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## RACING FOR THE GOLD

### *Olympics 2007-A Trip Around the World*

Run! Jump! Dive! March! Eat! ( Eat? Sure, why not?) Race! Speed! Shout! Throw! Catch! Speed! Clap! Hit! Score! **YES!**

Olympics 2007 burst into the Morasha campus this week with so much electrifying force that our pages could barely contain it all. The Olympics Village made it's way back into Lake Como Pennsylvania in what were two incredibly exciting and memorable days. Morocco, Switzerland, Scotland and Italy. Hundreds of athletes...gymnastics, sumo wrestling, archery, mountain climbing, water polo, swimming, football, volleyball, boating, , plus the first ever camp wide marathon- congratulations Italy!

After being led by the torch bearers through the Olympic village, in a dramatic walk up to the hill overlooking the lake, the Ambassadors were announced, and a tremendous

firework display lit up the sky. Wow!

Each meal was graciously hosted by one of the 4 countries. Come visit Morocco! There's a henna party there in



a shuk! Couscous, madbucca, meat cigars, and Morrocon chicken! Delicious! Next we stopped at Italy—we lunched on pizza( surprise!), pasta and Italian ices. That's some cool gladiator dome you got there!

Next stop? Passports please- fasten your seatbelts-we are about to land in the ski Lodge

in Switzerland- Swiss grilled cheese, chocolate and Swiss pudding. Are those Swiss dancers yodeling? On skis? Pass the peanuts please, I believe we are landing in Scotland- cute kilts and bagpipes!

That looks like a great pub over there- is that the Lochness Monster from Braveheart , helping himself to a pint of beer?

The final March to the Olympic Coliseum...the Olympic Parade...what a sight!

Each country created their own phenomenal float. Scotland had The Lochness Monster, Switzerland had a ski slope covered with chocolate on top, Morocco's was a tent and Italy was the Nintendo game Mario and Luigi! **AND THE WINNER IS....DRUM R O L L PLEASE.....SCOTLAND!!!!!!**

## Parsha Thoughts

Any good television shows begins with a recap of the previous episode: "Last week, on....," reminding viewers of prior developments. In this week's parsha, as Bnei Yisrael goes to fight Midyan, Hashem tells Moshe the reason behind this war: " וְקָם יְהוָה בְּגִי יִשְׂרָאֵל מֵאֵת הַמִּדְיָנִים," "avenge Bnei Yisrael from the Midyanites." This command brings us back to the events of last week's Parsha, where Midyan had attempted to destroy Bnei Yisrael. "In last week's episode," Hashem had also commanded Moshe to fight Midyan, but the storyline was then interrupted - and viewers were kept in suspense throughout the end of Parshas Pinchas and the beginning of Matos. Why?

To answer this question, we must first examine what events happened in between the "last week's episode" and this week's recap. Most prominently, we read about the halachos of inheritance, Bnos Tzlofchad, and the appointment of Yehoshua as the next leader. These events are not coincidental; they all have one common theme, one that allows us to view the eventual war with Midyan in a new light.

The war with Midyan was different than all of Bnei Yisrael's previous battles - now, the nation was finally preparing to actually enter Eretz Yisrael. After forty long years, this second generation stood at the entrance to the Land. Now more than ever, they needed to know how to divide the land, and these halachos are now applicable. As Moshe's time as a leader was coming to an end, Bnei Yisrael also needed a new leader capable of taking them into Eretz Yisrael, and now was the time to appoint Yehoshua.

Before the war with Midyan, we pick up this other storyline, one about Bnei Yisrael beginning to enter Eretz Yisrael. When we finally get up to the war, we are able to understand its unique nature: it is about inheritance and transition to a new era in Jewish history. As Sefer Bamidbar comes to a close, we see the nation ready for their next and long-awaited step: entry into the Land of Israel.

By Ari Schwab

## NITZANIM GIRLS

Sunday night was Shiriah and there was doubt that the girls were going to win. But no worries, we were awesome. Monday was blistering hot and we went to Dorney Park. "My favorite ride was the flume" according to Nicole Rothenberg, while Leelah Paul said that she enjoyed steel force. Wednesday and Thursday we competed in the Olympics. Switzerland, Morocco, Scotland, and Italy were the countries. The fireworks at the torch ceremony were really cool. Our counselor Alyssa Spira is an ambassador. Face Da Phlave was a really big hit. Everybody was grooving to the beat. Camp has really been turned up a notch. We are really looking forward to visiting day. By Naomi Metzger, Leelah Paul, Alex Klein, and Nicole Rothenberg



## YOUNGER SHTILIM GIRLS

By Lara Segal

This week, younger Shtili girls had an amazing time. It started off on Sunday with Shiria and the girls won! We had an amazing time at Dorney Park for our trip on Monday. The fireworks on Tuesday night were so cool! Olympics on Wednesday and Thursday were so much fun! We can't wait to see our parents on Visiting Day. We're looking forward to another great week in camp!



## OLDER SHTILIM GIRLS

We are still having a blast! The weather has warmed up and we are playing sports, swimming, baking, climbing, and riding the horses! We are also kept very busy at night with our exciting night activities. We had a "dancing with the counselors" night where every bunk made their own original dance routine. Congratulations Bunk 8 on their win! Once again girls rule for Shiria! Go Girls Campus! Trip Day was amazing. We had a great time at Dorney Park. Thank goodness for flumes which cooled us off that hot day! The Olympics have come once again to Morasha. It was an awesome opening ceremony with the surprise fireworks.

## ILANOT GIRLS

This week was extremely exciting for the Ilanot. It started on Sunday when the girls creamed the boys in Shiriah. The harmonies were amazing thanks to some of our talented Ilanot counselors. Monday was the most fun day for all. On to the buses we boarded for a fun-filled trip day! After one hour on the bus, we finally reached our destination - Ring Homestead. It was the perfect weather for tree climbing, trapeezing, and zip-lining. It was the ultimate test of endurance and courage. After 4 hours of forest adventure, we went on a shopping spree to Middle-town mall. Broken up into small groups, we got to shop in Target, American Eagle, C.V.S., Borders, Starbucks and much more. Everybody reconvened for a trip to the movie theatre to see Evan Almighty—it was very funny and entertaining. Finally, the last stop on our trip was Woodburn where we ate dinner at either Dougies, pizza store, or Chinese. We returned to camp satisfied and exhausted. This week continued with Olympics, a favorite of everyone. The Italians, Moroccans, Swiss and Scottish Ilanot all put up an amazing competition. Congratulations to the winner! Good Shabbos. By Jamie Sokolow



## MANHIGOT

The week started with a great trip for the Manhigot. We started off with ice skating (a perfect choice for a 95 degree day). We then moved on to the carousel center mall in Syracuse where we shopped till we dropped into our movie theatre seats. There was a choice of 3 movies and everyone enjoyed. Our last stop was paintball where the blue team took on the clear team to determine paintball champion rights. Our trip day was followed up with the start of Morasha Olympics 2007. The torch ceremony and fireworks got the competition started between Italy, Morocco, Scotland and Switzerland. The athletic match ups were terrific and the country themed meals were awesome. Happy birthday to Adina Hart who turned 14! By Tzipora Baratz D.H.

## ALUFOT

Honored rabbis, family, & friends, thank you so much for joining me and my bunkmates on this special occasion. Let me begin by saying that this weeks parsha is the one after Pinchas (Matos-Masei). Rumor has it that it's a double parsha-which means a longer bathroom break. In preparation for this milestone in my development-I spent the past week involved in the following activities: Ice skating with friends w/ and w/o ice skates, attempted to participate in what was meant to be a wicked game of paintball, but ended up an adventure including Calvin dashing across the highway. As a Bas Yisroel I've acquired outstanding middos. This has been exemplified the past week as well, through the Olympics; it's not about who gets the most points in the game-it's about who gets the most points in Shamayim. Shiriya 5767 was the perfect opportunity to put this maturity into action; although the girls may have scored more points (and won song of the night-2 years in a row) both sides were truly inspirational and proved that together we can bring our nation from Galus to Geulah. As I mature into a mature Bas Torah and a leader amongst Klal Yisrael, I must convey my Hakarat Hatov. To my loving parents: for your constant guidance and support I will be forever grateful; giving me not one, but two cell phones, only adds to your endless generosity. Furthermore, thank you in advance for all the delicious food and new clothes; I promise to roll my sleeves down and keep my sleeves intact. You guys are the best-can't wait for Sunday! Thank you so much for coming- let's party. Good Shabbos!



## NITZANIM BOYS By Daniel Price D.H.

We are truly loving Camp Morasha because the action and amazing days never end. The week started off with the world famous Camp Morasha Shiria. Although the girls won, we had a blast. On Monday, we had a fabulous time at Dorney Park. We went on every incredible roller coaster, and you will never believe how many prizes we won. To top it all off, we were able to compete in the Olympics. From team activities to individual activities, the competition has been intense. Looking forward to the fun continuing!

## SHTILIM BOYS By Aryeh Frager, Counselor

Dorney Park was a bust-just kidding! The amusement park was great and we had a fantastic time; the kids were flying on and off the rides everywhere (due to a very convenient lack of lines). Then the Olympics showed up and were pretty much ridiculous. Though we have not yet started hockey leagues, we are eagerly anticipating our opening game three weeks in. What a week!

## ILANOT BOYS By Elliot Weiselberg

With the extinguishing of the Olympic flame, Morasha concluded the 2007 Olympic games. For the Olympic Torch, it's on to Beijing for 2008, for Camp Morasha, it's back to trips, intercampus, and tournaments. First a quick lead up and recap of the 2007 games. While the torch was being flown in from Mt. Olympus, the Ilanot were gearing up for the event by climbing ropes, shooting each other with paint balls, watching movies, and eating Dougie's, a true athlete's regimen. Tuesday night, however, the pride of Machzor Aleph converged on the Olympic coliseum for the lighting of the Torch, and to represent their countries, Italy, Switzerland, Morocco and Scotland. In the Ilanot events, Scotland took charge, winning the gold in basketball, while Morocco was engaged in a heavy water battle for Water Polo. In order to fulfill their wishes to remain neutral, Switzerland was just happy to see everyone else having fun. Coming up next week, more sports, as the Ilanot boys will travel to Seneca for intercamps. As we wind down our coverage, we think of the Morasha Olympic motto and reflect on the feats of the last few days: Citius, Altius, Fortius, Gotchius.

## MANHIGIM by J.Z. Spier

The Manhigim had another week full of fun and excitement. On Sunday the boys had two basketball league games, and Rotty's Rotweilers continue to dominate the league @ 7-1. Later that night the Manhigim sang their hearts out at Shiriah, and although the boys lost, they gave it their all. On Monday, the boys left Morasha for Syracuse. At the first stop, everyone got to show off their golfing and ice skating skills. Next they continued on to the mall where they shopped around for a while and then chose one of three movies. The fun-filled day ended with some intense paint ball. This week was rounded off with some great competition as the ancient tradition of the Olympiad reached the shores of Lake Morasha. Joey Kramer helped lead the Manhigim through some intense games and individual competitions for some gold medals. We all look forward to another awesome week at Camp Morasha.



## ¡ALUFIMOS! By Natan Farber and Steven Davis (both single)

¡Hola! Buenos noches camporosos de Campo Morasha. Mucho hapioso de Shabatito. El weeko hayah mucho magnifico para la olympiocos y dayo de tripo la Syracuse. El deo de tripo hayah bah nunca paintballos, y movie de "Tranformoritos: robots en disfiso." En weeko de olympiocos, Jose Kaye caughto muchos fishos. Los Alufimos desirio dancé de "Party Boy." Porque? Me no know! Also, en la weeko, hayah bah "Shiriaso," un las chicas won para trabajo de Ari Yablako. It was rigged. Un breakdancos de "face da Phlavos," muchos entertainin-gas. Señor Gotch es un directoro de campo mucho mucho loco para he is our esé y we love him very mucho. Mucho Gotcho! Somos muchos excitedimos de la welcome la Lake Como de la Mamas y Papas de los camporos para "Dayo de Visitingas." Tengo un gato in mis pantalones. Muchas Graciás!



# YACHAD NEWS

## Girls

The Yachad girls had a very busy and exciting week! The week began with the much anticipated Shiriah, which led to no disappointment for the girls side. Our song *lvdu et Hashem* won song of the night, and to top it off we won the overall competition. We woke up early the next morning still on our "Shiriah High" and loaded the buses for Dorney Park. Whether on steel force or the carousel, a great time was had by all. Later in the week, we took out our passports to travel the world for Camp Morasha Olympics. After this fun-filled week, we are looking forward to an awesome and relaxing shabbos. Shabbat Shalom!

By Alyse Newmark

## Boys

Despite being unable to attend their much anticipated trip to the skunk farm, the Yachad boys still had an unforgettable week. On Sunday night, the boys took on the girls in the annual Shiriah. Though the girls ultimately won, the boys showed great sportsmanship, realizing it was just a game. The next morning they hit the road for Dorney park and went on all sorts of thrilling rides. Later that week the bunk, as well as the rest of the camp, was divided into 4 countries for the Camp Morasha Olympics. The night was capped off with a torch ceremony and fireworks. And last, but certainly not least, we congratulate Matthew Abis and Chaim Goldman who began working this week. We wish them Hatzlachah for the rest of the summer.

By Ari Ginsberg



## Reduce, Reuse, Recycle!



Ever drink a can of soda (or a bottle of water, or Snapple, or iced tea...) in camp? What do you do with it when you're done? Do you throw it out in the garbage or even (yikes!) on the floor of your bunk? Shouldn't there be something better to do with our empty bottles and cans? Now there is! Yachad has embarked on a great new project that will benefit Yachad, Camp Morasha, and the environment. As of this past week, Yachad has begun collecting our empty bottles and cans in specially marked garbage cans and bins for recycling. With the money earned from redeeming the bottles at Wal-Mart, Yachad hopes to raise money to build a ramp for the library. Yachad invites everyone on both campuses to help them reach their goal. Drink up!



From aluminum soda cans to plastic bottles, and from old beat up cars to broken light bulbs, almost everything can be recycled. Ever wonder how they get recycled? The process is different for every kind of material, but they all help cut down on our use of materials and help save money and the environment. In the case of soda cans, they are first shredded into hundreds of tiny little pieces. Then, they are put in a blazing hot furnace and melted into what are called ingots, or bars of metal. From there they are pushed through rollers and flattened out into sheets of metal that can then be used to create almost anything (including more soda cans and even new cars).

Recycling paper requires a couple more steps. First, it has to be made into pulp. This is done by mixing water, the paper being recycled, and certain chemicals together, and turning it all into one big mush, called pulp. Next, the pulp is sifted through and the big pieces of waste are pulled out. After that, air is pumped into the slushy mixture to help separate the ink from the paper. The newly cleaned mixture then goes through a couple more steps, and gets turned into brand new (recycled) paper, that gets used to print books, magazines, and newspapers (and maybe even Shalhevet!)

### Recycling locations

**Boy's Campus:** Around the Yachad bunk and on the porch of the RC Bunk. **Girl's Campus:** In front of the Yachad bunk and the canteen.