aspects of a Torah. The floating letters represent the ideas of the Torah. The ideas are not physical and can never be destroyed. The parchment represents the physical object that contains the Torah. This container is holy but can be burned and destroyed. However, even if the physical container of the Torah is destroyed, the words, values and ideas are forever.

Perhaps the source of our comfort today is the knowledge that although the physical house was destroyed, the ideas of Torah and the relationship that we have with Hashem are forever.

In addition, it is interesting that the first day of comfort was not the day after Tisha BeAv; it is the first Shabbos after Tisha BeAv. The kedusha of Shabbos is not physical; it is the sanctification of time. It is for this reason that we may not build the Bais Hamikdash on Shabbos: because the kedusha that is spiritual is more important than the kedusha that is based on a physical object.

The nechama today lies in our realization that the things that are most precious to the Jewish People can never be destroyed. The Torah, the legacy and the history of our people continue, with or without the proper physical structure of the Beis HaMikdash. We are forever grateful, and comforted, by the fact that God poured out His wrath on stones, but spared the people and allowed the Torah to continue to flourish. We have no doubt that our nation will continue to survive with strength until the coming of Moshiach and the true nechama will arrive.



BOYS CAMPUS IN ACTION



YOUNGER SHTILI hockey champs are #1



NITZI boys make some noise at an overday



Camper band (right) rocks out at "Shiria 2015: Raising Us Up"



GIRLS CAMPUS IN ACTION



Fun with Yachad (left) and Shiria (right)



ALUFOT league winners (left) and OLDER SHTILIM and ILANOT semi-finalists in the Wayne County League basketball championship

STAFF NIGHT ACTIVITIES

AUG. 1st - AUG. 8th

Motzei Shabbat, Aug.1

Eitan Katz

Camp Wide Havdala/Melave Malka

8:30 PM/ Mercazia



Eitan Katz-Unplugged

11:30PM/ Mercazia

Sunday, Aug. 2

Spin Class with Miriam

9:30 pm/ Spin Room



Monday, Aug. 3

Night at the Oscars

7:30 PM/ Mercazia



SLIP Meeting

10:30 PM/ Mercazia

Tuesday, Aug. 4

Sheva Brachot for Yitz and Gabriella Mendlowitz

7:50 PM/ Dining Room



Wednesday, Aug. 5

Ductagami

9:30 pm/ Ductagami Room



Thursday, Aug. 6

“Danny Live - an Evening of Hits and Favorites”

9:30 PM/ Canteen



Motzei Shabbat, Aug. 8

MYOP- Make your own pizza night!

Dining Room



NIGHT ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

WEEK 6

AUGUST 2 - AUGUST 8

	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	M. SHABBAT
Nitzi Girls	BUNK WARS	Night at the Oscars	PANIC	Let's Make A Deal (BOYS' GYM)	hike/ cookout	on the bag
Nitzi Boys	NOCKEY	pool party	Bean Bag Dodgeball (GYM)		rainbow tag	movie
YS Girls	BUNK WARS	Night at the Oscars	ODT	Smovie nite (CANTEEN)	Project Runway (PARGOD)	S'NOSES (TISHA B'AV SITE)
YS Boys	Baking	movie (BONDI 3/4)	ODT	3 ON 3	CAPTURE THE COUNSELOR	
OS Girls	BUNK WARS	Night at the Oscars	MYOP & MUSICAL CHAIRS W/ A TWIST	overnight	BAKE SALE (CANTEEN)	CAPTURE THE COUNSELOR
OS Boys	HUMAN foosball (TANK)	Lip Sync Battle (CANTEEN)	CUPCAKE WARS (CANTEEN)	Balloon Pop Plus (TANK)	GAGA / Kan Jam Tournament	PANIC
Ilanot Girls	BUNK WARS	Night at the Oscars	Whose line is it anyway? (TPARGOD)	RANSOM (MERCAZIA)	Walmart	M Y O P
Ilanot Boys	Volleyball Tournament & BBQ	hike / overnight		The Ilanot Cup (HOCKEY COURTS)		
Manhigot	BUNK WARS	Night at the Oscars	MAZEL TOV...	LAST MAN STANDING (CANTEEN)	Cookout	
Manhigim	KARAOKE	Night Leagues				
Alufot	BUNK WARS	Night at the Oscars	...Fin / Pot Walmart	Scavenger hunt	ROAD TRIP	
Alufim	Night Leagues	pool party		VOPPERS & POLLEYBALL		
Yachad	BUNK WARS SPIN	Night at the Oscars pool party	pool party CUPCAKE WARS	dramusic	Open canteen / game nite	Layla tov