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MORASHA REIGNS SUPREME OVER SENECA LAKE

Intercamp Games Exclusive

In well fought athletic battles on foreign soil, Morasha boys faced off against Seneca Lake. It was a gloriously sunny day but that belied the competitive nature of the event.

Our Morasha boys teams played hard in all sports, spanning the athletic gamut, from Pin Dodgeball to Hockey to Basketball, Softball and Volleyball. Morasha Campers played hard and their efforts were rewarded handsomely with victory after victory.

Some highlights that dotted the Morasha successes were Pin Dodge ball by Nitzanim and Shtilim. They both quickly made a statement to its Seneca rivals by taking a quick 2 games never to look back. Although larger and more physical, Seneca could not keep up with the Ilanot twins, Benjamin and Joseph Klein.

Their speed and agility and smart passing inspired Morasha to yet another victory in basketball. Alufim Boys led by Chezki Schreier and an outstanding excellent and awesome goal tending by Zachary

hevet. And now on to the girls head of sports— Miriam Cohen.

It was a beautiful sunny day when Seneca girls came to Morasha for this year's inter-camps. Morasha girls were prepared to bring their "A" game to show both their sportsmanship and excellence on the courts and the fields. As the games began, I made my rounds to see how the girls were doing and was impressed to see that aside from the fact that we were winning most of the games, the girls were

behaving in a way that spoke well for Morasha— no gloating, obnoxious cheers or taunting their opposition. At the end of the day, I hope the girls realize that greater than the victory of the games was winning the respect of their teammates, opponents and counselors.



Thurm, beat the Seneca Lake campers in a 4-3 win. We are most proud of our Morasha campers who were able to discern the balance between playing hard and menschlech-kiet. GO MORASHA!

Thank you to Rabbi Steve Richter, the boys head of sports, for reporting to Shal-



Torah Thoughts

Many of us are familiar with the passuk/song "Esah eynai el heharim me'ayin yavo ezri, ezri meim Hashem oseh shamayim va'aretz, ." The Netivot Shalom interprets this passuk metaphorically. He says that "harim," mountains are a metaphor for sins—that man looks up at his sins, and wonders how he is going to overcome them and do teshuva. This causes him to ask "meayin yavo ezri?!"—where will the help come from? The answer in the passuk is "ezri me'im Hashem, OSEH shamayim va'aretz." G-d can help, because he is the Creator of heaven and earth. The Netivot Shalom notes that the word "oseh" is in present tense. He suggests that this is because G-d recreates the world every single day. This is also the case with man. On certain days of the year like Rosh Hashana, G-d gives man the opportunity to start over with a clean slate and be a new creation. This, then, is the answer to how man overcomes his sins—because G-d is the "oseh shamayim v'aretz," recreating nature every day and giving man the opportunity to do teshuva and "recreate" himself. Be'ezrat Hashem we will take advantage of Tisha B'av and utilize it as a day of Teshuva to grow and become better people.

by Tova Warburg Sinensky

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NITZANIM GIRLS

This week has been another incredible week for Nitz girls. It started off with an amazing visiting day where we got to show our parents all the exciting things in camp. That night we also went on an awesome bowling trip! Monday we had a super scavenger hunt for night activity, where we definitely used our creativity to come up with our items. This week also included Seneca intercamps and our over night! We received army training and had an adventure through the woods and finished the night off with a BBQ and of course, smores making. This week has been tons of fun and we can't wait for another unbelievable week at Morasha!

By Barbara Simon DH



OLDER SHTILIM GIRLS

BUNK G-8

We had the best week at camp Morasha! On Sunday we had a great time seeing our parents followed by our auction. On Monday and Tuesday night we had our project runaway contest! Everyone designed great outfits! On Tuesday we had a great time seeing our friends during intercamps with Seneca! Wednesday night bowling was awesome and so was our Thursday night activity with Yachad! Have a great Shabbat!

YOUNGER SHTILIM GIRLS

By Shira Rosner

This week was a lot of fun for Younger Shtilim. On Sunday it was Visiting Day. Everyone saw all their relatives. We also had a luau by the lake. We wore flowered necklaces and grass skirts. On Monday we had bowling. We had ice-cream and soda which were delicious. The next day we had late wake up and had intercamps against Seneca. For our night activity, we made shrinkie dinks. They were so cool and pretty. On Wednesday we had Morasha Apprentice. Gotch was Donald Trump. We are looking forward to another exciting week.



Ilanot Girls

Moms, dads, brothers, sisters...it's time for visiting day
We ran quickly to greet everyone as they came our way
For hours we hung around camp in the rain and sun
Painting the rock outside our bunk at night was fun
Red, blue, green, & yellow are some of the colors we got

2 victories in baseball & b-ball Ilanot did take!
During battle of the sexes we got to show off our tricks
With hula hoops, watermelon, baby food, and pogo sticks.
Our task for apprentice was brachot, to the HQ we were sent,
We had to create a poster, commercial and

and then had to present
Watching the Pursuit of Happiness was our activity Thursday night,
Eating all the sushi we made, enjoying every bite.
We can't wait for next week to see what's in store,
Because the Ilanot girls always want more!

By Aliza Isaacs



MANHIGOT

Who could have asked for a better way to start the week? Visiting Day brought family and friends as well as the chance to toss a frisbee, eat a hamburger and moon bounce. With Visiting Day over the Manhigot were very busy capturing counselors, scavenging with Yachad, buying salad ingredients and trampolines and determining which bunk was hired and which was fired in The Apprentice. The week ended with a trip to pizza and the Binghamton Mets game. We wish a very happy birthday to Haviva Korenblit who turned 14. By Tzipora Baratz DH

ALUFOT (TO BE SUNG TO THE TUNE OF A GRAMMIN)

Na na na na na na

Na na na na na na na...

Thank you so much for coming to my bat-mitzvah par-tay

I had so much fun with you on this past Sunday

Thank you for bringing me all that food

Couldn't you get that I just wasn't in the mood.

Na na...

I wanted to go to boys campus to rescue my bear

The boys stole it first so it was only fair

Our quarrels only continued at battling the genders

But it only ended up in a huge mess-erenders

Na na na...

We cleaned the courts all night long for Pete's sake

It all paid off because we beat Seneca lake

That night we baked wicked bubkas

Maybe on Chanukah we'll fry you latkes

Na na na...

Our plan for Thursday night is Binghamton Mets

As of now we're not going and that's our bet

We also thought we would be with the Mesorah teens

But it would have turned out to be a huge scene

Na na na...

It's OK because we'll see them tomorrow at the tournament

And nothing rhymes with cholent

Na na na...

Alufot 2007-"WE OWN YOU"

By Atara Feldman, Aliza Avrech, Deena Klein, & Deena Zucker



NITZANIM BOYS By Daniel Price DH

It was great to see our parents on Sunday. The treats were great but not even close to the week we experienced. Our basketball, softball and hockey leagues are heating up. On Tuesday we beat Seneca Lake in most of our intercamp games. Additionally, we had a blast at Gravity Bowling Alley. Our counselors Rafi Lipshitz, Jason Mann and Tuvia Brander really showed us how to bowl. They were quite impressive. While we were there, we enjoyed the treats sponsored by the camp and D.J. Presser and Dani Baratz won free t-shirts.

SHTILIM BOYS By Gary Hoffman DH

This past week was varied and exciting for the Shtili boys. On Sunday, our counselors had the opportunity to meet and speak with our parents. On Tuesday, we traveled to Seneca for intercamp games, in which we did really well winning 6 out of our 8 games. Although Thursday was a rainy day schedule, we still got in our basketball and hockey league games as night activities. We're anxiously looking forward to what next week will bring. Shabbat Shalom!

ILANOT BOYS By Elliot Weiselberg DH

If Visiting Day for the Ilanot was made into a short film, it would go something like this: Scene: Boy's Campus

Playing in the background is Wagner's "Ride of the Valkyries." Parents come charging up the hill in a single file, armed with bags of food and other stuff. Slowly, campers emerge from their bunks and run towards their parents with outstretched arms. The parents open their arms to receive their little ones and hug them like never before. The 2 lines get closer and closer until they meet and the kids wrap their arms around....the bags of goodies. Cut to close-ups of children grabbing the bags and dancing around on the grass. The background music changes to "Ode to Joy" as tears flow from the campers faces to their precious packages. The parents, arms still outstretched and mouths wide open watch in shock as their children skip back to their bunks and close the door. After a few seconds, the parents, realizing what they are waiting for will not come on this day, turn around and walk dejectedly down the hill. End scene. On Tuesday, we went to "The Camp That Shall Not Be Named" and watched as the Ilanot conquered the evil and vile group, once again bringing peace to the land. We can only hope that the same fate awaits several other groups this coming weekend, both real and fictional. Coming up next week, the new and improved Morasha Marathon. The event is called to start at midnight on Friday night from the bunks on boys campus and end at the boys H.C. when a certain shipment of books begins arriving by the truckload. For those not in the race, steer clear of the area, lest you be trampled by something much worse than a wild pack of hippogriffs.

MANHIGIM by J.Z. Spier DH

After everyone stacked up on nosh and drinks on Visiting Day, the Manhigim quickly got back to their exciting schedule. After capturing the counselor on Sunday night, and having a night activity with Yachad on Monday night, we went to Seneca on Tuesday and knocked them around. While Seneca was showing off their Seneca Sprinkle Ice cream store, the Manhigim showed off their athletic skills. The day was highlighted by a 10-0 victory win. The goals were spread out among Max Ottensoser, Benji Renov, Dovi Gillusky and Alen Fries, among others. The offense provided more than enough for goalie Eytan Baratz who recorded the shutout. After intercamps, we came back and continued our obsession with Team Handball. The fields were lit up, as 8 teams duked it out in a Team Handball tournament. We look forward to keep turning Team Handball into the great popular camp sport that its becoming. On tap for next week: leagues playoffs and championship games. Good luck to all. Those who are leaving after one month, we hope you had a great summer, keep in touch, and hope to see you back here next Summer.



ALUFIM By Natan Farber DH and Steven Davis

The head of Boy's campus is Dave,
It's been a long time since he's shaved,
He gives out the mail,
Got a bump on his tail,
When he went to dance with Face da Phlave.

Jeremy sits in a chair,
He never washes his hair,
He helps run the camp,
Loves his carpet and lamp,
And once got attacked by a bear.

Dov Emerson in stature he's large,
Through bricks he could possibly barge,
His kids are insane,
They'd jump off a plane,
If Rina wasn't in charge.

There was a director named Gotch
Who had a quite beautiful watch,
I tugged on his shirt,
I fell in the dirt,
And then I got kicked in the knee.

YACHAD NEWS

Girls

Visiting day started off Yachad's week with a bang. The fun continued on Tuesday when both the girls and boys went to see the movie Ratatouille, and then spent the rest of the day at Carousel Park. Yachad also visited Camp Lavi this week where we made projects, played kickball, and learned with the campers. Our week, though filled with fun, ends on a sad note as we say goodbye to Aliza Mayor and Frimi Walfish, Jordie Walmflash and our beloved counselor Aliza Klapholc. We look forward to meeting new campers on Sunday!

Boys

The week kicked off with visiting day. The excitement was in the air and it never left the whole week. After visiting day, Yachad went to the movies and Carousel Park to be entertained by waterslides, go-carts, and batting cages. The Yachad traveled all the way to Lavi. At Lavi, Yachad participated with the kids in arts and crafts, dodge ball and a sick barbeque. Finally, the week ended off with Levi Light completing 1000 laps.

Good Shabbos!

By Michael Feldman

Harry Potter

With the seventh and final Harry Potter book due out this Shabbat, we've decided to present you with some statistics from the past six books. Ladies and gentlemen:

Harry Potter by the Numbers

Harry Potter and the Sorcerers Stone

Pages: 309

Copies sold: 17 Million

Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets

Pages: 352

Copies sold: 14.7 Million

Prisoner of Azkaban

Pages: 448

Copies sold: 12.8 Million

Goblet of Fire

Pages: 734

Copies sold: 12.3 Million

Order of the Phoenix

Pages: 896

Copies sold: 13.7 Million

Half Blood Prince

Pages: 672

Copies sold: 15.5 Million

Totals

Pages: 3,411

Copies sold: 86.1 Million

Can you guess how many new Harry Potter books will be delivered this weekend to Camp Morasha? The closest guess wins a soda. Put your answers in the Shalhevet box in the library (next to the librarian's desk).



Nitzi Girls Jump-A-Thon

Kol Hakavod Nitzanim Banot! The \$541 raised by the Nitzi "Jump for Joy" jump-a-thon was sent to Israel this week. Our girls collected nickels, dimes, quarters, and dollars from their various sponsors and their efforts truly added up and paid off. We are confident that the brides in Israel will put the money to good use.

By Sharon Richter