



Shalhevet

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MORASHA BEGINS MAGICALLY!

The sun shone brightly, the lake glistened and the clouds puffed slowly in the blue, blue sky. No, this is not the beginning of a camping story that suddenly goes terribly bad, but the picture-perfect day that greeted the campers as the buses rolled slowly through the camp entrance and deposited their passengers onto the camp grounds.

and more.



gratitude. Of course, prayer is one way to show gratitude, as we do every day when we daven to Hashem. But we want to spend some of our amazing summer vacation thinking about other ways to have an Attitude of Gratitude towards life in general.

We'd like to launch our theme by thanking all the parents who made the difficult choice to part with their children for one or two months. And we'd also like to thank you, the campers, for starting off the summer with the amazing cooperation and *ruach* you've shown already!

It's Summer 2008 at

Morasha! Welcome to all our campers, old and new! We're looking forward to a fantastic summer, filled with the activities we've come to know and love — Shiriyah, sports, Color War, arts and crafts, Purim in July, rock climbing, the camp play, horseback riding, trips, *shiurim*, swimming, water-

We're also very pumped about the new features in camp, one of the most exciting of which is the Morasha pool! Pray, pray hard for a rain-free summer.

skiing, the Olympics, baking

Speaking of prayer, we're also happy to introduce the theme for the summer:

Parsha Thoughts

This week's parsha is *Chukat*, and of course it is famous for the *chok* of *parah adumah*. Many famous commentaries and Jewish thinkers have assigned reasons for the *mitzvah*, but some, like the *parah adumah*, seem to have no reason and fall under the category of what we know as a *chok*.

level, every *mitzvah* is a *chok*. Despite the fact that many of the *mitzvot* seem to have very good reasons behind them because they seem to benefit us in some way, the fact that there is a benefit is exactly the danger.

of the *mitzvot*, which is to serve God? If the benefit were to suddenly disappear, perhaps the individual would cease to perform the commandment as well.

On some level, then, every *mitzvah* should be viewed as, and perhaps is, a *chok*, something we as Jews simply do to fulfill God's will.

What if a person comes to perform a *mitzvah* simply because of the benefit and loses sight of the purpose

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Opening Night is Illusion

Illusionist Jason Bishop dazzled campers with a magical opening night. Sorry, with an opening night full of illusions. "Magic" is something that's not real (now that the Harry Potter craze has died down, we can print that). "Illusions, on the other hand, are also not real but are not meant to deceive anyone with a false and misleading name like "magic." Huh? I'm confused. Never mind" the illusions were great. Alex Sternberg especially enjoyed them, and we all loved the Chinese box. We thought it was magical!

Morasha Girls 2008 ...

HAS GOTTEN OFF TO A ROCKIN' START! READ ALL ABOUT ALL THE AMAZING STUFF WE'VE BEEN DOING IN THE SHORT TIME WE'VE BEEN HERE:

Nitzanim Girls

Nitzanim has the biggest division this year, with 78 campers! We've already had rock climbing, baking, arts and crafts, sports, swim and aerobics. We're off to a great start and can't wait for more!

Ilanot Girls

Ilanot already got busy learning in Shiur, but we also tackled some sports, had our swim tests, made some cool things in arts and crafts and did rock climbing and aerobics.

Shtilim Girls

The Shtilis have been busy in jewelry-making and ceramics and have already tried out the lake — despite the rain — in order to show the life-guards what we've got. We also enjoyed a surprise visit to the canteen and wrote postcards home, so our parents wouldn't miss us too much. If our parents are really desperate, they can also see us online in our informal bunk pics! Older shtilim are enjoying our beautiful new bunks!

Manhigot and Alufot ...

Brought down the dining room with an impromptu cheering contest among us, Alufot and Alufim. We're all declaring ourselves winners! We also got to test out the camp grounds during our digital scavenger hunt. We thought the fireworks were cool and plan to continue enjoying the America theme with a barbeque lunch on Friday!

Get Some Bling:

Arts and crafts is excited to introduce jewelry-making to its lineup of activities this year. Come over and check out the bling!

Also be sure to stay tuned for the upcoming surprise project for girls' campus. You'll die over it!



WHAT TIME IS IT?

SUMMER TIME!

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IT'S OUR VACATION!



**FROM DECIDING WHO'S
GOING TO PLAY TROY IN THE
UPCOMING HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL PRODUCTION,
THE BOYS HAVE BEEN BUSY WITH THEIR SPORTS-
INTENSIVE SCHEDULE.**

Morasha Boys 2008

The boys hit the courts right away and are especially enjoying their newly refurbished hockey courts. The rain tried to stop us, but didn't have a chance. Tryouts for hockey leagues already occurred, and tryouts for the intercamp basketball game also took place. We play Mesorah next week. Meanwhile, check out what else we've been doing ...

Swimming

Water skiing

Flag football

Swimming

Baking

Lacrosse

Rock climbing



Yachad

Girls' Yachad has been busy nonstop. We've had swim with our amazing lifeguards, did aerobics and had a gaga game in the pavilion. We also played Spud, basketball and kickball and had basketball team tryouts. We were so exhausted, we needed a bit of time to rest. Luckily, the rain gave us a chance to do just that. Boys' Yachad has been all sports, all the time. We've played kickball and lineup and went swimming in the lake. We've also enjoyed some down time getting to know each other.

Day camp . . .

Got off to an awesome start! The senior boys have already gone horseback riding, and senior girls headed to the lake for swim evaluations. The older day camp had baking and made visors in arts and crafts, and younger day camp has been enjoying their kiddie pools and sandboxes.



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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 canteen. Good Luck!

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Answer: Split Level

1) MEREPEAT

2) M&AR

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4) GR 12" AVE

5) faredce

Prep for *High School Musical*



What is Ryan and Sharpay's last name?

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COMING SOON TO A CAMP NEAR YOU...



Purim in July



THE ROVING REPORTER

Question of the week: If a cartoon character were to run camp instead of Gotch (we know, we know, no one can replace him), who would it be and why?

Sammy Bruh-B-2- Mickey Mouse, because I like him

Noah Wilkowski-B-2-Patrick from *Sponge Bob* because he's dumb and funny

Hallie Peller-G-10-Sponge Bob, because he's fun and he does crazy stuff that's fun

Melissa Chiger-G-10- Barney, because he's so fun and nice and we'd never get bored because he sings songs and plays games

Shoshana Bach-G-5-Minnie Mouse, because I don't know

Olivia Hershkowitz--G-10-Elmo, because he;s always smiling and he talks a lot and would make camp a lot of fun

Jacob Bach-B-7-Jimmy Neutron, because he makes cool stuff

Judah Wagner-B-7-Peter Pan, because he's so adventurous

Noah Epstein-B-7-Mickey Mouse, because he's funny and fun and camp is funny and fun.

Lauren Packer-G-14-Wondergirl, because she takes care of everybody

Carly Wilkowski-G-14-Bugs Bunny, because he's peppy