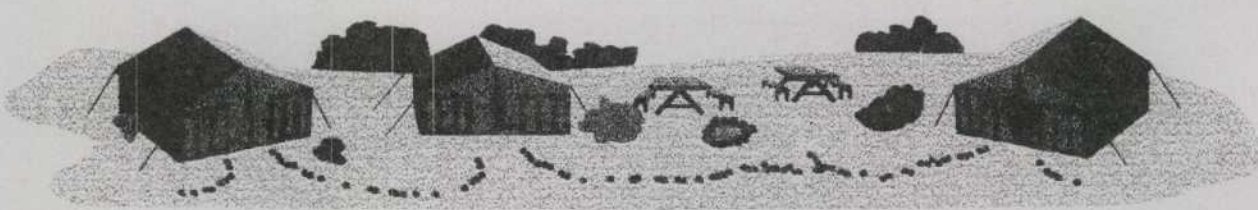


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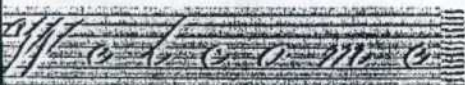


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Shalhevet



It's that time in the summer again when we are honored to be sharing Shabbat with the members of our Camp Board. We would like to wish you all a warm welcome and hope you have a pleasant stay!



We've had an action packed couple of weeks here at camp and many of our campers and staff members have volunteered to share their own experiences with us so sit back, relax and ENJOY!

MOSHAVA DAY

By, Aliza Chaneles



The day started off like all other Morasha trips- on a bus. But this time, the Alufim and Alufot (dressed in modest sweatpants and long shirts) were headed to a "mini-Israel" in the heart of Pennsylvania- Camp Moshava. Upon arriving at Moshava, many of us were really excited to see our "school friends" who we missed a lot. We then headed out to our first activity. The girls

Played a close game of beach volleyball, but came out with A victory-as did the girls AMAZING basketball team.

Some girls tried their luck at Moshava's very own rope course; where they climbed trees and walked across thin ropes way up in the sky. One Alufim boy said, "It was just like being in the circus", after his turn in the afternoon.

In the morning, the boys played they're hardest in both basketball and hockey but unfortunately came out with no victory. The Alufim were also given guns and a chance to use them in riflery, another unique Moshava activity. After all the games were done, we all made our way to the Chadar Ochel. There we found a salad bar. After we chose from a variety of vegetables and dressing, we sat down only to find that there were no waiters. The Moshava kids have to serve themselves! (Special thanks to the Morasha waiters!!).

In the afternoon, the sports began again - the boys played and lost a great game of

softball but managed to defeat Moshava in a hilariously aggressive soccer game. Some boys even got to try the ropes course while some girls got their "shot" at riflery, others got literally beaten in hockey. One bee sting, an almost broken nose, a bleeding mouth, and a few bruised legs and arms later, the girls ended up losing an intense hockey game, one to nothing. The sports were followed by canteen, Mincha and a Sichah given by Rabbi Marcus about getting along and not competing with each other. We then said our good-byes and came back to camp.



GOLD RUSH DAYS!

On July 21, everywhere you looked, the Younger Ilanot were on their best behavior...and collecting cash as a prize. Davening with kavanah, cleaning the bunk especially well, just being generally nice, all reaped monetary reward for the

enthusiastic group. It was their first annual Gold Rush Day. Camp Morasha money was printed out and distributed to the eager campers by everyone from Rabbi Wahrhaftig, to Suri, their Division Head.

And what did they do with all their money?

Why, they spent it at an auction held after Tisha B'Av buying goods like a "Lazy morning" for an entire bunk, and "Ruchie for a Day". "It was a truly exciting activity," said Suri. "All the girls participated and cooperated as united bunks to purchase some of the costly items".

The beauty of the Gold Rush was not only the "Thrill of the Buy", but also the beauty of seeing the girls continuing to demonstrate their beautiful Midot even when there is no financial remuneration for them.



DISNEY WARS

By, Chani Lindenbaum, Andrea Summers & Jessica Feld

It all started late Thursday night with a surprise party for Sara Winkler, which coincidentally turned into a boy's raid. Within minutes, Rabbi Wahrhaftig and Jeff

Kobrin appeared and pretended to yell at the boys for crashing the party. At that moment Rabbi Wahrhaftig proclaimed **DISNEY WARS!**

The teams were Lion King, Aladdin, Little Mermaid, and Beauty and the Beast. We started that night with two different games of volleyball. We then went to sleep and woke up early the next morning. The girls went off to play two different sports games and later the boys went to play sports. We all met at the Bondis for Team Time and a surprise from the camp- PIZZA!

Next was an apache relay and then we all began our presentations at the Pavillion. All the teams had to make up songs with the words "Is that a pizza or is that your face?" because it was a private joke between the coordinators Tamar Bendheim and Michael Harari (they originally wanted themselves in the songs). We all had a blast that day but it had to end sooner or later with the winner Beauty and the Beast living happily ever after!

MILCHEMET MITZVOT

By, Ariel Gindea & Samantha Moskowicz

Milchemet Mitzvot is a contest between all Nitzanim Bunks 7-11. Each Bunk was to write a song, a skit, and create a poster about specific Mitzvot. The Mitzvot are: Shabbat, Chesed, Limud Torah, Mezuzah & Kashrut.

All of the bunks were very creative. Bunk 11 used the Flintstones tune for their team song, G10 used $\text{אֶתְּכֶם בְּיָמֵינוּ}$ G9 used Under the Sea, G8 used White Cheer and G7 used Just One Shabbos. The plays were great and so were the posters we all had a lot of fun and learned a lot. We don't know who the winners are yet, we will keep you posted - Good Luck to all!



Jordan B-8

Sarita Adelsberg - Machon

Daniel Harary- B11

Elana Zelman- G19

Adina Grossman- G19

Lisi Stahler - G19

David Schnall-Machon

Eliyahu Schwartz-Kollel

Nina Anziska- G2

Edith Koslowe-G2

Eli Moses-Machon

Jessica Gross-G10

Abigail Pick-G18

Rivkah Bresler-G16

Eytan Austein-B19

Michal Gorelick-G10

PARSHAT EKEV

By, Ahuva Epstein-Ed Staff

This Parsha teaches us that Hashem rewards us generously for the performance of even the "little" Mitzvahs.

"והיה לקב תשואון" - "And these shall be the results of performing the Mitzvahs". Many commentaries are intrigued by the use of the word "Ekev" to describe the "results" of performing the Mitzvahs. Hashem could have used the words כארז או ארז. When you observe the commandments; not Ekev, a unique word with a meaning obviously deeper than its literal definition.

Rashi tells us that while Ekev means "the results of" it is also the Hebrew word for the heel of the foot. There are certain Mitzvot that people tread on and ignore because they don't consider them important...wearing Tzitzit, immersing vessels in the Mikvah, checking for Shatnez...

A Jew is not permitted to grade Mitzvot or to weigh them on a scale in order to assign value to those, which he considers to be important. Hashem wants us to perform all of the commandments with equal dedication.

Rabbi Aharon Kotler gives us another insight into the definition of "Mitzvot that people usually trample" These are the commandments

בין אדם לחברו, between man and his fellow man. We must conduct ourselves with Derech Eretz courtesy; we must be honest in our business, we must deal with integrity.

Here at camp, we must remember that performing acts of kindness to our fellow man enhances our relationship with Hashem. The true Yiddishkeit of a person is not determined merely by the way he learns or davens; but rather by the way he conducts himself in the bunk and social relationships.

SHABBAT SHALOM!

LIVE FROM THE LIBRARY:

We are so proud of all you voracious (look it up in the dictionary, on your next visit to the library...) readers out there. Here is an update on the "READ-A-TON":

G7 - 5 Books

G8 - 6 Books

G9 - 23 Books

G10 - 30 Books

G11 - 11 Books

B16 - 8 Books

B17 - 29 Books

B18 - 15 Books

B19 - 5 Books

So far, so good! Keep up the excellent work everybody - a

mind is a terrible thing to waste!

...Special Thanks to Danny Beer B15 for all his patience and help setting up the library computer.

We have several programs now available including the complete text of over 5,000 books on CD ROM, & Steven Spielberg's CD ROM called Survivors - testimonies of the Holocaust.

BOOK REVIEW: by Adam Gindea:

HARRY POTTER & THE SORCERERS STONE

By, J.K Rowling

Harry Potter is an awesome book. It's only good if you like Fairy Tales and that stuff. It's about a boy named Harry who was a son of a Wizard. An Evil Wizard killed Harry's parents and tried to kill Harry but he failed. After that, Harry frightened all evil wizards. Since he was now an orphan, Professor Dumbledor (Harry's parent's teacher) abandoned Harry at his aunt and uncles doorstep. They treated him horribly. Ten years later when he was eleven Harry learned that he was a wizard. He went to wizard school and the rest of