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A COLORFUL END TO MORASHA 2025

NEXT WEEK AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY
Color War Finale

MONDAY
Pack up

TUESDAY
Hugs and Good-byes

**COLOR
WAR**

This week at camp was packed with excitement!

On Sunday, we kicked things off with Staff Café Night, where our amazing counselors and staff relaxed and enjoyed yummy food catered by our excellent dining room team.

Monday was pure magic with our big show, Morasha Presents “Frozen.” The performance was amazing, especially when snow actually fell onto the audience during the final song and bows. Everyone loved the songs, costumes, and the unforgettable ending.

Tuesday was totally wild. We had the Concert of the Summer with Mordy Shap, and just when we thought it was over, Color War broke out. Two teams were announced: Naaseh (green) and Nishma (white), matching our summer theme: *See the good – Be the good.*

The first two days of Color War were incredible. We played musical chairs, ran the Apache Relay, battled in Maccabia, and tried the new Rope Burn Challenge. There were staff basketball, hockey, soccer, volleyball, and football games. Plus, we had tasty and creative competitions like The Bake Off, Chopped, and even a Spelling Bee.

On Friday, the teams worked hard on their art and camp projects. Ilanot made new mailboxes for the Head Counselors, Gim/Got painted beautiful murals for the gazebo ceilings, and Fim/Fot created a gorgeous stained-glass piece for the mechitzah in the shelter. This year’s big camp project is a full standing Aron Kodesh. As Shabbat neared, we put down our paintbrushes and hockey sticks to join together for Kabbalat Shabbat, ready to enjoy a day of rest and peace.

Good luck to both teams in this year’s Morasha 2025 Color War. Next week, we will be sad to say goodbye to our summer friends as we head back home on Tuesday. We will miss you!

— The Morasha Staff

PARASHA THOUGHTS

Sharon Richter, Sr Chinuch Staff

A.J. Jacobs is a writer who lives in NYC, and he noticed something about himself: “I can be a bit of a grouch. I am very good at noticing everything that goes wrong. I want to make a change.” So, he decided to start giving thanks to everyone who helped make his meals.

His ten-year-old son said, “Dad, you know, those people can’t hear you. If you really cared, you would go and thank these people in person.” A lightbulb went off! A.J. decided instead to focus on something he knew he took for granted every day, his morning cup of coffee.

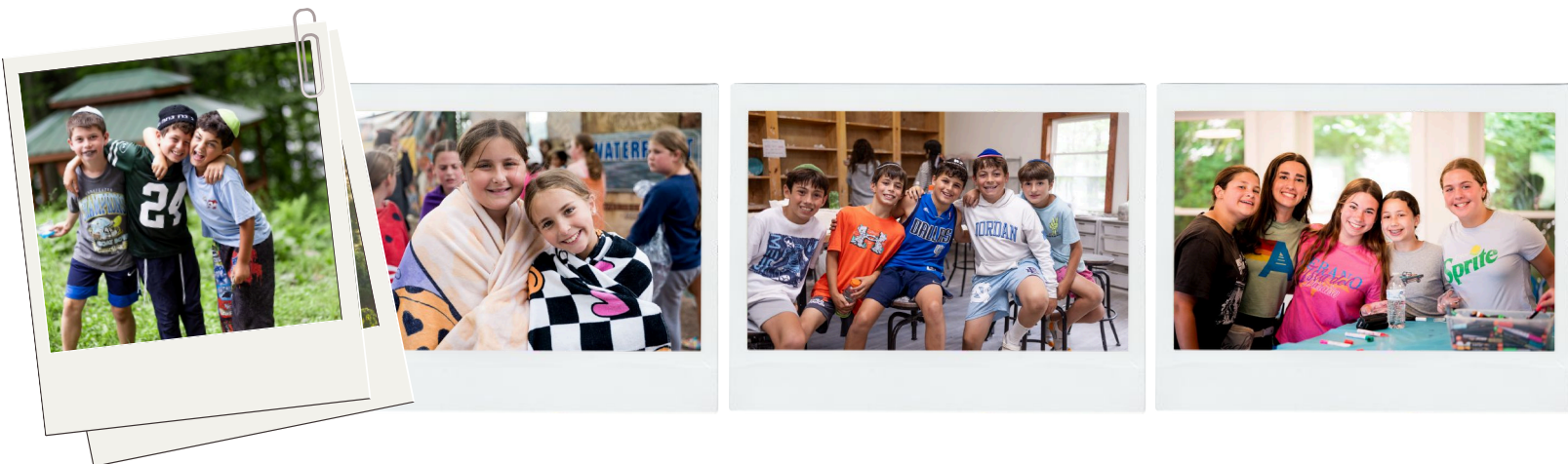
“I have an idea! I am going to thank every person who helped make my cup of coffee.” Over the next twelve months, A.J. set out to do just that, to thank every single person who had even the smallest role in his cup of coffee.

He started with the local barista, the local roaster, and the coffee shop’s sourcer. Every person he thanked said they couldn’t do their job without someone else. Each thank you led him to yet another, and then another. He headed out of the city and then out of the country. He thanked the people who provided electricity to the coffee shop, the engineers who supplied the water, the people who made the steel, the farmer and importer, the truck driver, the person who paved the road, and even the person who painted the yellow lines on the road so that his coffee beans could arrive safely at his coffee shop. He even called the woman who does pest control for the warehouse and said, “I know this sounds strange, but I want to thank you for keeping the insects out of my coffee.”

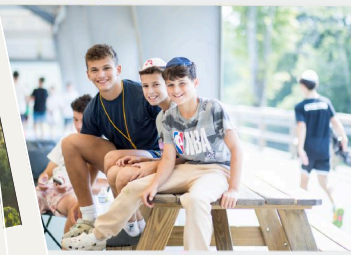
He ended up thanking more than one thousand people! As much as they appreciated his thanks, he felt that he gained more than anyone. His gratitude trail changed the way he lives his life. It made him grateful for the hundreds of things that go right each day, rather than the three or four that go wrong. How blessed we are to have the Torah, which guides us to do just this every single day! In Parashas Eikev, we learn (10:12) from a drasha that the word “ma” should be read as “meah” and to recite 100 brachos every single day. That’s what Hashem wants from us! Hashem is guiding us to SEE THE GOOD and to appreciate it. The mitzvah of bentching is also in this week’s parasha. We not only thank Hashem before we eat but also after we eat and are full.

Sometimes, having plenty can make us forget to appreciate what we have. Let’s thank Hashem for an amazing summer in camp and bring the theme of the summer back home with us. Hashem blesses us with so much good, so let’s train ourselves to look for it and appreciate it by making brachos throughout the day. If we see the good, we will be the good!

Shabbat Shalom

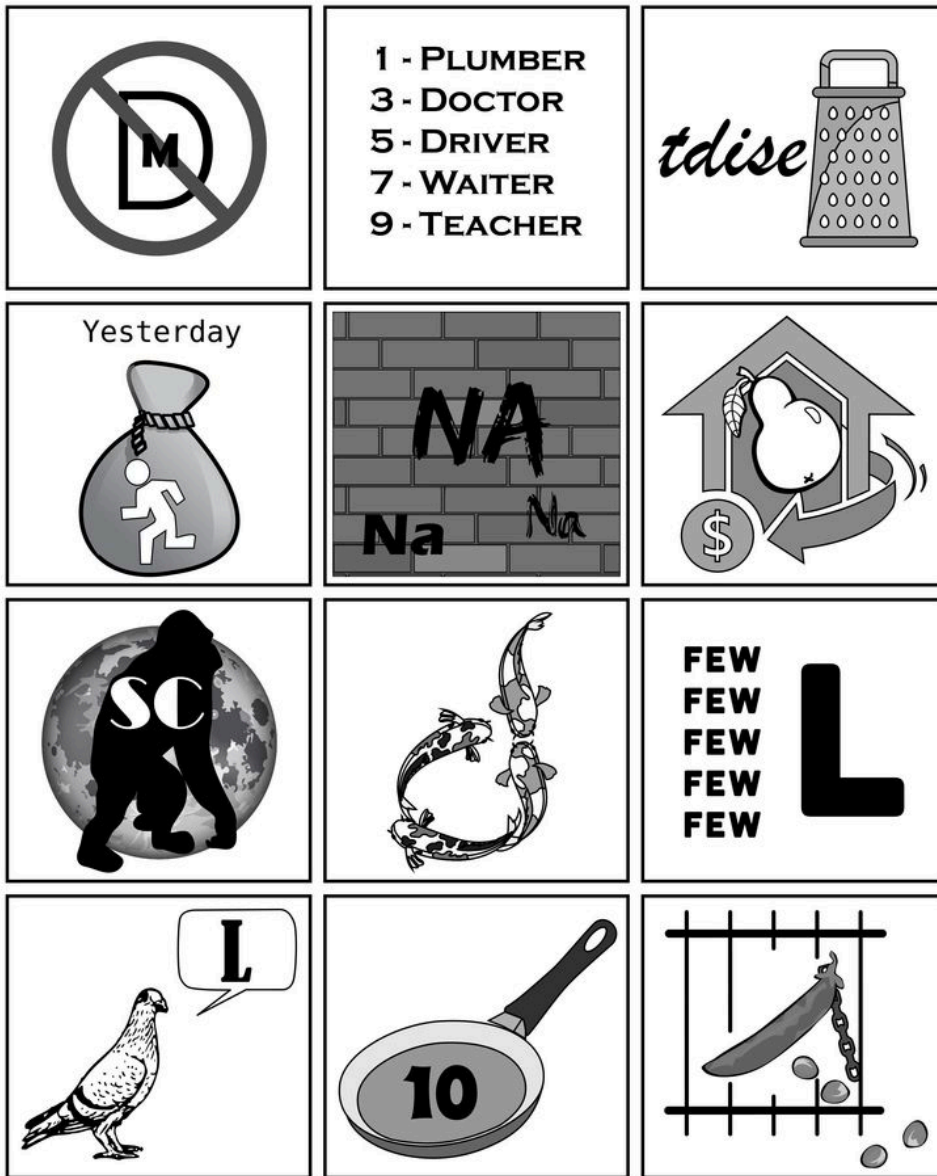


PHOTOS OF THE WEEK

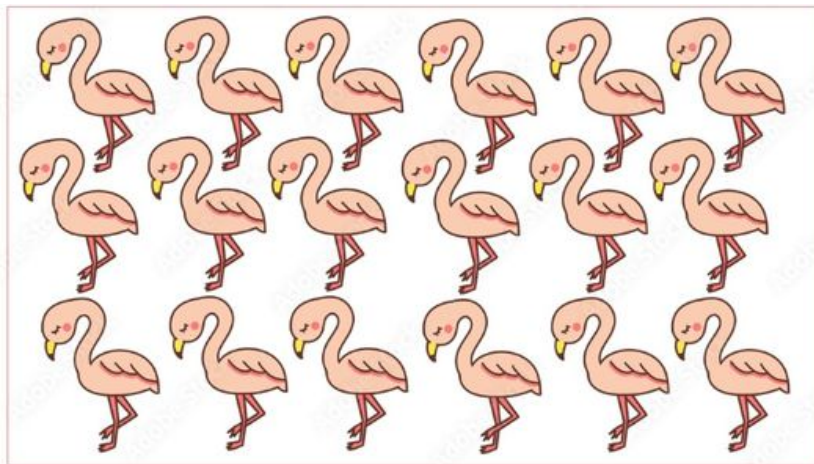


BRAIN TEASERS

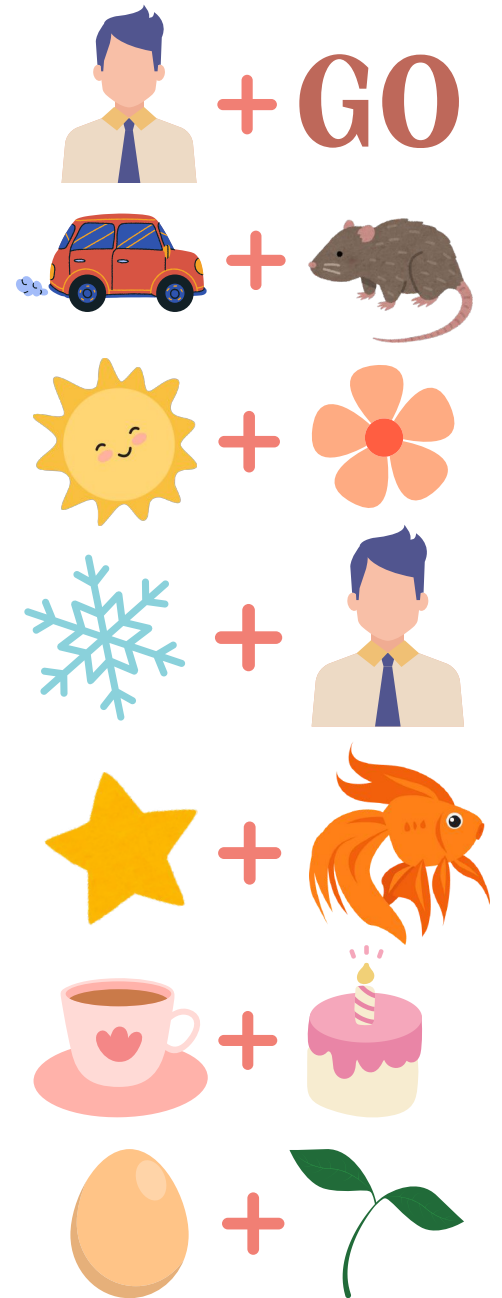
Rebus



Which one is different?



Guess the Word



TRIVIA QUESTIONS

1. Who was the 16th president of the United States?
2. What's the final book in Tenach called?
3. Who painted the Mona Lisa?
4. What's the name of the town where The Flintstones live?
5. Which famous ocean liner sank on her first voyage in 1912?
6. Which movie is Prince Charming from?
7. Which country did Justin Bieber come from?
8. What is the nickname for the bell of the clock at the Palace of Westminster in London?
9. What was the first bird that Noah let out of the ark?
10. What is the name of Mickey Mouse's pet dog?
11. Benjamin was the youngest son of which person from the Chumash?
12. What's the longest book in Tanach? What's the shortest?

Can you spot the 10 differences between these two pictures?



ANSWERS Rebus Puzzles Trivia

1. Abraham Lincoln; 2. Malachi; 3. Leonardo Da Vinci; 4. Bedrock; 5. The Titanic; 6. Parent; 7. Moonscape; 8. Decoy; 9. Fuselage; 10. Cool; 11. Frighten; 12. Escapee
- Guess the Word:** mango, carrot, sunflower, snowman, starfish, cupcake, eggplant
6. Cinderella; 7. Canada; 8. Big Ben; 9. A raven; 10. Pluto; 11. Jacob; 12. Tehillim, Ovadia

