



SHALHEVET

AUGUST 14-15, 2015 / PARSHAT RE'EH

Gearing Up for a Great End!

It's hard to believe that Morasha 2015 will soon be coming to an end. Each week of this amazing summer just keeps getting better and better, and this week was no exception!

On Sunday, we were thrilled to welcome over 120 campers to Morasha Mania to experience some of the magic of Morasha during an action-packed three-day mini-camp. Campers had a blast trying out some of Morasha's amazing activities, including swimming, sports, rock climbing, fishing, horseback riding and baking, and also enjoyed many special night activities. From cookouts and a carnival to pool parties and roller skating, it was nonstop fun and a great way to get a feel for what Morasha is all about!



Another highlight of the week was Trip Day! The Alufim/fot experienced the road trip of a lifetime as they made their way back to camp from Florida, after spending a day at Universal Studios. With stops in Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Washington, D.C., they went biking and ice skating, played laser tag and whirly ball, and so much more!

The Ilanot toughed it out in the great outdoors on their two-day excursion to Lake George for a wilderness trip, where they enjoyed an exhilarating white water rafting expedition and completed a challenging adventure course. At the same time, the Manhigim/got traveled to New York City. Between a scavenger hunt, sleeping over in an arcade, eating Carlos and Gabby's, riding the Beast, watching the Blue Man Group show, and literally jumping off the walls at Bounce, it was a whirlwind two days of fun and games.

Trip Day adventures for the rest of the camp included a day at Camelbeach (Nitzi and Younger Shtili girls), rafting and the Wayne County Fair (Nitzi and Shtili boys), and an overnight outing to Great Wolf Lodge (Older Shtili girls). At night, everyone met at the Minions movie, and ate a delicious pizza dinner. Yachad had a blast at Skate Estates and the Scranton Yankees game, and Day Camp enjoyed bowling and a visit to the Highlights headquarters. A great time was had by all!



On Thursday, we enjoyed a much-needed "chill day" to relax and recharge our batteries to prepare for the last week of camp. To cap off the week, staff members enjoyed Cafe Night, sharing memories and jokes and reflecting on an incredible summer, and Girls Campus got a workout running in Friday's marathon.

We look forward to hearing from Coach Mo Fuchs over Shabbos, and we can't wait to see what's in store over the next few days— Did someone say Color War?! We'd like to wish everyone a wonderful year and we hope to see you all back here for Morasha 2016! Only about 300 days to go! Good Shabbos!

DIVISIONAL SPOTLIGHT: ALUFIM AND ALUFOT

Road Trip Recap by Zevi Litwin:



Fim/Fot have returned from a week of fun,
After countless hours of driving, Road Trip '15 is finally done.
We set off for Orlando, starting with the bus to JFK,
Had a blast at Universal, the highlight of the first day.

We spent a wonderful Shabbos together at the luxurious Radisson
Celebration,
We ate delicious meals and sang melodious zemirot,
ending with a "Looking-Back" commemoration.
After Shabbos we hurried out to laser tag and whirly ball,
A great way to end off Orlando, the first stop of Road Trip we will always
recall.

The next morning we hit the road, to Savannah, GA, we made our way,
Horse and buggy rides and the city market, an educational and fun-filled day.
From Savannah to Myrtle Beach, another four hour drive,
Schnitzel and Shwarma on the boardwalk, from food we were no longer deprived.

On Monday we went to Ice Zone, for a spectacular skate on the ice,
The disco ball lit the cold room - a break from the hot, humid weather was certainly nice.
From there we went to Motor World, where we zoomed around the tracks,
During an unexpected trip to the hospital, at the Conservative Shul we got to relax.

In Washington, De Capital, we started off with the Bike & Roll tour,
We stopped for pizza at the Washington monument, dining under the trees
in groups of four.

After a tiring morning bike ride, we went for a relaxing trip to the mall,
Got some trendy new bucket hats, and Starbucks, most important of all.

On Wednesday we went to Goldberg's bagels, for the most important meal
of the day,

Then we returned to the highway, back to Camp Morasha we made our way.

To Melissa and Shaq, we truly appreciate everything you do,
From the bottom of our hearts, we wish you a sincere thank you.
As our years at Morasha come to an end, there's not much more to talk about,
So to everyone at camp we want to say: Fim/Fot '15 are out!





DIVISIONAL SPOTLIGHTS: YOUNGER SHTILI BOYS:

Time has been speeding up as we approach the last week of camp. The week began with many birthday parties throughout the division. In B-6 we celebrated Ari Leifer and Jacob Pfeifer's birthdays, along with B-10 counselor Jeremy Brody. On Sunday night, we had an exciting night of MYOP (Make Your Own Pizza) at Como Pizza. The campers had an amazing time creating their own pizza and

eating it as well. As we were leaving Como Pizza, we got a very nice compliment from the owner that all the Younger Shtili Boys were polite and cleaned up all their trash as well. On Monday, campers had a blast rollerblading in the tank with their friends. On Wednesday we had our final trip of the summer. We began the morning with white water rafting which was an excellent way to start the day. We then made our way over to the Wayne County Fair where the boys went on rides and saw some awesome animal shows. We ended the day with a movie in Honesdale which was a great way to end a fantastic day. The week ended with playoffs on Friday. Looking back, this summer has been an amazing experience filled with growth and fun and we look forward to the summer of 2016! Have a great Shabbos!

OLDER SHTILI GIRLS By Tali Norman and Gabi Mogilner:

The Older Shtili girls had the most amazing trip to Great Wolf Lodge, where we slept and spent the day in the water park. At about 3:00 p.m. we left to go to Walmart and to go to the movies. At Walmart everybody went overboard buying food and color war accessories. Then we saw the Minions movie. It was amazing! After, we got back to camp at about 9 to end an amazing day. We had an awesome time and had a great trip. Thursday we had Tikva Epstein's Bat Mitzvah in camp and raised almost \$400 for Sharsheret at a bake sale where we sold our own home-baked goods. We had an amazing night at the races with the boys and then made s'mores on boys campus at their incredible fire pit. Can't wait for Color War!!



BRAINTEASERS BY ADAM BROMBERG

A man has to get a fox, a chicken, and a sack of corn across a river. He has a rowboat, and it can only carry him and one other thing. If the fox and the chicken are left together, the fox will eat the chicken. If the chicken and the corn are left together, the chicken will eat the corn.

How does the man do it?

Answer:

The man and the chicken cross the river, (the fox and corn are safe together), he leaves the chicken on the other side and goes back across.

The man then takes the fox across the river, and since he can't leave the fox and chicken together, he brings the chicken back.

Again, since the chicken and corn can't be left together, he leaves the chicken and he takes the corn across and leaves it with the fox.

He then returns to pick up the chicken and heads across the river one last time.

Alice came across a lion and a unicorn in a forest of forgetfulness. Those two are strange beings. The lion lies every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and the other days he speaks the truth. The unicorn lies on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays, however the other days of the week he speaks the truth.

Lion: Yesterday I was lying.

Unicorn: So was I.

On which day did they say that?

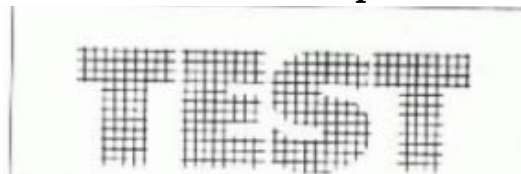
Answer:

As there is no day when both of the beings would be lying, at least one of them must have spoken the truth. They both speak the truth only on Sunday. However, the Lion would then be lying in his statement, so it couldn't be said on Sunday. So exactly one of them lied.

If the Unicorn was honest, then it would have to be Sunday - but previously we proved this wrong. Thus only the Lion spoke the truth when he met Alice on Thursday and spoke with the Unicorn about Wednesday.

What do These Pictures Represent? Answers on Bottom

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DIVISIONAL SPOTLIGHT: OLDER SHITLI BOYS



This Sunday the Older Shtilis had co-ed Fear Factor, boys vs. girls. The boys started by walking carefully from the Beach Pavilion to the Coliseum (in the dark) where we met the girls on the way. The reason we had to walk carefully was because we heard that somewhere near the camp there was a bear. We all got there safely! Once we got to the Coliseum we were told to sit around a small area of grass surrounded by torches. Our division head Jason David started the night activity by asking for two volunteers for the first challenge. One kid had to put a blindfold on and the other had to feed him baby food. The kid who ate the baby food had to guess what the food was. The girls guessed carrots every time, and they were wrong every time. The boys got one right and won the round. The night activity continued with other challenges, including eating fake poop from a diaper, and getting keys from a tin of live worms. In one challenge Ian Friedman cracked eggs with his head and passed the yolk to someone to put into a cup. The boys won most of the challenges, and won Fear Factor. The night activity ended with

counselors playing Twister with condiments like ketchup and jelly. As we walked back to Boys Campus we heard Rabbi Aryeh Yudin say over the walkie talkie not to worry about the bear and that it was behind Girls Campus (where the night activity was) and so we had to be escorted back to Boys Campus by warehouse workers on golf carts.



by Daniel Singer, B-15

DIVISIONAL SPOTLIGHT: MANHIGOT



A week in the eyes of the Manhigot girls: We have the full-on scoop of these girls! It all started with Make Your Own Pizza on Saturday night.

Dough, sure. Cheese - what else could these girls ask for? Then they greeted their teeny tiny cutie patootie little siblings as the mania kids (sing to the tune of Party in the USA) hopped off the bus at Morasha with their dreams and their best friends. Sunday night - everyone PANIC! The Manhigot had to scramble to dress up as the Kardashians, Rachel and Jeremy, Yagilu and the

best for last - their counselors. Monday night was a

roller blading fiasco! From doing limbo on their skates to even performing a jump for their grand finale, the Manhigot were swift on their feet.

And now ladies and gentlemen of all ages the moment you've all been waiting for: the NYC Bash! The girls departed from camp early on Tuesday morning and drove straight to The Beast - an awesomely epic motor boat that sailed across the Hudson. The girls were soaked from head to toe after they were sprayed with river water and water guns. Next it was limo time! The girls were split up into groups with the boys and "followed the scavenger hunt perfectly" or maybe they went out for 16 Handles and Bravo pizza - could be either. Shout out to Sam Rochlin and Yopo for the best limo group ever! After that the girls stopped for a lovely supper at Mendy's. But it was nothing but action as they continued their trip. The girls watched the incredible show, Blue Man Group. It was epic, just epic there really isn't any other way to describe the coolness of these silent blue men.

Next stop was the actual highlight of the entire trip - sleeping in the arcade! From 10:30 pm to 5:00 am there were games games and more games! The girls and boys ran around literally all night. Finally at 5:00 AM it was bedtime aka sleeping on ski ball machines. If that wasn't one crazy night, I don't know what is! The next morning the girls were somehow able to function with 2 hours of sleep and drove to the Palisades Mall to shop, chill and watch movies. Next it was time to Bounce! The girls flipped and tumbled on a series of trampolines at Bounce! Finally the girls ate Carlos & Gabby's at an artsy park for dinner. They returned to camp after having a blast! On Thursday, the girls woke up at noon for the most chill day of the summer. If you couldn't guess it was quite chill. Overall the Manhigot had a super amazing, fantastic, wonderful, joyous, splendid, and swell week!

BLOGGERS OF THE WEEK: MANHIGIM

Manhigim had an awesome night on Sunday with the Panic night activity. Impressions of wake-up, staff meetings and counselors were performed by the campers. The clear winner of Panic was B-22 with notable performances by: Adam Schwartz, Shlomi Krauss, Oren Neuwirth, JJ Blinken, Binyamin Tannenbaum, ZJ Saks, Ari Mitchell, Daniel Hirsh, Benny Waxman, Jason Levine and Jack Ganchrow.

The Gim/Got NYC Bash was so much fun! Between getting wet on the Beast Boat Ride, limo rides, and sleeping at an arcade (sleep at the arcade ranged from 0-3 ½ hours) the Gim/Got had a blast!

In the upcoming play of "Grease," the Manhigim are excited to see, Oren Neuwirth, Shlomi Kraus, the backstage group of Binyamin Tannenbaum, Adam Bromberg, Adam Schwartz, Ari Mitchell, and the band featuring Ben Leifer, Jonathan Kazlow and Calev Koppel.

With color war around the corner (which is probably breaking out at Grease) and league championships, the Manhigim are excited. However, we are also sad to be leaving camp in less than a week.

Until Next Year,
Coby Kranz- B-22



THANK YOU:

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank all the staff members and campers who contributed to the Shalhevet this summer and helped make it so successful.

Thank you to the division heads for sending in their submissions - on time, and many times even early! - and to the staff members who shared their Divrei

Torah. I am especially thankful to all the campers who blogged with me and added so much new content to the Shalhevet this summer. Special shout-out to the Older Shtili Boys and Manhigim Boys, for all their hard work and great contributions. Thanks to the office staff for putting everything together so nicely each week, and last, but not least - thanks to you, my loyal readers.

Wishing everyone a great year! — Yaffi

End of Summer Interview with our Director: JEREMY JOSZEF



What made Camp Morasha 2015 so awesome?

It's really hard to express the incredible spirit, creativity, and growth that is experienced each summer at Morasha. This summer in particular, there was a certain positive energy that permeated every day, every division, and every event. The campers seemed to have smiles, ear-to-ear, all the time. Happy campers makes for a happy camp! And that's just awesome.

How did it feel to be back in camp as a married man?

My room has never been cleaner! In all seriousness, Rachel and I are blessed to spend our summers at Camp Morasha, and she won't let me forget that she started coming here wayyy before I did!

Can you describe a personal highlight of the summer?

I'd say Opening Night in the new Mercazia. The Mercazia was a dream of ours for years. To stand up in the sound booth looking down at over 1,000 Morashaniks, singing, dancing, and pumped up for another incredible summer -- in an air conditioned building :) -- that was a real highlight.

Can we get any sneak peeks into what's in store for Summer 2016?

We hope to be rebuilding several bunks and we are so thrilled to be building a brand new Health Center (Infirmary) for Morasha 2016. This new facility will be an incredible improvement to ensure that all our campers are healthy and cared for. Can't wait for everyone to see it. Of course, we've already started to create a program that's even better than this one (if that's possible!).

Parting words as summer 2015 comes to an end?

We'll miss camp as much as the campers do. We can't imagine not waking up in Lakewood, PA! Please stay in touch and we can't wait to see everyone at the Winter Reunion. And, if any parents or campers have feedback to help us improve, please share!

And last but not least... when is Color War? :)

To be announced.

Roving Reporter

By Adam Bromberg

1. What food would you like to add to the Morasha Menu?

- Pizza Doughnuts- Ari Mitchell (Manhigim)
- Chicken Pot Pie- Tzvi Block (Ilanot Boys)
- Sushi- Sam Hilbert (Older Shtili Boys); Ben Haber (Younger Shtili Boys); Grace Madeb (Ilanot Girls)
- Sloppy Joes and Tacos- Tali Kimmel (Ilanot Girls)
- Cheesy Fries, Aunt Jemimah Syrup and Apple Juice- Zahava Butler (Older Shtili Girls)
- Tradition Soup- Rivki Piotnica (Older Shtili Girls)
- Good pizza- Jason Levine (Manhigim Counselor)
- Steak- Rachel Schwartz (Nitzi Girls); Judah Wagner (Older Shtili Boys Counselor)
- Dougie's- Simi Friedman (Sports Staff)
- More pizza snaps- Benji Kirschner (Nitzi Boys)



2. What activity would you like to add for next summer?

- Ultimate Frisbee- Jay Jay Blinken (Manhigim)
- Sky Diving- Eli Alamo (Ilanot Boys)
- Bike Riding- Rachel Skurnik (Ilanot Girls)
- Ice Skating- Malka Rena Skolnick (Ilanot Girls)
- Golf Cart Rides- Zahava Butler (Older Shtili Girls)
- Mixed Swimming- Paula Spodek (Registrar/Office Manager)
- Go-Karting- Noam Rychik (Older Shtili Boys)
- Jet Skiing- Kiki Keiser (Older Shtili Girls)
- Helicopter rides- Noah Fischman (Nitzi Boys)
- Filmmaking Course- Shimmy Socol (Videographer)
- Housekeeping- Shira Kessock (Head of Ceramics)



- Looking forward to tonight's Night Activity:





Please enjoy these
 "Shake it Up" Smoothie Recipes



from Chana Prero,

so you can savor the sweet taste taste of summer
 all year long:

—— For each recipe ——

All fruit must be chopped. Ice and frozen fruit should be put in first.
 For a sweeter taste, add 1 tablespoon of honey. Enjoy!

EVERYDAY FRUIT
 SMOOTHIE:

- 1 apple
- 1 banana
- 1 pear
- 1 peach
- 1 cup orange juice
- 2 cups ice



CHOCOLATE BANANA
 SMOOTHIE:

- 2 cups milk
- 2 Tbsp cocoa
- 4 Tbsp honey or dissolved sugar
- 1 banana
- 1 cup ice
- optional: 2 Tbsp hemp seeds

PINEAPPLE PEACH BLAST
 SMOOTHIE:

- 2 cups pineapple
- 1 cup peach
- optional: 1 banana
- 2 cups ice
- Either 1 cup orange juice or 1 cup milk

BLUEBERRY BLAST SMOOTHIE:

- 1 cup blueberries
- 1 banana OR 1 cup strawberries OR
- 1 cup pineapple and/or 1 mango
- 1 cup orange juice OR 1 cup milk
- Optional: 1 cup yogurt

STRAWBERRY BANANA
 SMOOTHIE

- 1 cup strawberry
- 1 banana
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1 cup yogurt
- 1 cup ice

BLUEBERRY GRAPE SURPRISE
 SMOOTHIE:

- 1 cup blueberries
- 1 cup grapes
- 1 red apple
- 1 cup ice
- 1 cup orange juice

DVAR TORAH by Morah Sharon Richter



Giving Tzedaka to Ourselves?

In years 3 and 6 of the seven-year Shemita cycle, we are commanded to remove a second ma'aser and give it to the poor. In years 1,2,4 and 5 we are commanded to remove a second ma'aser - ma'aser sheini, and rather than giving it away, we are instructed to bring the food to Yerushalayim and to eat it there. Why would we give Tzedaka to ourselves? And why do we need to specifically eat the ma'aser in Yerushalayim?

The Sefer haChinuch explains: When a Jew brings his food to Yerushalayim he will not be able to finish it all in a day or two. He, or one of his children will therefore "hang around" in Yerushalayim near the Sanhedrin and many talmidei chachamim. When this family member returns home, he will share the Torah and its' values with his family. In this way, ALL of the families in am Yisrael will be strengthened.

As we approach the close of another phenomenal summer at camp, I smile as I think about all of the growth that has occurred in such a short amount of time- learning Shabbat davening, lively zemirot, gracious thank yous to our housekeeping staff, davening ma'ariv each night, stretching ourselves to share with others to name just a few.

What can each of us bring home to our families? How can we bring some of the inspiration that we gained in camp into our lives for the next ten months? Let's each commit to bring home at least one.