



Shalhevet

Set in a magical land known as Camp Morasha, the summer begins with roaring excitement in anticipation of what the wise Jeremy Jozsefiki has in store for 2009. Enter King Gotch and Queen Ruthie to introduce their newest born cub, Nili. Ponguezi! (that's mazel tov in Swahili). Aside from the mane characters, you will encounter many others from whom you will learn the importance of respect found within the Circle of Jewish Life. **R.E.S.P.E.C.T.** is the theme for this summer and we can't wait to participate in activities with our friends and new bunkmates as we learn about **R**especting our **E**lders, our **S**elves, our **P**ast, our **E**nvironment, our **C**reator and our **T**efilla.



GET READY FOR A SUMMER
OF A LIFETIME. GET READY FOR...
MORASHA 2009!

ON THE PARSHA

Chukat-Balak ABCs...Avraham, Balaam and Camp- In Parashat Balak, we learn that when Balaam thought that Hashem allowed him to go with the officers of Moav to curse Bnai Yisrael, "he arose in the morning and saddled his donkey." Rashi says that though these actions would normally have been beneath someone of Balaam's stature, he performed them in eagerness to harm Bnai Yisrael. Rashi draws attention to someone else in the Torah who acted similarly, but for the opposite reason. "Avraham woke up early in the morning and saddled his donkey" on his way to fulfill Hashem's command to do akeidat Yitchak. A person can use their enthusiasm to do something negative or positive. Here at camp, enthusiasm can greatly enhance a lot of our activities. We can leave early to make sure we get places on time. We can exert our energy for doing good by playing ball respectfully on the courts; participating in shiur; or singing zemiros in the dining room. We should strive to be like Avraham, who channeled his enthusiasm for fulfilling Hashem's will. Another lesson that we can learn from both Balaam and Avraham is when Balaam blessed Bnai Yisrael saying, "How good are your tents O' Jacob, your dwelling places, Israel!" Rashi explains this verse praising the tzniut, modesty, of the homes of the Jewish people, that their doors were not directed toward one another. But there is another model for the Jewish home in the Torah, the tent of Avraham, which was open on all sides to receive guests. Should the Jewish home strive to be private or open? These two models seem contradictory but Rabbi Azarya Berzon suggests that rather, the ideal Jewish home combines the two. A Jew should be modest in regard to himself, but also open in being concerned for others and caring about what is going on in other's lives. This lesson is especially important in camp. Living closely with our peers, we have to work hard to ensure we retain a degree of modesty, privacy & humility. We must allow our friends to have privacy too. On the other hand, it is also important to be attuned to the needs of our friends and do what we can to help those around us and be hospitable to them. This lesson is especially important in camp. Living so closely with our peers, we have to work hard to make sure we retain a degree of modesty, privacy and humility. We must allow our friends to have privacy too. On the other hand, it is also important to be attuned to the needs of our friends and do what we can to help those around us and be hospitable to them.

Parshat

Chukat / Balak

July 3rd-4th 2009

Candle Lighting 7:22

Shabbat Ends 8:30

NITZANIM

Wow! The first week for the Nitzi girls was unbelievable. With new friends & counselors, sports, specialties and camp ruach, the girls have barely had a chance to catch their breath! Girls campus Animal Kingdom themed slumber party was so much fun, especially our song, "The Cat Groove" which the girls performed for the rest of girls campus. "The slumber party was amazing. I loved watching Madagascar 2!", said Talya Gellis. On opening night, we joined the rest of Machzor Aleph for the hilarious comedians show, "Comedy Sports". G Squared, the ultimate girl-boy showdown ended our week with a big bang. All of the girls out on as much pink as possible to face the boys in their division. "G-Squared was so much fun this year!", said Tess Simon. As you can see, the first week of Morasha 2009 was truly spectacular. We can't wait to see what happens next!

YACHAD GIRLS

This week was the first amazing week of Yachad '09! This past Sunday, Camp Morasha welcomed the fun, spunky, wonderful and sweet Yachad campers & workers. Who said you can't bake your cookies and eat them too?! The Yachad ladies started this summer with many exciting activities like baking, arts & crafts, nature and dance parties. Looks like it's going to be the best summer ever!!!

OLDER SHTILIM

Older **S**htili **G**irls had an **O**h **S**o **G**reat week in camp this week. We loved Comic Sports and all of our other fun activities. G Squared was a blast with pink being the new black. Although we lost to the boys, we look forward to singing our hearts out and winning Shiria next week. Our entire division dressed up as Nemo and other Under the Sea creatures for the Animal Kingdom girls campus slumber party with a special showing of Madagascar 2. The rain didn't stop our ruach as we danced and cheered at the girls staff basketball game! We are also thrilled to welcome and befriend 7 new girls to our division.

GIRLS CAMPUS RECAP



YOUNGER SHTILIM

Younger Shtili Girls are having a really great time. We've only been here for three days but it feels like nine! Every day is so jam packed, we can't even believe it. We're always on the go, we hardly ever sit! Our nights have been equally complete From great comedians, the newlywed game, slumber party, G-Squared competition can't be beat! Younger Shtili Girls can't wait for more to come. We'll have the best time whether in rain or sun! This poem just can't be finished without one extra line. And that's to thank our amazing counselors who make every day super excellent and ultra fine!!



ILANOT

We're so happy it's summer of 2009
We've waited a whole year, a very long time
Fun times with our summer friends at last
To enjoy our time together and to have a blast.
Comedy improv was on the first night
Ended with a slide show which was out of sight
Our scavenger hunt was a great night activity
We ran around camp finding things A through Z
Then we had our girls campus slumber party
The Ilanot lions were hungry & hearty.
Our costumes were made by our counselors own hand
The Lion King song composed by Anna Cappell and
Devorah Lamm.
All the girls got together in the Ilanot Cafe
Speed Dating and talking to each other was the way.
We hope to continue making new friends
Can't wait for next week the excitement never ends!



MANHIGOT

Where can you find great fun, great music and great competition? Our machzor aleph / machzor bet girls staff basketball game was great entertainment and a great way to help pass a rainy afternoon. Our activities of the week included dance, ceramics and our favorite, aerobics! We also enjoyed our getting to know you ice breaker activity with Yachad. Bumblebees, ladybugs and butterflies, oh my! The girls campus slumber party was no ordinary slumber party. With a special showing of "A Bug's Life" and the girls decked out as bees, bugs and butterflies, we had a girls campus slumber movie dress-up party! We look forward to next week in camp when we will be baking and then donating all proceeds to tzedakah. We are also so excited for Monday's trip day to the mall, white water rafting, bar-b-que & drive-in movie!!! Can't wait for Purim in July and Shiria '09!



ALUFOT

In case you haven't seen the Alufot riding around on their scooters, they've had an amazing week! Whether dancing, swimming, or playing sports, anytime with the Alufot is fun. Just remember... no legging shorts!!!



NITZANIM

Can't believe we've been in camp for only a couple of days! We've been so busy with basketball, hockey, softball, swimming, nature, woodshop followed by amazing night activities like Human Guess Who, pool parties and the one and only G-Squared! We look forward to next week's Hachnasat Sefer Torah at Camp Block, Como league games, Trip Day, Shiria and an awesome carnival that's sure to thrill us all.

YACHAD BOYS

Stepping out onto the fresh cement with the scent of rubberball tickling our nostrils, a touch of rain refreshing our faces, Yachad took the kickball field. With their art projects put aside and a strong sense of excitement pulsating through their veins, only one thought coursed through their minds—Lunch. With the girls up at bat first, the game roared into action, though the girls put up a good fight, Max Dweck, the boys' starting pitcher, relentlessly pitched a wipe out inning. Abe Aballi's initial strike paved the way for total boy domination. The boys embarrassed the girls till the 2nd inning where the girls strategically prayed for rain and then forfeited on account of frizzy hair!!!

OLDER SHTILIM

The rain didn't stop Older Shtili boys from Extreme Dodgeball, in fact, it only made it more fun! Baratz dominated the activity winning 2 out of the 3 games, getting the counselors out too. Ilanot boys had a great week at the Comedy Sportz and especially at G-Squared where the boys defeated the girls in the girls vs. boys in Spin Art, Bananagrams, Jewparady, Blind Faith, Gaga and our favorite, Dance Dance Revolution. A special shout out to Avi Cohen for being Davener of the Week TWICE. Yasher Koach. We are looking forward to an exciting Trip Day and joining the Ilanot boys in our intercamp tournament next week against Lavi.

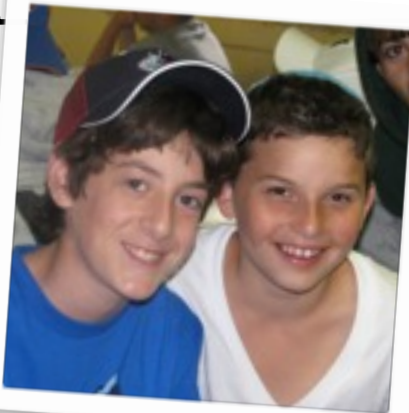
BOYS CAMPUS RECAP



YOUNGER SHTILIM

This week, Younger Shtilis started camp off with a bang as they were entertained by Comedy Sports and the flashback video. They didn't let the rain get them down as leagues, sports and dodgeball continued. The Younger Shtili boys kept the Nitzis guessing in their opening night activity of Human Guess Who. We look forward to an awesome summer of fun, sports and activities in YSB!





ILANOT

Dodgeball + water bubbles = Extreme Dodgeball.

Pool party + bar-b-que = Morasha pool party

Pool party + bar-b-que+ water polo= Awesome Morasha pool party

A little or a lot of mud can't stop Stauber from being a terrific soccer player. Rain doesn't stop these boys from having fun in all of their activities, day or night! Can't wait to participate in the Como Leagues next week!

MANHIGIM

The summer of 2009 got off to a rocking start for Manhigim boys. Basketball, hockey and football leagues began with competitive and intense battles. The boys enjoyed GaGa Mania in the Boys Shul for a night activity and then enjoyed a late night snack from Dougie's. The great week ended in a spectacular fashion as the boys of Manhigim defeated the Manhigot in various G Squared activities. We are looking forward to this being the beginning of the great summer that awaits us.



ALUFIM

"What an amazing week", "Best summer ever", "Sickest Division Head". These are all quotes that Natan Farber is pretending were said by his campers. The truth is that this first week of camp was a great indication that this summer in Alufim will be the best ever. The week began with a "HILARIOUS" show from the comedy sportz groupe. Then it rained for 4 days, but the Alufim wouldn't let the rain ruin their fun. We ordered a lot of Dougie's, popped balloons, got stuck in bathrooms and Dean got super Dizzy! The current Alufim trophy holder is Sam Dratch. Get ready for another amazing week. We are looking forward to Trip Day, Shiria and Geffner's beard growing longer!

NATURE

This year, nature is working on a monthly program throughout the summer. The theme is The Five Senses: smelling, touching, seeing, hearing and tasting. Every week, the activity will focus on one of the senses. We'll experience it, talk about it and learn 5 words in ivrit that relate to that subject. And, like always... we'll finish with a tasty surprise! Can't wait to be together in nature!

DAY CAMP

Day camp is off to a great start. Our 50 children arrive each day with huge smiles on their faces. Swim, arts & crafts, ceramics, nature, shiurim, horseback riding, woodshop, library, baking, music and rock climbing are some of the fun things we do. Wait until you hear our song for Shiria on Wednesday night. We can't wait for our trip to Fun and Games on Monday. The counselors and morot are excited to watch each child grow socially, emotionally and spiritually. We thank the parents for entrusting their precious yeladim to us. Go day camp '09!

ROVING REPORTER | QUESTION. 10 ANSWERS.?

The thing I can't wait for the most is...



PHOTO OF THE WEEK:

All pinked out for Gsquared 2009!

LION KING TRIVIA

1. What is the name of Simba's parents?
2. What does Hakuna Matata mean?
3. What is the name of the lion & lionesses' cave?
4. What does "Rafiki" mean in Swahili?

ANSWERS:
 1. Mufasa & Sarabi 2. no worries 3. Pride Rock 4. friend

1. Trip day / Avi C. - B8A
2. Arts & crafts / Sigal L. - G7
3. Pool parties / Liat G. - G10
4. Friday night live / Eric M. - 'Fim SC
5. Color War / Yoni S. - B3
6. Purim in July / Sophia S. - G10
7. DvD / Ruthie H. - G12
8. Leagues / Jacob T. - B11
9. Moshe's Shabbos cake/ Paula Spodek
10. Everything! / Aliza K. - G12

FROM THE EDITOR

Our first week of camp was awesome!!! Pool parties, Animal Kingdom, & Gsquared!!! Can't wait for next week's camp leagues, trips, drive-in movies, carnival, Simply Tzfat concert and SHIRIA 2009!!

Shani Norman

BRAIN TEASERS

1. 12 I in a F
2. 365 D in a Y
3. 99 B of B on the W
4. 6 O's in a M
5. 52 C in a D
6. 14 D in a F

RIDDLE OF THE WEEK

A boy was at a carnival and went to a booth where a man said to the boy, "If I write your exact weight on this piece of paper then you have to give me \$50, but if I cannot, I will pay you \$50." The boy looked around and saw no scale so he agrees, thinking no matter what the carny writes, he'll just say he weighs more or less. In the end the boy ended up paying the man \$50. How did the man win the bet?

GUESS THE PHRASE

- ex. Don't J A B B its C
Don't Judge A Book By Its Cover
1. C 200 D From P Go In M
 2. An A A D K T D Away
 3. If At F You D S T T A
 4. A P Is W 1000 W
 5. M K Best