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SHALHEVET

JULY 28-29, 2017 / PARSHAT DEVARIM

Making a Difference at Morasha

Doing Chesed and learning Torah are some of our core values here at Morasha, and those values were on full display this week as we began the Nine Days. On Monday, we held a special ceremony in the Mercazia to present Camp HASC with our donation of \$42,000 that we raised from last week's marathon. On Tuesday, our Alufot girls ran a carnival at HASC, and on Friday they participated in a Habitat for Humanity project. Our popular chesed specialty also allows our campers to help others on a regular basis; whether it's writing letters to soldiers or decorating socks for sick children to wear in the hospital, we are constantly thinking of those in need. We were also extremely proud to celebrate this week with many staff members, as well as campers, who made a Siyum on their learning to allow the camp to eat meat meals almost every night. Mazel Tov!

On Motzei Shabbos, Boys Campus played their hearts out at the annual "Mo'rasha Cup" hockey tournament, while feasting on a delicious barbecue. The girls brought their sleeping bags to the Mercazia for a fun and cozy slumber party and movie night. The rain didn't stop us Sunday, when we enjoyed an indoor carnival, with bounce houses, slides and more!

On Monday night, we were privileged to watch "Please Note," an original Nine Days play written and directed by our own Sally Shatzkes which poignantly depicted what was happening at the Kotel throughout different eras of Jewish history. It was an inspiring and thought-provoking play that highlighted the longstanding tradition of putting notes between the stones of the Kotel, from a unique perspective. Afterwards campers attended debriefing sessions, led by members of our education staff, to help them process the show's complex and meaningful messages, setting an appropriately introspective tone for the Nine Days.

We also enjoyed some great night activities this week, including Paint Night, Make Your Own Pizza, Panic, Night Intercamps with Lavi, Family Feud, Game Show Night, Rainbow Tag, Extreme Game Makeover and Human Foosball, to name just a few. Changeover day on Wednesday was bittersweet as we said goodbye to our first-month campers and welcomed new friends for the second session. We already miss everyone who went home, but we can't wait to see you back here for Morasha 2018!

As we prepare for Tisha B'Av, we look forward to a meaningful Shabbat Chazon, with a tisch and special campus-wide learn-a-thon. Shabbat Shalom!



MO'RASHA CUP!



CARNIVAL!



NINE DAYS PLAY: "PLEASE NOTE"



SPOTLIGHT ON YACHAD: CAMPERS AND VOCATIONAL WORKERS

Yitzi Wilhelm

From: Boulder, CO

Year in Camp: 2nd

Favorite Activity:

**Tubing by
the waterfront**



Sigal Miller

From: Woodmere, NY

Year in Camp: 5th

Favorite Activity:

Dance



Liza Rosenblum

From: Worcester, MA

Year in Camp: 1st

Favorite Activity:

Arts & Crafts

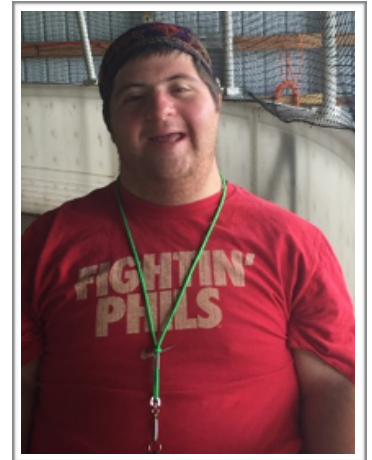
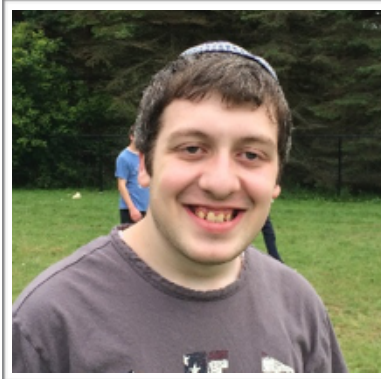
Meir Olshin

From: Teaneck, NJ

Year in Camp: 3rd

Favorite Activity:

Archery



Joey Lerner

From: Cherry Hill, NY

Year in Camp: 9th

Favorite Activity:

**Working as sports
staff and hanging out
with friends**



Lauren Krieser

From: Toronto, ON

Year in Camp: 5th

Favorite Activity:

**Working at Creative
Crafts**

***** DID YOU KNOW** that there are two Yachad programs that run in conjunction with each other in Morasha? There is the Yachad camper program and the Yachad vocational program. Yachad campers are below the age of 21 and enjoy a regular camper schedule filled with activities, while Yachad vocational workers are 21+ and are staff members in camp. *******

SPOTLIGHT ON NITZI GIRLS BY DANIELLA GREENWALD, G-4



Nitzi Girls is the best division in camp! We have the best division head, Rachey, and the best counselors! We have so much fun going rock climbing and enjoying other special activities like Olympics and Yom Nate. My favorite activity is lake tubing and I also love Zumba! A really fun night activity that the Nitzi girls had was the bunk dance-off. Every bunk made up their own dance and performed it in the Pargod. Rachey, Danielle and Aileen were some of the judges. Although G-4 didn't win, it was still so much fun! G-2 won and got an ice cream party as their

prize! My favorite camp food is pizza- it's really good! I also liked how "Sundaes on Sundays" got switched to Tuesday, a week later- it was a great treat after we watched Moana for the 100th time! I'm really excited for the rest of the summer. I can't wait for Trip Day and Color War! It's gonna be awesome!



SPOTLIGHT ON ALUFIM

The night before visiting day, the division was aligning,
Our parents were coming, and the floors needed to be shining.
The counselors were screaming and tensions were high,
The beds were perfect, and the floors were dry.
When all of a sudden in came J Berry with some tears,
He had a large hand imprint, the worst of all his fears.
Then came Olympics, where in the Mercazia we painted,
Mexico was victorious, all around Yitzi Socol almost fainted
Friday was the marathon a busy day for big Chessy,
2nd place, then a hat trick, then in the Mikva his ankle got messy.
In leagues Gabe's team won, inside I was weeping,
On Lewy, Soaks, Bergy and the swipers, everyone was sleeping.
In frisbee I cheated, yes that's how I won,
Inflated frisbees, force trades, and 25 point victories, it was all so much fun.



We had the 9 days play, we learned about the notes,
Then Block made a siyum, and raised all our hopes
We then got Dougie's, with Panic to come,
The Fim were excited, who would make fun.
Mattie in a Korean church, and citron as KP,
A night at the canteen and some skits about DIDI.
White Mamba won most improved, and Yarkony king of the line,
As Panic came to an end the Fim thought it was time.
However the leaders remembered about that fateful visiting day night,
So we headed down to the water to do what was right.

Then we said goodbye to Bergie, Did, Zally, and Reese,
But BH we got 8 new Fim, and Erez from the east.
2nd month orientation we spoke Burry 4,
Geneiva isn't included because that's with 9 more.
Lavi came at night, the activities were hopping,
Jeans and a polo, a few Fim were rocking.
At Maariv some guys were busy with a pineapple dweller,
So you made me become burry the YELLER.
But for Shabbos, nice Burry returns once again,
To another great week, you guys are the men !



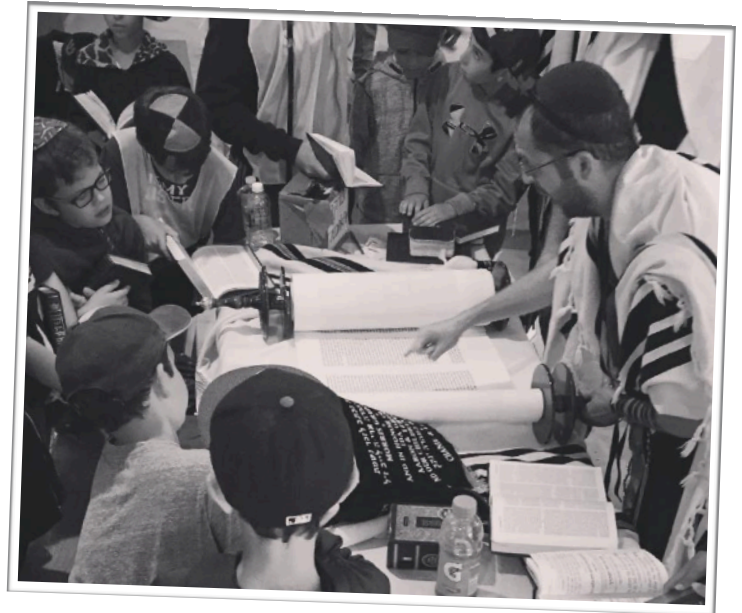
SHABBAT CHAZON RAP BY NITZI BOYS (FROM JACOB BERNSTEIN'S SHIUR)

This week is Shabbat Chazon,
In this way it is alone.
It happens only once a year,
Tells us Tisha B'Av is near.



The reason that we call it this,
A special **vision** not to miss.
Coming from Yeshayahu,
This prophet was quite the Jew.

In the Haftorah we are told,
About a sad event of old.
The Beit Hamikdash almost destroyed,
A message we could not avoid.



Our sins caused all of this bad,
We did not appreciate what we had.
Hashem's anger on sticks and stones,
Thank Him for not breakin' our bones.

As we enter this Shabbat,
We focus on this idea a lot.
Working hard to rebuild each stone,
Until a new **vision** can be known.



SPOTLIGHT ON GIRLS SPORTS STAFF








A message from Miriam (head of sports) and Melissa (assistant head of sports):
We would like to say goodbye to the girls sports staff that left on Changeover Day:
Shayna Leiser (assistant head of sports), Rebecca Hyman, Julia Reichel, and Eli Berger.
Thank you so much for your hard work and dedication to the camp and campers.
We couldn't do it without you. Hope to see you next year! Shana Tova!
Gabrielle Posner, not pictured above, thanks for joining our crew!



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



SAT JUL 29		Partly Cloudy	72°/50°
SUN JUL 30		Sunny	75°/53°
MON JUL 31		Sunny	79°/59°
TUE AUG 1		PM Showers	80°/61°
WED AUG 2		Partly Cloudy	81°/63°



Parshat Devarim:

Dvar Torah by Jonah Sieger, Chinuch Fellow






At the beginning of this week's Parsha, Moshe says that the Jews' lack of belief in Hashem resulted in His decision to bar the generation of the desert from entering the land of Israel. Only their children would merit the great privilege of inheriting the land promised to our forefathers as the Pasuk says, “וּבְנֵיכֶם אֲשֶׁר לֹא-יָדְעוּ הַיּוֹם טוֹב וָרָע—”
— הַמָּה, יָבֹאוּ שָׁמָּה; וְלָהֶם אֶתְנַנֶּה, וְהֵם יִרְשׁוּהָ

“And your children, that this day have no knowledge of good or bad, they shall go there, and I will give it to them, and they shall inherit it.”

The simple understanding of this verse, brought by the Shadal, among others, is that the reason the children will be able to enter Israel is because they were not old enough to be a part of the sins of their parents' generation. They had no knowledge of right and wrong and good and bad. However, I think this Pasuk could be read another way which provides an insightful message into life and spirituality. The reason the children were able to enter Israel is because they were “Lo Yode'ah Tov V'ra.” The kids of the generation of the desert were a clean slate and didn't have the experiences of their parents. The generation of the desert, although referred to as the Dor De'ah (the knowledgeable generation), were rebellious, cynical, and full of complaints. Hashem was about to take the Jews into Israel, His land, and he wanted the first perspective to be one of awe and appreciation of what a wonderful land was given to Avraham, Yitzchak, and Yaakov. Therefore, Hashem made sure to bring in the children of the generation of the desert. Although they were alive during these events which eventually led to the Jews being unable to enter Israel, they were unscathed by the unnecessary complaints and disobedience of their parents.

Many times in our lives, our perspective on various Mitzvos becomes jaded and clouded by cynicism and boredom. We need to be able to set aside our negative attitudes and be kids again. Remember the tremendous excitement you had when you first opened a Siddur or lit Shabbos candles? Take those feelings and use them to rejuvenate your service of Hashem for the rest of your life!

STAFF NIGHT ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
23  Tie Dye	24 TISHA B'AV	25  VANS TO COMO PIZZA & DJ'S
WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	MOTZEI SHABBAT
26 	27 	29  VANS TO COMO PIZZA & DJ'S

STAFF SHIUR SCHEDULE

Sunday: Rabbi Reuven & Shani Taragin

"Staff Pre-Tisha B'Av Leil Iyun"

Monday - Tuesday: Tisha B'Av

Look out for the schedule for shiurim & locations

Wednesday: Rabbi Mordechai Willig

מצות עשה של שבת: זמירות של שבת










Thursday: Dr. Deena Zimmerman

"When Modern Medicine Catches Up with Halacha"

NIGHT ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

WEEK 6

July 30-August 5

	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	M. SHABBAT
Nitzi Girls	BUNK WARS	A T T E N D E E N C E	 ICE CREAM SUNDAES	H A C H E N A S A T T O R A H	America's got Talent (CANTEEN)	LAYLA TOV!
Nitzi Boys	Wacky Races (BOYS GYM)				ARMY NIGHT	MOVIE NIGHT (BOYS SHUL)
YS Girls	BUNK WARS				PANIC	 ICE CREAM SUNDAES (CANTEEN)
YS Boys	PANIC				Night Leagues	
OS Girls	BUNK WARS				 Campfire Smores / Pita	PANOPLY
OS Boys	Rainbow Tag				 Xbox (CANTEEN)	
Ilanot Girls	BUNK WARS				Planet Earth II (MERCAZIA)	PANOPLY
Ilanot Boys	OUTDOOR MOVIE (BEACH PAVILION)				 Paint Night	
Manhigot	BUNK WARS				 SCAVENGER HUNT	PANOPLY
Manhigim	Capture THE Counselor				 ROAD TRIP	
Alufot	BUNK WARS	W	Post Fast & Walmart ✱	H	 LIVE! with Danny	LAYLA TOV!
Alufim	Night Leagues					
Yachad	BUNK WARS Wacky Races		 ICE CREAM SUNDAES			