



# 2 0 1 8 E D I T I O N SHALHEVET

JULY 6-7, 2018 / PARSHAT PINCHAS

## Week Two was Terrific!

Week Two at Morasha was a jam-packed whirlwind of fun, as campers had a blast enjoying regular activities and participating in special events. We started off on a more serious note to commemorate Shiva Assar B'Tammuz, as we fasted, davened (with a special Vatikun sunrise minyan for Machzor Bet) and were inspired by meaningful learning programs, with ice cream sundaes as a break-fast dessert.



On Monday, girls campus enjoyed Studio247, a new program that focused on staying healthy - physically, mentally and spiritually. Sporting their new Morasha sweatbands, campers enjoyed a variety of classes, including Krav Maga, Kangoo dancing, jump rope, army training, and soul cycle. There was a "spa and health" component featuring yoga, a health bar, smoothies, soap-making, and mud masks. The girls nourished their minds through classes on "Mindfulness Meditation," and "Mitzvot that Move Us," and had a chance to cool off at the pool and lake while working on their aqua fitness skills.

At the same time, Boys Campus also worked up a sweat while competing in their annual FIFA tournament, with dozens of soccer teams represented by different countries, from Aruba to Zimbabwe. Campers proudly wore their team's colorful socks and played soccer matches all day, culminating in the championship, where great sportsmanship was displayed by all.

Wednesday, we celebrated July 4<sup>th</sup>, decked out in red, white and blue. We had a delicious BBQ and watched a stunning fireworks display over the lake, enjoying the view from our new Dining Hall patio. Thursday was Trip Day! We boarded 25 buses to Dorney Park and had an amazing time, with an exhilarating day full of rides, roller coasters and games. But the fun didn't end there! We also had cupcake wars, Team Elitzur basketball clinics, and a special chesed activity with Billy's Baseballs, where campers wrote inspirational messages on baseballs to send to U.S. soldiers. Night activities were in full swing as well, with Capture the Counselor, cookouts, scavenger hunts, and Minute to Win It, to name just a few.



This Shabbos, we are looking forward to welcoming our guest speakers, Rabbi Yisroel Kaminetsky, Rosh Yeshiva at HALB and Menahel at DRS, and Elisheva Kaminetsky, Judaic Studies Principal at SKA. Shabbat Shalom!



# SPOTLIGHT ON GIRLS SPORTS!

Congrats to our Older  
Shtilim/Ilanot basketball  
team, Machzor Bet  
basketball team and  
Machzor Bet softball team!



They each won  
their first round  
games in Wayne  
County leagues  
this week!





# BOYS CAMPUS: FIFA!





# GIRLS CAMPUS: STUDIO247!





# JULY 4TH BBQ AND FIREWORKS!





# TRIP TO DORNEY PARK!





# Meet Our New Staff:

## Ruby & Shayna Yarmush

**Nitzi Boys Division Head / Nitzi Boys Camp Mom**



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

**Ruby:** We live in Sharon, Massachusetts. I'm a psychotherapist and Shayna is the 8th grade dean at Maimonides.

**Why did you come to Morasha this summer?**

**Shayna:** Ruby grew up going to Morasha, and I joined him in 2001. After being away from Morasha for 14 years, we missed it so much we had to come back!

**What is one goal you have for this summer?**

Our goal is to share with our kids what an excellent Jewish camp is like.

**Favorite camp food?** BBQ. **Favorite camp activity?** Swimming at the lake.

**Why are the Nitzis the best?**

The Nitzis are the best because we are the biggest and best division in camp history. Plus we are cuter than everyone else!

**Fun fact that people don't know about you:**

**Ruby:** I do a really good Chewbacca impression. Shayna's family had goats when she was a kid.



## Dvar Torah on Parshat Pinchas by Rabbi Larry Rothwachs, Camp Rabbi

People generally tend to underestimate the effects that one's environment and peers have upon their character. We prefer to believe that our thoughts and actions reflect our true beliefs and feelings. We are therefore eager to trust our own judgment and often exhibit tremendous self confidence in our abilities to preserve our own values and maintain social independence. We manage to maintain this confidence even when forced to combat opposing forces that confront us. חז"ל were less inclined to

assume this position and urge us to be especially mindful of the neighborhood in which we live and the people with whom we associate (מס' אבות ד:יח).

External influences are not the only type that may likely jeopardize one's spiritual well-being. We are taught that when an individual displays insensitivity or, even worse, cruelty, towards another, this action has a lasting effect upon the one committing these acts. It must be stressed that this may be so even when one's actions are sufficiently warranted and justified. There is nevertheless a lingering effect that remains with the perpetrator, long after the action has been committed.

The נצי"ב suggests that this phenomenon is evident when analyzing the actions of פינחס. As the תורה records (במדבר כה), when פינחס observes a public display of immorality, he swiftly responds to the flagrant desecration of שם ה'. He chooses to react in an especially harsh manner, killing the two offenders in full public view. He is lauded for his heroic stand and, despite the otherwise violent nature of his actions, he is granted the divine reward of "ברית שלום".

**What is the nature of this unique reward?**

The נצי"ב explains that human nature would dictate that the violent manner of פינחס's actions should have left an indelible mark upon his character. It is only natural and it is to be expected that when one engages in an act of vindictiveness or cruelty, however justified his actions may be, a natural desensitization will set in and the growth of a permanent spiritual scar is inevitable. There is this inescapable effect of one's actions. Therefore, explains the נצי"ב, the reward of ברית שלום was an assurance from הקב"ה that there would be no lingering effects upon פינחס's personality and soul. He was endowed with a special measure of שלום, essentially neutralizing the natural corrosive effects of cruelty.



# Hashavat Aveida: Lost & Found



**LOST:**  
Brand new black Bauer hockey helmet

**FOUND:**  
Shiny blue Captain America cape  
at Bondi porch



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

## STAFF NIGHT ACTIVITIES

7/8-7/14



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
<b>8</b>  <b>SHUTTLES TO PIZZA &amp; DJ'S</b>  <b>9:00-11:00</b>	<b>9</b>  <b>BOYS BBQ and pool party</b>	<b>10</b> <b>GIRLS INTRA-MURALS</b> 
WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	MOTZEI SHABBAT
<b>11</b>  <b>OUT</b>	<b>12</b>  <b>BBYO</b>	<b>14</b>  <b>VISITING DAY CLEAN UP</b>



# NIGHT ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

WEEK 3

July 8-July 14

	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	M. SHABBAT
NITZI GIRLS	 (MERCAZIA)	Face Paint (GIRLS PAVILION)	 <b>OLYMPICS</b>	 <b>OLYMPICS</b>	Activity B'Yachad	
NITZI BOYS	Rainbow Tag	MAT BOWL (TANK & HOCKEY COURT)			Activity B'Yachad	
YS GIRLS	 (TANK)	 <b>Olympics Torch Ceremony</b>			PROJECT RUNWAY (PARGOD)	
YS BOYS					Fear Factor (BEACH PAVILION)	
OS GIRLS	 HUMAN APPLES 2 APPLES				 (CANTEN)	
OS BOYS	Rainbow Tag				 (LOFT)	
ILANOT GIRLS	 DANCE PARTY MOVIE SLEEPOVER				 (TANK)	
ILANOT BOYS	 Capture THE Counselor					
MANHIGOT	 WHO'S LINE IS IT ANYWAY?	 OPEN COURTS & FOOSBALL (GIRLS COURTS)			<b>MADNESS TRIP</b>	
MANHIGIM	 pool party	 Karaoke (CANTEN)				
ALUFOT	 Paint Night	 (TANK)				
ALUFIM	 Night Leagues					
YACHAD	 HUMAN APPLES 2 APPLES (CANTEN)	Face Paint (PARGOD)			Activity B'Nitzi	