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SHALHEVET

JULY 21-22, 2017 / PARSHIOT MATOT-MASEI

Going for the Gold!

What an incredible week we had, jam-packed with values, spirit and fun! We were excited to welcome family and friends to Morasha on Sunday for Visiting Day. Under sunny blue skies, we greeted our guests and gave them a little taste of what makes Morasha so special. With bounce houses and slides, a full food court including delicious homemade pizza and churros, and horseback riding, water sports, street art and more, it was a fantastic day for our extended Morasha family.

After saying our goodbyes Sunday night, we kicked off Morasha Olympics XII with our annual torch ceremony at the Coliseum! Athletes from China, England, Jamaica and Mexico competed with their squads and showed off their skills in athletics and aquatics, led by their fearless ambassadors. For two days, campers shined across the fields and on the courts in individual and group competitions — in marathons and triathlons, subway surfer and jumprope competitions, arm wrestling matches and archery contests, Minute to Win It challenges and so much more. We were also treated to an amazing half-time show with magician and illusionist Eric Wilzig, who wowed us with his unbelievable tricks and daring stunts. The Morasha Olympics XII was truly an amazing display of creativity, achdut and passion as every camper played to their strengths and each country worked together, with Mexico earning the most gold medals for the win!

On Wednesday, our Yachad campers enjoyed helicopter rides over camp, and Girls Campus showcased their talents in "Night at the Tony's." They put on quite a show, performing songs and dances from hit Broadway musicals. Boys campus enjoyed an exciting 3-on-3 tournament and BBQ.

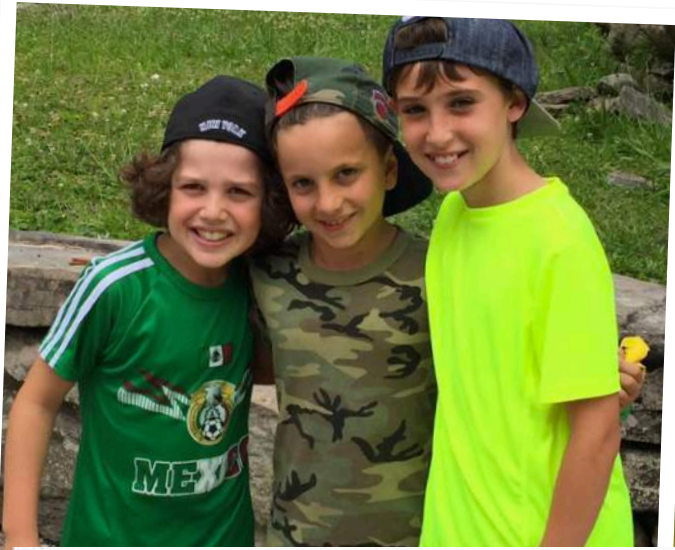
Thursday was yet another full day of fun, with Yom Nate, a memorial sports event at Camp Neshet, and Yom Yisrael here at Morasha. Our Mishlachat organized fun activities to teach us about Israel, its history and culture, with interactive learning sessions and an awesome "Escape the Room" challenge, capped off by an inspiring Tekes in the Mercazia. At night, we all headed to the drive-in movie theater to see "Despicable Me 3."

We were still going strong on Friday for our "Morasha Runs for HASC" marathon. We're so proud of our 600+ campers and staff who ran and raised over \$40,000 for our friends at Camp HASC! We look forward to a relaxing and rejuvenating weekend.

Shabbat Shalom!



OLYMPICS-DAY 1!



OLYMPICS-DAY 2!



A Note on our Nine Days Play: "Please Note"



This year's Nine Days play, "Please Note," was written by Sally Shatzkes and will be debuted at Camp Morasha on Monday evening, July 24th. "Please Note" gives the audience a unique experience from an unexpected perspective. The show depicts what was happening at the Kotel throughout different eras in Jewish history and spotlights the long-standing tradition of putting notes between the stones of the wall.

Sally puts a lot of thought into the creation of her "Nine Days" shows. After spending time searching for appropriate material related to Tisha B'Av, she decided that the best way to get her messages across would be to write her own shows. This will be her third original play debuted at Camp Morasha.

This year Sally began her creative process with the question: "If we are indeed in the Messianic age, as all signs imply, what is our responsibility as Jews living in this time? Is it enough to sing "Ani Ma'amin" very fervently? Is it enough to pray hard for the coming of Mashiach? Or should we be doing more?" Sally's goal is always for her audience to walk out of the theater with questions and thoughts. "Please Note" will certainly leave the audience thinking.

The show will be performed in three different shifts and the campers will go directly to shiur after the show to "debrief" and address the various questions that they will have. Staff is invited to attend any of the three shows, as well as the post-show shiurim!

Hope to see you there!

NIGHT AT THE TONYS!

Girls campus enjoyed an incredible event this week, when they watched our female campers and staff members perform in "Night at the Tony's," including a pre-show dessert reception and red carpet entrance. The evening's theme was "Rising Against the Tide," and the show featured heroines from hit Broadway musicals who overcame obstacles and defied societal expectations to stand up for what they believed in. From Belle in "Beauty and the Beast" to Ariel in "The Little Mermaid," and from Elphaba and Glinda in "Wicked" to Éponine in "Les Misérables," our Morasha actresses stepped out of their comfort zones to take on these challenging roles and wowed the audience with their confidence, amazing vocals, beautiful choreography and stellar acting skills. Special shout-out to our girls division heads for a great lip syncing number and some of our male senior staff for a surprise cameo performance. Kudos to director Sally Shatzkes for another job well done!



SPOTLIGHT ON OLDER SHTILI BOYS:



Dear Shalhevet,

Camp Morasha is the place to be. We have basketball, hockey and football leagues every day. We end off the day with a fun night activity. For example, we've had volleyball and Can Jam tournaments and Purim in July. Sometimes, we have BBQs, s'mores and basketball games. Camp Morasha plans fun and new activities for us every day. We had fireworks on the Fourth of July, a Mordechai Shapiro concert, FIFA day and Olympics! We also had a camp-wide trip to Dorney, Shiria (which the boys won!) and six-camp intercamps!

Sincerely, Akiva Mehlman and Jonathan Paul

SPOTLIGHT ON MANHIGOT

The Manhigot had a great week. We were thrilled to see our families on Sunday and restock our nosh since we've been starving. As we said goodbye to our parents we geared up for two fun-filled days of Olympic volleyball, dodgeball and BBK. It culminated in an intense game of Minute to Win It with final bragging rights going to Mexico. Congrats! Wednesday was a "normal" day in camp. We baked, spun, walked, flew down the water slide, tubed, climbed the rock wall, ate pizza and ice cream, did some chesed, played some league games, walked the Red Carpet and were mesmerized by the Tony's. Thursday took some of us to Yom Nate and some of us to Israel, but had all of us ending up in Seranton for a surprise trip to Walmart and a viewing party of "Despicable Me." Friday allowed us to combine walking/running and chesed by participating in the Morasha HASC marathon. All in all a great week for us - We can't wait to see what next week brings!



SPOTLIGHT ON MANHIGIM:



Manhigim boys had quite the exciting week! We kicked off the week with Visiting Day, where the boys had a chance to spend a day with their parents. It was so nice to see the beautiful families our campers come from! Sunday night, we kicked off the Olympics! The division was split up between the four countries and competed for the most

medals, resulting in Mexico winning! The team was led by Manhigim's very own Ambassador Dani Ellenbogen! Tuesday night, after the olympics, Manhigim enjoyed some late night hockey leagues! After the craziness of the Olympics, we had a "normal day" on Wednesday filled with leagues, specialties and swimming, followed by a campus wide 3-on-3 basketball tournament! Thursday, the division enjoyed Yom Yisrael followed by a night trip to the movies! It's been such an exciting week, and we can't wait for the next one!

SPOTLIGHT ON YOUNGER SHTILIM BOYS

Younger Shtili boys had an awesome week, along with the rest of Camp Morasha! We started off with one of the most camper-anticipated days of the summer... Visiting Day! It was an amazing to watch families reunite for an emotional day of fun. We then had an unbelievable torch ceremony to distract us - while each camper was sent to another country for Morasha Olympics!! Mexico was the best of all, winning more medals than any other country! We closed out the week with a very relaxing trip to a drive-in movie theater where we saw a Despicable Me 3! It was a lot of fun hanging out on the grass as one complete Machane Morasha. We had a blast commemorating the 50th year of Yerushalayim with a flag brigade and tekes to honor its history and holiness. We look forward to an uplifting Shabbos!

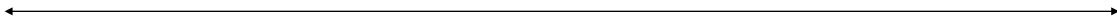




SPOTLIGHT ON OLDER SHTILIM GIRLS:

After a thorough clean sweep, the Older Shtili Girls excitedly welcomed their parents and families on Sunday for visiting day. Although we were sad to see our families go, we quickly became pumped for the best Olympics yet. We had a blast

playing sports and running around all day, and were so happy for our friends on Mexico when they finally won. Watching our many friends shine in the Tony's was incredible and we were so proud of their energy and talent. The drive-in movie was the perfect way to end off such a busy week, and we look forward to our last few days with all of our first-month friends!



YOM NATE RECAP

On Thursday, 5th through 7th grade girls played in the Yom Nate soccer match. After winning the first game against Neshet, 2-1 and the second against Moshava, 6-1, the girls moved on to the championships with Camp Shoshanim; a tied score of 1-1 resulted in a brief overtime, during which Shoshanim scored a single goal that brought them the victory. Each of the Morasha girls played hard and well, and came away with a sense of achievement and pride despite the numerical loss.

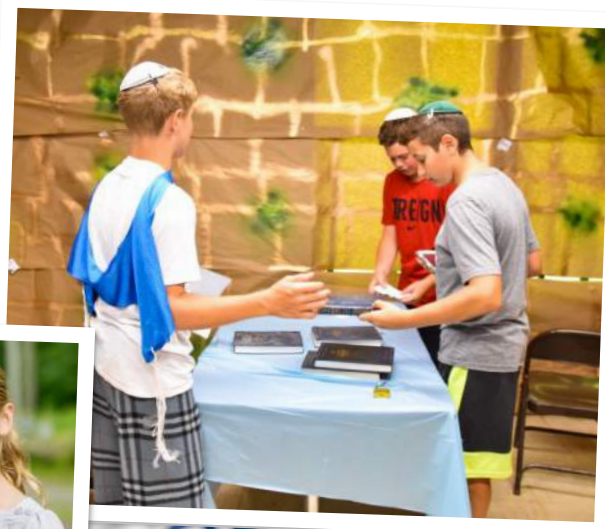


The Machzor Bet girls volleyball team also participated in Yom Nate. Although we lost the first game, we came back and defeated Neshet 21-20. It was a close game — the girls played really hard and came home with a victory! It was a great experience and fun for the team to play together and leave as champions! Congratulations!!!

YACHAD FLYIN' HIGH!



YOM YISRAEL!



GIRLS CAMPUS LEAGUE STANDINGS

Nitzi Leagues

BBK

	Wins	Losses
A	0	4
B	4	1
C	2	2
D	0	3
E	3	0
F	3	2

NEWCOMB

	Wins	Losses
A	2	2
B	1	3
C	3	2
D	0	4
E	4	1
F	2	1

KICKBALL

	Wins	Losses
A	0	3
B	2	1
C	2	1
D	1	4
E	4	0
F	3	

YSG Leagues

BBK

	Wins	Losses
A	0	4
B	2	2
C	2	2
D	2	1
E	2	1
F	4	1

NEWCOMB

	Wins	Losses
A	0	3
B	3	2
C	2	4
D	2	2
E	4	1
F	1	2

KICKBALL

	Wins	Losses
A	2	3
B	0	3
C	0	2
D	2	2
E	3	0
F	4	0

OSG Leagues

HANDBALL

	Wins	Losses
A	0	3
B	2	0
C	2	0
D	1	2

SOFTBALL

	Wins	Losses
A	0	2
B	3	0
C	2	1
D	0	2

BASKETBALL

	Wins	Losses
A	1	2
B	2	1
C	2	0
D	1	2

NEWCOMB

	Wins	Losses
A	0	3
B	1	2
C	2	0
D	2	0



GIRLS CAMPUS LEAGUE STANDINGS CONT'D



ILANOT Leagues

HANDBALL

	Wins	Losses
A	0	2
B	0	1
C	1	1
D	2	0
E	1	0



SOFTBALL

	Wins	Losses
A	0	1
B	1	1
C	2	0
D	0	1
E	1	1



BASKETBALL

	Wins	Losses
A	0	2
B	1	1
C	1	1
D	2	0
E	1	1



NEWCOMB

	Wins	Losses
A	0	2
B	1	1
C	1	1
D	1	1
E	2	0

MANHIGOT Leagues

HANDBALL

	Wins	Losses
A	0	3
B	4	0
C	3	1
D	0	3
E	3	1

SOFTBALL

	Wins	Losses
A	2	2
B	3	0
C	0	4
D	3	1
E	1	2

BASKETBALL

	Wins	Losses
A	2	2
B	2	0
C	1	1
D	1	3
E	3	1

VOLLEYBALL

	Wins	Losses
A	3	1
B	1	3
C	1	2
D	4	0
E	0	3

ALUFOT Leagues

HANDBALL

	Wins	Losses
A	2	1
B	0	3
C	1	2
D	3	0

BBK

	Wins	Losses
A	2	1
B	1	1
C	1	2
D	1	1

KICKBALL

	Wins	Losses
A	2	1
B	0	3
C	1	2
D	3	0

VOLLEYBALL

	Wins	Losses
A	2	1
B	1	2
C	0	3
D	3	0



Matot-Masei: Having Our Priorities in Order

Dvar Torah by Elisha Hagler, Chinuch Fellow

The Jewish people reached the plains of Moav, only a short stop away from entering Eretz Yisrael. But the tribes of Gad and Reuven preferred the lush pasturelands of the land outside of Eretz Yisrael, the Trans-Jordan, to shares in Eretz Yisrael proper. They asked Moshe for permission to take their share in the Trans-Jordan. They said: "We want to build sheep pens for our livestock here and towns for our children. Then we will go quickly at the head of the army and fight until the land is conquered and apportioned." Moshe responded: "Build towns for your children and pens for your sheep. And make sure you keep your word." Moshe's response was very carefully worded. Notice that Moshe reversed the order of their priorities. They had first emphasized that they were concerned about their livestock. Then, they stressed, we will provide our children with a place to live while we are at war.

Rav Yissocher Frand explains that Moshe chastised them, explaining that their priorities were all wrong. First of all, make sure that you have attended to the needs of your children. Only afterwards you can also build pens for your sheep. Surely the tribes of Gad and Reuven couldn't have actually meant that their livestock was more important than their sons and daughters. No parent would ever attribute more value to their material possessions than to their children. So what was Moshe so upset about? Was it simply that they had misworded their sentences? Was that really grounds for such an intense "mussar schmooze?"

I heard the following explanation from our very own Rabbi Yehuda Balsam. Of course no sane parent actually values their material possessions more than their offspring, he explained. Ask anyone who raises children and they will tell you that the reason that they work hard to earn a good living is to provide for their children. However, it's possible that the pursuit of material wealth takes away from what a child really values most: time with his parents, and the clear indication that the parent is concerned with the child's welfare and day-to-day life. This may be what Moshe Rabbeinu was telling the B'nei Gad and B'nei Reuven: It's admirable that you want to acquire wealth and take good care of your cattle to provide for your children. But make sure that your priorities are in order. Your children must always be the top priority.

Rashi writes (32:24) that the tribes of Gad and Reuven didn't return home to the Trans-Jordan until after seven years of conquest and seven years of dividing up the land. They stayed in Eretz Yisrael for a full 14 years. Their children were practically adults by the time they returned! The Midrash relates that their fathers were shocked to find that their sons were indistinguishable from their Pagan neighbors. In their quest to provide a good life for their children, they had missed out entirely on their childhood. Let us take this lesson from the Parsha and ensure that we always make our children and camps our top priority.

STAFF NIGHT ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
23  CARNIVAL	24  9 DAYS PLAY	25  VANS TO COMO PIZZA & DJ'S
WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	MOTZEI SHABBAT
26 CERAMICS 	27  Bonfire	29  Make Your Own Pizza

STAFF SHIUR SCHEDULE

Sunday: Rabbi Benjy Leibowitz

"Mourning with Meaning"

Monday: Rabbi Larry Rothwachs

"Halachik Mythbusters: New Food for Thought: Mealtime Myths"

Tuesday: Mrs. Aliza Schachter

"Al Neharot Bavel: Content in Context"

Wednesday: Rabbi Mordechai Willig

מצות עשה של שבת: קידוש במקום סעודה

Nitzi & YS Mishmar:

Staff is invited to join and learn with campers (9 – 10 PM)!






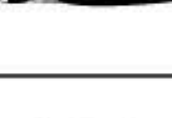






Thursday: Rabbi Yamin Goldsmith

"Six Steps to Ahavat Chinam"

NIGHT ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

WEEK 5

July 23-July 29

	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	M. SHABBAT	
Nitzi Girls	 CARNIVAL	 3 DAYS PLAY	 Campfire & MovieStarz	See Run Build	 Paint Night	LAYLA TOV!	
Nitzi Boys			Night Leagues (BOYS COURTS)	 Minute to Win it (MERCAZIA)		 Paint Night	MOVIE NIGHT (BOYS SHUL)
YS Girls			 Paint Night	FAMILY FELD (MERCAZIA)	PANIC		LAYLA TOV!
YS Boys				Walk to DJ's & Como Pizza Movie (FARGOD)	Rainbow Tag	LAYLA TOV!	
OS Girls			Mystery Night!	Extreme Game Makeover (GIRLS COURTS)	INTERCAMPS INTERCAMPS @ LAVI	MAKE YOUR OWN PIZZA	
OS Boys			Game Show Night	Spelling Bee (MERCAZIA)			
Hanot Girls			Night Leagues	OOT			
Hanot Boys			PANIC	OOT	INTERCAMPS INTERCAMPS @ MORASHA		
Manhigot			BIG BALL (BOYS GYM)				
Manhigim			OOT	 Paint Night	INTERCAMPS INTERCAMPS @ MORASHA		
Alufot			OOT	Night Leagues			
Alufim			OOT	Human Foosball (GIRLS COURTS)	PANIC	 Paint Night	LAYLA TOV!
Yachad			OOT	OOT	PANIC	 Paint Night	LAYLA TOV!