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The Maccabeats were surprise guests at our opening night show!

WELCOME TO MORASHA!

Our 540 campers arrived on Monday and they are having a fantastic time, with new and fun activities to enjoy every moment of the day!

From the minute our campers stepped off the buses, they've been having a blast. On opening night, we were treated to a surprise concert by the Maccabeats! Everyone sang and danced along to their catchy acapella performance, especially when they sang their hit song from YouTube, "Candlelight." We watched a video recapping last summer's highlights, and heard all about the theme of this summer, Jewish heroes. On Wednesday night, we enjoyed the first-ever Morasha film



festival at the Coliseum. This week, we also tried out new activities, including zumba, ductigami and breakdancing! We are looking forward to our first shabbos at camp, focusing on the Biblical hero Noach.

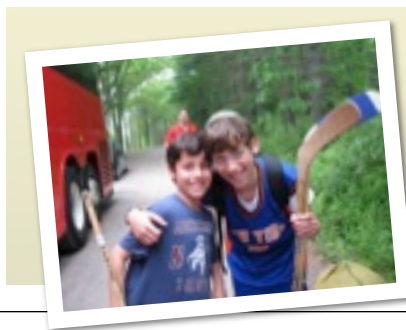
COMING UP THIS WEEK AT CAMP:

MAZAL TOV TO ARIEL FORMAN ON HIS BAR MITZVAH!

July 4
BBQ and fireworks!

July 5-6
Trip to Dorney!

July 7
Purim in July!





NEWS FROM GIRLS CAMPUS

NITZI GIRLS: *The Nitzis had an amazing first night in camp! We danced the night away with the Maccabeats. We had so much fun learning Zumba and designing hangers in arts and crafts. We also enjoyed meeting each other at human bingo. We had a rockin' pool party and can't wait for the rest of the activities this summer!*

YOUNGER SHITLI GIRLS: *It's off to best summer of our lives! Opening night was outrageous and we loved our surprise -- the Maccabeats! On Wednesday, we had movie night and Thursday was a crazy scavenger hunt! We love camp! We also had a great night activity called the Name Game to help learn about each other. Each girl filled in the following sentence: We don't have a ____, but we do have a ____ . Here are some examples: We don't have a Lily, but we do have a Rose (Rose Schwartz). See below for more ways to fill in our sentence: Shmuel's son / David's son (Allison Davidson). Jasmine / Ariel (Arielle Polinsky). Calvin / Klein (Grace Klein). Controlman / Altman (Caroline Altman). Drink / Glass (Joely Glass). Mazel tov / Siman tov (Eliana Simantov). Caution tapes / Cones (Rachel Cohen). Mama / Mia (Mia Tuchman). Crystal ball / Fortune (Fortune Manolpa). Diva / Eva (Eva Ingbar). Ha'olam cheese / Miller cheese (Miller Friedman).*



OLDER SHITLI GIRLS: *Older shtili girls are off to a great start! We loved our new ductigami activity, where we're making cell phone cases. We had a great night activity this week, human bingo, where we discovered really cool facts about each other. One girl is from Hong Kong, another camper loves to eat spicy fries dipped in mint ice cream, somebody has a streak of gray hair and someone else "gets 20 percent weirder every winter." We played our first Como League basketball game on Thursday and G-13 won our "Minute to Win It" night activity, earning hot canteen as a prize. We are psyched for Saturday night's Stomp Competition, which we are totally going to dominate! Happy birthday to Charlotte Leventhal and Chani Hershey(bar)!*



YACHAD GIRLS by Dina Finegold: *Our first week of Morasha got off to a great start! The surprise Maccabeats concert was amazing and everyone loved it! We had so many fun activities, such as rock climbing, aerobics and ceramics. We are looking forward to another great week!*

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ILANOT GIRLS: *This is it. The summer we've been waiting for: the summer that everything is going to change. We are going to be better ball players, better dancers, better singers, better daveners. This is our time. we are going to be the absolute best us that we can be (and with enough class to make Annie James* drop her jaw. Our spirit and energy have been proven unmatched since Opening Day. From testing our resilience and fearlessness at Human Foosbal and Thunder Dodgeball to chillin' out island-style at our Luau, to rocking this Shabbos' dining room, Ilanot*

2011 have not missed a beat. As we embark on the journey that is our summer at Morasha, we are ready to take anything thrown at us and own it. We are ready to step up and discover the heroes of our shared history, the heroes with whom we walk this Earth, and the heroes within ourselves. So, Ilanot, get ready because it is our time to show everyone and ourselves everything that we can be. And that is awesome.

**Parent Trap*

MANHIGOT: *The Manhigot had an amazing first week of camp! The opening night program was great and just when we thought we were done -- surprise! -- the Maccabeats were on stage singing and we were on our chairs dancing. And just as we thought the night was coming to an end -- surprise! -- we were off to the girl's courts for a late-night bonus of ices, hot pretzels and nosh, with all of Machzor Bet. The first day of camp, there wasn't a minute to spare. We went rock climbing, got creative in ceramics and art, swam, started leagues, tried out for Wayne County and Como Leagues, and got working on our Stomp. We also played human anagrams, and had baking, aerobics, cooking, ductigami and jump rope. The week ended on a high, with our first trip, to Woodbourne and bowling.*



ALUFOT: *The Alufot started out their summer with an unbelievable week! We were having a blast being the best Alufot of all time (with the coolest counselors ever)! We started out with birthdays, of Raizy Abittan and Robbie Lurie, and by stocking our awesome new fridge! Between all of the amazing activities, team tryouts and specialties, we've been so busy, but still managed to make time to test out our new Slip N' Slide and play our favorite games: the animal game and 3,6,9! "It was a great week -- I fell off a bench," said Danielle Chesir. "I also learned how to dribble." We can't wait for another great week in camp!*



NEWS FROM BOYS CAMPUS

NITZI BOYS: So far, the first week has been the best week of camp so far :-). The Nitzi boys got off the buses on Monday with a smile and a sense of excitement, and neither have gone away. Leagues kicked off strong on Tuesday, with amazing goals by E.T. Dubin, Zach Perl and a hat trick by Ari Baruch, but nobody could break the goalie skills of Judah Shander, who managed to lead his team to victory in a 2-0 shutout. That night we had an awesome pool party where the counselors managed to get the division head into the pool too... along with his clothing! The amazing night activities continued with a camp wide movie night and Bonzai Beanbag Bonanza where the campers learned about the significance of the beanbag within the Asian world. Camp kicked off to a great start, and from here, it just gets better!

YOUNGER SHTILI BOYS: SHTI-WHAT?!?! SHTILIM!!! The Younger Shtili boys are already making a name for themselves as the greatest division in Morasha! Three days in, we've already begun with basketball, hockey and football leagues, as well as Wayne County League tryouts. Congratulations to bunk B-6 on winning the Balloon Bonanza and their choice of pizza or DJ's (nut-free!) as a prize. We are also looking forward to our division-wide shabbaton this weekend together with YSG!



OLDER SHTILI BOYS: Wow! What a great first week at camp! Five days in, and we've already had 27 water fights! We played a great game of dodgeball in the shark tank, which ended in shallow swim, also in the shark tank. Thirty campers signed up for optional night learning with BMP and sports staff, and everyone loved it! Lastly, Akiva Blumenthal drove a golf cart!

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ILANOT BOYS: *Anyone else feel like we've been here for a year? The Ilanot boys are off to a strong start, coming together like we never even left last summer. Between league evaluations, Como league tryouts, and our first days of activities, it's been an action-packed few days. After unexpected thunderstorms, the boys joined up the girls for an extreme game of dodgeball in the rain, followed by a delicious BBQ by Chef Joey Peskin, one of our counselors. We are anxiously awaiting Saturday night's Stomp competition, where we can show the entire camp exactly who the best division in camp really is.*

MANHIGIM: *The Manhigim 2011 summer has gotten off to a rocking start! Opening week of leagues has the Manhigim boys off and running. The boys greatly enjoyed their night activity of "Gaga Mania," as dodgeballs were flying all over the place. Stay tuned for results from the Lake Como League basketball and hockey teams, as well as Wayne County Softball.*



ALUFIM: *This summer's Alufim prove that size doesn't matter! Despite the small size of our division, the Alufim's summer is off to a great start. The odds are definitely against us -- because of our two red-headed counselors, but nonetheless, they are the two best counselors in camp: Alex Finkel and YoPo. The first week of camp featured a great trip to Dougie's and bowling, fun game of Panoply and Mafia (shout-out to Raizy Abittan, the lead juror) and good times hanging out in the bunk... We look forward to the Road Trip and a ton of great surprises!*



YACHAD BOYS by Max Dwek: *This week at Morasha was such a great week! We did many activities that were so much fun. We made duct tape wallets, did ceramics, swam in the pool and lake, and we had fun with the counselors! We also played dodgeball, basketball and frisbee. We can't wait to have a lot more fun for the rest of the summer!*

Dvar Torah from Rabbi Dratch, Camp Rabbi

“Speak to the rock” Hashem told Moshe... but he hit it instead. As a result, Moshe was not allowed to enter Eretz Yisrael, the Promised Land. Because he didn’t listen to Hashem, Moshe was punished and his life-long dream was not to be fulfilled.

What did Moshe do that was so terrible? Mefarshim give many answers: he was angry, he referred to Bnei Yisrael as rebels, he struck the rock twice instead of just once, and, of course, he should have spoken to the rock instead of hitting it. But what was so wrong with hitting the rock? Forty years earlier, when Bnei Yisrael first needed water, Hashem told him that he should hit the rock. So what was so bad about doing the same thing now?

Maybe an answer can be found in the question itself. It was the same thing... and to enter the Promised Land, to fulfill our dreams, to change our futures, we need to do things in different ways. Doing the same old, same old, keeps us wandering in circles in the desert. Mixing it up, trying new ways gets us over the Jordan River and into Paradise!

A new season in camp gives each of us a chance to try out new ways of doing things. Whether it’s on the ball fields, in the lake, in the Bondis, or in our bunks, a new summer brings us a new chance to make new friends, to have new successes, and to meet new challenges. None of us is the same as we were last summer.

We’re all a year older, a year smarter, (hopefully) a year more mature, and a year more experienced. Why not take a chance? Why not try something new? Why not be more daring? More brave? More serious in davening and learning? More careful with tzitzis (wearing them more often) or lashon hara (not speaking it so often)? The possibilities are endless and the reward...getting out of the rut of wandering in our deserts and entering our own Promised Land... is amazing! Have a great summer, full of new ways and new surprises.

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BMP BOYS: MORASHA 2011 HAS GOTTEN OFF TO A GREAT START! RABBI HAIN OPENED THE LEARNING WITH SHIURIUM FOR THE ENTIRE BMP ON SHABBOS AND SUNDAY, SO WE WERE READY TO GO BEFORE THE CAMPERS ARRIVED! THE BMP ALSO LAUNCHED ITS SOFTBALL AND BASKETBALL INTRAMURALS. ON TUESDAY, WE BEGAN OUR MACHZOR BET CHABUROT AND ON THURSDAY WE KICKED OFF OUR FIRST-EVER CHABURAHs FOR ILANOT AND SHTILIM. EVERYONE HAD A GREAT TIME! REMEMBER, THE BMP IS OPEN 24/7, SO DROP IN ANYTIME YOU WANT SOME GOOD LEARNING, FOOD AND FUN (JUST ASK THE SHTILI BOYS)!

BMP GIRLS: WE BEGAN THE SUMMER HEARING AMAZING SHIURIM FROM THE OUTSTANDING EDUCATIONAL STAFF HERE AT CAMP. WE ALSO STARTED OUR CHABUROT WITH THE OLDER SHTILIM, ILANOT, MANHIGOT AND ALUFOT, WHICH ARE GOING SO WELL! WE CAN’T WAIT FOR THE REST OF THE SUMMER TO BE FILLED WITH MORE LEARNING AND SPENDING TIME WITH THE CAMPERS!

DAY CAMP: DAY CAMP IS OFF TO A GREAT START! COUNSELORS AND CAMPERS ARE LEARNING ROUTINES AND MAKING NEW FRIENDS. EVERYONE PARTICIPATES IN GREAT ACTIVITIES SUCH AS BAKING , ARTS & CRAFTS, HORSEBACK RIDING AND NATURE. WE SWIM TWICE DAILY ON GIRLS & BOYS DOCKS. OUR SHIURIM STIMULATE OUR MINDS WHILE OUR SPORTS ACTIVITIES CHALLENGE OUR BODIES. WE LOOK FORWARD TO THE

Camp Morasha's Roving Reporter:

WHAT ARE YOU MOST LOOKING FORWARD TO THIS SUMMER?

Having fun and meeting new friends from Israel" - Shachar Matsui, B-4.

"Rock climbing" - Eliana Weinstein- G-2

"Hershey Park" - Sammy Sokol, B-4

"Morasha Mania" - Tzvi Yudin, day camp

"My day off" - Eitan Gettenberg, day camp counselor

"Color war" - Chaim Medetsky, B-2

"Olympics" - Leelah Paul, G-20

"Color war breakout (no pressure, Jeremy!) and all of my campers getting their water bottles" - Penina Wiener, OSG division head

"Overnight trip to Dorney" - Shoshana Mehlman, G-16

"Swimming in the lake" - Danielle Botnick- G-2

"Moish the baker's shabbos cake"- Ira Spodek, executive director

"Winning hockey championship" - Jeremy Klein, B-5

"Being out in nature, meeting new friends and old friends, and quilting" -- Yafa Lamm, infirmary escort

"Winning color war and making friends" - Ariel Attias, B-5

"Having fun every day" - Amichai Trink B-5



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