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A Week to Remember!

Week Two was full of fun, spirit and values, as each camper truly shined and displayed their unique talents!

On Tuesday, girls enjoyed a mini color-war called "It's About Time," with four teams: 60s, 70s, 80s and 90s. The gals competed in sports and swim, and worked on creative projects incorporating cultural and historical highlights of their decade, ending off with an exhilarating color run. Each team also presented a cheer, cake, dance, video, music performance and fashion show, modeling their team's distinctive styles. Congrats to the 80s pink team for winning!

Meanwhile, boys campus competed in FIFA, with 48 teams representing different countries. Campers played nine-minute soccer matches throughout the day, culminating in the championships, where the victors emerged: Dominican Republic (Nitzanim and Younger Shtilim), Slovakia (Older Shtilim and Ilanot) and Belgium (Manhigim and Alufim).



Thursday night was our annual Shiria singing contest: "Music for Moish." Although the girls won for the second year in a row, both campuses truly outdid themselves, presenting beautiful songs, solos and harmonies to pay tribute to the evening's guest of honor Morasha's beloved baker, Moish Birnbaum, and his wife, Malka, for 50 years of service to the camp. It was truly inspirational to witness such a powerful display of passion, spirit and "heart and soul," from the meaningful song choices to the camper band and the ruach displayed by all.

Other highlights included basketball clinics with Team Elitzur, rotating bonfires, human foosball, pool parties, Satran tournament, Wayne County leagues and Zumba! This weekend, we are excited to welcome special guest Saul Blinkoff, a Disney animator and observant Jew, who will speak to campers and staff and share his fascinating insights. We will also hear from Dr. Scott Goldberg, Vice Provost for Teaching and Learning at Yeshiva University. And of course, we can't wait to greet our family members and friends at Morasha on Sunday morning for Visiting Day! Shabbat Shalom!



SPOTLIGHT ON MANHIGIM:

Good shabbos from the Manhigim,
We can't say the week was dim.
Freeze dodgeball was sweet,
And all day FIFA on our feet.
Shiria we had a blast,
These weeks have been going by way too fast.
Our pool party was a splash, especially our
synchronized diving dash.
We're so pumped to see our parents on Sunday,
followed by Olympics, where we'll compete and play.
We had an intense ABC scavenger hunt, and we watched the all-star game bunt.
We ordered the famous Dougie's junior combo, make sure we have enough dough.
Shoutout to the guys who make these things fun, like Mark, Green, Elias and Slonim.
Of course Siegel, Schultz, Soffer and Rubin, oh yeah and our almost Shiria win.
Good shabbos! -Giml6



SPOTLIGHT ON NITZI BOYS:

The Nitzis are off to a great start! With 86 campers, we are the largest division in camp and are certainly making some noise. Our league games have gotten off to a good start. With 12 hockey teams, our campers have been alternating between playing intense hockey games and exciting softball games. The Younger Nitzis' basketball and soccer leagues are underway. They've enjoyed learning from our Basketball Pro Zak Rosen in clinics. Our Older Nitzis have been rotating through basketball clinics, leagues, soccer and gaga. Our days have been packed with events like the Marathon for Camp Simcha, trip to Hershey Park, FIFA and Purim in July. Our nights have been filled with exciting activities like Army Night, Fireworks, a pool party, BBQ, bonfire, string hunt, and most recently, Shiria. Even though we didn't win, we sang our hearts out and had a good time! We want to highlight our amazing counselors who have been so much fun to be around, learn from and bother. We are excited to see our parents on Sunday and then get back to an exciting week with Olympics!

SPOTLIGHT ON YOUNGER SHTILIM GIRLS:

When you really stop to think about it—there’s no way that we have only been in camp for TWO weeks?!



The Younger Shtilim Girls have had a rockin’ week, full of exciting activities and special night activities. Starting off with a bang, earlier in the week, the YSG had a surprise Glow-in-the-Dark dance party in the Mercazia Performing Arts Center. What the girls thought was an “extra Shiria practice” turned out to be an hour of fun, games and dancing! The girls danced with Glow-in-the-Dark necklaces and played fun games of freeze dance and Coke & Pepsi, while music filled the Mercazia.

How could we forget about our “Fitness Night” on Monday night, which was a blast!? The division rotated between 4 stations—jump roping, stretches and meditation, spinning, and smoothie making! Then came: “It’s About Time” on Tuesday where we were split into different decades (60’s, 70’s, 80’s, 90’s) and competed in our very own Girl’s Campus Color War!



A big MoraShout-Out of special thanks to Shani Norman and her programming team, Elisha Zakai, and Aileen Mehlman for helping run and coordinate such a fantastic week!

SPOTLIGHT ON ILANOT GIRLS:



The Ilanot girls had a really exciting week here at Camp Morasha. To start off, we had Zumba Sunday night led by a few of our counselors! The girls really enjoyed dancing to their

favorite songs and learning new dance moves! The night then turned into a huge dance party; it was great exercise! Then the girls started practicing for our biggest music event of the summer known as Shiria! All of girls campus got together Monday for a meaningful and enjoyable practice. The girls sang beautifully! They really put their "HEART AND SOUL" into the singing! Monday night we enjoyed a pool party for night activity! We blasted music and had yummy snacks to pump up the night. On Tuesday we had our 2nd annual girls campus "It's About Time" event. The girls were split up by decades (60s, 70s, 80s, 90s) and learned a little about each time period so they could succeed in their competitions! Whether it was sports games, swim meets, decorating the Mercazia, cake boss, fashion forward, creating a video star, or putting together an a capella performance, each camper was able to get involved and perform in the area that speaks to them! Congratulations to the 80s on their win!! On Wednesday night the Ilanot division got together for a camp fire! We sang songs, made s'mores and just enjoyed each other's company. It was a very campy experience! Finally, we ended off the week with Shiria! This year's event was dedicated to Moish the baker in honor of his 50th summer at Morasha! It was a beautiful night filled with singing and meaning. The girls team won for the 2nd year in a row!! We had an awesome week!



SHIRIA: MUSIC FOR MOISH



BOYS: FIFA!



GIRLS: IT'S ABOUT TIME!



Congrats to the Older Shtili Girls basketball team, which is now 2-0 in the Wayne County Leagues! Way to go!

Meet Our New Morasha Staff

Ariel & Sara Schreier:



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

Sara: We live in Washington Heights, New York. I'm finishing up my master's degree at Touro Graduate School of Social Work. Ariel just graduated from YU with computer science and math degrees, and now he's in the semicha program at RIETS.

What are your jobs at camp?

Ariel: I'm the division head for Younger Shtili Boys and Sara is the Assistant Head of Girls Sports.

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

Sara: Jacob Bernstein told us about some positions that were open this summer and so we interviewed with Jeremy in February, and here we are now!

Ariel was in the BMP program 5 summers ago and was a younger nitzi counselor 4 summers ago. This is my first time at Morasha but I'm loving the experience so far!

What do you like most about camp so far?

The spirit of all the campers and staff members and how everyone gets so involved in all the programs and activities!

Ariel, what do you like best about working with YSB?

I love them. They live for camp and really enjoy it, so it's fun to work with them. I especially like playing ultimate frisbee with them during rest!

Sara, what's your favorite sport, and how are you enjoying your job on sports staff?

I really enjoy basketball. I played on the basketball teams in YNJ, Bruriah and Michlalah, but haven't had much of an opportunity to play since college, so I'm happy that I get a chance to do it this summer! The best part about being on sports staff is being outside and getting tons of exercise! Also, the sports staff is awesome! Shout out to the best boss, Miriam who is super organized, efficient, and dedicated to her program, and I really enjoy working with her!!

What are you most looking forward to this summer?

Having fun and making a positive impact on the campers and other staff members.

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



* "Like" us on Facebook to view pictures and updates

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

***** MAZEL TOV *****

- Mazel tov to Rabbi JZ and Tamar Spier on the birth of a son!

- Mazel Tov to Rabbi Ira and Paula Spodek on the birth of a grandson, born to their children, Sruli (Stu) and Melissa Spodek!



- Mazel tov to Rabbi Yehuda and Chavi Balsam on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Pinny! And Mazel Tov to the proud grandparents, Vivian and Menachem Rosenberg!



DVAR TORAH by R' Moshe Dechter:

In this week's Sedrah, the Torah introduces the famous process of parah aduma, the Red Heifer. The phrase used to introduce this special mitzvah is "zos chukkas haTorah." A chok is a mitzvah commanded by Hashem with no logical reason given. In the case of the red heifer, it is the process which is extremely puzzling. A person who becomes tamei mait, contaminated by a dead body, is required to be m'taheir, purified, through this process. The chok aspect is regarding the Kohen who performs the ritual. Shockingly, he becomes tamei at the completion of the service!

The poskim ask an obvious question: Why is this mitzvah specifically referred to as "zos chukkas haTorah?" Perhaps a better wording would be "zos chukkas ha'para" or "zos chukkas ha'tehorah."

Rav Moshe Feinstein writes a beautiful answer in his sefer "Dorash Moshe." He explains that the term "chukkas haTorah" teaches us to keep every mitzvah in the Torah as a chok. Ideally, we should be keeping all mitzvot in the Torah only because Hashem commanded! My Rebbe, Rav Beinish Ginsburg of Yeshivat Netiv Aryeh, says that the reasons behind mitzvot should be the dessert: they should only enhance our observance of the mitzvot. We should be doing mitzvot because Hashem told us to! The fact that He gave us a reason should just make them more enjoyable. Rav Moshe adds a second idea as well: The peculiar process where the contaminated is purified, while the purifier is contaminated, actually teaches us an important life lesson. There are character traits that can be used both for purity and impurity. The same trait can bring someone close to Hashem or push him further away.

For example, this summer's theme is "live to give." The trait of generosity is usually a positive attribute. When a person calculates his income, he is supposed to give a tenth or more to tzedakah. The more you give, the bigger the mitzvah! However, when it comes to using a friend's money, one must be very stingy. Using one penny without his permission is seen as taking his friend's life! Therefore, being too generous with other's possessions can be detrimental to our religious observance.

"Zos chukkas haTorah" is a lesson on how we should strive to act every day. The Torah was given as a way to connect to Hashem and everything in it can be used to achieve greatness or chas v'shalom to encourage immorality. It is our responsibility to act as nation of spiritual purity and accomplish the most important task of getting close to Hashem.

FUN PAGE: RIDDLES

1. There are only 4 words in the English language that start with the letters “DW.” Can you name them?

2. Take away my first letter, and I still sound the same. Take away my last letter, I still sound the same. Even take away my letter in the middle, I still sound the same.

I am a five-letter word. What am I?

3. What occurs once in a minute, twice in a moment and never in one thousand years?

4. What has a head but never weeps, has a bed but never sleeps, can run but never walks, and has a bank but no money?

5. What is the next letter in this sequence: JFMAMJJASON_ ?



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

SAT Jul 16	81°/56°	 Partly Cloudy
SUN Jul 17	83°/63°	 Sunny
MON Jul 18	84°/64°	 PM Thunderstorms
TUE Jul 19	80°/55°	 AM Thunderstorms
WED Jul 20	80°/56°	 Mostly Sunny

NIGHT ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

WEEK 2

JULY 17 - JULY 23

	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY						
18:00-19:00	Face Paint	 OLYMPICS	CLOSING CEREMONIES			Boys' Champions						
19:00-20:00	Face Paint PUMP IT UP!											
20:00-21:00	Face Paint											
21:00-22:00	Face Paint			OLYMPICS	CLOSING CEREMONIES							
22:00-23:00	Face Paint											
23:00-00:00	Face Paint											
00:00-01:00	Face Paint											
01:00-02:00	Face Paint					OLYMPICS	CLOSING CEREMONIES			MORASHA CUP		
02:00-03:00	Face Paint											
03:00-04:00	Face Paint							OLYMPICS	CLOSING CEREMONIES			Girls' Champions
04:00-05:00	Face Paint											
05:00-06:00	Face Paint											
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STAFF NIGHT ACTIVITIES

WEEK 3

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
17  BEACH VOLLEYBALL 9:00PM	18 BBYO <i>Simcha Leiner</i> Concert 	19 OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT  9:30PM
WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	MOTZEI SHABBAT
20 Rock Climbing  9:00PM	21 NIGHT AT THE GRAMMYS 	23  LAKE COMO PIZZA & DJ'S

STAFF SHIUR SCHEDULE

Sunday: Rabbi Larry Rothwachs

"Earning One's Share and Sharing One's Earnings"

Monday: BBYO Program

Pre-Program Leil Iyun: See separate schedule

Tuesday - Shabbat: TBA