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A THRILLING WEEK 6 AT CAMP MORASHA

NEXT WEEK AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY

Staff Cafe Night

MONDAY

Morasha presents
“Frozen”

TUESDAY

Concert of the Summer

WEDNESDAY

A Night at PNC Field

THURSDAY

BMX Bike Show

FRIDAY

Pre-Shabbat Ruach

What a week it's been at Camp Morasha-full of meaning, adventure, and unforgettable moments!

On Sunday, we observed Tisha B'Av with a meaningful program that included tefillah, discussions, and inspiring presentations. The Fim-Fot departed for their road trip down the coast to Virginia, filled with sightseeing, bonding, and plenty of laughter. On Tuesday, the Gim-Got division traveled to beautiful New England, where they enjoyed scenic views, fun attractions, and time together. Then, on Wednesday, the Ilanot left for Lake George which left the Older Shtilim in charge of the campuses!

Thursday was our camp-wide trip day! Nitzanim and Shtilim enjoyed a day packed with fun at Camelback, the Wayne County Fair and bowling. We ended the week on Friday with a well-earned chill day, starting with a late wake-up before jumping into the spirited Wayne County Games. Our campers represented Morasha with pride, skill, and sportsmanship. It was truly an amazing week, and we are already looking forward to what's ahead.

PARASHA THOUGHTS

Robin Tassler, Culinary Arts Head

A few pesukim after the first paragraph of Shema, we read of a moral command:

יִשְׁמֹר תִּשְׁמְרוּן אֶת-מִצְוֹת יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵיכֶם וְעֵדוּתוֹ וְחֻקָּיו אֲשֶׁר צִוָּךְ: יֵחַ וְעִשִּׂיתָ הַיָּשָׁר וְהַטּוֹב בְּעֵינֵי יְהוָה לְמַעַן יֵיטֵב לָךְ וּבֵאתָ וִירֶשֶׁתָּ אֶת-הָאָרֶץ הַטֹּבָה אֲשֶׁר-נִשְׁבַּע יְהוָה לְאֲבֹתֶיךָ:

You shall diligently keep the commandments of the Lord your God, and his testimonies, and his statutes, which he has commanded you. And you shall do that which is right and good in the sight of the Lord; that it may be well with you, and that you may go in and possess the good land which the Lord swore to your fathers.

The first pasuk says to keep all the laws and statutes, so what exactly is the second pasuk adding when it commands us to “do that which is right and good in the sight of the Lord?” Rashi says that it means to compromise and going beyond the letter of the law - **לפני משורת הדין**. Someone who lives a moral lifestyle is going above and beyond what it required of him. By going the extra mile, he or she is doing what is “right and good”.

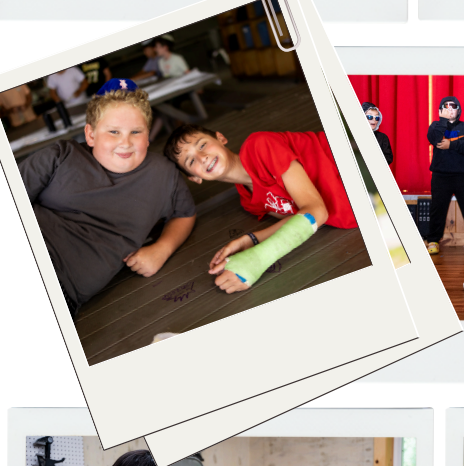
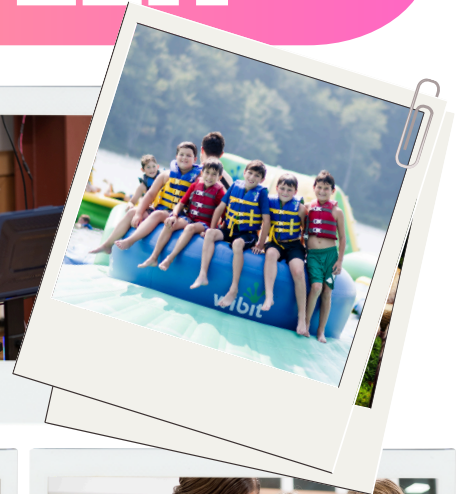
Ramban comments that since the Torah can not possibly include all the various ways to deal kindly and morally with one another, Hashem added this imperative to tell us that we should strive to be called “good and upright” in everything we do. Many laws of moral life are simply not written down so this phrase is showing us that all of our actions have the ability to reach that higher level.

Rabbi Sacks in his Essays on Ethics delves deeper into this idea. He explains that law is “about universal principles that apply in all places and times,” whereas moral life is not universal and is rather dependent on the circumstance and place. Morality depends on each person and no two people in this world are alike. The Torah expected us to make the application of the directive of “And you shall do what is just and good” on our own. This is sometimes referred to as the Fifth Shulchan Aruch. Therefore, if a person says, “Where does it say in the Torah you have to be nice?” The response often is: “It is written in the Fifth Shulchan Aruch.” We are expected to do what is appropriate even if it is not spelled out clearly in some sefer. May we all be zoche to go above and beyond what is required of us.

Shabbat Shalom!

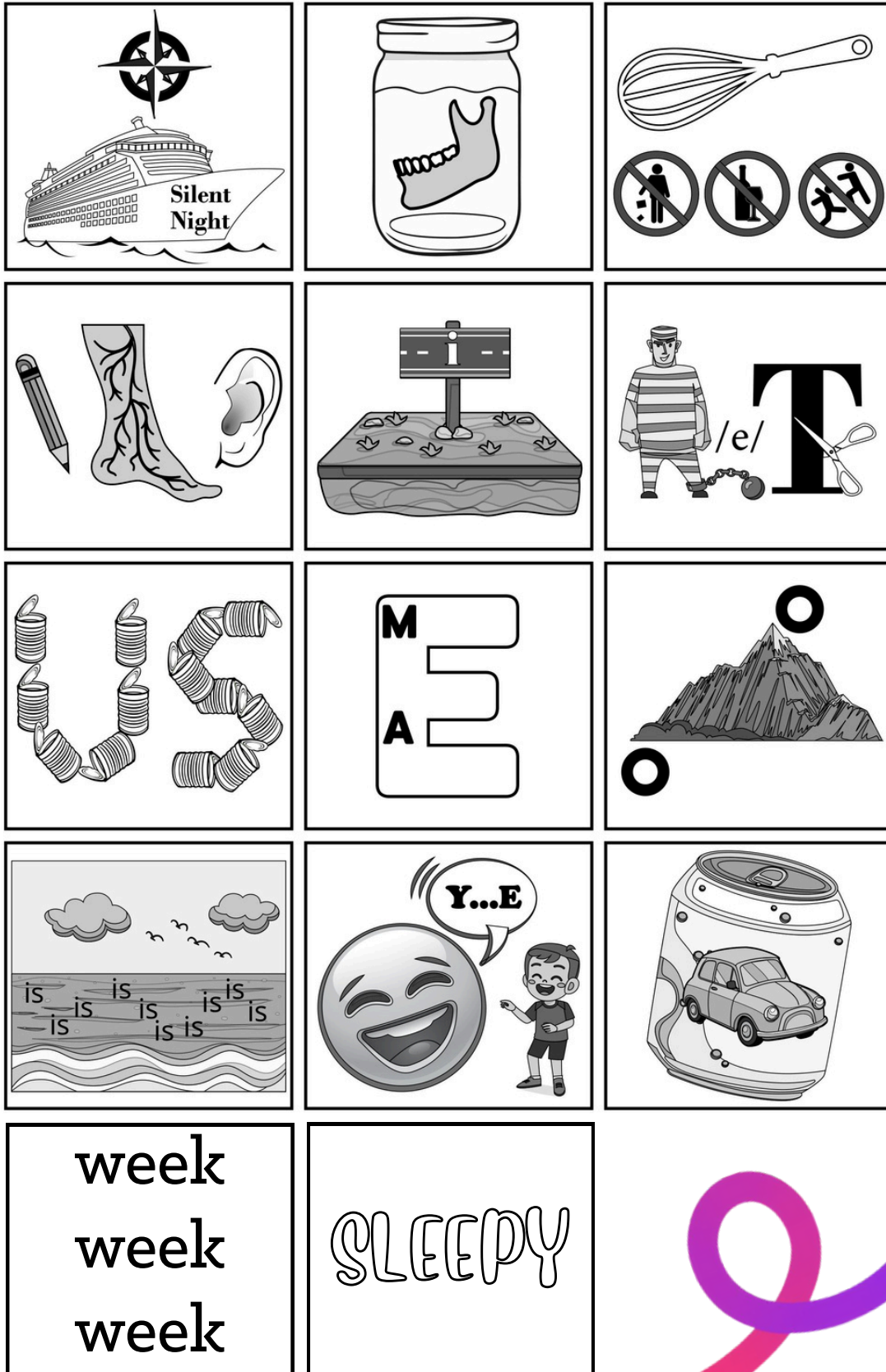


PHOTOS OF THE WEEK



BRAIN TEASERS

U.S. States



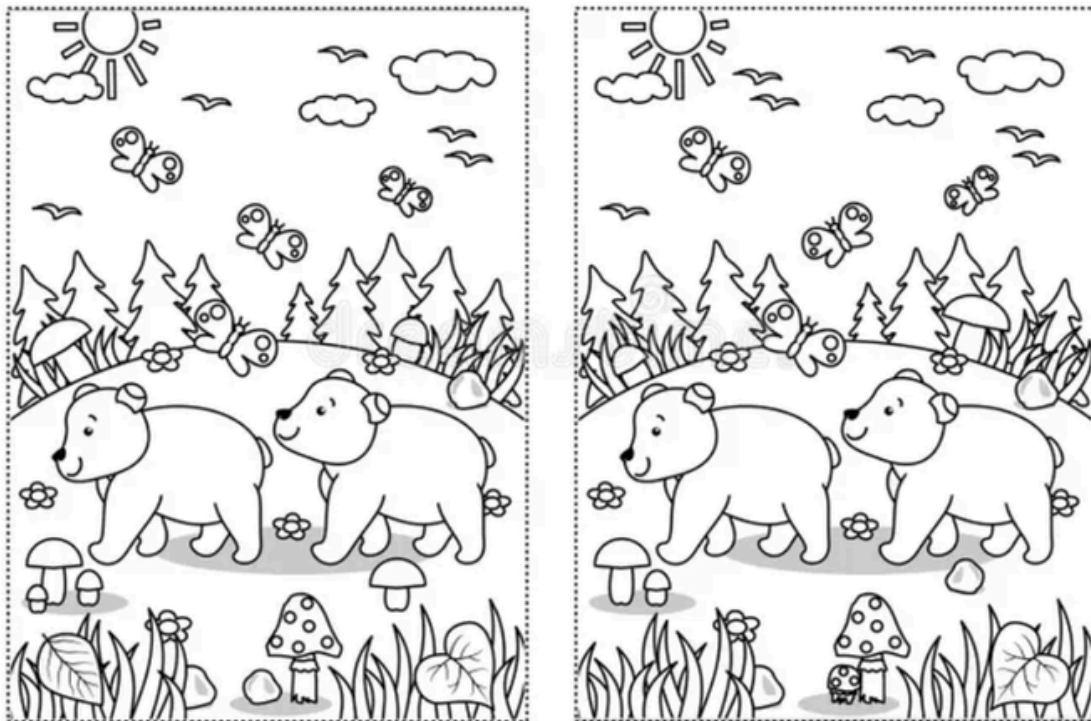
-submitted by Zev Minchenberg



TRIVIA QUESTIONS

1. What is the largest mammal in the world?
2. In what manner did Noah bring kosher animals into the Ark?
3. In which capital city of Europe would you find the Eiffel Tower?
4. In sports, what is an MVP?
5. Who was the first American president?
6. Which country is home to the kangaroo?
7. What could make Harry Potter invisible?
8. Which animal is the tallest in the world?
9. Which singing voice is the highest pitch? Soprano, tenor or baritone?
10. How many continents are there in the world?
11. What do Giraffe, Deer and Caribou have in common?
12. According to Jewish tradition, who is the smartest Jew who ever lived?

Can you spot the 10 differences between these two pictures?



ANSWERS
Rebus Puzzles
 1. South Carolina; 2. Georgia; 3. Wisconsin; 4. Pennsylvania; 5. Rhode Island; 6. Connecticut; 7. Kansas; 8. Maine; 9. Ohio; 10. Tennessee; 11. Hawaii; 12. Minnesota; 13. The Three Weeks; 14. Sleepy Hollow
Trivia
 1. A whale; 2. Seven-by-seven (non-kosher animals were brought two-by-two); 3. Paris; 4. Most Valuable Player; 5. George Washington; 6. Australia; 7. The Invisibility Cloak; 8. Giraffe; 9. Soprano; 10. Seven; 11. They are all kosher; 12. King Solomon