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JULY 7-8, 2017 / PARSHAT BALAK

It's Show Time!

Week Two at Morasha was a jam-packed whirlwind of fun, as campers had a blast enjoying regular activities and participating in special programs. The week started off on a high note on Motzei Shabbos when we were treated to a beautiful musical Havdalah with Mordechai Shapiro, followed by a rocking concert and Melave Malka.

On Monday, girls campus enjoyed "It's About Time: It's Show Time," a one-day competition with four teams: ABC, CBS, Fox and NBC. Campers participated in challenges modeled on popular TV shows, including Chopped, Project Runway, Fear Factor and the Amazing Race. After a "season finale" that featured team presentations at night with music, fashion, and dance on America's Got Talent, Extreme Makeover, The Voice and more, ABC was crowned the winner. Meanwhile, boys campus competed in FIFA, with 48 soccer teams representing different countries, from Aruba to Zimbabwe. Campers proudly wore their team's colorful socks and played soccer games all day, culminating in the championship, where great sportsmanship was displayed by all.

Tuesday, we celebrated July 4th, with a delicious barbecue and a dazzling fireworks display over the lake, decked out in red, white and blue for America's birthday. Next up was Purim in July / Topsy Turvy Day! We dressed up in creative costumes, ate delicious hamentashen and danced up a storm at a festive Chagiga at night.

Thursday, we boarded 25 buses to Dorney Park for Trip Day! All campers enjoyed an exhilarating day full of rides, roller coasters and carnival fun and games. But the fun didn't end there... Night activities were in full swing, with Capture the Counselor, wacky races, madlibs, human bingo, BBQ and dodgeball, to name just a few. Both campuses have also been preparing for Shiria, practicing songs and perfecting harmonies for our annual boys vs. girls singing competition on Sunday. Join us and watch it on our livestream!

Looking forward to a relaxing and meaningful Shabbos together at camp. Shabbat Shalom!





SPOTLIGHT ON ILANOT GIRLS:



Where did this week go? Were we really in Dorney Park only yesterday?! The Ilanot girls had a rockin' week, full of exciting activities and special night activities. In addition to our daily schedule, we enjoyed a rotation of awesome electives! Street Art, Fishing, Fine Art, and Drama are only a few of the special activities we get to have twice a week. Earlier in the week, starting off with a bang, we had an amazing night activity of wacky races with the Ilanot boys - MoraShout-Out to the awesome counselors who took the lead and helped run the night activity - Kol Hakavod! Tuesday was so much fun,

with "It's About Time Time" for the whole girls campus- congrats to the ABC network on winning! Wednesday brought us "Purim in July," where we dressed up and danced our hearts out at the camp-wide chagigah. G15 dressed up as "sporty" in jerseys and sneakers, G16 dressed up in camouflage as army soldiers, G17 dressed up in pink as "Barbie girls," G18 dressed up as delicious M&Ms, and G19 dressed up as flowery hippies! A big MoraShout-Out of special thanks to Shani Norman, Shira Auman, Aileen Mehlman, and everyone working behind the scenes for coordinating such a fantastic week.



SPOTLIGHT ON NITZI BOYS:



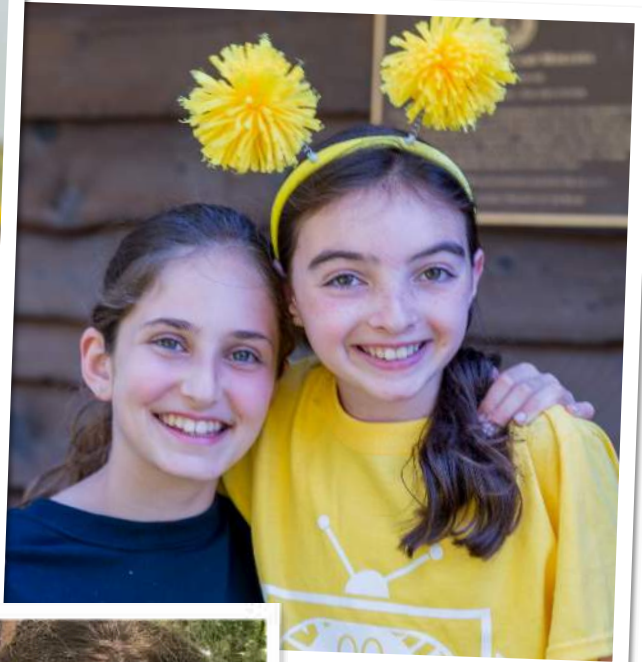
With 95 campers, the Nitzi boys are loud and proud. Our 18 counselors are working hard to make sure all of the boys are acclimating nicely, making new



friends, participating in activities and having fun! Our leagues are underway, with football, baseball, hockey, basketball and soccer! We have been enjoying swimming in the lake, horseback riding, ceramics, fishing, rock climbing, baking and israel XP! The days have been packed to the rim with exciting night activities like army night, concerts, pool party, BBQ and capture the counselor. Can't wait for the second full week of camp!



GIRLS: IT'S ABOUT TIME!



BOYS: FIFA!



PURIM IN JULY!



TRIP DAY AT DORNEY!



Meet Our
New Staff Members:
**R' Ari & Rachey
Mirzoeff**



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

Rachey: We live in Boca Raton, Florida. I teach at Katz Yeshiva High School and Ari is a Rebbe at Katz Hillel Day School.

What are your jobs at camp?

Ari: I am on the Chinuch staff and Rachey is the Nitzanim girls division head.

What did you decide to come to Morasha?

We heard how amazing Morasha was and we just wanted to be a part of this incredible place!!!



What do you like most about camp so far?

Rachey: My division, the best ever #nitzanimgirls

Ari: I love the seforim in the library.

Favorite camp food?

Rachey: Pizza snaps. I think I ate 100 of them!

Ari: BBQ!

Rachey, why are the Nitzis the best division?

They are the cutest and most fun!

Ari, what's your favorite thing to teach and why?

The camp theme: count your blessings. It teaches us how to be grateful for all that Hashem gives us.

What do you hope to accomplish this summer?

We hope to create amazing relationships that will last a lifetime, and we want to be part of an unforgettable summer for both staff and campers!

Morasha's Roving Reporter: Food for Thought

What food would you love to see in the Morasha dining room?



“Sushi, especially with cucumbers” -

Hannah Schachter, G-14

“Rib-eye steak”- Jordan

Rothenberg, B-1

“Wacky Mac, so we don't have to make it ourselves”

- Binyamin Fuld, B-23



“Wings” -

Jack Stepner, counselor, B-13

“Pizza Snaps - every. single. day.”

- Megan Scharf, G-5



“Hummus and also Como Pizza” -Josh Berg, Yachad

“Toast and facon like I have at home every Sunday morning”

-Josh Tocker, B-9

“Avocados every day. Otherwise, the food here is pretty solid!”

-Anonymous Yachad counselor

“Falafel balls and pita”

-Paula Spodek,

registrar / office manager



DVAR TORAH on PARSHAT BALAK

by Zahava Moskowitz, Chinuch Fellow



One of my most difficult accomplishments was taking on a 'taanit dibur', a fast of speech, one Yom Kippur. This meant I could not speak for an entire day, unless it was to daven, learn Torah or respond to my parents. I decided to try this because of my new year's resolution to work on improving my speech. I felt the only real way to work on my words was to force myself to be silent and listen. The fast day itself was strange, but not as difficult as you would think. It was actually the day after the taanit dibur that I found to be more of a struggle. After a full day of being quiet, I was now extremely sensitive to how I would use my words now that I could speak again. I suddenly found myself struggling to respond in conversations and really thinking about what I chose to share.

It was an eye-opening experience for me to learn how easily we take our ability to speak for granted, and underestimate the power our words have, a theme which is very apparent in this week's Parsha. Why, of all the violent methods Moav could use to hurt Bnei Yisrael, would they choose to curse them? What could really be so harmful about a curse? The reason is because Moav understood the power speech held for the Jewish people. In Moav's research against us, they discovered that the strength of our leader at the time, Moshe Rabbeinu, was in his mouth (Rashi). It's for this reason Moav decided to hire Bilaam, a non-Jewish prophet, to use our own strength against us.





















In a way, Moav's failed attempt to destroy us, actually reminds us of the importance and impact words can have on our lives the lives of those around us. Judaism is different than Western culture in that it surrounds speech with laws, not freedom. There are limitations on what we can say, how/when we can speak about others, and important reminders to take pause before indulging ourselves to give hakarat hatov. The reason for these rules aren't to deny us the opportunity to use our speech, but to protect it. It's to help us only use speech for the purpose of elevating ourselves and the world around us. May we use this week's parsha as a reminder to be thankful for our gift of speech and more conscious of the way in which we use it.



NIGHT ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

WEEK 3

July 9-July 15

	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	M. SHABBAT	
Nitzi Girls	SHIRAZA				So you think you can dance		
Nitzi Boys		CLINICS WITH TEAM ELITZUR  (GYM)		3-ON-3 TOURNY	Rainbow Tag		
YS Girls		HUMAN BOWLING  (GIRLS BASKET-BALL COURT)			 S'MOVIE NIGHT (CANTEEN)		
YS Boys		CLINICS WITH TEAM ELITZUR  (GYM)		3-ON-3 TOURNY	ARMY NIGHT		
OS Girls					Extreme Game		
OS Boys		See Run Build  (CANTEEN)		3-ON-3 TOURNY	Makeover (GIRLS COURTS)		
Ilanot Girls		Campfire Cook Out and Beach Volleyball 			Dance Party Movie & Sleepover (MERCAZIA)		
Ilanot Boys				3-ON-3 TOURNY	 BALLOON POP! (TANK)		
Manhigot					MADNESS TRIP		
Manhigim		 Karaoke		3-ON-3 TOURNY			
Alufot							
Alufim		 LIPSYNCBATTLE (MERCAZIA)		3-ON-3 TOURNY			
Yachad		HUMAN BOWLING  (GIRLS BASKET-BALL COURT)		 MOVIE NIGHT			

STAFF NIGHT ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
9 	10 	11 
WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	MOTZEI SHABBAT
12 <i>GIRLS: SPIN</i>  BOYS POOL PARTY	13 	15 <i>BRING IN PIZZA</i> <i>AFTER CLEAN SWEEP</i> 

STAFF SHIUR SCHEDULE

Sunday: Rabbi Shelly Morris

STAFF MISHMAR WITH DOUGIES

Monday: Rabbi Larry Rothwachs

"Halachik Mythbusters: Because Rite Isn't Always Right – Ritual Myths"

Monday: On Campus Mishmar

Staff is invited to join and learn with campers (9 PM –Midnight)!

Tuesday: Shiva Asar B'Tammuz:

Look out Shiva Asar B'Tammuz Schedule!

SLIP #1 Mandatory for all Junior Staff in Mercazia at 11 PM

Wednesday: Rabbi Mordechai Willig

מצוות עשה של שבת: סעודות שבת

No Staff Shiur Thursday, July 13th

Off Day: Six-Camp Intercamp!