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WELCOME BACK HOME!

What's new and exciting this summer?

Yes! Here we are! Morasha 2007- What's there to look forward to? Where do we begin?

Jeremy Jozsef tuned us in with a list of some of the amazing programs and activities coming our way. We are not going to tell you that you are going to have the "Summer of a lifetime" for two reasons: 1) We will be made fun of and 2) You know that already!

What's your favorite activity in camp? Welcome to the new elective program! This year you will have the chance to choose what you like best and spend more time on it. Watch out for Rabbi Gotch hanging out in the baking room or Dov Emerson on a horse!

Runners, take your mark.

Have you started training for the Morasha Marathon yet? Get those sneakers tied and ready...we're all watching you...who's going to be the winner? Place



your bets early. (Our money is already on Noach Balsam- who, by the way, is only 10 months old.)

"Mishenichnas July, marbin b'simcha": Purim in July is dancing our way. Rumor has it that Goldfischer will be coming dressed as... well, we're not really sure yet.

Hold your breath for

some of the other exceptional activities coming up... Israel Shabbat, Alumni Shabbaton, Camp Carnival, a hypnotist, Shiriah, Tic-Tac-Toe, GC slumber party, Olympics, (are you still breathing?) Leagues, overnights, inter-camps And last but not least let's not forget trips!

Alufim, get packing for a 6 day road trip up the east coast. Lucky you! But don't panic, they're not the only ones heading out on great trips. Some of the other destinations for this year include Lake George, A New York City bash, and an arcade sleepover- Wow!

There are of course lots more surprises in store...they're all over the place...in fact, I think there's one behind you right now...

Parsha Thoughts

What gets you excited? You know, really excited, like when you're so pumped and juiced that seemingly nothing can get in your way excited? For the answer was simple. He was really excited to get out there and curse everyday, lackadaisical, just go out there and attack a madic people curse. every day these facts did not deter presented to harm בני ישראל ; בני ישראל in his mission. so overjoyed, that he was

So what gets us excited? We know that when we are truly focused on something nothing can get in our way in accomplishing it. The key is to get excited about the right things, to carefully choose that goal that you'll chase with all your energy and heart. We'll have lots of opportunities this summer to make that choice - hopefully we'll choose the goals that will make us, and everybody around us, better עובדי ה'.



Nitzanim Girls

Nitzanim Girls are off to a really great start. Opening night with the video and slideshow was awesome. Swimming, dancing, nature, and sports were really so much fun. We don't even have time to hang out with our amazing counselors. We can't wait to see what else camp has in store for us.

Younger Shtilim Girls

We're YSG and we're really psyched!

We just got here yesterday and already there's so much we liked.

From Pizza at our first lunch to our first swim in the lake-

And sports, dance, nature, horseback riding, shiur, and ice cream cones we did make.

For all of you reading this there's just one other thing we have to say

We love camp and being shtilis, and we cant wait for every single day.

The only thing that makes us sad is that our families just can't move in

Because then at Morasha we could stay all year, and THAT would really makes us grin!!!

Older Shtilim Girls

We're off to a fabulous start! We have amazing counselors and campers. On our first night we got to know the staff, and we were so excited to see all the memories of summer 2006 on a slideshow. We are already in full swing on the fields and doing all the fun stuff that we have been looking forward to all year. Shtilim Girls Rock!

Ilanot Girls

The Ilanot girls are off to a great start. Unpacking and getting to know each other was so much fun. We are excited to be the new leaders of Machzor Aleph. Because of our new status, we even got a special treat and had an extra cookout after the opening activity. Thank you to the Israeli staff who grilled those amazing hot dogs and hamburgers. The sun cups were also a big hit. Ilanot we rock the boat!



Manhigot

Welcome Manhigot to Camp Morasha 2007! Even though our name has changed, we are still looking forward to a great summer. We got rolling with a little unpacking, a little rain, and a lot of fun at our opening night activity, which reminded us how much fun last summer was, and what we have to look forward to. Our first full day of camp started with a bang as we got into all of our regular activities, including electives. Thursday night we headed to baking to make fresh challah for Shabbos, and ended our week with a creative scavenger hunt. Can't wait to see what next week brings!

Alufot

Welcome to Alufot 2007! After arriving we quickly got into unpacking and settling into our bunks. Our opening night activity got everyone in the camp spirit once again, with an infamous slideshow by Jeremy Jozsef and a hilarious video. We can't wait to see what's in store for the rest of the summer.



Nitzanim Boys

Welcome to Camp Morasha '07! The first few days of camp have been great and the adjustment to sleep-away camp has been easy. Thanks to our wonderful counselors and RC's, the kids came to camp and found their stuff unpacked and their beds made. We began our action packed week with tryouts for our sports leagues. We competed in Basketball, Softball, Hockey, and Soccer. Additionally, we are thrilled to start shiurim with Rabbi Sinensky, Rabbi Tanev, and Rabbi Willig. We are looking forward to an incredible summer!



Shtilim Boys

This is Dov and Pinni CNN English correspondents reporting from Lake Como, PA. Today's breaking news: Kids and parents nationwide are convening at 2 locations within the NY/NJ area. We ask you-why? Maybe they are meeting distinguished English monarchs for tea, or perhaps less likely they are going to the most outstanding (awesome as those commoners say) exhilarating adventure of their lives at Morasha. We, as you must have been, were astonished to find out that excitement could be generated for events other than visiting our esteemed Queen, long may she reign. We have been observing from a safe distance, and it is clear to us that we are all in for the summer of our lives. Once we had all arrived safely, the first obstacle of the summer arose in the form of a violent thunder storm. Once three kids were struck, the others decide it may be a good idea to go inside (just joking, it was only one kid). This could still not dampen our spirits. After being fully nourished by a truly scrumptious dinner, the kids stormed to the Mercazia for an amazing video presentation. This is Dov and Pinni, thoroughly enjoying our first week of camp.

Ilanot Boys

The undisputed champions of Machzor Aleph, the Ilanot Boys are back and ready to take the camp by... Storm (as I type it starts to rain). With no rain to keep camp on hold, the Ilanot, no longer considered younger, braved a six hour bus ride and arrived ready to lead the charge. After drying off from Wednesday's rain storm, the Ilanot spent Thursday and Friday immersed in sports and electives. The boys are looking forward to next week's action, which includes Purim in July, a special Ilanot-only trip, the amazing July 4th celebration, the camp carnival, and more leagues!



Manhigim

The summer for the first Manhigim boys division ever, promises to be an exciting one. Intense leagues, wacky overnight trips, random BBQ's during the day, Friday night tisches, and BMP chaburas, are only some of the highlights. We look forward to a great summer as the new "leaders" of Camp Morasha.

Alufim

Certain stories are meant to be left untold; epic tales chronicling the lives of the heroes of old. Over time, whispers of a legendary force of unlimited power fought its way out of the lost pages of history.

The Alufim, stemming from the Latin word "luf" which means spongy thing used in the shower, are mercenaries trained in the samurai and ninja arts, and spawned from the DNA of Hercules, Chuck Norris, and Tommy, the green ranger.

Every second solstice the planets align, giving birth to a new era of Alufim warriors. Led by Natan Farber, direct descendant from Achilles, who blankets his bed with the skins of the men he has conquered, and Yitzy Kolb, of the royal blood line of Leonidus, leader of the Spartan 300 who stood up to a million Persians at the battle of Thermopole. These fearless men lead their staff, all trained in the arts of Robin Hood and his merry men, with the force of a thousand spears.

This summer, the warlords of Machzor Bet and producer Jerry Bruckheimer present to you the legion of terror. Prepare yourselves for a season of carnage, chaos, and mayhem. Put your ears to the wind and listen to our battle cry: "AH-LOOF!!!"



THE BACK PAGE



BRAIN TEASERS

Can you find the answers to these puzzles? Submit your answers with your name and bunk number in the Shalhevet box in the library. You will be entered in a drawing for a free soda from Ruthie Yudin. Good Luck!

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Answer: Split Level

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Morasha Trivia



Each week we'll bring you one trivia question from Morasha's 44 year history. The answer will be printed in the following week's Shalhevet.

Which couple has been in Morasha the longest, and for how many years?

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COMING SOON TO A CAMP NEAR YOU...



Purim in July



THE ROVING REPORTER

Which animal would you LEAST want to see standing beside your bed in your bunk when you wake up in the morning, and why?

Shira Wang G-4: A skunk, because I don't want to smell bad.

Leelah Paul G-4: A bear, because it might eat me.

William Bryk B-4: A tarantula, because I'm arachnophobic.

Brandon Lurie B-10: A fish, because if it's dead it smells bad.

Devon Greenbaum G-16: Aliza Narrin, because she scares me.

Lisa Mogil Counselor G-3: Dinosaur, because it would eat my whole bunk in one bite, and then I would have nothing to do all summer.

Rachel Newman G-15: A crocodile, because it would eat all of my food.

Shulamith Cohn-Ed staff: A skunk, because life isn't black and white.

Yecheil Schwab B-15: A shark, because that would mean I was underwater.

Ashley Lauer G-3: A deer, because it might run me over.

Aliza Issacs Counsellor G-11: A bird, because I wouldn't want it to do anything it shouldn't on my head.

Ezra Emerson-Day camp: A dog, b/c I would want to keep it as a pet.

Yael Herskovits G-18: A salamander, because it could slip down my throat and I would swallow it.

David Goldfischer-Programming: A T-rex, b/c I'm still in the past.

Merryl Hoffman-Office: A skunk, b/c I would like to smell pleasant for my co-workers.

Michael Schiff B-15: A lion, because it would eat me.

Alexa Nathanson G-12: A porcupine, because I don't like needles.