

### WEEK AT A GLANCE:

July 16

Shiria: Song of the Night



Night at the Drive in



3 on 3 Basketball Tournament



Multiway Intercamps



Blood Drive



Make your Own Pizza

Shalhevet

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# **Race to the Finish Line!**

Welcome to the 17th Annual Camp Morasha Olympic games! The Olympic Village was bustling with athletes eager to compete for the gold! The athletes marched to the Opening Ceremonies and waited to hear their ambassadors for these two days of intense competition. The athletes competed on the courts and fields -- as a team as well as individuals. Athletes showcased their skills and strength at archery, sumo wrestling, mountaineering, gymnastics and more!

Each country worked together to complete the bucket brigade, marathon and triathlon. For each meal, the dining room was transformed into different countries and selected menus. Each country meticulously planned the decor to match the theme and culture of their country. On Monday night, the magic of Morasha continued with the film festival! Each movie represented each country and campers loved watching some of these classics with their friends on the big screen!

Tuesday morning, on Day II of Olympics, athletes were privileged to hear from Mr. Steven Heumann about "Faith in the Field", adversities athletes face, and how they persevere. Tuesday night, the coliseum was lit with excitement as the medals were given out for team sports. Congratulations to Mexico for winning the most medals and Olympics XVII!

The week was not over yet! Machzor Bet loaded the busses to Woodburne for Machzor Bet Madness, staff games at Lavi and Seneca, and Girls Campus showcased "Around the World". The girls prepared a dance from different cultures around the world. The audience full of tourists enjoyed this worldly experience!

Finally, the week concluded with the Race for the Beis! The entire Camp Morasha gathered at the starting line for the anticipated run we have been raising money for since the winter! The racers and spectators enjoyed this event! Thank you to all of those who have donated!

As always, we are looking forward to a restful shabbos and excited for another awesome week at Camp Morasha!

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#### Parsha Thoughts...by Nina Siegel

In the first of the two parshiot that we read this shabbat, we learn in perek Chaf Bet about Reuven and Gad asking if they can settle outside of Eretz Yisrael – east of the Yarden – because the land they were traveling through was ideal for raising cattle. Moshe negotiated with them and ultimately fulfilled their request to stay outside of Eretz Yisrael if they complete their portion of the responsibilities in fighting the battles to acquire the land. However, Moshe included half of Shevet Menashe to stay outside of Israel in the agreement. Rav Joseph B. Soloveitchik answers the question of why half of Menashe had to stay outside of Eretz Yisrael. He explains that Moshe's goal as a leader was to unify Bnei Yisrael and turn them into a "cohesive nation". By splitting up Shevet Menashe and having half of them dwell across the Yarden and half of them in Eretz Yisrael, Moshe created an eternal link between the two sides of the Jordan. There would be travel, concern, and communication between both groups. Moshe made this arrangement to ensure unity in Klal Yisrael. As we celebrate the second Shabbos of the three weeks, it is a special time for us to work on our unity as a nation. We should strive to promote ahavas chinam, baseless love, and make sure we show care for all of our fellow Jews, whether they are close to us or live 'on the other side of the Yarden'. Hopefully, through these actions we will promote a sense of achdus amongst us all and will merit seeing the rebuilding of the Beis Hamidkash soon.

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#### **RACE TO THE BEIS IN NUMBERS**

NUMBER OF CAMPERS PARTICIPATED IN THE RACE

AMOUNT OF FUNDRAISERS IN THE RACE FOR THE BEIS CAMPAIGN

FASTEST TIME

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