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Erev Shabbat Parshat Matot-Masei

Welcome Second Month Campers!

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This Week in Camp

... We all enjoyed a fantastic Visiting Day!

... Machzor Alef girls wowed us with their incredible production of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*. Yasher Koach to all for such an outstanding job!

... We said good-bye to some friends, and welcomed new ones on Changeover Day!

Machzor Alef Carnival

By Eric Fruchter, B-6

This year's carnival was great. There was something for everyone. There was food for the hungry. There were pennies for the poor. There were sports for the athletic. There were even cards for the loving. The best thing was that nobody left empty-handed.

The games were very good. For instance, G-1 made a money hunt in a pot of flour. Another bunk made bowling with full water bottles. Another bunk made a game where you have to eat a watermelon and then spit the seeds at targets. There was even a game with a tree made out of Dum-Dums. Even girls' Yachad made a game. Their booth was very fun because it was all about holidays. We had a great time!

Ilanot Color War

By Erin Weinreich and Ronit Pelcovitz, G-18

This year's Ilanot Color War had some original themes and activities. The teams were Brown - Bambi - אייל; White - Aladdin - תפילה; Black - Beauty and the Beast - תפארת; and Blue - Lion King - אריה.

Some of the exciting and hilarious events included a cake competition, a rain dance, and a costume contest. The rain dances were so

successful that it's been raining all week! And even though the Black Team unfortunately dropped their cake, they still won Color War.

הניצנים עושים מצות טבילת כלים

מאת זהבה פרסר

בנות ניצנים קבלו דברים לעשות מצות טבילת כלים. כל ניצי קבלה משהו לטבול. הדברים לא היו בדיוק נקיים, רק אחד היה טוב לעשות את המצוה, ואז ילדה אחת עשתה את המצוה. אחרי יום קבלנו דברים נקיים לעשות את המצוה. אנחנו ברכנו ברכה ואז נתנו את זה לחדר אוכל. הם היו שמחים.

This Week in the Region

Monday's vicious thunderstorm downed trees and knocked out all power in the Village of Hancock, some 20 minutes from camp. A State of Emergency was officially declared in Hancock until Tuesday afternoon, when roads were cleared and power restored.

This Week in Morasha Sports

By Elliot Weiselberg

"Expect the unexpected," as one coach put it, was the best way of describing Wednesday's Nitzi division basketball championship. The game, played in the gym, was between two of the top Nitzi teams: Teams #5 (10-1) coached by Yoni Arnowitz and Team #3 (5-6!!!) coached by Dan Friedman. The game started off with an unexpected burst of scoring as team #3 took a 6-0 lead. The teams then battled back and forth until the half ended with team #3 leading 14-10.

Coming out of the half, team #5, led by Shelby Rosenberg, hit five of their first nine shots (along with a free throw) and took the lead 21-16. But, at the 9:17 mark of the second half, Jordan Ginsberg drained a three-pointer to bring team #3 back to within two. Jordan also had a chance to take the lead for his team, but couldn't convert on any of his next three free throws. However, a minute

later, Sammy Rhine succeeded on putting in a rebound and knotted the game at 21. For five minutes, the ball went back and forth between the two teams and both coaches were getting nervous. But the tie was finally broken with about two and a half minutes left as Adi Pasternak put in a pass from Rhine and team #3 would never look back. On the next two possessions, Shmuli Brecher was fouled twice, and converted three out of four shots to put his team up by five with 15 seconds to go.

The last 15 seconds of play were very intense as team #5 fought their way to the basket but came up empty. With about five seconds left, Jordan Ginsburg grabbed the rebound and took it up court all alone. With two seconds remaining, Jordan launched a prayer from about 27 feet out and banked it home. As the whistle blew, Team #3 went into a frenzy and the singing of Queen's "We Are the Champions" could be heard throughout the gym as the final score of this championship game was 29-21 in favor of Team #3.

Congratulations to Team #3: Coach Dan Friedman, Shmuli Brecher, Jordan Ginsburg - Game MVP, Ethan Herenstein, Jacob Herenstein, Jonny Katz, Judah Klein, Michael Manopla, Adi Pasternak, Sammy Rhine, and Eithan Waintraub.

Nitzi Boys Defeat Counselors in Historic Dodge Ball Tournament

By Rabbi Steve Richter, Sports Staff

It was a dark, rainy day in Camp Morasha, but as always, the campers brightened the mood. Nitzanim boys took to the gym and were welcomed by the warm, radiant smiles of the Sports Staff.

Dodge ball, the all-time favorite in rainy-day sports, was to be played. But who knew that morning that a new all-time Nitzanim boys' record was to be set?

It was the counselors against Nitzanim in

three-ball dodge ball. The three balls were thrown in the air with the ceremonial call of "Let's get ready to rummmble!" The counselors tried their best, but were no match for the Nitzi boys, who defeated the counselors in game #1.

"It was a fluke!" cried the counselors. The Nitzi boys agreed to a rematch and handily defeated the counselors in game #2.

The counselors were red-faced with embarrassment by their losses. In order to save face, two Sports Staff members were invited on the court to fortify the ailing counseling team. Amazingly, the Nitzanim won game #3.

The counselors' self-esteem was on the line. Two more Sports Staff members, and Jesse Hirsch, the Nitzi division head, were called upon to bolster the team. The counselor team was stacked with four of the best Sports Staff members, six Nitzi counselors, and Jesse Hirsch.

In a display of true Nitzi strength and spirit, no counselor or Sports Staff member was left standing, except for one man: The division head himself, Jesse Hirsch.

The game was paused so that the historical moment would not pass unappreciated and unnoted. It was a matter of a few more tosses of the ball. Just as the counselors and Sports Staff went, Jesse too went down the Road of Defeat.

The Nitzanim established themselves as the true champions of Camp Morasha. Great job Nitzanim!

And on Girls' Campus...

Congratulations to the Older Shtili Girls Team D, who won hockey leagues, and Team A, who won softball, basketball, and newcomb leagues!

This Week in the Parsha: מטות-מסעי

By Shulamith Cohn

The Torah details for us the wanderings of Bnei Yisrael in the desert. It is Moshe who records the journeys as follows: "ויכתב משה את מוצאיהם למסעיהם על פי ה' ואלה מסעיהם למוצאיהם."

At first glance the פסוק seems oddly phrased and certainly a bit repetitive. Clearly we need to define the terms used to understand the lesson which the Torah wishes to impart.

מסעיהם implies your travels, where you are going to, while מוצאיהם terms where you have come from. Historically, we as a Jewish people have journeyed many places. We are most successful in maintaining our Jewish identity when we travel to our מסעיהם via מוצאיהם. In using the knowledge of our experiences from where we come, we can successfully navigate to where we are destined to go.

I believe the following story illustrates the point. A father and child set out together on a trip. In their knapsack they packed food and drink. Upon reaching the crossroads they are dismayed to see the sign which directed people to four different cities in four different directions, fallen to the ground and consequently of no use. At that point the child turns to the father and says, "We know where we came from and so we can put the sign back up with the arrow

pointing to our point of origin, and thus know to where we have to go."

When you know from where you come, your מוצא, you can be sure of where you have to go, your מסע.

All of us embark on a journey during the three weeks. We are coming from a מוצא of difficulty, חנם and שונאת חנם and sadness. It is our goal to reach a מסע of אהבת חנם, כבוד הבריות and happiness. We know where we are coming from and therefore understand where we must go! Through a sense of goodness and kindness to one another, and a genuine concern for our fellow Jew, we can take ourselves מיגון לשמחה.

This Week's parsha: Matot-Masei

Light candles: 7:09

Shabbat ends: 8:16

Weather Forecast

(as of Wednesday, 7/23):

Friday: Partly sunny, highs in the upper 70s.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, Lows 55 to 60.

Saturday: Partly cloudy. A chance of showers and thunderstorms from noon on. Highs in the upper 70s.

Sunday: Mostly cloudy with scattered showers. Lows 60 to 65 and highs in the upper 70s.

Ever wonder about those people at Camp Morasha that nobody knows about? The ones who work behind the scenes to make the camp run smoothly? Join us as we meet these unsung heroes of our camp, the people who perform

Obscure

Jobs at Camp Morasha

Meet Cliff, the Maintenance Guy!

You've probably seen Cliff Snyder around camp. He can be found driving a bus, installing a hot water heater, fixing a toilet, or doing a million other different things. But no matter what he's doing, he's always smiling.

Here for his second season at Camp Morasha, he enjoys telling how he got his job here.

"I was bored, and there was an ad in the paper saying that someone needed a maintenance man," Cliff recalls. "Right under that was an ad looking for a bus driver, and they both had the same phone number. I called and applied for both. I was interviewed by the ever-loving, sweet-natured Jim Barton, and he hired me."

A resident of Lackawaxen some fifty miles from camp, Cliff worked as a Greyhound driver for 25 years, traveling throughout the East Coast. During the year, he is retired and

lives with his son. In camp, he spends his days working on the electrical and plumbing systems and driving a bus.

"I plunge toilets every morning," Cliff says proudly. This year, he notes, the boys have had more stuffed toilet episodes than the girls. But, he adds, "it kind of balances out. The girls can be as devilish as the boys when they get in their moods."

What does he like best about working in Camp Morasha? "It gives me something to do," he responds. "I come here and say good morning every morning. I try to stay in shape, and this keeps me in shape."

But what Cliff really loves is being able to work with everyone here. "The people here are beautiful people," he says. "I get along with most everyone."