

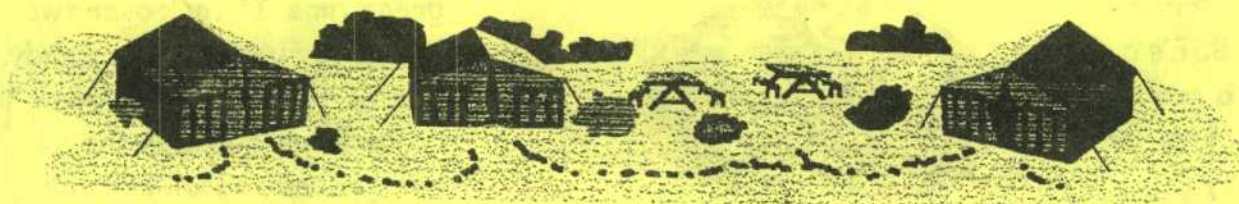
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It is our last week of camp and it feels rather Bittersweet. We will really miss all the friends we've made, our counselors and other staff members we've developed relationships with. It has been a glorious summer, we sampled all kinds of weather, heatwaves and COLD nights,,, we had Blackouts...animals...raids...overnights...trips... We learned new dances and songs...did arts & crafts...woodshop projects...played sports...swam...acted in plays...baked...water skied...tubed...kiyaked...canoed...color wared...the full camp experience!

We look forward however, to the New Year ahead of us. With the lessons we learned this summer from our friends, counselors and Sheurim Teachers we are sure we will be able to face any upcoming challenges. Whether it is a year in Israel, a new grade, starting High School, SAT's, BJE's a Bar or Bat Mitzvah, a new neighborhood, new school, or new baby in the family.

THANK YOU...

We'd like to thank each and every staff member for devoting all their hard work and energy to the camp-you really made a difference. Each department recognizes the efforts that you made and is greatly appreciative.

I would just like to single out one specific group that somehow gets lost along the way and they are the MOTHER'S HELPER'S. Thank you so much for loving and taking care of our children. For wiping their tears, and noses, changing their diapers, playing with them, singing, feeding them and for being responsible, reliable and constant. **WE** would not be able to do **OUR** jobs without **YOU!** Thanks again, we know you'll all be great Mom's yourselves one day!...



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| Rachel Friedman | Machon |
| Netanel Grossman | B-15 |
| Allie Simon | G-9 |
| Chippy Hait | G-20 |
| Samantha Adelsberg | G-4 |
| Karen Pelcovitz | Machon |
| Michal Forman | G-20 |
| Steven Genachowski | B-1 |
| Jason Finkelstein | B-5 |
| Jamie Klein | G-3 |
| Jacob Muller | B-17 |
| Laura Needleman-Ruiz | G-6 |
| Happy 39th Anniversary
Mr. & Mrs. Sarasohn! | |

ALADDIN

By, Ariel Gindea & Samantha Moskowitz
Aladdin was the Nitzi play of Summer '99. It was great. The actors and actresses were wonderful. All the Nitzanim in the cast had a great time. It took over two weeks to finish getting ready. One of the best parts was a really funny movie in the background to look like the

characters were really flying on a magic carpet. We'd like to thank :

Josh Blechner-Assistant Director, Michael Berl-Director, Shira Moskowitz-Scenery, Danny Shatzkes-Set Direction.

We really appreciate Josh for staying in camp longer before going to Israel.



NITZI OVERNIGHT

By, B-16

On August 3, 1999 after the play "Oliver" the Nitzis started to march in a single line to the woods. In the middle of the woods, Ofer stopped the line because he thought he heard a bear.

When he finally reached the overnight site we all settled down. That's when we met Nadav. Nadav explained what the overnight would be like.

We started with some races and B-16 won. We lit a campfire and we had a BBQ for dinner. Danny from music staff came and sang songs with us. Rabbi Oratz came to tell us a story. Then we roasted Marshmallow Fluff and baked potatoes.

Suddenly, we saw this little skunk and everyone gathered around to watch. It ran away but it came back several times. Nadav told his army stories and then we went to sleep. A lot of kids stayed up. In the morning it was cold so we gathered around the fire and davened Shacharit. After We davened, we had breakfast which was grilled cheese, and honey nut Cheerios. It was such a pity we needed to wake up at 6:00 instead of 8:00. We hiked back to camp and we had a GREAT time!

*Ofer wanted to personally congratulate the Nitzanim boys, Nitzi girls, and Younger Shtilim girls who successfully hiked the hardest route to the overnight site, created their own path and carefully "watched their step".

Kol Hakavod!



ALUFOI HERSHEY TRIP

"Oh G-d!, 4:00 wake up? That's CRAZY!" This is the way most people felt when they first heard about our Hershey trip. Still, we all got up and made it to the dining

room for a lovely 5:00 Breakfast. At 5:30 we were told to board the buses. What we didn't realize though...is that the boys schemed their way onto the fancier bus! Naively we boarded the plain old blue & white coach bus that was left. It was then that we met Bill - our bus driver.

We should have known right then and there that this was to be an ill fated relationship but we were trusting, "wanting-to-see-only-the-good-in-people" Morasha girls. From the beginning he was complaining of a leak over his seat and so we kindly built a contraption that would catch the water and prevent it from dripping on his head. We thought we could be friends with him but we were wrong... The man was insane! We innocently watched the heart wrenching movie "Step-Mom" not knowing it would be our last. You see, Bill wouldn't let us watch movies because it interfered too much with his driving. Despite these minor issues we were having with Bill, we arrived safely at the Amish Farmer's Market in Lancaster. There we purchased some of the Amish wares. Some of the

counselors were very cute and bought bonnets which they wore for the remainder of the day. After the market we headed over to ironically see a 3-D movie about an Amish boy named Jacob who had to make a choice whether or not to keep with his Amish roots or go off to the modern world. We found it very interesting and informative. Next we headed out to the Park City mall to catch up on some shopping. After pulling everyone out of the mall (kicking & screaming of course) we drove over to do check in at the Holiday Inn where we would be staying. When we got upstairs, we found to our dismay that both the boys & girls rooms were on the very same floor. Not to worry though, our counselors worked things out in a very comical scene moving all the boys to one end of the hall and all the girls to the other end. That night, after enjoying a delicious meal at the local JCC, we went to Sports Emporium. We played some arcade, went Go-Carting, and had three wild games of Lazer Tag. It was a great night. When we returned to our hotel, we got to hang out for a while before bed. The next morning we woke up.

davened, enjoyed a delicious hot breakfast and headed out for the main event- HERSHEY PARK!

The Park was great! We went on all sorts of rides from upside down roller coasters to an indoor ride portraying the making of chocolate. We bought tons of presents for people back in camp & we ate more chocolate than we ever had before. It was a great day and right before we boarded the busses to leave we organized the majority of the division to ride the carousel together- it was very nice. We then took a picture of the entire division together and got on the busses. Even though we fought with Bill on the ride home for shutting off the video and smoking on the bus, we still had a great time. It was an amazing trip, one we will never forget!

MACHON TRIP

Last Wednesday morning at approximately 1:00 AM, Machon '99, along with some guests, left Camp Morasha and embarked on a wonderful two day trip to Toronto. The first two and most important stops were rest stops. Most of the kids slept through these two stops but those of us that were awake

discovered that Dunkin Donuts at the rest stop in Albany is NOT kosher. Don't worry, we didn't eat there. We then tried to cross the border and found out that a driver's license is not enough identification to get into Canada. (*Note to Machon 2000: Bring Passports..) We stopped to daven near the Falls and enjoyed a great breakfast. We then headed out to Niagra Falls. We had to stop along the way because of the pouring rain, but when it slowed down to drizzle we got off the busses and boarded the "Maid of the Mist". The boat ride to the falls was a little nauseating and very wet but we had a blast. After the falls, the bus traveled another two hours to Toronto for a pizza lunch at the Montecassino Hotel. A school bus then took everyone to play Whirlyball which is basketball played in bumper cars and it was amazing. After that, some Machoniks went to check out the Roots outlet. In accordance with this summer's theme, we experienced a blackout on tour while shopping at Roots. Expertly trained in Blackout emergency procedures,

Machon '99 handled the situation beautifully. Our next stop was Cirque de Soleil. The clowns were a little annoying at the beginning but David Kastner enjoyed the whole experience! Some of the performers were really good, and some were really naked, but all of the acts were really cool.

After Cirque de Soleil, we went back to the hotel to get some snacks and go to sleep. After a long day we were all very excited to sleep in a real bed!

Thursday morning after Davening, breakfast, and checking to see if we had enough juice for the day, we all took the subway to the Toronto Ferry docks and boarded the ferry to Center Island. Once at Center Island, we all rented single, tandem and quad bicycles and rode around the beautiful Island. It was relaxing to eat lunch in the sun. We then headed back for the difficult job of shopping. Once ashore, some people went to the Hockey Hall of Fame while others went to the mall - both were fun and interesting.

After the mall, at approximately 5 PM, we headed to the final destination - Canada's Wonderland. Before entering the park, the famous Hoagies and grinders were distributed. Some of us ate them before we went on the rides but nobody got nauseous.

In Wonderland, we rode the ride of a lifetime. It soared through the sky from a height of over 400 feet. To quote Ruby Yarmush, the ride was "Gevaldik". Aside from a long line on the Top Gun ride due to technical difficulties (Tali had to wait patiently for over an hour-thank goodness she brought a sefer...). Even people who didn't go on rides had a great time including our fearful leader Barbara Deutsch.

Following Maariv, we ate some snacks and boarded the buses for the ride home. Most of us slept the whole way and didn't wake up until Lake Como where we saw a familiar face. All in all we had a great time and the counselors did a yeoman dog's job.

Machon would like to take this opportunity to thank everybody who helped to make the trip as good as it was. Thanks to Tali Cohen

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