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SHALHEVET

AUGUST 8-9, 2015 / PARSHAT EIKEV

What a SUPER Week!

Our week started off with a rockin' Melave Malka on Motzei Shabbos by Eitan Katz, with a musical Havdala, singing and dancing, topped off by a beautiful kumsitz.

On Sunday, boys campus was all revved up for their annual Super Bowl Sunday. The campus was split into 38 NFL teams, and each camper played their hardest, showing persistence and teamwork as they battled it out on the football fields during an exhilarating day of competitive fun. Meanwhile, girls campus was immersed in its first-ever Bunk Wars competition. Using skills and creativity, each bunk worked together to compete in various challenges, including a scavenger hunt, obstacle course, sidewalk chalk contest and a dance-off, in a wonderful display of Achdut, one of our core values.

Girls campus gathered again on Monday for "Night at the Oscars," a wonderful evening which began with pre-show interviews and pictures on Morasha's very own red carpet. After, everyone made their way up the Mercazia for a show featuring campers and staff singing and dancing to music from some of the latest movie hits, as their acting and musical skills took center stage.

Tuesday night, we hosted a festive Sheva Brachot for Morasha alumni Gabriella (Fadlun) and Yitz Mendlowitz, with a celebratory dinner. Mazel Tov! Following dinner, the whole camp enjoyed a surprise concert by Gad Elbaz, and everyone had a blast singing and dancing, especially to "Hashem Melech," a Morasha favorite and Gad Elbaz original.

On Wednesday, the Manhigim went on a special outing to Lake Como Pizza, followed by an afternoon at the Frenchwoods Golf Course. Thursday, the Alufim/Fot drove to Newark Airport to embark on their much-anticipated five-day, five-state Road Trip, a highlight of the summer. They look forward to spending an inspiring and memorable Shabbos together in Orlando.

We extend a warm welcome to the Morasha Board of Directors, who are visiting this weekend. Good Shabbos!



DIVISIONAL SPOTLIGHT: YOUNGER SHILI GIRLS



Younger Shtili girls are awesome!!

ODT was a learning experience - we became

Unified as one

Night at the Oscars was a spectacular show

Got dressed up in fancy clothing and watched the lights dim low

Eating at Make Your Own Pizza with

Rocking counselors!

So many fun activities we had together like

Having smoothies and a movie together... Smoovie night!

Tractor ride with Tom on our mystery musical hay ride

It brought us to DJs - best surprise ever

Living it up on girls campus during Bunk Wars

It ended with a spectacular dance off

Gad Elbaz was an exciting surprise

Inspiring Melave Malka with Eitan Katz

Remarkable summer so far

Laughing with friends and

Seriously loving camp!





DIVISIONAL SPOTLIGHTS:

NITZI GIRLS: The highlight of our week was our hike/cookout on Thursday night. Ariel Cohen and the Mishlachat once again organized a wonderful evening of fun and friends. The Nitzanim girls definitely worked up an appetite! They met at the pargod with open eyes, open ears and open minds...not to mention open bellies. As the girls trekked through the wooded areas

of camp, they helped their friends navigate the leaf and rock covered paths. Once they finally reached the end of the path, they were so excited to see food. They sat around the bon-fire telling stories and singing songs. Everyone had an amazing time, and we can't wait for Trip Day!

ILANOT BOYS: When we last left you, we were having an amazing summer. Well, that has not changed. While a few things have changed, including saying bye to our first monthers and welcoming our second monthers, we've continued to have a rocking summer. This past week, we danced like crazy at the Eitan Katz concert and then had an incredible time at the Chesir hockey tournament in honor of Noah Chesir's Bar Mitzvah. Noah scored the game winning goal that allowed his team to win it all! Super Bowl Sunday enabled us to play football all day, which was awesome. We had one of our most unique experiences of the summer when we went out to the woods for a hike and overnight. We all slept in tents and had a blast. Some of the other great night activities we had this week were coed Panoply, night leagues, and a trip to Walmart. We're counting down the days until we leave for the Ilanot wilderness trip. Good Shabbos!



SPOTLIGHT ON YACHAD



How could we possibly be entering week 7 of camp already? Shabbos ended with much excitement this past week, as we were greeted by an exhilarating Eitan Katz concert and a huge color war FAKE out! Sunday night our girls were a bit hit in the campus-wide Bunk Wars dance competition, while the boys enjoyed a fun spin session - as expected it quickly turned into a lively dance party! Monday night the boys and girls were once again split up; boys had a pool party while girls enjoyed skits and plays put on by staff at "Night at the Oscars." On Tuesday the girls enjoyed an amazing pool party while the boys joined the Younger Shtili Boys in a fun cake wars competition. Wednesday night we enjoyed Morasha's first ever drum circle, which was a great hit! On Thursday night the vocational and camper programs split up; the camper program enjoyed an open canteen night while the vocational program got to see their friends from all of the neighboring Yachad vocational programs (Mesorah, Moshava, Shoshanim and Lavi) at a massive BBQ in camp Moshava. Friday was a relaxing day in camp where we were able to enjoy our regular action-packed activities in camp and prepare for another peaceful shabbos. What a week!!

BLOGGERS OF THE WEEK: MANHIGIM

The Eitan Katz Melave Malka on Saturday night started out with a color war fakeout saying that there was a bear on campus and everyone should stay in the Mercazia (there was no bear), and a camp-wide havdalah from Eitan Katz. After that, the camp enjoyed dancing to the singing of Eitan Katz. It was a great night.

Sunday Morning, Boys Campus were told their teams, given their shirts, and played three games to be seeded for the Superbowl Sunday playoffs. My team was the Arizona Cardinals. After the three seeding games, my team had a bye as the number one seed. In the second round of the playoffs, we played against the Green Bay Packers, and won in about five overtimes, by a touchdown. In the third round, we played the Eagles and beat them by two or three touchdowns. Then, in the champs, we played against J.J. Blinken, Coby Kranz, and Z.J. Saks plus a few Alufim boys. We were winning with 3 minutes left, 13-6, and they scored a touchdown, so we were up 13-12. They decided to go for two, and got the extra point, and won 14-13.

Sunday night, we had a very funny night activity, Karaoke, with stars like our counselor Sam Rochlin, our division head Yoni Pollock, and Ari Mitchell, Aiden Englander, Adam Schwartz, Shlomi Krauss, Ariel Haymov and many songs by Jonathan Kazlow and Natey Simantov. I can't wait for the real color war breakout!! - Adam Bromberg, B-22



DIVISIONAL SPOTLIGHT: OLDER SHITLI BOYS

OSB's Awesome Lip Sync

by Yossi Dahan and Gabi Warshaw, B-11

This week we had Lip Sync Battle for a night activity. It was fun! First there were 10 people for the first round. The winner was a tie between Yonah Benami and JoJo Velenski. There were a lot of great performances like Yossi Dahan (who did "Wheels on the Bus") and Benjy Fuld (with "Cheerleader"). Ezra Wallach (with "Headphones") did very well but nobody noticed because he was 'da first one to perform. Avery Stepner wanted to be in it but he thought it was actually singing. Some people were not watching and just eating pretzals.



A Day in B-11 by Avery Stepner:

We start it up with wake up at 7:40 a.m. when Jonah Waldman puts on music and pours water on Yossi, and Yehuda takes my blanket away for the day. Then we have lineup/shacharit where we talk to God, and some prefer to talk to their friends... After davening, we walk to breakfast and eat whatever great food Morasha gives us. Then is cleanup, followed by ball leagues, where Jonah S. always wins. Then we have specialty, where Fuld always catches fish and the YCQ kids always hit the targets in Archery. Next is lake swim where everyone ends up playing Kan Jam. After swim we have shiur which usually starts 25 minutes late due to the pro chefs in the kitchen making us great lunches. Then we have free time where we play on our iPods, and of course play real ball (since free time goes through our "next activity" of field sports). Next we have hockey where Levy somehow has Gellis so they win every game and my team has two people who play despite dealing with wrist injuries. Then we have pool swim where the counselors dominate in city-(Basketball game). Then we have Hachana, which is another free time for me. Then we have dinner which is also great food, followed by night activity. I'm always tired but I do shower, and then play on Gabi's iPad, and go to bed (with my Blanket!!!!).





BOYS CAMPUS IN ACTION

MANHIGIM and ALUFIM boys made a siyum this week after finishing the second פרק of מסכת ברכות, which they learned with Rabbi Chanan Bina. All the participants enjoyed a festive Dougie's dinner to celebrate their wonderful accomplishment- מזל טוב!



Super Bowl Sunday!



GIRLS CAMPUS IN ACTION



Bunk Wars and Night at the Oscars





Meet Our New Staff:

RUCHOMA KAGANOFF

What is your job at camp?

I am a nurse. I spend many hours each day in the infirmary helping to ensure that everyone in camp is healthy and safe so that they can have a great summer.

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

I live in Riverdale, NY. I am a school nurse at a school in Brooklyn during the week, and serve as the interim youth director of Young Israel of Riverdale. I also take some online college classes at the same time.

What do you like best about working in the infirmary?

I love that I can use my skills, education, and experience to help all of the campers, counselors, specialty staff and families have a healthy and safe summer. I am also enjoying learning from all of my colleagues, especially the nurses here who have more experience than me and who have varied areas of expertise.

How many bandaids do you think you gave out this summer?

That is a difficult calculation but I can say with absolute certainty that we have used over 1,000 bandaids this summer.



What's your favorite part of camp?

I love meeting campers who I have helped in the infirmary on the campus. I love when they say hi and tell me that they are doing well. I like watching the camper activities when I get a chance. I also really enjoy Shake it Up and Ceramics when I have some time off.

Looking back on this summer, what is your biggest accomplishment?

On the day of Night at the Oscars, I climbed the steps to the Mercazia six times. At the beginning of the summer, I made a number of goals for myself. While I have not successfully completed all of them, one of the goals was to be able to climb the Mercazia steps without losing my breath. I am also really proud of a tea set that I am making in ceramics.

What was it like to work on the choreography and hair/makeup for girls campus' Night at the Oscars?

Sally and Danny Shatzkes are an amazingly talented duo with whom it was a pleasure to work. I also must admit that I was given credit for a lot more than I deserve. The dancers with whom I worked were all a joy to watch. Besides being incredibly talented individuals, they displayed amazing achdut, hitlahavut, kavod habriyot and hakarat hatov.

DVAR TORAH by Dr. Deena Zimmerman



Words in the Torah are not random. Therefore, when it seems that the same thing is being said twice, there needs to be a reason. Therefore, it is striking that there are two verses in this weeks parsha (Ekev) that seem to be very similar. One is Devarim 8:1 and the other is 11:8. In the first it states:

כָּל-הַמִּצְוָה, אֲשֶׁר אָנֹכִי מֵצִוְךָ הַיּוֹם--תִּשְׁמְרוּן לַעֲשׂוֹת: לְמַעַן תִּחְיִין וְרַבִּיתֶם, וּבִאתֶם וִירְשֶׁתֶם אֶת-הָאָרֶץ, אֲשֶׁר-נָשָׁבַע יְהוָה, לְאַבְרָהָם.

The second states:

וּשְׁמַרְתֶּם, אֶת-כָּל-הַמִּצְוָה, אֲשֶׁר אָנֹכִי מֵצִוְךָ, הַיּוֹם--לְמַעַן תִּחְזְקוּ, וּבִאתֶם וִירְשֶׁתֶם אֶת-הָאָרֶץ, אֲשֶׁר אֲתֶם עֹבְרִים שָׁמָּה, לְרִשְׁתָּהּ.

Both verses speak about observing the commandment that Hashem commanded "today" and both give the outcome of this observance as entering the land of Israel. If one compares the two verses word for word one can also see many words that repeat exactly, especially the phrase "kol hamitzva" which literally means "all of the commandment."

An answer to this duplication can be found in the context. The first verse is followed by a description of how Hashem cared for Bnei Yisrael in the desert. It describes the miraculous occurrences that took place such as eating manna, clothes not getting ruined and feet not getting swollen, despite wandering for years in the desert. The second verse is followed by a description of the Land of Israel which they are about to enter. This land is described as different in that it is not watered by the Nile as in Egypt but rather is watered by rain. Thus each verse is talking about a different period in Israel's history.

At a first glance, one would believe that the first time period, was greater. In the desert Hashem was intricately involved as the examples of Hashem's care are certainly not in the usual course of nature. The second period seems more mundane as once they reach the Land of Israel, events such as rain simply follow the flow of nature. However, in verse 11:12 the Torah points out that this is not the case. Once they are in Israel, living a natural life, Hashem is watching out for their needs on a constant basis.

The stress of Hashem's concern during more natural times comes to teach us that Hashem is in the daily acts of living, not only the out of the ordinary things that seem unnatural. Something may seem to be just the course of nature, but it is really commanded by Hashem. Therefore, our daily activities, as natural and mundane as they may seem, should be infused with meaning and we should be "living inspired."

And why do both verses state "all of THE commandment" and not all of the commandments? Rashi points out that this comes to teach us to complete a commandment that we have started, to "give it our all". As it says on the side of Morasha's dining room "Imagine with all your mind. Believe with all your heart. Accomplish with all your might." Shabbat Shalom!

BRAINTEASERS:

BY: ADAM BROMBERG, MANHIGIM

Riddles (Answers on Bottom)

1. Throw away the outside and cook the inside, then eat the outside and throw away the inside. What is it?
2. What can you catch but not throw?
3. We see it once in a year, twice in a week, and never in a day. What is it?

Where in Camp...

1. What building is this:
On Boys Campus



2. Where is this:



Girls Campus

3. Where is this



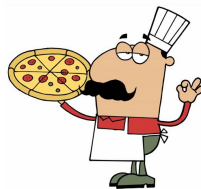
*What to Look Forward to:
Illanot Wilderness Trip
NYC Bash
Grease!*



- Riddles Answers:
1. Corn on the cob, because you throw away the husk, cook and eat the kernels, and throw away the cob.
 2. A cold.
 3. The letter "E"

Staff Night Activities - August 8-15

Motzei Shabbat, August 8
MYOP-Make your own pizza
10:45 / Dining Room



Sunday, August 9
Staff Baking
9:30 PM/ Baking Room



“Respect Others, Respect Yourself”- Yoni Pollock
10:15 PM/ Library

Monday, August 10
Rock n Roll-Roller Skating
10:00 PM/ Tank



“The Path to Personal Redemption”- Jacob Braun
10:15 PM/ Library

Tuesday, August 11
Girls Staff Games vs. Moshava
Time TBD

Team Yachad Informational Night
10:30 PM / Girls BMP (Free Sushi)



“Rosh Chodesh Elul :In Law and Lore”- R’ Shmuel Hain
10:15 PM/ Library

Wednesday, August 12
Trip Day



Thursday, August 13
Cafe Night
11:00/ Mercazia



Motzei Shabbat, August 15
Camp Morasha Presents: “Grease”
Mercazia



NIGHT ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

WEEK 7

AUGUST 9 - AUGUST 15

	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	M. SHABBAT
Nitzi Girls	CARNIVAL (GIRLS FIELDS)	G Squared (BOYS GYM)	HEADBANZ (ART ROOM)	T R I P D A Y	MYOP	GREASE
Nitzi Boys	ODT		Ductigami		Night leagues (BASKETBALL COURTS)	
YS Girls	build & bear (CANTEEN)	Paper Bag Dramatics (MERCAZIA)	ARMY NIGHT		Game nite & Nite canteen	
YS Boys	MYOP		Minute To Win It (GIRLS' PAVILION)			
OS Girls	FEAR factor	Roller skating (TANK)	Trip prep		Night at the Racetrack (MERCAZIA)	
OS Boys			3 ON 3 ceramics & glass fusing			
Ilanot Girls	Trip orientation	build & bear (CANTEEN)	LAKE GEORGE		PANIC	
Ilanot Boys	MUSICAL CHAIRS (GIRLS PAVILION)	PANIC			Night league playoffs (HOCKEY COURTS & TANK)	
Manhigot	PANIC	Roller skating (TANK)	new york city		SUPER EMPOWER	
Manhigim	PANIC					
Alufot	ROAD TRIP				Baking for Shabbat	
Alufim					All Star Challenge (GYM & COURTS)	
Yachad	B-I-N-G-O (BONDI 3/4)	movie	HEADBANZ Minute to win it	TRIP DAY	Edible arrangements (PARGOD)	