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Going for the Gold!

Achdut. Teamwork. Spirit. Skills. Sportsmanship. These are some of the words that come to mind when looking back at this past week, where every camper had a chance to shine.

The highlight was Olympics XIII, with campers representing Australia, Italy, Kenya and Spain. Morasha was transformed into an Olympic Village, with each country's flags displayed, athletes proudly decked out in their country's colors, and themed meals and decorations enhancing the dining room. From the opening torch ceremony at the Coliseum, to the final gold medal distribution, there was something for everyone, with activities in athletics and aquatics, to a bucket brigade, marathon, triathlon, and Stomp competition. Arm wrestling, jump rope, subway surfer, home run derby, foosball and gymnastics were just some of the fun skills & strengths competitions.



But the Olympics wasn't only about fun and games. We also heard inspiring messages from renowned motivational speaker Jon Pritikin, as well as Rabbi Seth Mandell, whose son Koby was killed in a terrorist attack in Israel. At night, we enjoyed a half-time show outdoor Film Festival, choosing from three movies, "Wonder," "Hidden Figures," and "Remember the Titans," with each focused on the relevant theme of resilience. After two days of competitive fun, led by their fearless ambassadors and coaches, Spain was declared the winner, with the most gold medals.



On Saturday night, boys campus played their hearts out at the annual Morasha Cup hockey tournament, while feasting on a delicious barbecue. Girls campus enjoyed an entertaining new program called "Two to Tango," which paired older campers with younger campers to perform a dance together. Other highlights this week included ice cream "Sundaes on Sunday," Machzor Bet Madness night trip, Yom Nate sports tournament at Camp Nesher, and our annual Nine Days blood drive.

Mazel Tov to Lois Rifkin and family on her Bat Mitzvah this Shabbos at camp! We can't wait to welcome all our friends and family to Morasha on Sunday for visiting day! Shabbat Shalom!



Meet Our Staff: Judah Wagner

Head of Archery / Member of Chinuch Staff

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

I live in Woodmere, and I just started Lander's College for Men after returning from three years in yeshiva in Israel.

Why did you come to Morasha this summer?

I have a long family history and connection to Camp Morasha, dating back to its very inception. My great-grandfather was the president of YU when Morasha was started, my grandmother worked here, and my mother was in the day camp in the very first summer of camp. My parents met here and all of my siblings and I and have spent many summers here, first as campers and later as staff.

Where did you learn archery?

I primarily learned archery right here in Camp Morasha in 2014 when I was an Older Nitzi counselor.

What is one goal you have for this summer?

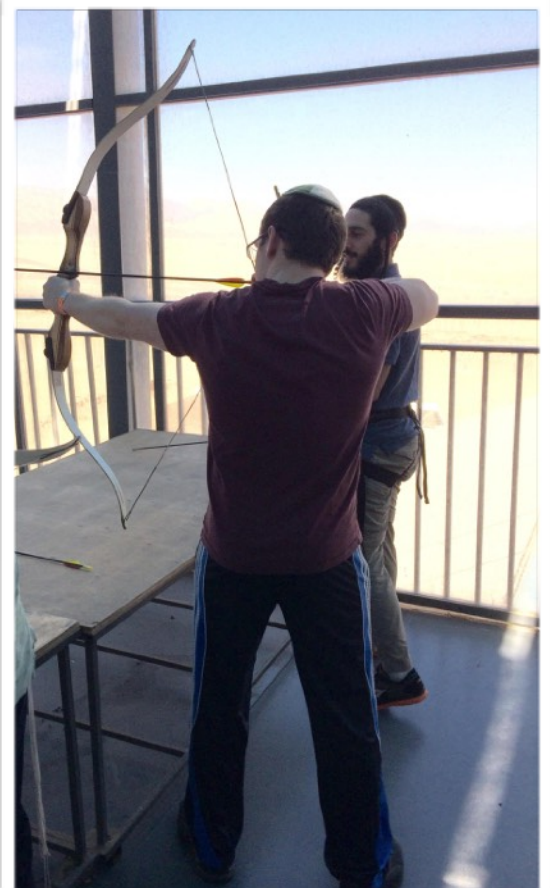
One of most beautiful aspects of archery is that it requires time, effort, and, most importantly, patience in order to progress as an archer. These aspects are some of the most important lessons in life that we all must work on if we want to grow as individuals. While this idea may be difficult to instill in campers, I do hope to impart these lessons to them even if only subconsciously.

Favorite camp food? Pizza rolls / pizza bites

Favorite camp activity? Baking

Fun fact that people don't know about you:

I was captain of the wrestling team at my high school.





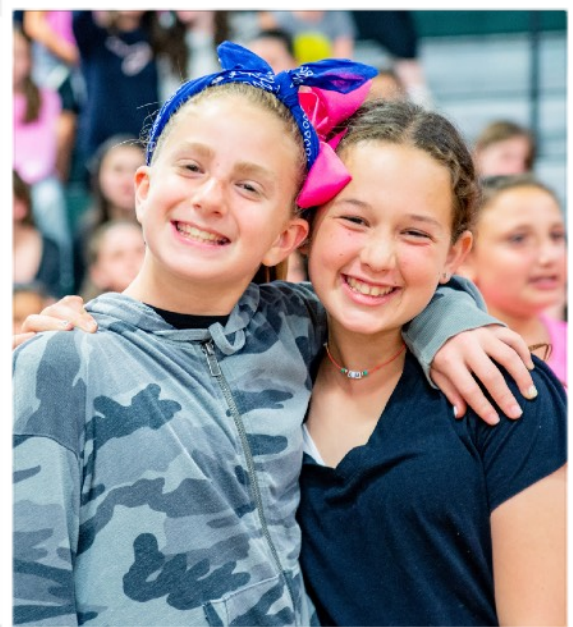
BOYS: MORASHA CUP!

The annual Mo'rasha Cup, organized by our own Mo Fuchs, was a great success, with over 240 players competing in a late-night hockey tournament, while enjoying a barbecue.

Congratulations to the winners, Captain Joey Mogilner and teammates Ben, Max and James Orbach. The runner-up team was captained by Andrew Giller and his teammates were Benjamin Wolf, Moshe and Ben Zion Keiser. A special shout out goes to Jason David's team who pulled the upset of the night, beating Daniel Lichter's team. "Many kids call this their favorite night of the summer," said Coach Mo. "A big thank you to our five goalies: Isaac Markovitz, Solly Weiser, Josh Orlinsky, Daniel Koplovitz and Zach Feuer.



GIRLS: TWO TO TANGO!



OLYMPICS XIII!



MORE OLYMPICS!





Who Creates Holiness?

Dvar Torah by Yael Goldfischer

In Parshiot Matot-Masei we read about the interesting and puzzling request made by Reuven and Gad. They wish to live in the recently captured territories outside of Eretz Yisrael proper. At first Moshe is upset with their request and compares them to the meraglim of the previous generation, for they, too didn't want to live in the land of Israel. Moshe is worried that just like the meraglim led the nation to refuse the land of Israel, Reuven and Gad's actions would create the same devastating results. Once Reuven and Gad explain that they are determined to help their brothers fight and settle the land of Israel, Moshe gives them Ever HaYarden to settle.









What happens to Ever HaYarden? Is it considered Israel or is it considered Chutz La'Aretz? On the one hand, Moshe is upset with the request to live there and these tribes had to get special permission to make it their home, demonstrating that these lands are not considered Israel. Yet, on the other hand, the fact that they are given permission to live there may indicate that it is part of Israel. Some of the laws that pertain to the holiness of the land of Israel do take place in these lands. For example, these tribes are also given three refuge cities in their newly acquired lands. The status of refuge cities discussed in our parshiot might help clarify the confusing status of Ever HaYarden. The three cities of refuge established in Ever HaYarden are not effective until the cities of refuge in the land of Israel are established. This teaches us that Ever HaYarden only becomes an extension of Israel once the land of Israel proper is established as our homeland. Reuven and Gad at the moment are requesting land that is not Israel but, in a few short years, will become an extension of Israel, and that's why their request is met.

We can learn a very important lesson in religious growth from these tribes and their portion in Ever HaYarden. Kedusha, holiness, once created, can and should impact surrounding areas. We can, and should, positively impact those around us; whether it be by focusing more during tefilla, or learning during some down time or going out of our way to include others in a game or activity. With small actions we can all create holiness. All kedusha except for Kedushat Shabbat is created by people, by us. Hashem made Shabbat holy but all other holy items, places and times are made holy by Am Israel. We bring kedusha into time, location and actions. Together, we can all bring more holiness into our bunks, the courts, and our interpersonal relationships.

NIGHT ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

WEEK 4

July 16-July 21

	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	M. SHABBAT	
Nitzi Girls	HYPNOTISTS	 PLAYS	DODGE BALL (BOYS GYM)	CHALLAH BAKE 	PANIC	AFTERE	
Nitzi Boys				CAPTURE THE FLAG	PANIC		
YS Girls			PANIC	CHALLAH BAKE 	Chipwiches AND 		
YS Boys			YSB vs. OSB	NIGHT LEAGUES (BOYS COURTS)	ROCK PAPER SCISSORS (LOFT)		
OS Girls			BAT MITZVAH BOWLING TRIP	CHALLAH BAKE 	Extreme Game Makeover (GIRLS COURTS)		
OS Boys			YSB vs. OSB	ODT (TANK)			
Hanot Girls			Spelling Bee (MERCAZIA)	CHALLAH BAKE 	Bake OFF (QUAD)		
Hanot Boys				Capture THE Counselor			
Manhigot			PANIC	CHALLAH BAKE 	Nitzi Maps		
Manhigim			NIGHT LEAGUES (BOYS COURTS)	PANIC			
Alufot			PANIC	CHALLAH BAKE 	Nitzi Maps		
Alufim			Mystery Night!	PANIC			
Yachad	Mesorah Run	CHALLAH BAKE (QUAD)	Bake OFF				