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JULY 27-28, 2018 / PARSHAT VA'ETCHANAN / SHABBAT NACHAMU

Second Session Off to a Great Start!

As Tisha B'Av began Saturday night, marking the saddest day on our Jewish calendar, we participated in a somber torch procession to boys campus to hear Megilat Eicha. We sang together and saw the words "Yersushalayim Shel Zahav" burn into the night sky. Campers watched a moving video presentation and program connecting the tragedy of Tisha B'Av to our times. The next day, we davened, recited Kinot and participated in special activities connected to the fast. May we merit to see the Beit Hamikdash rebuilt speedily in our days!



On Monday we jumped right back in to our Summer of Simcha, with Purim in July / Topsy Turvy Day, where everyone dressed in wacky costumes, feasted on hamentashen, and danced up a storm at a lively chagiga. The highlight of our week was Shiria, our annual boys versus girls singing competition on Tuesday, also focusing on our Simcha theme. Both campuses spent hours practicing and perfecting their songs, culminating in an inspiring evening of achdut, creativity and ruach. From the meaningful song choices to the melodious harmonies and from the impressive soloists to the talented camper band, it was an amazing event where campers truly shined. The girls wowed the audience with renditions of "Acheinu" and "Im Eshkacheich" and boys campus sang "Od'cha" and an original medley of wedding songs. The final scores were close, and although the boys won "Song of the Night" for "Od'cha," Girls Campus was ultimately declared the winner!



On Wednesday we said goodbye to our first-month campers and welcomed over 60 new friends for our second session. The boys and girls campuses faced off yet again for our G-Squared competition, and this time the boys were victorious, beating out the girls in Dodgeball, Musical Chairs, Maccabia, and more. Thursday night, we went on a night trip to the drive-in to watch "The Incredibles 2."

We look forward to a beautiful Shabbat Nachamu together, with a special camp-wide Havdala under the stars and a Melava Malka on Saturday night. Shabbat Shalom!

SPOTLIGHT ON CHESED:



We have been washing cars this week, not to raise money, but as a chesed, a kind deed to do for our hard-working staff members. While we have been having a blast doing so, because, well, washing cars is tons of fun, we also feel great knowing that our efforts are helping someone else. Special thanks to Guitti

Perman, car detailer extraordinaire, for all her hard work and extra hours this week! Our cars would not be as sparkly without you!



*** We hope to have two more days of car washing fun this week, so please sign up and bring us your muddy cars! ***



SPOTLIGHT ON GIRLS SPORTS:

ILANOT / OLDER SHTILI BASKETBALL

Congratulations to the Ilanot/Older Shtilim girls basketball team on winning the Wayne county tournament! The girls success was credited to their amazing teamwork! Round 1 they beat Lohikan 29-14, Round 2 they beat Lavi 40-21, Round 3 they defeated Westmont 41-15 and in the finals they defeated Chenawanda 50-24. The finals were played after the first month ended, but 8 out of our 14 players were leaving. Thankfully Morasha provided a shuttle to take the first monthers late so they could finish the tournament and play in the championship game. The girls are so thankful! Yasher koach on a job well done!



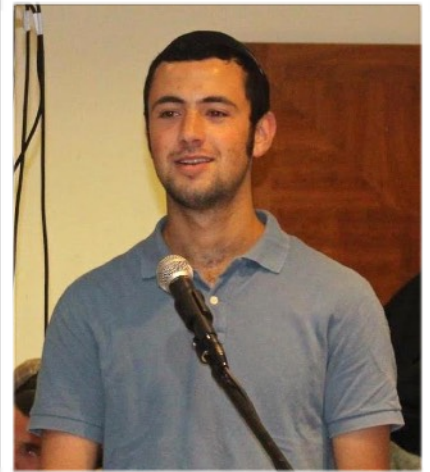
YOUNGER SHTILI / OLDER NITZI BASKETBALL

Congratulations to the Younger Shtili/Older Nitzi girls basketball team on winning the Wayne County tournament! In all of their games the girls played great and especially as a team. First round they defeated Starlight, 29-12, second round Poyntelle, 68-3, followed by Lavi, 22-9, and the finals versus Chenawanda, 29-10.



Meet Our Staff: Azi Fine

Manhigim Division Head



Where do you live during the year and what do you do? I am entering my 3rd year of Yeshiva University, where I live during the year, and I'm majoring in biology with the hopes of becoming a doctor or Rabbi.

Have you been to other camps? The last two summers I spent on NCSY Summer Kollel as a Madrich and Director of Special Programming. Before that I worked for Yachad in Mesorah for two summers.

Why did you decide to come to Morasha? Jeremy told me how energetic and great the guys in my division would be. I wanted to try to give them the most uplifting and fun summer that they could possibly have, in addition to the opportunity to give chaburahs and teach Torah here, which has been unbelievable.

What is one goal you have for this summer? To come away knowing every camper in my division well, in addition to giving my campers a feeling of geshmak in their Judaism.

What do you like best about being the Manhigim division head? The best part is easily wakeup. But, seriously, having the opportunity to hang out and grow with these campers and counselors has been an unbelievable experience.

What do you like to do in your free time?

I love reading books about psychology, learning Torah, and playing guitar/ukelele.

Favorite camp food? Easily the Salad Bar, a gluten free person's dream

Favorite camp activity? Karaoke night, the night activity for Manhigim was awesome. If anyone wants to see videos, hit me up!

Fun fact that people don't know about you? I was on the front page of The New York Times when I was in 1st grade.

PURIM IN JULY!



SHIRIA!



Parshat Va'eschanan:

Dvar Torah by Rabbi Lewis Wienerkur







In this week's sedra, we read some famous verses, most notably the Aseres Hadibros and the Shema. If one pays attention to the actual laying (as opposed to the Shema we say some 30 minutes prior), he or she will see that there is something missing. That is, of course, the phrase of Baruch Shem Kevod Malchuso LeOlam Vaed. Why is that? The Talmud relates that Yaakov Avinu, on his

deathbed, was afraid that one of his sons would stray and go "off the derech". After all, Avraham had Yishmael and Yitzchak had Esav! Not so with Yaakov's 12 sons. In unison, they recited the verse of Shema Yisrael. This had a dual meaning. First, the Shema itself but, second, Yaakov is also named Yisrael. Yaakov was so inspired he recited Baruch Shem, etc.

The Talmud asks if we should recite the Baruch Shem in our daily Shema recitation. To not recite it might be a slight to Yaakov but to recite it might be a slight to Moshe in whose Torah it was not placed. The compromise is to recite it softly (except Yom Kippur but that is for another Dvar Torah). I once heard Rabbi Hershel Schachter z"l (of Moshulu Parkway not of Bennett Avenue) explain that this is our way in kiruv rechokim. We proclaim out loud that one needs to be committed 100% to Torah. Quietly we look away as we know that a person needs to grow at his/her own pace.

Check out the weather forecast for the next few days at camp:

SAT JUL 28		Partly Cloudy	76°/55°
SUN JUL 29		Partly Cloudy	75°/55°
MON JUL 30		Partly Cloudy	76°/59°
TUE JUL 31		Scattered Thunderstorms	75°/64°