

SHALHEVE



Yachad
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WHAT'S NEW IN THE LIBRARY

As most of you already know, the library is one of the hottest spots in camp. Some new additions this summer include, the **Story File**- Any Staff member who has read or told a story to any group in camp is asked to submit that story to the library to be held on file. This will be a great resource for those in search of stories for Sichot or for bedtime. New Sefarim have been ordered (Thank You Rabbi Wahrhaftig) as well as many new Storybooks. Counselors are encouraged to read with & to campers as much as possible. Last years **Read-a-Ten** was so successful that it is back and in full swing. Charts are being distributed to all bunks to record all books read this summer-Anyone can be a winner so READ! The **Torah Tape Library** is also a very popular part of the library. For counselors who have Sheurim Duty, the New York Times arrives daily and copies

of the Crossword Puzzle are made and kept on file. We'd like to thank Rock Davis for making the Library such a warm and inviting place.

The second week of camp started with a BANG! Sunday night July 4th after a BBQ dinner with tables decorated with Red, White and Blue hats, campers and staff enjoyed an amazing display of fireworks at the Tisha B'Av sight. .



It's been a VERY HOT week, with temperatures soaring in the high 90's, thank you to all campers and staff for being such good sports going to activities, and running all departments especially the kitchen and dining room, we know it isn't easy! Thanks also to the Warehouse for supplying us with lots of drinks and to the infirmary for taking care of those of us who didn't drink enough! These are the kind of weeks when everyone wishes they were on waterfront staff!
STAY COOL EVERYONE!!!!



SPORTS STOP:

The Morasha Staff teams were very busy Wednesday night. The Basketball team, coached by Yehuda Kraut - traveled to Mesorah where they proceeded to win 47-32. Dov Weiner (Sports Staff) scored 21 points! "The Morasha squad's inside-outside game proved to be too much for a smaller Mesorah team," said Kraut. The hockey team coached by Rabbi Elly Storch, headed to Lavi. In front of a capacity crowd with much spirited cheering; Roy Ashkenazi (Kollel member) scored both of Morasha's goals. Although Morasha proceeded to lose 5-2, Rabbi Storch say's "It was a very competitive game".
- The entire camp would like to wish a Refuah Shlemah to Marky Gibber.



Staff Spotlight

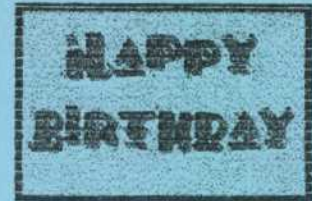
BY: Yoel Preminger- machon
This week the Shalhevet has chosen to spotlight **Michele Comet**, the Head Supervisor of the dining room.

Michele was born in Brooklyn, NY then moved to the upper West Side. Two years ago Michele and her family made Aliyah to Eretz Yisroel and settled in Rechaviah, Jerusalem. Ms. "Jack-of-all-Trades" is a registered nurse, has a Bachelor of Science in biology (and did research in food poisoning) she has studied massage and has a brown belt in torah dojo karate. She now is a party and event coordinator in Jerusalem.

Mrs. Comet had never worked in Morasha but had visited many times and admired the place very much. Rabbi Wahrhaftig, was always a huge fan of hers- having heard of her fabulous reputation as a nutritionist and supervisor of the cafeteria at Ramaz. "It was a lucky break for me to hear she would be available this summer!" said the director.

Michele's goal for the summer is to have fun but at

the same time maintain a high level of kashrut, sanitation, and safety in the dining room. "Service with a smile" is Michele's motto. So far Michele's biggest challenge this summer has been serving dinner to over 500 campers and staff members in the middle of a heat wave, rain storm, and blackout. Not exactly Michele's idea of a "Candlelight dinner", like her last name-she rose to the occasion and handled the situation with calmness, composure and acted as swift as a "Comet". This summer for the first time Michele has instituted a waiter-of-the-week program. Each week every table has an opportunity to nominate a waiter of the week. Michele believes that you are only as good as the people who surround you and she is thankful to have the phenomenal help of Shmuel "Sam" Ritter, a top-notch group of waiters and terrific Machoniks. We greatly appreciate Michele's intuitive wisdom, experience and sense of humor- she makes the Dining Room a fun place to eat!



- Chaim Cohen- B-3
- David Blum- B-13
- Ilana Sussman- G-5
- Mark Grundman- B-13
- Michael Greenberg- B-2
- Daniel Gottesman- B-Machon
- Yael Forman- G-15
- Yael Landman- G-5
- Aaron Schultz- B-6
- Rena Rotter- G-11
- Stephanie Cohn- G-Staff
- Motti Hoffnung- B-Kollel
- Ariel Benson- B-Machon
- Jack Levin- B-9

COMING UP....

Sunday-Shtilim present Annie

Monday- Machzor Bet trip

Tuesday-Machzor Aleph trip

Friday- Blood Drive

ALSO...

Tune in to 1610 on your AM dial to hear Machon Boys radio show...

REFLECTIONS ON MY WEEK...

WORKING TOGETHER

By, David Harrari B8

Spending a couple of days with Yachad really made an impact on all of our lives. The real translation of the word "Yachad" is together. Yachad symbolizes Achdut. Yachad works together and are always helping one another together. Yachad always reaches out to help and cheer up everyone. There is a story that explains how Yachad works. The story is told about a traveler who was crossing mountain heights of untrodden snow. He was freezing as the fierce wind and ice blew against his face. He couldn't feel his fingers or his toes. Then the night came. He struggled bravely against the urge for sleep, which weighed down his frosty eyelids. He knew that if he fell asleep, he would surely freeze to death. He lay down in the snow ready to die, not able to feel his limbs, for they were frozen. Then he decided to fight. He stood up to give death one last bout and decided he had to try to walk against the night wind. Just then, his foot struck a heap lying under the snow,

right in his path. He stooped down, pushed the snow aside, and found a man. This man had given up, half buried on the freezing mountain. He picked him up and started fiercely rubbing the frozen mans limbs. It was working! The man opened his eyes. He kept on rubbing till the sun rose and warmed the two men who were now friends.

Just like that man that was on the verge of giving up managed to reach out to help the other man; this is an action of Yachad. Yachad notices and lends their hands to other people. Not only does Yachad reach out and cheer and help out one another, but they do it B'Yachad-together in Achdut.

Our Experience With Yachad

By, Michael Stein- B15

Akiva Berson- B13

As the members of Yachad walked into davening on Monday morning, we felt as if we were back in our first summer in Morasha because we were scared yet anxious. our fright quickly vanished when they came over to us and greeted us as old friends.

we all fell in love with them and learned of our faults as we compared our personalities to theirs. Due to a heavy storm on Tuesday night, we were stuck in the music room bored out of our minds only to be rescued by yachad and their intense singing and dancing. We quickly forgot about the rain and the bowling trip, which we would not be going on. If we were only able to bring back one memory from this summer, it would without a doubt be our experience with Yachad. Whether it is swimming, singing, dancing or painting, the Yachad members always bring life to it. We thank Yachad for coming and teaching us that there is more to life than what we have discovered. We hope you come back soon.

BASKETBALL WITH TEAM YACHAD

By, B-8

"Team Yachad" certainly lives up to its name to the fullest. Whether it's Matt and Matis cheering after Josh hits another three pointer, or everyone "ooing & ahing" after Avi makes five consecutive free throws or

everyone rooting for Lenny when it's his turn to shoot, the Team is always together as are their events and everything they do is always with one another. However, the best thing about it is that they are always happy about it!

A MESSAGE FROM LENNY & FRIENDS

By, Lenny & Friends

Hi! My name is Lenny Stern. I would like to share my favorite highlights of camp. Some of them are that I built a train thing out of wood. I used a special electric saw to build my project. I swam in the water. I played basketball and I haven't played tennis yet this summer. All the campers from all the different divisions that I love from Nitzanim to Machon and all the counselors that I met this summer especially Flatbush kids because they are old school friends like Danny, Aviva, Michael & Isaac. I want to thank them for making this week great! Tonight we are singing with Benji and Machon. I loved all the people that I met. My friend Rafi said it was awesome to sing with Lenny and Yachad during Shiriah practice. My friend Eytan says it's a very good group and they are nice people. In conclusion. Morasha and

Yachad had a great time together and what we already had was awesome - I can't wait for the rest!

LEARNING FROM YACHAD

By, Noam Block B-8

There we were waiting at the Basketball courts for our first activity with Yachad. They came; we all looked at each other - not sure what to do or think. The sports staff gave us the ball and said "O.K Guys- let's play Newcomb". Now you know Ilanot boys don't really like to play Newcomb. Now you know what? Neither did the Yachad boys! But we all played for a while and had fun. Then we all decided that basketball was what we really liked and the games began. We played line up, not expecting them to be so good but they were hitting their jump shots. As I was waiting on line for my turn it occurred to me that these guys were not so different from me. They liked sports, having fun, & being with friends! They were also very proud of themselves when they played well - just like us. The only difference was they didn't care so much about winning, they cared about having fun and being one of the guys. That's a lesson we all can learn from them. I bet there are a lot of things we can learn from each other. I

can't wait for our next Yachad activity.

LESSONS LEARNED

By, B-11

At first when we heard Yachad was coming we didn't know what to expect. We thought that we would have to act weird around them or treat them like little kids. We thought that they would interfere with our activities. Once we had just one period-not even scheduled, it just got easier to talk to them. After maybe ten minutes we were able to talk to them like they were good friends. When we are with them we feel better about ourselves. When they achieve we feel like we have achieved. We have learned so many important values. Everything they do they give 100% even if they don't excel at it. It's amazing that even though Hashem did not give them everything they still have the faith and the hope to follow in the ways of Hashem. They are the true heroes. We learned from Yachad that you shouldn't take things for granted. Yachad is a group that we like because the members don't care what you wear or what you look like. When we're with yachad we learn a lesson of optimism because yachad members are not on the same level of everyone else and yet they