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Dear Camp Morasha,

Family is a very valuable thing. We know this because our family lives quite far away, in places like Boston and Florida. On Monday, June 28, 1998 we were made very aware of that fact when our new daughter, Sarah Neimah, became very ill for some unexplained reason. Because our parents live so far away we are used to being totally independent, but now with two small children, it became unclear how we would be able to juggle the needs of both, one sick, the other too young to express her feelings about the prospect of her Ima going yet again to the hospital.

On that Monday night, when we felt alone, there was a very special group of people who stepped in to remind us that we indeed do have family in Camp Morasha. The warmth and support cradled our family in a way that made us feel secure and optimistic at a time of great fear and darkness. We simply knew that our needs, spiritual and physical, large and small, would all be taken care of. Food was regularly delivered to the hospital, (and gratefully received) people organized the recitation of the entire book of Tehillim, in the merit of Sarah Neimah's healing. All this gave us the support we needed to get through this crisis.

Now it is a week later. Our life has gotten back to normal, and every where we look, is a reminder of how so many people helped us in so many ways. We know the individuals who helped us so much during that difficult time would be embarrassed to have their names mentioned here, but we still must say, "Thank you." First we thank you all for the aid and comfort that you all gave so generously. But perhaps more importantly, we thank you for reminding us that here at Morasha, we are all a family and exactly what family truly means.

With deepest gratitude,

Aliza, Yitzchak, Chayah Tziporah, and Sarah Neimah Rosenblum



Nitzi Overnight

by Rebecca Weinstein

Atara Stemp

Ally Simon

The Nitzi overnight was a lot of fun. It took place on Monday night July 13th. "A lot of us were scared to go - mostly because of bears." In the end it turned out O.K. We left from the H.C. before dinner, and walked through the woods on a deer path with Ofer in the lead. When we arrived at the camp site, the tents were all set up. We all picked tents and set up our sleeping bags. Yitz Rosenblum came to our camp fire and played his guitar for us. He taught us a new song. We ate hot dogs, hamburgers, corn, chicken, and baked beans. Roasting marshmallow fluff was the best part. A lot of girls didn't want to use the bathroom, so they went to the woods thinking it would be a safer choice but the counselors took pictures. Some of us slept outside of the tents. The sky

was very clear that night and we saw a lot of stars. Unfortunately we forgot about the bugs and the dew, and in the morning we were bitten up and wet. In the morning we walked back to camp and got to miss Sheurim (Oh well!). We think we would like to go on another one, but not so soon.....



Congratulations Girls!

We interviewed the three girl's Shiriah leaders. Their names are Alison Steinlauf, Rachel Deutsch, and Dvora Weiner. Allison led the song of the night "Sameach T'samach" written by Gershon Veroba. She was given the privilege of leading the song after she tried out and worked on it. She chose this song because she liked its sweet sounding melody. She was very excited to be able to lead because she was finally doing something she wanted to do for a long time. She was nervous but very enthusiastic in her teaching. She said it was hard to teach the songs

but after a lot of practice it all fell into place.

Dvora lead "Kulanu Nashir B'yachad" by Mendy Wald. She earned this privilege after trying out and helping to pick out the songs. She chose this song after hearing it on a tape in the car. She knew that it was perfect. Dvora was excited but when we spoke to her Wednesday afternoon, she didn't seem nervous. She didn't think that it was hard to teach the songs since the campers participated so well.

Rachel led "Shiru Shir." After trying out, she was chosen to lead this song. She picked this song because it was the Israeli song that she liked the most. She was both excited and nervous for Shiriah. She thought it was difficult to teach because it was hard for everyone to learn the words.

Reported by:
Tova Weiner & Yael Eisenberg (G-2)

◆ We'd like to thank everyone who participated in the blood drive.

Staff Profile

This summer, where people once went to work out, they now go to whip up fattening desserts.

Now campers can follow the smell of fresh pastry to the room adjacent to the canteen, where they can take part in Morasha's newest activity: baking.

And when they get there, they'll find baking instructor Rikki Nat putting the last touch on a watermelon cookie or squeezing cream into a canoli horn.

This may be the first year for baking in our camp, but for Rikki it has been a hobby for a long time. During the year she runs Incr-edible Caterers, Inc., a catering company based in Edison, N.J.

At home, Rikki enjoys creating intricate cakes with multiple steps. In camp, she's starting campers off with simpler projects, like decorating lollipop cookies and making flower pot cakes.

Bringing baking to Morasha was Rikki's idea. Previously she taught arts and crafts in other camps. So far she said, campers have responded to her classes, "extraordinarily well."

Before the summer, Rikki went shopping for all types of supplies, like

miniature rolling pins, baking ingredients, and felt tips that have food coloring for ink.

Rikki has plenty of projects waiting for campers. There are teddy bear molds that will be used to make small cakes, and cookies that will be decorated and dyed.

On Tuesday night, Rikki led the staff in making cake with mocha icing and chocolate roses. The bakers had a great time, and some hungry canteen dwellers were the lucky beneficiaries of their labor.

The staff may be talented, but Rikki seems partial to one group of campers - the alufim boys. They demonstrate their passion for baking by showing up during Rikki's free periods to bake with her.

Rikki doesn't seem to mind. "Baking is for all ages, from little boys to big boys," she said. "It's fabulous to watch."

A Very Special Shabbas

This Shabbas we are privy to be host to 30 members of the new program Ambassadors of Unity Partnership 2000. This program brings together teens from Netivot and Azata, Israel with their American

counterparts from Philadelphia.

Dedicated to furthering their growth in Yiddishkeit, these representative teens have been spending the past two weeks visiting various Jewish summer camps including an encounter this past week with BBYO. This Shabbat camp Morasha, and the Machon - Alufot divisions in particular are privileged to forge a relationship with Israeli, Russian, Ethiopian, and other American teens. An exciting and inspirational experience is expected by all.

Shoshana Carmel
(Machon)

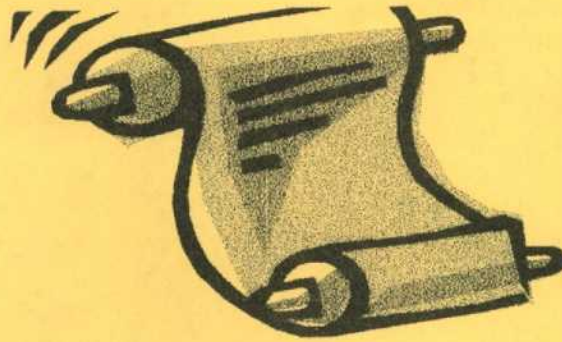


This weeks guest speaker is Dr. Aaron Glatt, the topic is The Orthodox Jew Confronts American Values in the Workplace. The lecture will be given in the Pargod at 10:30 PM.



A few good artists.....

A very special thanks to Meira Merlis for our beautiful cover. We need more entries for our contest, the best picture becomes the official cover.



Daf Ed

פרשת פנחס - Parshat Pinchas

What is the basic principle and foundation of life? This is a very tough question to answer. Fortunately, the Gemara (Talmud Yerushalmi Nedarim 9:4) tells us that our Rabbis were asked this exact question. The well known response of Rabbi Akiva is that one should strive to always follow - "זאהבת לרעך כמוך" - **"to love one's friend or neighbor as oneself."** (Kedoshim 19:18)

The Midrash records a different answer to our question, based on a pasuk found in this weeks Parsha. The Torah begins its discussion of Karbanot with the following requirement: "את הכבש אחד תעשה בבקר ואת הכבש שני תעשה בין הערבים" (פנחס 4: 28)

The pasuk is telling us that we are required to bring two sacrifices every day - one in the morning and one in the afternoon. The Midrash writes that this pasuk is the answer to our question and the foundation of our lives!

What is the meaning of this strange Midrash?

Apparently, the Midrash is teaching us that the major principle of Jewish life is consistency. While there is value to dramatic heroism (as in the case of Pinchas) and grand slams) the key to success is constant and consistent dedication. The Torah does not give us the option of 14 sacrifices a week or 4 every two days. We must bring two sacrifices everyday without exception. For this reason the daily sacrifice is called the "עלת התמיד" - "עולה constant" (Cal Ripken understood this Midrash very well).

We should all put in extra effort to strengthen our daily commitment to ourselves, family and friends, and above all - Hashem.

Rabbi Kalman Topp
Ed Staff

ניצוצות של שלמות

מוסכם שאין בעולם שלמות
וכל חי חייב למות,
אך יש מדי פעם, שניצוצות של שלמות מופיעים
ועל חיינו לטובה הם משפיעים.

ניצוצות שכאלה התהוו בפגישות שני המחנות
BBYO ומורשה, לשניהם הם היו מתנות
של קשרי ידידות, אחוה, רגישות, וחוויה ממנה להנות
ועל הכל, נסיון מוצלח "אהבת ישראל" לחזק ולבנות.

השיחות, הריקודים, השירה,
הכנסת האורחים, הכבוד ההדדי, והאווירה,
היו במקום, בטוב טעם, ובזמן הנכון....
כל הכבוד ויישר כוח למארגני ולחברי המכון.

מאיר מוסקוביץ



HAPPY BIRTHDAY:

We'd like to wish a happy birthday to: **Talia Rosenberg** (G-10), who will be celebrating her birthday on Shabbat.

Sunday- Dani Gopin (B-12), and **Noah Turk** (B-1).

Monday-Aliza Boim(G-12).

Tuesday-Michael Weiner(Machon) and **Dahlia Eisenberg**(G-20) and **Shlomo Einhorn**(Kollel)

Wednesday-Sara Winkler(G-12), and **Arianna Mazurek**(G-4)

We wish all of you a very happy birthday!



FYI - In the library you can find such tapes as:

Rabbi Berl Wein
Rabbi Yissochar Frand
Rabbi Dr. Akiva Tatz
Harav Yisroel Reisman



Readathon

A number of Nitzi campers, and Day Camp have already signed up. The goal is to read the most number of books or pages. There are "Read-a-ton" charts in all the bunks. Please stop by the library for more information.

We'd like to thank the following for their library contributions:

Rabbi Pesach & Mrs. Chani Oratz donated tapes by Rabbi Dr. Akiva Tatz in honor of Sruli's Bar Mitzvah.

Rabbi Yitzchak & Mrs. Aliza Rosenblum donated **נתיבות שלום & אור גדליה** in honor of their Morasha family.

Next weeks highlights.....

Sunday - The Alufim & Alufot will be visiting Camp Block, where they will be performing.

Monday - Machzor Bet will be going on a trip.



Tuesday - will be a Monday schedule.

Wednesday - Machzor Alef will be going on their trip.

Thursday -, Shtilim will be putting on Joseph and, the older Ilanot will be having a Learn-a-thon.

