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JULY 20-21, 2018 / PARSHAT DEVARIM / SHABBAT CHAZON

## A Week to Remember!

What an incredible week we had, filled with values, spirit, learning, 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 showed them what makes Morasha so special. On campus, there were bounce houses and slides, as well as horseback riding, rock climbing, ceramics, street art and more. Many enjoyed homemade pizza in our spacious new dining hall, while others sat outdoors and in our canteen, spending quality time with family while snacking on slushies and other treats, and playing foosball and ping pong. It was a fantastic day for our extended Morasha family! After saying our goodbyes, we were treated to a fun hypnotist show at night!



On Monday, campers and staff were privileged to watch "We Are Here," a Nine Days production written, directed and produced by our own Sally Shatzkes. The play focused on a family's Pesach Seder, where we heard stories of Jewish resistance from around the world through different times in history. The powerful message was that in every generation there are forces that threaten Jewish existence, and that every Jew has a part in resisting those forces, even today. The beautiful communal singing of "Ve'hi She'amda" at the end of the show reaffirmed that each audience member, like the participants at the seder, has a role to play.

Girls campus united Wednesday for the second annual Great Big Challah Bake. It was amazing to see campers of all ages, decked out in colorful Morasha aprons, join together to perform this special mitzvah. Led by Lauren Goldstein, our Head of Baking, we watched an original "MoraChef" video demonstration explaining how to mix the ingredients properly and how to knead and braid the dough. Leah Moskovich told a powerful story and explained mitzvah of Hafrashat Challah. Every person baked their own Challah, and we can't wait to taste them on Shabbos!



On Thursday, we hosted over 1,600 campers and staff from Moshava, Lavi, Mesorah, Seneca, and Nesher for a six-way intercamp, enjoying a day of friendly competition and camaraderie with our friends from other camps. Other highlights this week included Counselor Switch Day, and Yachad's color run at Camp Mesorah, as well as a special Yachad trip to the movies and ice cream.

Mazel Tov to Yonatan Bodner and family on his Bar Mitzvah! As we head into Tisha B'Av and Shabbat Chazon, we look forward to a meaningful weekend, with a special camp-wide learn-a-thon and an inspiring Friday night tisch led by our Rosh Kollel, Rabbi Mordechai Willig. Wishing everyone an easy fast and a Shabbat Shalom!

# SPOTLIGHT ON GIRLS SPORTS:

## MACHZOR BET SOFTBALL

Last Friday, the Machzor bet girls softball team traveled to Nesher to compete at Yom Nate. The team took on its first opponent, Nesher, and won by a whopping 10 runs. The team next played Shoshanim, but unfortunately was not victorious. The girls



enjoyed some delicious pizza at Nesher and had a chance to reconnect with their friends from other camps. The softball team had a blast at Yom Nate, and it was an experience that will be remembered in the books forever. — by Rebecca Aducalesi

## MACHZOR BET VOLLEYBALL

The Machzor Bet Girls Volleyball Team had a great run at Yom Nate last Friday. They beat Mesorah and Moshava, by over 10 points each game. Great serving by Alufot Nava Schein, Atara Klein, and Minnie Schwartz, made it easy for the team to advance to the championship game. Although Shoshanim played nicely in the championships, players Atara Samson, Shira Siegler, and Ariella Zakheim returned their difficult serves and passes to beat Shoshanim in just two games, making them the winners. The games were friendly and fun, as the campers were able to reunite with friends from all other camps, and even play against many of their teammates from school. — by Emily Zrihen



# SPOTLIGHT ON GIRLS SPORTS:

## ILANOT / OLDER SHTILIM BASKETBALL



Congratulations to the Ilanot/ Older Shtilim girls basketball Wayne County team on winning their 3rd round semi finals game vs. Westmont, 41-15! This victory came right after the team won the Yom Nate tournament! Their success is due to their amazing teamwork which enables them to break any defense thrown their way.

## A NOTE TO THE SPORTS STAFF FROM AHUVA RUDOWSKY, A MEMBER OF OUR YACHAD VOCATIONAL PROGRAM:



Dear Sports Staff,

Thank you for everything you do for me. I am going to miss doing sports with you. We had a lot of fun together. We had snack and watched a video. I am leaving on Monday. I know this is my last job this summer. My friend is coming to do sports staff. This is our last shabbos together and I know you are sad that I'm leaving, but we will always keep in touch. With your team effort, all the staff is great.

Love, Ahuva

## Nine Days Play: "WE ARE HERE"



This week, campers and staff were privileged to watch "We Are Here," an original Nine Days production written, directed and produced by our own Sally Shatzkes. The play focused on a family's Pesach Seder, where their relatives, friends, and some unexpected guests joined together to celebrate, just as Jews have done for thousands of years. The discussion around the table became more serious as it began to touch on the Seder as the ultimate form of Jewish resistance.

The children at the table - and the audience in turn - learned that resistance can come in many different forms: education, spirituality, tradition, kiruv, and food, among others - and that resistance isn't always about fighting or rebellion. We heard stories of Jewish resistance from all over the world and different times in history, and it soon became clear that Jewish resistance is still critical in the present day. When the children wondered if they have any part in Jewish resistance today, being that they are educated and privileged Jews, free to live with religious and cultural freedom, their parents reminded them that in every generation there are forces that threaten Jewish existence and that every Jew has a part to play when it comes to resisting those forces.

"We Are Here" drew its audiences into the family's seder in a way that left them wondering what forces threaten our existence today and what types of resistance we must engage in in our societies. The beautiful communal singing of "Ve'hi She'amda" at the closing of the show reaffirmed that each audience member, like the participants at the seder, has a role to play.

The show ended with a probing question: What are we, as Jews who live freely and peacefully, doing here at this time and this place? What does it mean for Jews in 2018 to be able to say "We Are Here?"



## Meet Our Staff:

### Moshe Deutsch, Head of Boys Waterfront



**Where do you live during the year and what do you do?** I live in Lakewood, NJ (yes, that Lakewood). I'm a school psychologist at a public middle school and an Adjunct Lecturer at Georgian Court University.

**Why did you decide to come to Morasha?** A friend sent me the Instagram post seeking a Waterfront Head. I reached out to a few friends who had previously worked at Morasha and they told me it was an incredible camp and I should definitely take the opportunity and experience the awesomeness here.

**Have you been to other camps?** I volunteered and worked at Camp Simcha for 9 summers as a lifeguard, counselor, division head, and assistant program director. Those summers were life-changing experiences. The most recent camp I worked at was Camp Extreme, located in the magnificent Canadian Rockies. It's an intensive, behaviorally focused traveling camp for teens experiencing difficulty in their lives.

**What are some goals you have for this summer?** My goals are to spend the summer in nature, meet the awesome people who are in Morasha, and learn what school experiences are like for our kids and teens. (I'm going back to school for my PsyD in the fall and I need to start considering ideas for my dissertation).

**What do you like best about working on the waterfront?** I really enjoy being outdoors and witnessing our campers enjoy swimming, water sports, and fishing. Did you know lifeguards pray for rain during the summer?



#### **What do you like to do in your free time?**

I love listening to classic rock (stop by the waterfront to hear me belting out some classics), running and hiking (I once ran a marathon and really recommend it, especially if it's for a good cause), watching foreign language films (translation: boring movies with subtitles), reading, and cooking (I miss making salmon and brown rice for dinner).

**Favorite camp food?** Quinoa.

**Favorite camp activity?** Swimming of course.

**Fun fact that people don't know about you?** I used to live in Mexico City and grew up speaking Spanish.








## SPOTLIGHT ON ALUFOT:

**Always a good time**  
**Leaders of the camp**  
**Unique division**  
**Fever all around**  
**Optimistic**  
**Trips every week**



## Check out the forecast for this week at camp!

SAT JUL 21		Cloudy	73°/58°	↓ 20%
SUN JUL 22		Showers	76°/66°	↓ 60%
MON JUL 23		Thunderstorms	76°/66°	↓ 90%
TUE JUL 24		Scattered Thunderstorms	76°/65°	↓ 60%
WED JUL 25		Scattered Thunderstorms	74°/63°	↓ 60%



## CHESED CORNER:

### Hashavat Aveida:

**LOST:** Gold bracelet with a diamond.

**LOST:** White gold huggie earring with diamond heart.

**FOUND:** This turquoise beaded necklace with a diamond heart was found on Visiting Day on Boys Campus

If anybody can help return or claim these items,  
or has any other Lost & Found inquiries,  
please contact Aliza Schachter, Head of Cheshed.



**Tired of your car  
getting all muddy  
from driving these  
dusty camp roads?  
If you would like to  
get your car washed  
next week,  
please contact  
Aliza Schachter!**

# **ROVING REPORTER:**

## **What's your favorite thing at the new canteen this summer?**

**"French fries and pulled beef"**  
— Leah Weiss, G-22

**"Sushi" — Emma Nordlicht, G-27 - Alufot**



**"Cheese pretzel" — Jonah Orlinsky, B14**



**"Hot dog with pulled beef and onions"**  
— Noam Weintraub, B-12

**"My staff! And the Thursday night chulent and potato kugel"**  
— Shani Norman, Head of Canteen

**"Rolos" — Emma Hanauer, G-14**

**"Blue slushie" —**  
**Noah Freundlich, B-14**



**"Brownie bars" —**  
**Shawn Jacobs, lifeguard**



**"Hot pretzel" — Jakey Heumann, B14**

**"Soft-serve ice cream" — Shiraz Itzhaki, G24**

**"Blue slushie" — Jacob Zweibel, B-14**



# VISITING DAY!





# 6-WAY INTERCAMPS!



# Parshat Devarim: Dvar Torah by Aliza Schachter



At the beginning of Parshat Devarim, Bnai Yisrael are about to enter Eretz Canaan. Moshe addresses them before he departs for one last time.

He wants to prepare them for what they are about to encounter in their new home. In his “pep talk,” he reminds them about some of the mitzvot which he taught them previously as well as some new mitzvot which had not yet been relevant.

Before he gets to these important lessons, he prefaces his speech with what seems like a history of their travels. But some of the places he mentions, like תפל ולבן, do not appear anywhere else in Tanach! Rashi explains that a closer look at this travelogue reveals that what appear to be a list of places are in fact subtle hints to Bnai Yisrael’s past sins. For example, די זהב, is a reference to the חטא העגל. Moshe wants to point out their past transgressions as a means of deterring them from repeating their mistakes, yet he takes great care not to embarrass them in doing so.


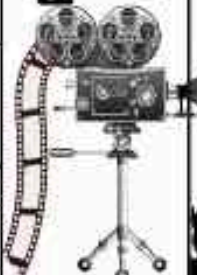


Moshe’s restraint shows his respect and sensitivity toward Bnai Yisrael and is such a valuable lesson for us here at camp. Especially this week, as we approach Tisha B’Av, it is so important for us to be aware of how our words and actions can hurt others. We must put ourselves into our peers’ shoes to consider how what we say or do might affect them. Those of us in a position of authority, who might need to criticize or point out others’ mistakes for their own benefit, must also do so with warmth and thoughtfulness. Let us hope that our concern for others’ feelings will bring us closer to the Redemption.



# NIGHT ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

WEEK 5

July 22-July 28

	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	M. SHABBAT
Nitzi Girls	 <b>ICE CREAM SUNDAES</b>	<b>PRIM</b>	<b>THIR</b>	Rainbow Tag (CANTEN)	<b>TRIP TO MOVIES</b> 	<b>Shabbat Nachamu Concert</b> 
Nitzi Boys				BALLOON POP! (TANK)		
YS Girls				Extreme Game Makeover (GIRLS COURTS)		
YS Boys				WACKY RACES (BOYS GYM)		
OS Girls				PANIC		
OS Boys				PANIC HA		
Hanot Girls				Campfire Cookout		
Hanot Boys						
Manhigot				Mystery Night! (MERGAZIA)		
Manhigim				PANIC		
Alufot				Night Leagues		
Alufim				pool party Extreme Game Makeover (GIRLS COURTS)		
Yachad						