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JUNE 29-30, 2018 / PARSHAT BALAK

Welcome to Morasha 2018: A Summer of Simcha

We greeted a record-breaking number of campers on Wednesday for what promises to be another fantastic summer! The rain didn't put a damper on the excitement of Opening Day, as campers eagerly ran off the bus, meeting counselors and friends, and admiring the beautiful new Dining Hall and Canteen we built this year. See inside for more details and pictures!



Opening festivities kicked off in the Mercazia Performing Arts Center with a special concert by music star Eitan Katz. The energy and ruach were incredible as each division cheered, sang and danced, while waving glow sticks and watching videos recapping last summer. We also met our amazing division heads and were introduced to this summer's theme: A Summer of Simcha!

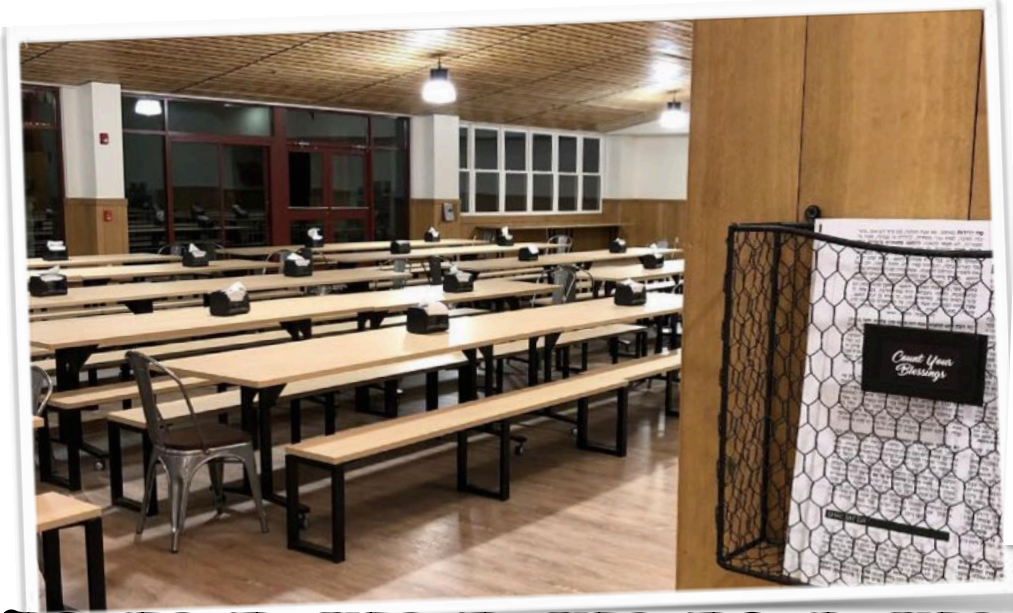
Regular activities were in full swing with sports, swim, baking, art, fishing, archery, horseback riding and more, in addition to two new specialties for this season: Dance Dance Revolution and Woodshop.

Night activities were off to a great start as well, with pool parties and army nights setting the stage for a summer of non-stop fun!

This Shabbos, we are excited to welcome special guest Meir Kay, a motivational speaker whose popular video blogs have amassed over 350 million hits on YouTube! With FIFA, July 4th and Trip Day coming up next, we are looking forward to an even more amazing second week at Morasha. Let the magic begin! Shabbat Shalom!



CHECK OUT OUR NEW DINING ROOM!



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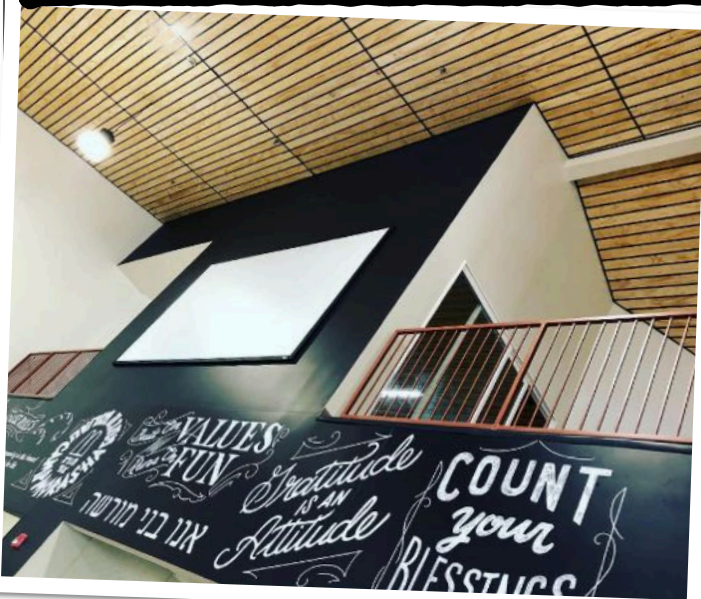
4 - number of levels, including a lower patio, canteen, dining hall, upper decks and loft

96 - number of people who worked together to build it

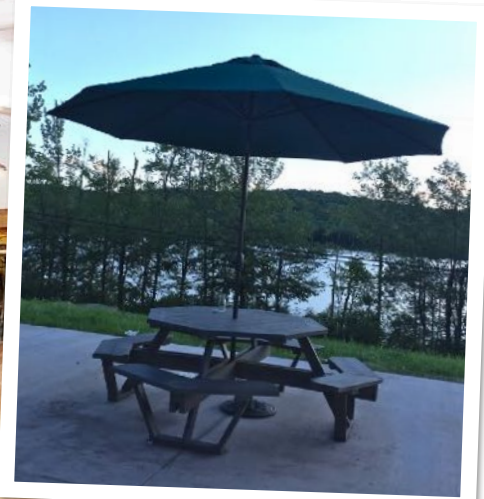
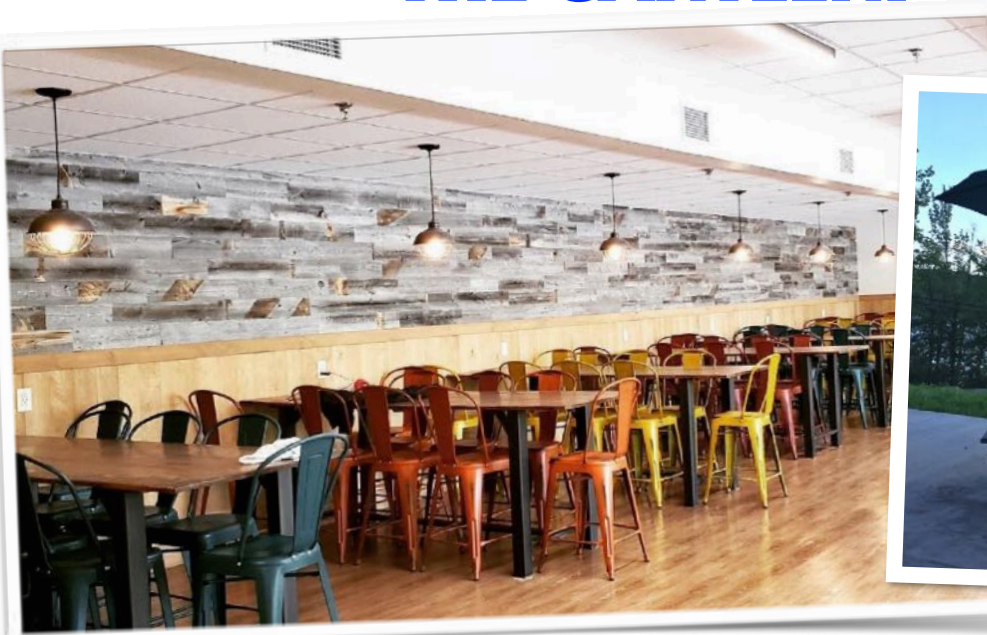
167 - number of tables inside the main dining hall

1,680 - number of campers and staff who can comfortably enjoy meals there

39,507 - square feet, making it the largest building in camp



ALSO NEW FOR MORASHA 2018: THE CANTEEN!

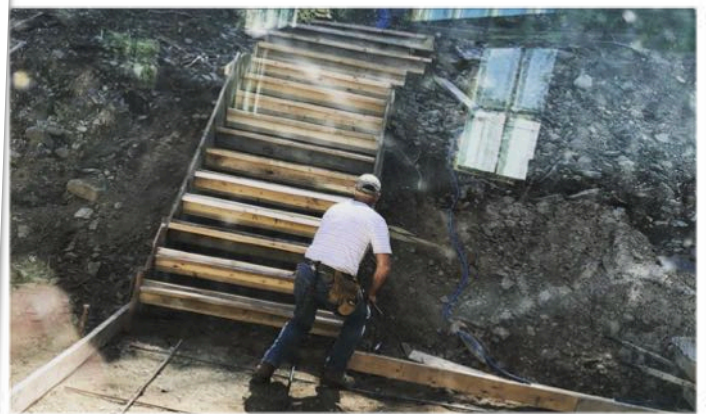


- * Luxurious indoor and outdoor seating!
- * Foosball and ping pong tables!
- * Awesome new snacks and treats!
- * Slushies! Soft ice cream! Homemade muffins!
- * Thursday night chulent, kugel, and more!

NEW BAKING ROOM!



NEW STEPS UP TO THE MERCZIA! 72?



WELCOME HOME!



OPENING NIGHT FESTIVITIES!



FIRST FULL DAY OF CAMP!





Dvar Torah on Parshat Balak

**by Rabbi Matan Wexler,
Chinuch Staff**

In this week's parsha, פרשת בלק, the Torah tells us that בלק hired בלעם to curse בני ישראל because he was afraid of them. When בלק sends messengers to בלעם, בלעם is described as a person with an amazing gift of speech – whomever or whatever he blesses is blessed and whomever or whatever he curses is cursed.

The תורה goes on to relate the story of how בלעם attempted to curse the Jews three times and, each time, his plan was thwarted and he actually ended up giving the Jews a blessing instead!

Why were בלק and בלעם so determined to curse בני ישראל? Why didn't בלק simply ask בלעם to bless his nation, the nation of מואב, to be protected from בני ישראל? Our rabbis explain that בלעם attempted to give the Jewish People an עין הרע (an evil eye). An עין הרע is basically a way of calling attention to someone's strengths and indirectly asking Hashem that these strengths or gifts be taken away.

בלעם tried to do that to the Jews. בלק and בלעם were completely focused on doing bad to בני ישראל. They had negative outlooks, and this blinded them from coming up with an easier solution to their problem. It never occurred to בלק to ask בלעם to bless מואב because all he could think about was inflicting pain on the Jews and בלעם never thought to bless מואב for this very reason.

We are now starting our summer "vacation" at Morasha. It may be a break from school, but it is certainly not a break from life. You can't be on vacation from life. Life is challenging, and it is supposed to be that way. Hashem constantly throws us challenges each and every day so that we become better people in the process. Getting through these difficulties and tests is not easy. However, if we have a positive attitude and outlook, then we'll soon realize that not only can we pass these tests that Hashem gives us, but we can pass them with flying colors!

Have a productive and meaningful summer, and a great Shabbos!

Connect with Morasha on Social Media!



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

* Check us out on Instagram @CampMorasha64

* 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 29 | | Mostly Sunny | 83°/60° | ↓ 0% |
| SAT JUN 30 | | Sunny | 89°/68° | ↓ 0% |
| SUN JUL 1 | | Sunny | 94°/68° | ↓ 10% |
| MON JUL 2 | | Sunny | 93°/68° | ↓ 10% |
| TUE JUL 3 | | Mostly Sunny | 90°/69° | ↓ 20% |
| WED JUL 4 | | PM Thunderstorms | 87°/66° | ↓ 50% |

STAFF SHIUR SCHEDULE

10:15 PM – 11 PM in Library

Shiurim Open to Male and Female Staff



R' Moshe Dechter Thursday, June 28th

"Parshat Balak: The Power of Speech"



Meir Kay Shabbat, June 29th – 30th

Look out for the Shabbat Shiurim Schedule for titles & locations



Shiva Assar **B'Tammuz** Sunday, July 1st

R' Jacob Bernstein

"17 Tammuz: Starting Off Strong" (1:30 PM)



Rav Yitzchak Cohen

"Chizzuk for the Three Weeks" (10:15 PM)



R' Isaac Bernstein Monday, July 2nd

"Fixing the Sin of the Cheit Ha'Egel"



Rav Mordechai Willig Tuesday, July 3rd

WEEKLY SHIUR #1

"Halachik Topics in Health and Happiness"

July 4th in The Loft



Lunch n' Learn: Rabbi Larry Rothwachs

*"Impressive Persons & Personal Impressions:
A Thought on Parshat Pinchas" (1:10 PM)*



Rabbi Reuven & Shani Taragin

July 4th Staff Mishmar w/ Dougies!







9:40 – 11:00 PM



NIGHT ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

WEEK 2

July 1-July 7

| | SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | M. SHABBAT |
|--------------|--|---|---|---|---|--------------------------------|
| NITZI GIRLS |  |  Minute to Win it (PARGOD) | Red, White & Blue String Hunt | pool party | T R I P D A Y | 2 TO TANGO |
| NITZI BOYS | |  Minute to Win it (Boys Gym) | CLINICS WITH TEAM ELITZUR (Boys Courts) | OOT (TANK) | | MORASHA CLIP |
| YS GIRLS | | Capture THE Counselor |  KEGG (LOFT) | HUMAN APPLES 2 APPLES (CANTEEN) | | 2 TO TANGO |
| YS BOYS | | OOT (TANK) | Capture THE Counselor | Night Leagues | | MORASHA CLIP |
| OS GIRLS | | TRY NOT TO LAUGH NIGHT CANTEEN (LOFT) | OOT (TANK) | Jas | | 2 TO TANGO |
| OS BOYS | | | pool party | Mystery Night! | | MORASHA CLIP |
| ILANOT GIRLS | | WACKY RACES (MERCZIA) | Rainbow Tag and Tie Dye |  Campfire Cookout | | 2 TO TANGO |
| ILANOT BOYS | | | 3-ON-3 TOURNY (Boys Gym) | GUESS WHO (BOYS SHUL) | | MORASHA CLIP |
| MANHIGOT | | pool party | SCAVENGER HUNT (PATIO) | Nitzi Maps | | 2 TO TANGO |
| MANHIGIM | | Capture THE Counselor |  KEGG (LOFT) | | | MORASHA CLIP |
| ALUFOT | | Spelling Bee | SCAVENGER HUNT (PATIO) | pool party | | 2 TO TANGO |
| ALUFIM | | (MERCZIA) | pool party | Capture THE Counselor | | MORASHA CLIP |
| YACHAD | | (QUAD LEFT) | Human Football (GIRLS COURTS) | THE GREATEST SHOWMAN (LOFT) | | 2 TO TANGO MORASHA CLIP |