



Shalhevet

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A Fond Farewell to First Month Campers

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What's New in Camp?

As promised in last week's Shalhevet, what follows is full coverage of one of the highlights of the camp season, **Shiriah**, or Boy-Girl Sing. The boys have reclaimed the crown by winning their first Shiriah in quite some time. But this year's Shiriah was more than just a competition. Its theme of *kedoshim t'heyu lachem* included songs about *kedushat ha'am*, *kedushat ha'mishpacha* and *kedushat ha'adam*. In addition, this year's Shiriah was dedicated to Rabbi Abie Wahrhaftig, the past director of Camp Morasha. Preceding Shirah, Fine Arts Director, Michael Berl spoke of Rabbi Wahrhaftig's love of music in general and Shiriah in particular. In honor of the sixtieth anniversary of the liberation of Aushwitz-Birkenau, the entire camp including soloists from Staff, boys' and girls' campuses, Machon and Mishlachat all sang *Pesach in the Ghetto*. It was first written in Polish in 1943 and later translated into English. Overall, the evening was an enjoyable and memorable one, introducing songs that will surely be sung for many summers to come.

Another highlight of the summer came on the heels of Shirah, the camp-wide **Carnival**. Campers from Day Camp on up participated in this professional grade event including 12 carnival booths, rides like the Adrenaline Rush and the Giant Slide, events like the basketball challenge and Bouncy Boxing, among others. Lets not forget the delectable carnival food including cotton candy, of course! Also featured was an obstacle course, referred to as 'the race' by campers young and old who said how much they enjoyed it. "The race was a lot of fun," said Tzvi Richter of B-3. Eric Tepper of B-2 agreed wholeheartedly. Yechiel Schwab of B-6 remarked, "The carnival was very entertaining, the slide was the best!" Julie Dachs (G-2) enjoyed the boxing and Sandy Schlesinger (G-17) and Eitan Waintraub (B-6) couldn't get enough of the basketball booth. One of the hardest tasks presented in all of the booths was throwing bean bags in the big mouth. A special *yasher koach* to Rubin Shetrit and Adam Bistrizky of B-3 who succeeded in getting three beanbags in the big mouth.

Please bring your creativity and imagination along

to the **Older Shtili Girls Bat Mitzvah** which took place on Wednesday night. Three girls from the division, one per bunk 'celebrated' their *bat mitzvahs*. Each girl in the division played a role in the setup and implementation of this beautiful *simcha*. From the baking committee who decorated the cake to the decorations committee who adorned the Pavilion, no detail was left out. Invitations were distributed, speeches were made by proud 'parents' and a *d'var torah* was given by Rebetzin Rock Davis. Let's not forget about the makeup and hairstyling committees and the designer garbage bag gowns which made the evening a sight to see. Special thanks to photographer, Michael Cohen for capturing this special moment in the lives of all of the '*bat mitzvah girls*'.



Who can keep track of all the comings and goings around camp this week. The **Nitzi Boys and Girls** made a special Visiting Day night trip to **bowling**. The **Older Shtilim** followed on Tuesday night and the **Younger Shtilim Boys** played the game of strikes and spares on Thursday night. Campers from all the various age groups reported having a great time and enjoying the trip out of camp as well.

Shai and Hadass of the Mishlachat were busy with many **Overnights** this past week including **Younger Shtili Girls, Younger Ilanot Girls, and Older Shtili Boys** on Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday respectively. While not all the divisions made it through the whole night of sleeping under the stars, one thing is for sure, they all thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to be in the great outdoors.

This week's **Wayne County Tournament** update brings with it some great news, namely the fact that three girls' teams, Alufot, Older Ilanot and Younger Ilanot, have all advanced to the championship games of their respective basketball tournaments. The Older Shtili and Older Ilanot Boys have both advanced to the semi-finals. Games are upcoming - check back next week for updates.



What's New In the Real World ?

President Bush nominated U.S. Court of Appeals Judge John G. Roberts Jr. for the Supreme Court, passing over several female candidates to replace the retiring Justice Sandra Day O'Connor in favor of a well-regarded litigator with conservative credentials and friends in both parties.

"Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince" sold about 9 million copies in the United States and England on its first day alone. The one day total is higher than most books ever achieve. The only other book to come close to this number was the fifth Harry Potter book, "The Order of the Phoenix." Reviews of the books were mixed. Some critics felt it was Rowling's best and others found it to be repetitious reminding them of her earlier books.

What's New in Israel?

A number of buses with anti-pullout protestors left Kfar Maimon late Wednesday and headed home, but the majority of the tens of thousands of demonstrators remained at the site. Earlier, Southern District police chief Commander Uri Bar-Lev rejected the latest pleas from settler leaders to open the gates to allow the demonstrators who have been there since Monday to march towards Gush Katif.

Pro-disengagement activists plan to spread across approximately 200 junctions throughout Israel to hand out blue and white ribbons, countering the ongoing orange anti-disengagement campaign.

Foreign Minister Silvan Shalom warned that Palestinian terrorism could disrupt the disengagement. He said that although the process would be "more complicated" if terror continued, the Israeli government plans to still carry out the plan.

What's New in Sports?

Tino Martinez and Jason Giambi each hit two of New York's six homers to help back a strong effort by Aaron Small in the Yankees' 8-4 win over Texas on Wednesday. Robinson Cano and Jorge Posada also went deep for the Bombers in the win. The Yankees stand half a game behind Boston in the American League East.

Carlos Beltran and Mike Piazza of the Mets hit homers in Wednesday's 7-3 win, Piazza's tying Johnny Bench's all-time total. This is the Mets' third straight win, leaving them five and a half games behind the Nationals.

Weather Update

(as of Wednesday evening, July 20)

Shabbos: Morning thundershower possible, high of 80°
Sunday: Mostly sunny, high of 80°
Monday: intervals of clouds and sun with a thunderstorm possible in the afternoon, high of 83°

The Ten Things Created *Bein Hashmashot*
Based on *Pirkei Avot, Perek 5, Mishna 8*

BY: SHOSHANA, CHAVIVA, STEPHANIE AND
JENNY OF OLDER SHTILIM GIRLS

Pi Ha'aretz was there to swallow Korach,
After the *mabul*, the *keshet* helped Noach.

B'nei Yisrael got water from *b'air Miriam* in
the *midbar*,
Without the great *mun* they couldn't go far.

Bil'am's donkey talked to stop him from
sinning,
With Moshe's *makel*, *B'nei Yisrael* ended up
winning.

Without the *shamir* the *Beit Hamikdash*
wouldn't have been built,
And *B'nei Yisrael* would feel a lot of guilt.

The *luchot* were brought down from *Har Sinai*,
Because of the *michtav* the *k'tav* was seen
from all four sides.

Hashem created these 10 things *bein hashmashot*,
If you don't believe us, look in *Pirkei Avot*.

Parsha Pointers

This Week's Parsha: Pinchas
Candle Lighting: 8:11 PM
Motzai Shabbos: 9:18 PM
Sof Z'man K'riat Shema: 9:27 AM (Gr"a)
Sof Z'man Tefilah: 10:41 AM (Gr"a)

BY RABBI AVI HOCHMAN

After we read about Pinchas's heroic act, the *Torah* begins to take a count of all the people. The reason for this counting, according to Rashi, was that just like a shepherd counts his flock after it has been ravaged by wolves, *Hashem* wanted to count his children who had survived the plague.

In *Bamidbar* 26:42-43, we are told that the *shevet*, tribe of Dan totaled 64,400. The *shevet* of Binyamin totaled 45,600. The Chofetz Chaim points out that Binyamin had ten sons, while his brother Dan only had one son, Chushim. Furthermore, what is even more amazing is that Chushim was handicapped; he was deaf. Although Dan had only one son, and Binyomin had ten, Dan had more descendants than Binyomin.

Said the Chofetz Chaim, if *Hashem* wants a person to be successful, he will succeed, even if it appears at first that he has less than someone else. It is possible that from one son came more descendants than from ten.

The same is true with regard to wealth and our possessions. As it states in *Pirkei Avot perek 4 mishna 1*, "Who is rich, one who is happy with what he has been given." If one would strive to live his or her life with happiness for all that he has and not concern himself with what his friends have, how wonderful such a life would be.

This is something we should all strive for. Especially now as the three weeks are about to begin, if we would serve *Hashem* with *simcha* and thanks for all that He has given us, then, *im yirtzeh Hashem* we will celebrate *Tisha B'Av* as a *Yom Tov* in *Yerushalayim*, and not as a day of mourning and sadness.

Theme Thoughts

As the first month spills into the second, so the theme of the first month steps aside for the new theme for next month. Over the course of this last full week of the first session of camp, many of the campers learned about the importance of cooperation and initiative within a community. As you have seen, the recycling bins (at least on girls' campus) are centrally located and are soon to be adorned with recycling stickers created by the campers themselves. Additionally, in their BMP periods (the out-of-the-box activities offered to Shtili and Ilanot girls, and hopefully to boys as well in the coming month), the girls learned about communication through a newly created game, in which teammates rely on one another in order to accomplish goals.

To give you a taste of what is to come, beginning next week, the IEP looks forward to re-energizing the informal program in Morasha, starting with dinner on opening night. There will be a short video to introduce the new theme, and IEP plans to expand its activities beyond the BMP activities for girls and Shabbat afternoon programs for both Machzor Aleph and Machzor Bet.

Stay tuned, and we'll see you at dinner on opening night!

Have a good Shabbos!

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Camp Morasha Remembers

"For 40 years he spent his summers at Morasha, for 14 of them as the Director of our camp. He was an innovator, an educator, with a deep love for Torah, education & children,"

- Michael Berl, Fine Arts Director

This coming Sunday marks the Shloshim of Rabbi Abraham 'Abie' Wahrhaftig, z"l, the past director of Camp Morasha. Over the course of the past few weeks, there have been camp-wide endeavors to honor his memory and hopefully bring some nechama, comfort to his family. Last week's Shiriah was dedicated in his honor, a camp-wide siyum mishnayot will take place this coming Sunday night and campers and staff have written letters to the Wahrhaftig family.

The following are some excerpts from these meaningful and thoughtful letters.

"Camp Morasha is a great camp and we all appreciate all the things that Rabbi Wahrhaftig has done."

"We are still enjoying all the wonderful things that he did for the camp."

"He was a great influence on this camp and made it really fun."

"Thank you for starting Yachad. We have so much fun with them."

"Rabbi Wahrhaftig was an unbelievable man and a great camp director."

"He was hard working, a good leader and best of all, he loved his job."

"He was dedicated to making kids happy and he was successful."

"So many fun programs were started while he was here."

"As I look at my surroundings, its hard not to be inspired by Rabbi Wahrhaftig's amazing accomplishments in Camp Morasha."

"Rabbi Wahrhaftig was the heart of this camp."

"He was a friendly, smart, caring and helpful person."

"He always smiled at me and always said 'Good Shabbos'."

"Rabbi Wahrhaftig looked out for me and for every camper."

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