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FROM BROADWAY TO FLORIDA..

Morasha's Trips around the World

Welcome to Broadway!! The Little Mermaid showed up to town last Sunday night and what a performance it was! Morasha Mania kids cheered together with our own campers. Thank you to our wonderful Joyce Heller who did a fabulous job of directing the play. So what's next year's play going to be? Jaws 2? Auditions start tomorrow. Line up.

Where's Alufim and Alufot? It's been awfully quiet without them— their bus driver, on the other hand, is no doubt taking a couple of extra doses of Tylenol— they have been flying to Florida, visiting Marines Corps, NASCAR Speed Park, Adventure Landing Fun Park, beach cruiser biking, Busch Gardens, (are you still breathing?) and spending Shabbat in Baltimore. Wow! Sunday they will be going to a Yankee Game, followed by a Dougie's dinner (leftovers for us, anyone? Who said fat chance?) before they head on back

home to Morasha. Hey— stick around campers— this too could be yours in a few years if you play your cards right...

As for the rest of us, Nitzanim

eating their way through the rides at Hershey Park and llanot had a phenomenal 2 day trip to Lake George— does anyone know who this George bloke is, by the way?



Meanwhile, our photographer Michael Cohen can't sleep— it takes him *way* too long to decide on the Photo of the Week. More importantly, which one of you is going to make the Photo Of The Week in the very last issue

of Shalhevet this Summer? It's a HUGE problem. He has therefore requested that you be EXTREMELY nice to him over the next week —hey— you never know...incidentally . rumor has it he loves a good flurry with cookie dough in it...oh and.. also chocolate sprinkles.....

The Shtilim had a sweet time

Torah Thoughts

By Mira Leifer

Parshat Eikev contains within it Moshe's short, albeit powerful statement of how we should live our lives: " And now, Yisrael, what does Hashem ask of you— but to fear Hashem, walk in His ways , to love Him and serve Him with all your heart and soul." The Gemara Brachot(33b) asks the obvious question: Is fearing G-d an easy thing? The Gemara answers that for Moshe the concept of Yirat Hashem was a very simple idea. Rav Yehuda Nachshoni asks why Moshe would challenge Bnei Yisrael with something they can't handle? He answers that Moshe was showing Bnei Yisrael that even though it seems hard, essentially it is quite easy. All we need to do is consider Malchot Hashem and glance at the beautiful world around us and we'll be filled with a sense of fear and awe of G-d. Rav Samson Raphael Hirsch notes that the mitzvah of Yirat Hashem was chosen here for 2 reasons. First, Chazal teach us that all is in the hands of Shamayim except for Yirat Hashem. Therefore, this is the only thing which is entirely in our hands. But more importantly, Yirat Shamayim is our means of accessing a life of Torah and mitzvot. The Gemara Shabbat(31b) provides a powerful analogy. Someone who has Torah, but no Yirat Shamayim is like someone who has a key to a room filled with treasures, but lacks the key to the building itself.

If we understand this idea, we will begin to find G-d in everything and His beautiful world will awaken the Yirat Hashem within us, thereby presenting us with the key to a life of Torah and Mitzvot and Ahavat Hashem and one where we serve Hashem with all our hearts.

NITZANIM GIRLS

It has been another wonderful week in camp for Nitzzi girls. We started off by welcoming Morasha Mania! We had so much fun letting them join in our activities and had an awesome barbecue with them on Sunday night. Afterwards we got to see the hypnotist which was really cool! Monday we got to see the play! It was great to see all of our friends who all did such an amazing job. We are especially proud of our own Abby Yudin who shined in the lead as Ariel. The next night we had pretzel making for night activity-they were delicious! This week we also had the greatest trip day. We had a blast at Camel Beach water park, Wal-Mart, and a pizza dinner. Last we went to see Hairpray, which was so much fun. It was an unbelievable week in Morasha, and we can't wait for another!

OLDER SHTILIM GIRLS

Welcome back- our week started Motzei Shabbat with Mikki Weinstein's Bat Mitzvah party. We all had a great time sharing in her simcha with music, dancing, and food. Aside from our regular activities, which were great due to beautiful weather, we also got to watch a hypnotist hypnotize our counselors, and our friends perform in the Little Mermaid. Congratulations to you all, you were amazing! We also had a special art night followed by hot canteen, followed by a bunk movie. The next night we went to make your own pizza at Como Pizza, after which we hopped on over to D.J.'s. Then we got ready for our big trip to Hershey. It was amazing! Despite the hot weather (we cooled off on the flumes) we had a great day. Thank you Camp Morasha for sending us on this special trip!

ILANOT GIRLS

This week really flew by- we can't believe it's Shabbat already! The hypnotist was tons of fun and we loved the play! The trip was awesome! We went to a surprise movie, Great Escape amusement park, ice skating, Canada Street and the Mini Ha- HI tour. The white water rafting was an adventure we will never forget!

YOUNGER SHTILIM GIRLS

By the YSG Counselors-Ali Rastner, Shani Feitelowitz, Ahuva Shwartz, Leora Feigenbaim and Ariel Abergal.

YSG are rocking with fun

Our week was so busy-we were always on the run

Our new campers came up and we love our new (bunk) mates

They love camp already and say its first rate

Shabbat Yisrael was excellent with Israeli food and decorations in blue and white

Special games about Israel we played on Motzei Shabbos night

Sunday was totally outrageous and crazy

A hypnotist came & made the volunteers on stage look a little lazy (and crazy too)

Monday night was the play-Little Mermaid which was so great

We loved seeing our friends as actresses-it put us in a happy state

Tuesday we were all models & we dressed up as we liked

Then our photographer Michael Cohen, took our pictures on the docks- we were so psyched

On Wednesday we became "balabustas" and for Shabbat we did cook

We made cranberry crunch, cauliflower poppers & deli roll-come on Shabbat & take a look (we'll even give you a taste)

For Thursday we truly can't wait as on our trip we do go

To camel beach water park, pizza & the movies-what could be better- we really don't know!

MANHIGOT

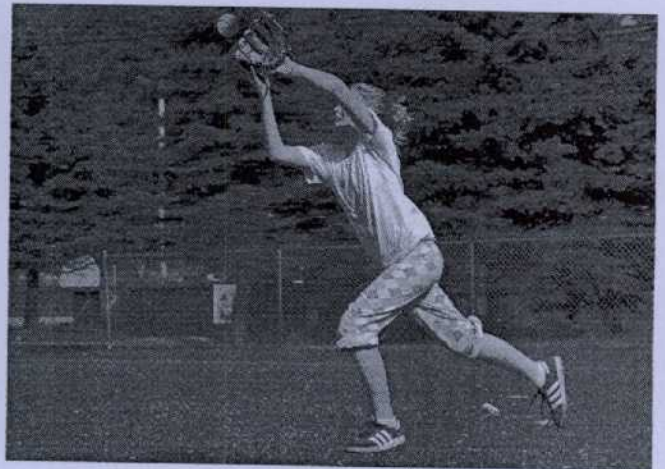
Yea, yea we all know that NY was awesome blah, blah, blah, but what we really want to talk about is a story in a place called Jessop w/ a state ranger named Kent. Our bus started to get a little bumpy as we were driving down 380, girls, well you all know of course, got a little overdramatic and a little frantic. A little later on we were driving about 10 MPH down a pretty sketchy road. Micky Wagner gets a text from her "friend" Joey, Letting us know that our bus driver told their driver that two tires were down. As Kent the freaky state trooper approached, he was informed that only one tire was down. Well maybe our tire was magically fixed by those haunted ghosts that Kent would not stop telling us about.

Things we Learned in NYC:

- 1) Dale & Thomas popcorn is close down on the West Side.
- 2) Limos do not have such high powered air conditioning
- 3) If you are on a bus and experience a bumpy ride and a funky smell, pull over, you might have a flat.

We would like to put in a thank you to Kent that we were able to bond with him for about an hour- you added to our trip immeasurably, but more importantly, you helped us write such a great article! Also a special thank you to Camp Morasha & Jeremy for a great trip!

By Lisa Golumbeck



NITZANIM BOYS By Daniel Price D

"Hachnasot Orchim" was a big part of our week. We welcomed our friends for Morasha Mania as well as from Avnet. It was a pleasure to see them and compete against them in sports. On Tuesday night we had our long awaited for overnight. It was Incredible! We spent the night barbequing, telling one another stories, singing spiritual songs around the camp fire and learning more about our homeland Eretz Yisrael. Thank you to Ariel Cohen and his staff for all their hard work.

The week concluded with a bang! We had an awesome time on trip day! Along with the Younger Shtili boys, we started off the day at Ring Homestead where we went rock climbing and through the various rope courses. We continued the day in Middletown where we were able to enjoy the air-conditioned meal. It was 98 degrees outside! We loved the movie Ratatouille. Our night concluded with either pizza, Chinese food or Dougie's in Woodbourne. The day was incredible!

Thank you Jeremy Joseph!

SHTILIM BOYS By Steven Lerner

On Thursday the younger Shtilim enjoyed a great trip. It began at Ring Homestead where the kids climbed jumped from various rope courses. We then headed for the Middletown mall where they got a chance to walk around for a while and then see Ratatouille. We then headed to Woodbourne we had the choice of eating whatever we wanted. Most kids of course chose Dougie's which capped off the day perfectly.

What a week for the older Shtili division. We started off with watching the counselors searching for their belly buttons on stage. Then, "Homey" put his munchies on hold for while and turned himself into a lobster. Prince Eric sailed home that day and the bunk mourned his departure with an intense flag football tournament in his honor. The next night we chilled with Yachad, caught some fish and roasted and toasted marsh mellows., and overall had a great time. We ended off the week in Hershey Park. What an incredible week!



ILANOT BOYS

What an amazing way to kick off the second half of the Summer! After a few days of sports, the Ilanot boys embarked on a journey to Lake George for their overnight trip. On the first day, the boys took over Six Flags Great Escape and had an awesome time on all the rides, including the Ferris Wheel. Afterwards, we boarded the buses and hit the ice skating rink for a few hours.. While skating, the kids also had the opportunity to go on ice bumper boats as well. Later on the kids enjoyed Canada Street, and the Minnie Ha-Ha boat ride while deeply entrenched in a game of Assassin. To cap off Day One, the kids were taken to a surprise showing of 'The Simpsons' movie. ALL of day 2 was spent white water rafting on the Hudson River. During the rafting, the counselors took the opportunity to have their own version of 'The Amazing Race' and 'Survivor'. The contest went all day and didn't end until Jordan Auerbach and Dovid Walz were found paddling their boat under the George Washington Bridge.



MANHIGIM by J.Z. Spier DH

The Manhigim started off the week with some intense league games in both basketball and hockey. Since the Alufim were gone the boys got double leagues and double the amount of crazy games. In basketball, Joey's team lead by Ginz put BI top of the league and in hockey Rue's team led by Dovid Oilofsky as the leader. Starting Wednesday morning we embarked on a crazy trip to NYC. It started with lunch at J2 pizza and the a surprise scavenger hunt in limos throughout NYC! Dinner was at K.D. and the guys then headed out to see the Yankees play the Whitesox 8-1. The night was early and when we pulled into Sportime USA, right around midnight, we played every arcade game imaginable until 2:30 a.m. After that came ice-cream sundaes and finally a little bit of much needed sleep. Some of the better sleeping spots were on the ski ball tables and bowling lanes. The trip came to a close at Six Flags where the boys enjoyed roller coaster after roller coaster. It was a great experience that no one will ever forget.



YACHAD NEWS

Girls

The week started off with a bang when Melissa Specter represented Yachad at the Binghamton Mets stadium by painting home plate. We were then privileged to have Machzor Aleph treat us to a night of fun with their excellent performance in the Little Mermaid. With all of that excitement some R&R was in need, so we had a chilled out night with friends and Madagascar.

Fun cannot be contained in just one camp so off to Neshet we go— with bowling and an extra treat! Ending another week in Morasha, girls Yachad cant wait for the next one full of fun and excitement!

Shabbat Shalom!

Boys

Okay! Its been a really fun week for Yachad! It all started on Sunday with a baseball game: the Binghamton Mets Vs. The Bowie Bay Sox. But Yachad wasn't just watching the game this time, no, not at all. Melissa Specter painted home plate, and Shalom Citrin gave the balls to the ump. The next few days were a blast! Sunny days and clear blue skies all week gave the boys a chance to to tryout the motor boat and banana boat. On Tuesday night it was more exciting news for Yachad when we got a new counselor, Isaac Orenbach, a very eagerly anticipated late pickup by the boys, and **Fine Blooms**. The week ended with fun bowling and a day at Neshet. We are so excited for Shabbos!

Shabbat Shalom!

By Noam Casper



Baking Room— by Devorah Lieberman

Every day, from Sunday to Thursday I go to work from 9:50 a.m. to 9:15 p.m. and I work with a very nice boss. Her name is Janet and she is so nice to me. I work with 2 nice counselors also, and their names are Ariella and Jessie. On Friday I go until 3:30, and we make challah every week. Every day we make different things. She lets me do any activities I want and I go to them. I taught her daughter Rebecca how to do Chinese Staircase lanyard. When I have a day off from work, then I have a trip with my bunk— she lets me go. She always loves it when I am with her—i feel very happy there.



Hypnotized



This past Sunday night the entire camp had a chance to get hypnotized. Professional comedic hypnotist Eric Kand put on an amazing show for the entire camp. He began by explaining to the crowd that hypnosis is not like it looks in the movies, but is actually something that is completely real, and can be very entertaining. Next he began by hypnotizing the twelve volunteers on stage by playing some background music and reminding them of how relaxed and sleepy they felt.

Once the volunteers were hypnotized is when the real fun began. First, they drove sports cars, twisting their hands as they rounded turns and bopped as they went over speed bumps. Next, they were told that their bellybuttons had gone missing, and they began to search for them. They searched their stomachs, their pockets, and even under their chairs! After the hypnotist was kind enough to give all the volunteers their bellybuttons back, he proceeded to make them think that all of their noses were made of elastic. The volunteers began pulling at their noses and laughing out loud as they twisted their incredibly stretchy noses around their heads and under their legs. Finally, the volunteers stood up from their seats and danced the hula for the whole camp!

When the show ended, all of the people who were hypnotized said that they remembered everything, and also felt very refreshed. In fact, according to the hypnotist, one hour of hypnosis is equal to eight hours of sleep! All in all, it was a really cool show, and everybody had a great time.