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AUGUST 5-6, 2016 / PARSHAT MATOT-MASEI

Second Session off to a Great Start!

The week started out with a fond farewell to all our friends who left on Changeover Day, and we were so excited to greet our new second month campers. We were also thrilled to welcome over 100 boys and girls to Morasha Mania. Between pool parties, carnivals and roller skating, they had a blast and we hope to see everyone back here next summer as Nitzis!

The highlight of our week was Trip Day, with each division embarking on a special excursion out of camp. The Alufim/Fot left on their road trip and headed to the airport on Monday. First stop: Universal Studios in Orlando! From there, they made their way back up the coast, stopping in Georgia for some Marine training, Myrtle Beach in South Carolina, beach cruiser biking in Virginia, and finally to Washington D.C., where they will spend Shabbos before driving back to camp on Sunday.

The Manhigim/Got traveled to New York City on a whirlwind two-day trip, starting Wednesday with a Ride the Beast boat ride and a limo scavenger hunt, topping off the day with a Mets-Yankees game. They also spent a memorable night sleeping at the Sportime USA arcade, and on Thursday went to the Palisades Mall and Bounce! Meanwhile, the Ilanot headed to Lake George for some action-packed fun. They had a blast playing laser tag and go-karting, completing the Adirondack Extreme Adventure Course, bowling and white water rafting!

The Nitzi and Shtili boys also had an awesome time on their rafting trip, and enjoyed bowling and a movie as well, while the Nitzi and Younger Shtili girls enjoyed their day at Camelbeach and the movies. Older Shtilim girls had a splashin' good time at Aquatopia Indoor Waterpark Wednesday night, and joined their friends at Camelbeach on Thursday. Yachad also had a great trip day at Skate Estates, bowling and a Binghamton Mets baseball game.

Friday we enjoyed a chilled out, relaxing day at camp. This Shabbos, we look forward to hearing from guest speaker Aliza Blumenthal. Shabbat Shalom!



TRIP DAY 2016





DVAR TORAH

by Sammy Zimmerman

An incident found in this week's pasha "Matot-Masei" has always perplexed me. It is the story of the request of Gad and Reuven. These two tribes make an apparently reasonable and mild request. They ask to settle in the land conquered from Sichon and Og. They desired this land on the Eastern side of the Jordan since they possessed much livestock and these lands provided ample grazing land.

Moshe's response to them seems at first a troubling one. He goes ballistic. He seems to be way overboard in his reaction. According to the verses in chapter 63:6-15, he lashes out at these tribes comparing them to the spies. He calls them students of sinners (Onkelos' translation of תרבות אנשים רעים) and saying to them "you will destroy this nation".

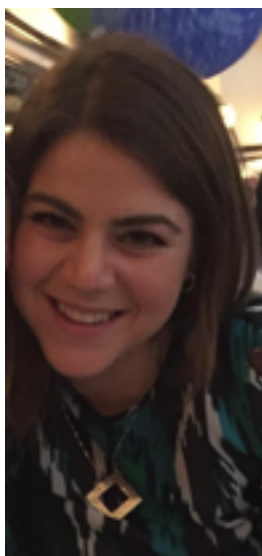
Do these tribes deserve such harsh criticism? Is Moshe "ranting and raving like a senile old man" (chas veshalom)? Alternatively, more charitably, is Moshe suffering from a post-traumatic reaction from the sin of the spies and therefore this seeming innocent request of the tribes sets off all kinds of alarms in Moshe's psyche?

However, all is not innocent in the tribes' request. Rashi already points out that their request to "build corrals for our sheep and cities for our children (verse 16) shows misplaced priorities. Moshe sets them straight and tells them to first build the cities for their children and only then build the enclosure for their sheep (verse 24).

However, there is more. The Malbim, in his typically close reading of the Torah text, points out other differences in the perceptions of Moshe and the Tribes. In 23:17 the tribes state "we will march in from of our brother tribes (לפני בני ישראל) in combat in the conquest of the land. Moshe corrects them in verse 20 by making the condition 'לפני ד'. He repeats this phrase three additional times in verses 22 and 22.

Furthermore, back in verse 17, the tribes state that their children will live in fortified cities (ערי מבצר) to protect them from the local inhabitants. Moshe, in verse 24, says build cities for your children without any mention of fortification. The message is clear, says the Malbim. Should their military acts be one of 'לפני ד', not just לפני בני ישראל then, with this trust in Hashem that all will go well, there is no need for fortification to protect their children. If, however, they are relaying only on the natural course of events, they may be in for trouble.

Moshe, despite his reservations, finally agrees to the request of Gad and Reuven but he places conditions on the agreement. In seeing what was lacking in the tribes worldview and their priorities, Moshe gives us insight as to why his initial negative reaction to the request was not as exaggerated as we previously thought.



Meet Our New Morasha Staff

Rachel Lunzer

Good Shabbos Camp Morasha! My name is Rachel Lunzer and I am from Great Neck, NY (on Long Island). I graduated from Queens College with a degree in Political Science and I will IYH be starting NYU Nursing School in the September.

This summer, I am the head of the girls' rock wall. I worked at the rock wall at Camp Simcha a few years ago but this is my first time being in charge of rock climbing. It can sometimes be hard to be in the sun all day, and its not always so easy belaying (that's what its called when we pull you up the wall). On the flip, and much better side, I love that I get to meet, work with, and hang out with campers and counselors from every division. Plus I wanna give my staff a shoutout for being the best- hi guys- and for making it a pleasure to come to work everyday.








It was entirely by chance that I ended up at Morasha! My friend Rebecca Konigsberg, the YS Girls division head, and I worked together at SAR this year and she said "Hey, they are looking for someone to run girls rock wall- you should do it!". I never went to Morasha as a camper (:/) but I had heard such amazing things about it that I just couldn't pass up the opportunity. My contract was signed by the end of the week. Best last minute decision ever.

Even though I never went to Morasha as a camper, I did go to sleepaway camp, and although it might sound cliché, I just love camp. The energy is awesome- full of excitement, happiness, and life. At Morasha, everyone from the most veteran senior staff member to the nitzis has made me feel so welcome and at home and has made this summer an awesome one so thank you so much for that!

NIGHT ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

WEEK 6

August 7 - 13

	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	M. SHABBAT
Nitzi Girls	<div>CUPCAKE WARS</div> <div></div> <div>(CANTEEN/NSDR)</div>	BUNK WARS	<div>CARNIVAL</div>	<div></div>	PANIC	<div>7</div> <div>4</div> <div>10</div> <div>4</div> <div>1</div> <div>5</div> <div>4</div> <div>7</div>
Nitzi Boys		<div>ODT & BBQ</div>	CAPTURE THE FLAG		3-ON-3 TOURNY	
YS Girls	Human Apples2Apples	BUNK WARS	BOWLING	ARMY NIGHT		
YS Boys	<div></div> <div>RAINBOW TAG</div> <div>(& NIGHT CANTEEN)</div>	Shtili Sushi SHTILIM ROLL TOGETHER		3-ON-3 TOURNY		
OS Girls	battle of the genders Tic-Tac-Toe Newcomb	BUNK WARS	Human Apples2Apples (CANTEEN)	MAKE YOUR OWN PIZZA <div></div>		
OS Boys	Human Foosball (GIRLS COURTS) <div></div>	Shtili Sushi SHTILIM ROLL TOGETHER	AUGUST MADNESS	3-ON-3 TOURNY		
Ilanot Girls	WALK TO PIZZA, DJ'S, MOVIE NIGHT	BUNK WARS	<div>ODT</div>	HUNGRY HUNGRY HIPPOS		
Ilanot Boys	NIGHT LEAGUES	CAPTURE THE COUNSELOR		3-ON-3 TOURNY		
Manhigot	<div>ODT</div>	BUNK WARS	CAPTURE OR CAPTURED!	PANIC		
Manhigim		<div>BALLOON POP!</div>		3-ON-3 TOURNY		
Alufot	<div>FRESH</div> <div></div>	BUNK WARS	HUNGRY HUNGRY HIPPOS	PANIC		
Alufim		PANIC	NIGHT LEAGUES	3-ON-3 TOURNY		
Yachad	<div>CUPCAKE WARS</div> <div></div>	Boys: S'mores & B. Volleyball Girls: BUNK WARS	Boys: Minute 2 win it Girls: <div>CARNIVAL</div>	<div>POKÉMON GO</div> <div>(G. PAVILION)</div>		

STAFF NIGHT ACTIVITIES

WEEK 6

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
7 	8 MOVIE NIGHT 	9 
WEDNESDAY		MOTZEI SHABBAT
10  9 DAYS PLAY		12 TISHA B'AV

STAFF SHIUR SCHEDULE

Sunday: Rabbi Larry Rothwachs

"Revealing the Destructive Nature of שנאת חנם"

Monday: Rabbi Jon Schachter

"A Way Out of Fasting on Tisha B'av: From None Other than the Navi Zecharia"

Tuesday: Rabbi Mordechai Willig

"Live to Give: The Key to Torah Marriage" – Part 6

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Thursday: In Every Generation

Join one of the three shifts of the Camp Nine Days. Play, see schedule in the daily.

PRE-TISHA B'AV STAFF MISHMAR:

Mrs. Yael Goldfischer - 9:45 – 10:30 PM

"Tisha B'Av Through the Eyes of Moshe"

Jeremy Jozsef - 10:30 – 11:00 PM

"The Top 10 Mistakes I Made"