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SHALHEVET

It's been an action packed week here at camp, campers were "TRIPPING!" -and I mean that in a good way... Fun & Games, Malls, Movies, Shawnee Park, Dorney Park, The Homowack, Hershey, Toronto - they were "Bussing" out of here! but you don't want to here it from me, I'll let the campers tell you all about it!
But first, a special warm welcome to all the Board members visiting for Shabbat. Those of you who have been away for a while- it's good to see you all again, we hope you have a pleasant stay!

LETTERS FROM HOME:
Here is a letter Roni Pelcovitz, (a Nitzi girl who went home after the first month) wrote to her counselors:
Dear Yocheved & Leora,
Home is very different:

1. I don't have to pass up my food and I always sit up front, no matter what.
2. Showers are good and I don't have to wear shower shoes.
3. My sheets don't fall off.
4. It's not noisy at night.
5. I get to call anyone whenever I want (except you!)
6. I don't have twelve friends to talk to.
7. But I do have two counselors (my parents) and one Junior counselor (Ari) - but they're not as much fun as you are.
8. The cleaning lady (my housekeeper, Mirta) comes all the time!
9. The food is better (MUCH better!)
10. But, I won't know what the underwear of the day is!
11. Hope you have a great time! I miss you already!

Love,
Roni

YACHAD TRIP:
By, Masha Greenblatt
We started our trip on Monday July 25. We slept in a hotel for four days. We went to the Liberty Science Center, the mall, the Aquarium and Hershey Park. My favorite part of the trip was the chocolate world. In chocolate world we saw how they made the chocolate. They gave us free chocolate bars! The bus driver's name was Akiva. He wore a hat, a yarmulke, a Bekasha and he had long Payot. We watched Tarzan, Lion King, E.T, Ghostbusters, and more movies - all on the bus! I had fun, but I am happy to be back in camp.

FASHION SHOW:
By, Tali Wohlgelernter G-17
Swimwear, eveningwear, accessories, and much more! WOW! The fashion show on

Monday afternoon was an hour of fun, creativity and excitement! Not only was the Millennium Fashion Show (hosted by Lisa Lesnick) an afternoon of fun, but in addition, an afternoon which raised a substantial amount of Tzedaka. Each participant paid an admission price of a quarter, while viewers paid at least a dollar. The Nitzi's were so cute in their stylish bathing suits. The younger Shtilim, in their funky pajamas looked ready to roll into bed. I never realized that being a JAP was a profession until I saw the older Shtilim dressed for success. Some dressed as successful plumbers, doctors, nurses, and secretaries. The younger Ilanot elegantly sashayed down the runway in fancy eveningwear, ready for a black tie event. The older Ilanot were really creative in their lovely accessories. The music was blasting, the girls were rocking - the afternoon was a major success!

HERSHEY PARK:

By, Elana "Lois Lane" Stein

Yes, it's that time again! It's been a whole two weeks and the Alufot/fim have once again returned from an overnight adventure. This time the destination was the chocolate kingdom of Hershey Park. Although the culinary crafts of Hershey were clearly the highlights of the two days, the first day was also quite enjoyable. After an exhausting four hour bus ride, our Amish experience began with an intense 25 minute video (screened inside of a barn, incidentally) taught us much about sticking to one's heritage, fighting assimilation, and using electric appliances!! The juxtaposition of the Amish "movie" and our photo scavenger hunt in the mall served to bring the kids back to the שביל זהב of modern life. (Kudos to Mr. Howard Nenner for all of his PERSONAL involvement in the hunt!!)

After a bit of relaxation at the Comfort Inn (which was very comfortable after our beds were made), we went for a delicious supper in the local JCC, followed by fun and games at the Sports Emporium! The next morning was the Hershey section of the trip including six hours of non - stop chocolate action. Thanks to the efforts of Dvorah Weiner and Chavie Rosenberg, the trip was a great success!

CANADIAN TROUBLE

By, Eytan Fox & Seth Anziska

The time was twelve o'clock in the morning. All of Machon was eagerly awaiting its trip to Canada. The only problem was that one of our counselors was "tangled up in Blue". When he found out that he left his passport in his car, and his car was missing. Mr. E. Stein, who is

attending Harvard, was using the car.
Now that we were about to leave, more problems arose. These kinds of problems were expected; "the fight for the single seats". As the buses pulled up, the boys began to find ways to manipulate each other out of the better seats conjuring up excuses ranging from stomach problems to "I was born by C-Section". When we got that all settled, we finally started heading to the land of Canada. An eager Flatbush 401 student asked "Is Canada near Brooklyn?" Let's think about that one...
We finally arrived at the border at which point the Machon boys learned an important lesson in life: **Never go over the border with an Israeli warehouse attendant**, (unless you want to get stopped at the border for a half-hour).
Next stop - Niagra Falls. We boarded the Maid of the Mist and that's when more problems arose. The boat broke down, but never fear, Morasha tech staff was there! After that memorable event, we finally made or long awaited entrance into Canada. At this point, we Americans figured out why Canadian's are so Loony & Toony! (look at Mike, as an example...) We arrived at the Monte Casino hotel but wait, there was no Casino, and we never met Monte! The day continued with Wurlyball, the Roots outlet, Canada's Wonderland and a Flatbush/MTA encounter with Nesher's equivalent to Morasha's Nitzi girls division.
The day concluded with a great Shiur given by Morasha's own Rafi Lipner. The next day began with an all time LOWE point. Poor weather struck Toronto, Machon had to make a decision, go bike riding and see Toronto, or go to a science museum that every city in the country has. Probably even Savanah. Bike riding won. Machon got a taste of history as we used the first bikes ever created. But don't worry, we rented a golf cart for those who didn't know how to ride a bike. After lunch we were given the choice to either go to the Mall or the Hockey Hall of Fame. Though males dominated the group going to the hall, a group of desperate females decided they needed something to kiss. They resorted to "Land Stanley Cup". The group that went to the mall spent two hours exchanging their loonies and toonies to dollars and cents. We all got ripped off. It looks like Mike was right - Canadians are strange. After the mall, we all met up and went to one of Canada's world-renowned centers to eat dinner. The day concluded with Morasha's own nine-day program, Abba's Mama Mia. There, we were graced with Burt Reynolds presence (don't worry, we don't know who Burt Reynolds is either).

This brings us to the conclusion of the trip- ***SPEED 3*** Monsey Bus tours ride home. After a guy cut us off, the bus driver decided to play some mind games on the man who survived Vietnam. They boxed the man in and wouldn't let him get off the highway. This was the highlight of the trip. The trip concluded with a bus ride movie "Double Jeopardy" where someone asked, "Where is Alex Trebeck"? We finally arrived with a rental car filled with Barbara's Roots sweatshirts. These sweatshirts are for Rachel and Josh's kids. We knew the trip was over when Zev Singer chimed in "I'm happy to be back in America, I missed my K-Mart!"

DORNEY PARK:

By, Joy Resmovits G-5

On Wednesday, Older Shtilim, and Younger Ilanot went on a trip to Dorney Park. It was a real blast! There were so many fun coasters, especially the "Steel Force". There was also a few water rides. Yachad went on the water ride with a huge drop. Everybody had so much fun. Rides like the "Dominator" was scary but then they are fun. It was a great day for all and it definitely was worth the 6-hour ride!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY:

Dwan "Dratch" Cesar
Eytan Austein B-16
Joseph Peretz B-15
Aviva Eisenberg CG-13
Michal Gorelick G-2
Daniel Manople B-19
Danielle Goldstein G-18
Mazel Tov on Bar Mitzvah of:
Mordechai Gurell B-9
Gavriel Krauss -Machon
Elana Sokolow-Machon
Dori Straus G-14
Rabbi Allen Schwartz
Shoshana Koslowe G-11

RESULTS OF THE HARRY POTTER QUIZ:

Congratulations to all you winners of the Harry Potter Quiz! Job well done! Please see Rock Davis in the Library to claim your prizes. And the winners are:

Sarah Meira Rosenberg G-11
Joseph Winkler B-13
Tova Levin G-2
Eitan Ulmer B-2
Danielle Lent G-1

For your pleasure, the Shalhevet is happy to print the correct answers:

1. James Potter, Harry's Father
2. Sirius Black
3. Madame Pomfrey
4. Slytherin, Gryffender, Ravenclaw, and Hufflepuff
5. Draco Malfoy
6. Muggle
7. Hermione
8. Four
9. Seven
10. Knut
11. Potions
12. 9 3/4
13. Fluffy
14. 4 Privit Drive

PARSHAT DEVARIM:

In (דברים א :כ"ב) Moshe reminds the Bnei Yisrael of the incident of the spies " All of you approached me and said, 'Let us send people before us to scout the land…' And it was good in my eyes and I took twelve people, one from each tribe".
In דברים ה:י"ט Moshe recounts the giving of the Torah saying, "And it was when you heard the sound from the midst of the darkness and the mountain (Har Sinai) consumed in fire; And you approached me, the heads of the tribes and the elders".

In this Parsha, Rashi compares and contrasts these two episodes where Moshe is approached, once prior to receiving the Torah and once prior to entering the land of Israel – two events that are central to the fulfillment of Hashem's promise to the Avot. Indeed the sequence of events is clearly delineated in the beloved passage found in the Haggadah – Dayenu. The Jews are to receive the Torah, which is to serve as the blueprint to the daily life of Bnei Yisrael when they enter the land and begin their normal national existence.

Obviously, events of such national import will create apprehension for the people and it is only natural for them to approach their leader when the historical moment is upon them. This is a fact of human nature. The difference, Rashi points out, is how they approached Moshe. When the Torah was being given, the Jews came to Moshe in an organized manner, which reflected respect for the elders and the great people of the community. This approach is the model for Jewish life, which is based on reverence for those who transmit the Mesorah tradition. Yet when they were on the threshold of entering the land of Israel, "All of you approached me," which Rashi describes as a chaotic mob. The children pushing the elders and the elders pushing the heads of the tribes. There is a total absence of Derech Eretz and this lack of Derech Eretz makes it impossible to enter the land of Israel.

This is why there is this reference at the beginning of Moshe's rebuke to the Jewish people. Once again they stand at the threshold to the land of Israel. It is also no coincedence that this Parsha falls on the Shabbat prior to Tisha B'Av. The tragedy of Tisha B'Av stems from losing touch with Rashi's lesson for us here. No Derech Eretz, no Torah and ultimately losing the land. However through a renewed embracement of Derech Eretz, the values that accompanied the giving of the Torah, we can then go over the threshold and receive the answer to our plea in Megillat Eichah;

השבנו ה' אליך ונשובה חדש ימינו כקדם.

-Rabbi Yitzchak Rosenblum

ROVING REPORTER:

Q: WHAT NEW ACTIVITY WOULD YOU LIKE IMPLEMENTED AT CAMP MORASHA?

A: Joseph Winkler, B-14 – Quidditch

Elliot Rothman, Machon /Tech – Golf Cart Racing

Zev Singer, Machon Counselor – Black Jack

Seth Anziska, Machon – Coffee Hour with Barbara

Josh Gruenbaum, B-15 – More Shiur

Elie Mansdorf, B-15 – Archery

Tova Laufer, G-13 – Rock Climbing

Bob Deutsch – Cross Dressing

John Levy, Ilanot D.H – Lunch

Adam Goldblatt, B-7 – Riflery

David Steiglitz, B-7 – Golf

Aryeh Rappaport, B-10 – Soccer

Jeffery Schachar, B-10- Lacrosse

Lauren Cohen, G-16 – Fencing

Michelle Laufer, G-19 – Skunk Hunting

Eric Axel, Waiter – Rodeos

Yoni Pelman, - Sky Diving

Sarah Honig, G-4 -Suntanning

Jordan Mondrow, Sports Staff- Ear Grabbing Jazz

Elana Stein, Counselor G-14- Docking