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# SHALHEVET

JULY 8-9, 2016 / PARSHAT KORACH

## Welcome to Morasha 2016!

We greeted a record 794 campers on Sunday for what promises to be an amazing season! Opening festivities began on a high note with a special concert by music star (and Morasha alum) Mordechai Shapiro. The energy and excitement was palpable in the Mercazia as each division cheered, sang and danced, while watching a video recapping last summer and our fondest Morasha memories.



Our first full day of camp coincided with July 4. Decked out in red, white and blue, campers competed in a Panoply competition and enjoyed a delicious BBQ capped off by a dazzling fireworks show. Regular activities were in full swing, with sports, swim, rock climbing, art, baking, horseback riding, gaga and more. Night activities were also off to a great start, with pool parties and army nights setting the tone for a summer of non-stop fun!

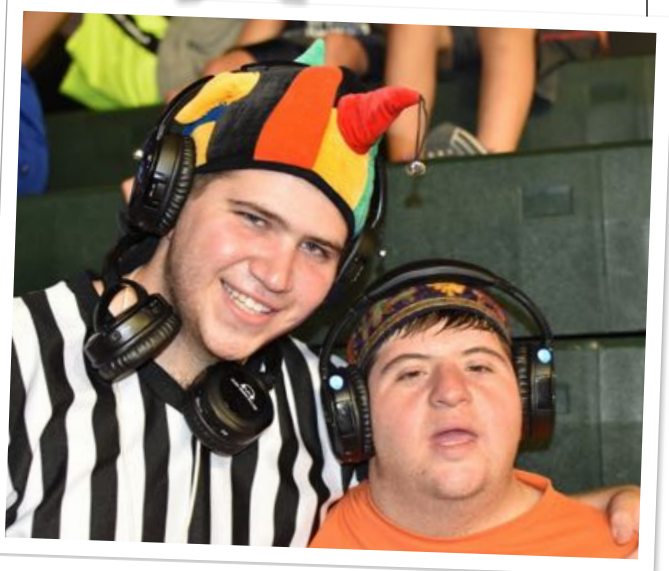
We got creative on Wednesday for our annual Purim in July celebration. The topsy turvy day began with a musical Shacharit in honor of Rosh Chodesh, continued with a seudah and hamentashen, and ended with a silent DJ chagiga, where everyone had a blast dancing to the beat of their own music while showing off their wacky costumes.

Thursday was Trip Day! The entire camp traveled to Hershey Park, tasting their way through the chocolate headquarters and enjoying all the rides and attractions. Friday we had a carnival and ran a marathon, "Morasha Runs B'Simcha," to raise money for Camp Simcha for children with special needs.

This weekend, we look forward to welcoming guest speaker Rabbi Gil Perl, Head of School at Kohelet Yeshiva High School (and former Morasha camper), and exploring our summer learning theme: "Live to Give." Shabbat Shalom!



# PURIM IN JULY!



# TRIP DAY AT HERSHEY!



# Connect with Morasha on Social Media!

We want YOU to be part of the magic of Morasha:

\* Follow us on our new Snapchat account: **MorashaMoments**

\* Check us out on Instagram **@CampMorasha64**

\* Follow our divisional Instagram accounts

\* Download our incredible new App

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\* Visit our website to browse photo galleries, watch the Morasha movies, and read the latest news on our blog



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**Congrats to the Older Shtili Girls basketball team for defeating Neshar in the first game of Wayne County leagues!**



## Meet Our New Morasha Staff

### **Ariel & Shira Auman, and Aliza and Kayla:**

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

We live in Teaneck, New Jersey and both of us work at the Frisch school in Paramus.

#### **What are your jobs at camp?**

Shira: I am an assistant in the programming department.

Ariel: I am the assistant head of boys sports.

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

Ariel: I was a "staff kid" in camp until I was 11, and it's always been my dream to return ever since.

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

Moish da Baker's amazing shabbos cake and cinnamon buns!

#### **Ariel, what do you enjoy most about being on sports staff?**

I'm really enjoying getting to know the entire sports staff as well as the campers. It's always special to get the opportunity to watch those special moments when campers display beautiful middot and sportsmanship during even the most heated and competitive games.

#### **Shira, what program or event are you most excited to work on?**

While each and every program is amazing, the one I'm most excited to work on is the Olympics. I can't wait to get involved in such an exciting event where the campers are able to each shine with their own unique talents.

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

The enthusiastic staff. You can really tell how much each staff member loves being here, and as a result really gives their all to create an unbelievably energetic and fun environment for all of the campers.





## DVAR TORAH

### by Rabbi Matan Wexler:

In this week's parsha, פרשת קרח, we learn about the rebellion that קרח and his followers staged against משה רבינו. They exclaimed: "All of the Jewish People are holy so why do you - משה and אהרן - lift yourselves above us and lead us? We don't need you!" (פרק טז פסוק ג).

This was a special rebellion in that the participants were very holy people. קרח, a first cousin of משה, was a great man - so great that he merited to have שמואל הנביא as a descendant. Also, among those who followed him were ראשי סנהדרין from the tribe of ראובן. These were men who were head judges of their fellow Jews! How could they go against משה?

The Midrash tells us (partially quoted in Rashi in the beginning of the פרשה) that קרח and his followers asked a couple of questions to משה. Firstly, does a Tallit dyed entirely of תכלת require ציצית strings with one dyed with תכלת? After all, the whole garment is already dyed תכלת? Secondly, does a room full of Torah scrolls need a מזוזה? After all, the words found in the מזוזה are in the Torah scrolls so there should be no need for a מזוזה in that room?! What is the meaning behind these questions? What was the rebellion about?

Rabbi Yitzchok Cohen of our Morasha Kollel and Yeshiva University explained the following in the name of the Baalei Mussar (בעלי מוסר): The sin of קרח and his holy followers was that they felt that they were on such a high level of holiness that there was no need for a leader to tell them what to do. They also didn't think that there was a need to be reminded of doing the mitzvot because they were constantly learning the Torah.

The purpose of the מצוה of מזוזה is to remind people that Hashem is in the room. Similarly, the purpose of ציצית is to remind people to fulfill מצוות (mitzvot). קרח and his followers didn't think that they needed reminders from people or these מצוות because they were on such a high level and so close to Hashem. They viewed themselves as the garment completely dyed תכלת and as the room full of Torah scrolls.

We all need to be constantly reminded to serve Hashem and act appropriately. Even קרח and his followers needed these reminders! As we begin our summer together, let us not make the same mistake as קרח. During the summer, kiss that מזוזה, wear those ציצית and learn תורה. We are members of the Jewish People and we should remember this and need to be constantly reminded of this wherever we go.

# FUN PAGE:

Can you figure out what these letters stand for?

Example: 26 L. in the A. = 26 letters in the alphabet

72= S. up to the M.

794 = C. in M.

53 = Y. of M.

5 = B. in the T.

52= W. in a Y.

32= D. at which W.F.

Check out the five-day weather forecast  
for the next few days at camp:

<b>SAT</b> Jul 9	75°/58°	 Thunderstorms
<b>SUN</b> Jul 10	72°/53°	 Showers
<b>MON</b> Jul 11	81°/55°	 Partly Cloudy
<b>TUE</b> Jul 12	87°/62°	 Mostly Sunny
<b>WED</b> Jul 13	88°/65°	 Partly Cloudy