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JUNE 30-JULY 1, 2017 / PARSHAT CHUKAT

Welcome to Morasha 2017: Count Your Blessings

We greeted a record-breaking number of campers on Wednesday for what promises to be another fantastic summer! Under sunny blue skies, campers excitedly ran off the bus, meeting counselors and friends, and admiring all the beautiful new bunks and facilities we built this year. See inside for more details and pictures!

Opening festivities kicked off in the Mercazia Performing Arts Center with a special surprise concert by music star Benny Friedman. The energy and ruach were incredible as each division cheered, sang and danced, while watching videos that recapped last summer and our fondest Morasha memories. We also met our fantastic division heads and were introduced to this summer's theme: Count Your Blessings.



Regular activities were in full swing on Thursday and Friday, with sports, swim, baking, art, fishing, horseback riding and more. Night activities were also off to a great start, with pool parties and army nights setting the stage for a summer of non-stop fun!



This Shabbos, we wish a special Mazel Tov to Eitan Seewald and his family as they celebrate his Bar Mitzvah! We are also proud to welcome (back) singing sensation and Morasha alum Mordechai Shapiro! With July 4th and Trip Day coming up, we look forward to an even more amazing Week Two at Camp Morasha — Let the magic continue! Shabbat Shalom!

NIGHT ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

WEEK 2

July 2-July 8

| | SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | M. SHABBAT |
|--------------|---------------------------------------|---|--|---------------|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| Nitzi Girls | PANIC | It's About Time ☺ | Red, White & Blue String Hunt | PURIM IN JULY | T R I P D A Y | ALEPH VS. BET |
| Nitzi Boys | DODGEBALL (TANK) | POOL PARTY | Capture THE Counselor | | | |
| YS Girls | OUT | It's About Time ☺ | POOL PARTY | | | |
| YS Boys | POOL PARTY | YouTube Challenge & Night Canteen (CANTEEN) | AMERICANA MADLIBS | | | |
| OS Girls | HUMAN APPLES 2 APPLES | It's About Time ☺ | Hungry Hippos (NEW STAFF DINING?) | | | |
| OS Boys | ALL STAR CHALLENGE (BOYS GYM) | Volleyball / Kan Jam / Cook Out | OUT | | | |
| Ilanot Girls | Wacky Races (MERCAZIA) | It's About Time ☺ | See Run Build | | | |
| Ilanot Boys | | Rainbow Tag | 3-ON-3 TOURNY | | | |
| Manhigot | WHOSE LINE IS IT ANYWAY? (PARGOD) | It's About Time ☺ | See Run Build | | | |
| Manhigim | POOL PARTY | Jailball (BOYS GYM) | Build (MERCAZIA) | | | |
| Alufot | WHOSE LINE IS IT ANYWAY? (PARGOD) | It's About Time ☺ | POOL PARTY | | | |
| Alufim | <Dodge It> (BOYS GYM) | POOL PARTY | FIMystery Night Out | | | |
| Yachad | Human Bingo (CANTEEN OR BONDI 3/4) | It's About Time ☺ KATCOKE | Capture the Flag (GIRLS SOFTBALL FIELD) | | | |

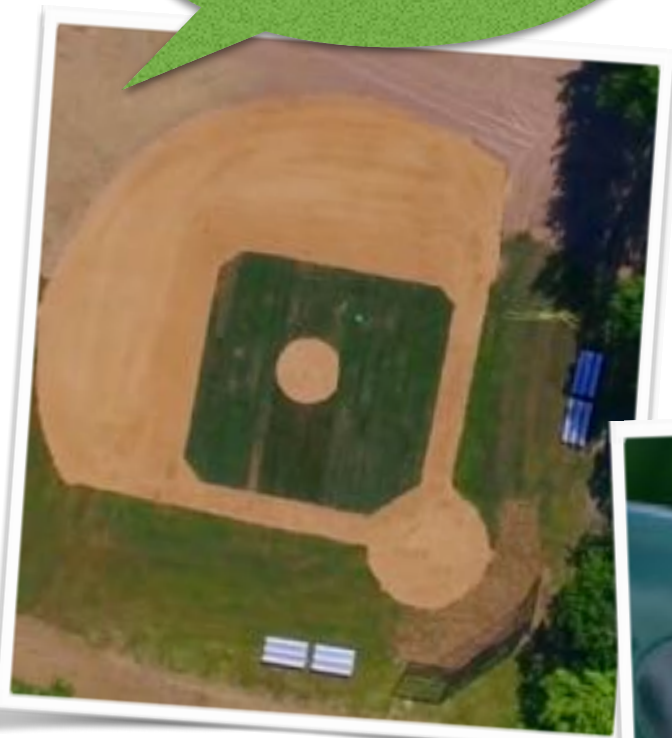
Check out what's NEW for Morasha 2017:



6
basketball
courts



3 baseball fields



boys gym floor &
team bleacher seating



PLUS:
6 tennis courts
sand volleyball

Check out what's NEW for Morasha 2017:



A
stunning
Boys Shul



6 beautiful
bunks and new
furniture for every
bunk in camp

BUT WAIT... THERE'S MORE!

This summer, we are also proud to unveil our expanded Creative Arts department with three new activities: Street Art, Fine Art and Lightroom



**** Stay tuned next week to meet some of our new and incredible staff members! ****

WELCOME HOME!



OPENING NIGHT FESTIVITIES!



FIRST FULL DAY OF CAMP!



Dvar Torah: Parshat Chukat

by Ahuva Blass, Chinuch Fellow



This week's parsha, Chukat, talks about the death of Aharon Hakohen. At the end of perek chaf, there are clear details about Aharon's death – what he wore, what mountain he went up to die on, and which people he was in front of. However, what stands out the most about this episode was the pasuk that directly followed – “The whole congregation saw that Aharon had died, and the entire house of Israel wept for thirty days.” (20:29)

What is striking is the fact that the pasuk used the words “kol beit Yisroel” – the entire house of Israel. The usage of “kol beit” makes the nation sound completely united, literally under one house. The word bait (bayit) literally sounds like a household, a family, and an obvious question is why use such an intimate term here?

Rashi answers this question beautifully. He explains that the pasuk uses this word because beit refers to both the men and the women in Bnei Yisroel, and Aharon, who had just passed away, was a great facilitator of peace between husband and wife. Aharon was known to be ohev shalom v'rodef shalom – constantly promoting peace between Bnei Yisroel. Although he was the first ever Kohen Gadol, a huge tzadik, and came from a family of righteous people, what stood out most about him was the way he excelled at and served as a role model in bein adam l'chaveiro. The legacy he left behind was one of promoting peace between man and wife (and all of Bnei Yisroel) to such a degree that this is the quality about him the pasuk hints to directly after his death.

It's so easy to think that being close to Hashem, performing mitzvot, learning, or doing other bein adam l'makom or l'atzmo things are the most important. However, although those are important, that's not the legacy that Aharon Hakohen left behind. What matters most, what makes the greatest impression on the people we interact with, is bein adam l'chaveiro, especially when it's coming from someone in a great position. We should all strive to internalize this message of Aharon Hakohen and follow in his footsteps, truly caring for and pursuing peace among Am Yisroel.

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



- * Check us out on Instagram @CampMorasha64
- * Follow our divisional Instagram accounts
- * Download our redesigned 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

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



| DAY | | DESCRIPTION | HIGH / LOW | PRECIP |
|-----------------|--|------------------|------------|--------|
| TODAY JUN 30 | | PM Thunderstorms | 81°/65° | / 80% |
| SAT JUL 1 | | Thunderstorms | 79°/62° | / 80% |
| SUN JUL 2 | | Partly Cloudy | 80°/59° | / 20% |
| MON JUL 3 | | Partly Cloudy | 77°/55° | / 20% |
| TUE JUL 4 | | Mostly Sunny | 78°/56° | / 10% |
| WED JUL 5 | | Showers | 79°/62° | / 60% |