



CAMP MORASHA

LAKE COMO, PENNSYLVANIA

1972

A unique experience in educational camping



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GESHER MORASHA

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From the Director:

Many milestones were achieved in Morasha's ninth season. Our theme for the season was Chesed, and fate was truly kind to Morasha. On the physical level construction was completed on our long anticipated religious, recreational, and cultural center, and it turned out to be well worth waiting for. At last an indoor facility that can accomodate the entire camp population comfortably. A multi-activity building that will make it possible for the entire camp to attend services together, see dramatic presentations in one sitting and participate in and watch athletic events comfortably no matter the weather. This was something for which the staff and campers have been waiting many years.

Our second milestone also fills a double need. We have always felt badly that we consistently year after year, have found it necessary to turn away increasing numbers of teenage applicants because of our limited facilities. We also have always searched for ways to bring Israel into our program in a more meaningful way.

Both these objectives were partially attained by the initiation of our Gesher Morasha program in Israel. Based in Kfar Batya, our 43 teenaged campers toured Israel and between tours enjoyed a full camping and cultural program in the Mizrahi Women's of America Model Youth Village, Kfar Batya. All who participated were enthused. It is already obvious that we will have to increase its size next season.

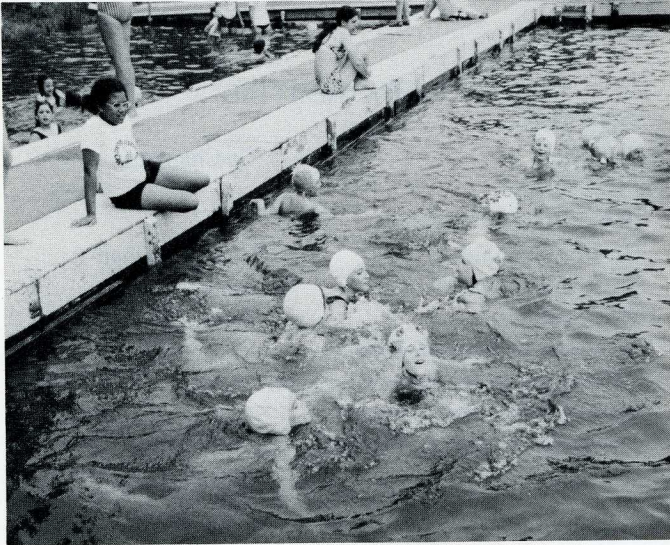
How did this effect registration at Morasha? We still had many more teenage applicants that we could accomodate in both programs — and this brings us to our third milestone — a camper population of over 470 per period, the greatest number that we ever had in Morasha. If I may take the liberty of a value judgement, borne out by the evaluations that have been sent in by campers parents and staff, our program and activities were the best ever.

So we embark on our 10th season in a spirit of optimism and anticipation. We invite you to join us in the festivities and excitement of our 10th anniversary. Great things are in store.

CAMP MORASHA

by Stephanie Goldberg G 12

This is the second year I have been here. I think it is fun. Swimming is fun too, and so is art. We made a lot of things last night and did some tie dying. It was lots of fun. There were plenty of colors. It ended late. Bunks #11, 12, 13, 14 and 12½ participated.



FAREWELL SABBATH THE QUEEN

by Karen Charnoff, Mechina

Sad — but precious hour . . .
Almost Havdala time
All sat quietly in the dark
And the humming began
Slowly . . .
The hums increased in volume
And a song erupted
All joined in the singing
No inhibition was present
I sat facing the window
It was twilight outside and . . .
Darkness was almost complete
Immediately outside the window
Stood a tree
Of Grace
Of Dignity
Of Hope
My gaze was fixed upon
The figures formed by the tree's parts
My lips were sharing beautiful songs
But my eyes were frozen

And dared not dance away from the tree
I noticed that every cluster of
leaves and branches
Appeared to be an imitation of a hand
Reaching upward . . .
At that very moment
I thought of all the vileness and ugliness
In this world,
Both on personal and impersonal levels
My eyes began to swell
And tears to fall from my eyelashes
And drench my cheeks
But I kept on singing
I stared intently upon the tree
Oh, how I wished I could reach up as high
As the children
Of that tree
Oh G-d
I sang — I sang so loud
My whole being shook

SPECIAL EVENTS AS SEEN THROUGH THE EYES OF THE CAMPERS

Tisha B'Av at Camp

Thursday night, July 20th, was Tisha B'Av one of the saddest days in Jewish history. It started with a moving song. Then came the procession by torchlight through the woods to the new Pargod. There everyone was seated on the floor. On a screen was a picture of a Jewish boy with his hands up. There was a skit telling of the tragedies of the Jewish people during the Holocaust. This was followed by the reading of **איכה** Let's hope Hashem will send us the **מגילה** so next year Tisha B'Av will be a happy day.

Avrum Metzger B-3

The Banquet

On the eve of July 24, Machzor Aleph gathered together in the dining room for a banquet. Our new campers who had never experienced a Morasha banquet were stunned when they saw the beautiful decorations, and artistically decorated humorous menus written both in Hebrew and English. The meal was probably the best that Morasha could offer. The first dish on the menu was **סל בכורים** (fruit cup). We then had **מרק העוף** (chicken soup with noodles) and for the main course **גוזל הגזול** (Bar-B-Que chicken) with **גזר גזר באפנה** (peas and carrots), **אורז זרוע** (rice), and last but not least **עוגה הגונה** (cake) for dessert. After a hearty satisfying meal there was entertainment by the staff and by campers. There were dancing, singing, and music that brought a lot of Ruach to the evening. Avi Katz M.C'd. Mindy Schwebel and Judy Siebzeher sang English and Hebrew songs with Judy playing the guitar and singing the regular tune and Mindy singing the harmony. Yehuda Mirsky of bunk 4 was next with a "variety act". Counselors Fran and Gomez followed with what they called a "Kazoodown". Both played a song together on a kazoo, and the boys competed with the girls to see who could sing the songs clearest and loudest. After this, some older girls danced to songs played by Yussie Lieber on the guitar. The night was great and this banquet turned out better than any other banquet in Morasha.

Shiriah 1972

The camp streamed into the newly completed Mollie and Meyer Fink auditorium. Mordy Besser, program director made the opening remarks, the Shiriah was about to begin. First the boys presented their **שיר נשוא; חי'ר** taken from **תהילים פרק ה**. Then the girls **שיר שלום**. The boys then presented their **הפנון** which met with resounding applause. Then the girls presented their near perfect **זה לזרואל**. The boys then gave their **ברא אשר** and the girls presented their alma mater **אילת השחר**. In the end the boys lost by a mere 52 points.

Yehuda Mirsky B-4

Campaign 1972

Sunday, July 16 Morasha held a nominating convention for Machzor Bet. Seven candidates were nominated. They were as follows: Hubert Humphrey, George Wallace, Henry Jackson, Richard Nixon, George McGovern, David Hauser and Edmund Muskie. It took three ballots before Jackson edged Nixon 79-62 to win. The **אלון פיי** had the "privilege" of cleaning up the dining room, where the convention was held. Policemen and demonstrators added to the excitement. This turned out to be one of the best night activities of the summer.

Ira Wortzman B-17

GESHER MORASHA

NEWS FROM OUR ISRAELI CORRESPONDENTS

Dear Camp Morasha:

We at Geshher Morasha are enjoying our tours and trips here in Israel while experiencing the traditional Morasha camping program. Our home base, Kfar Batya, during the school year is the site of a vocational high school. During the summer its large campus, beautiful grounds and excellent facilities, which include an olympic swimming pool, provide the ideal camp site for us, a day camp for Israeli children, and an ulpan for new immigrants from countries around the globe.

When we are not touring, we start our day with early kima, tefillah, breakfast, clean-up, sheurim, and then proceed to our daily athletic and recreational activities. When our scheduled tours take us beyond the boundaries of nearby Ranana, we hold sheurim in a discussion format to tell us of the historic backgrounds or Tanachic references for each of the places we are about to visit.

Our travels thus far have consisted of short trips such as a shopping spree in Tel Aviv, two spiritual days (Rosh Chodesh and Tisha B'Av) in Jerusalem, a night in Ranana to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the town and at which time we saw Gold Meir, and an afternoon at Natanya beach. Our first extensive trip consisted of a three day tour of the Galil, where we saw modern Israel. On one hand, we saw a fertile and expanding Israel as at Rosh Hanikra, the Banyos Waterfalls and the nature preserve at Tel Dan. On the other, we saw a showcase of archeological and biblical sites such as: Tel Hatzor, Bet Sh'An, Tiberias, Acre and the Bet Lohamei Hagatot commemorating the Holocaust which echoes, even still, the tragedy AND the glory of our Judaic past.

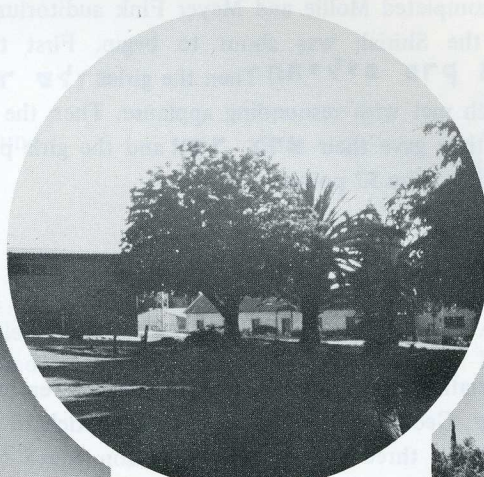
At this point we can honestly say that the Geshher Morasha program has blossomed to its fullest potential in every aspect, and as we here have watched all of its written plans come to fruition, we, as participants, can label this dream program in Aretz nothing less than a complete and total success.

Sarah Brenner

Susan Grossman

In Camp

Geshher Morasha



And On Tour



Kfar Batya



CARNIVAL IN KFAR BATYA

On July 26th, Geshar Morasha planned a carnival at Kfar Batya. We had 8 booths, including ski-ball, sponge the counselor, fun house, horse racing, plus many more. At Kfar Batya we have as neighbors a Kaytana, (an Israeli day camp) and an Ulpan. We invited both groups to join us in the fun.

A large number of the kids in the present 10 day session of the Kaytana, come from underprivileged homes, or are orphans from Israel's wars. Kfar Batya accepts them gratis. Hence we decided to invite the entire Kaytana so that all the children could share in the fun on an equal footing. Each child was presented with a sheet of 7 coupons which entitled him or her to entrance to the booths. Kfar Batya gave us little candies and toys which we used as prizes for the Kaytana children. We all had a fantastic time in bringing a little more joy into these kids lives. We are equally happy and proud to say that we covered our expenses in preparing the carnival and that we realized a small profit of some 30 Israeli pounds which we donated to the Kfar Batya scholarship fund.

All in all our act of **חסד** amounted to some 80 Israeli pounds. We are happy to have had the opportunity of sharing with some of our less affluent brethren.

Marlene Warshawski

GESHER GIRLS (& JACKIE) AT CAMP



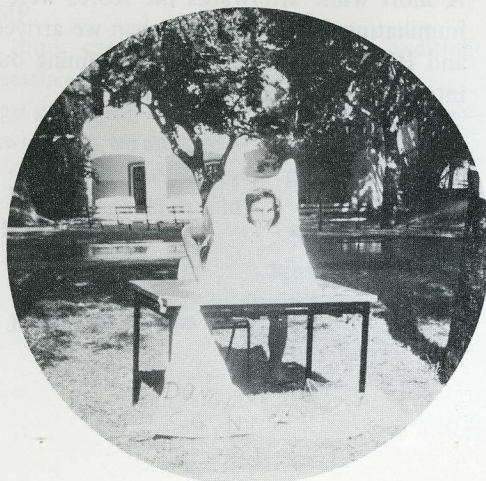
CARNIVAL



THE WINNER: WATERMELON EATING CONTEST



SPONGE THE COUNSELOR



RIDDLES

by Alisa Tannenbaum G-9

1. What is the best thing to put into pie?
2. What has a green fence, red garden and little brown babies?
3. What gets shorter the longer it stands?
4. What did the mayonnaise say to the refrigerator?
5. What did the balloon say to the pin?
6. What time is it when the clock strikes 13?
7. What has one horn and gives milk?
8. What two letters describe vacant?
9. What did the dog say when he sat on sandpaper?
10. What two letters describe simple?

CLEANUP

by Naomi Fisher G-13

This is the worst part of the day. The part all the kids dread. "Clean the floor, wash the sink, and everyone make his bed".

We get to work on our jobs and pretend to work with care, but after we sweep the dust off the floor, if you look you can see it's still there.

There are many unpleasant things to be done, like picking up trash from the ground, and then when you're all finished, the inspector comes around.

From the very first moment she enters, we can see she's in a mood for bad marks. "This is no good and needs fixing, change this and do that" she barks.

We usually get a bad mark, but it doesn't matter to us. We're just glad cleanup's over, and we never make a fuss.

SHEAL MACHAN 5732

by Yehuda Mirsky B-4

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At half past five on the 8th of August, Avraham Birnbaum and this reporter left for Camp Moshava to participate in the Sheal Machan, the intercamp college bowl. We arrived three quarters of an hour later and waited for the show to begin. It began at half past seven. The judges and contestants were introduced and the rules were explained. The categories were as follows: Chumash, Nevium and Dinim, science and sports. We answered the questions as quickly and accurately as we could. At times there were deliberations that lasted minutes on end.

Having accomplished all we could, we stepped down . . . One hour and forty five minutes after we had begun. A short while afterwards the scores were announced. Camp Moshava 315, Camp Hillel 205, Morasha a paltry humiliating 195. However, when we arrived back at Morasha one hour later we found that our teams at Morasha and Hillel redeemed us by overcoming our loss and bringing Morasha its fourth victory out of the five annual intercamp contests held thus far.

6. Time to get a new clock
7. A milk truck
8. M T
- 9 Ruff Ruff
10. E Z

ANSWERS

1. Your teeth
2. A watermelon
3. A candle
4. Shut the door I'm dressin
5. Hi Buster

PICTORIAL HIGHLIGHTS



A DRAMATIC MOMENT



DANCE BOYS, DANCE

A NIGHT IN THE LIFE OF AN O.D.

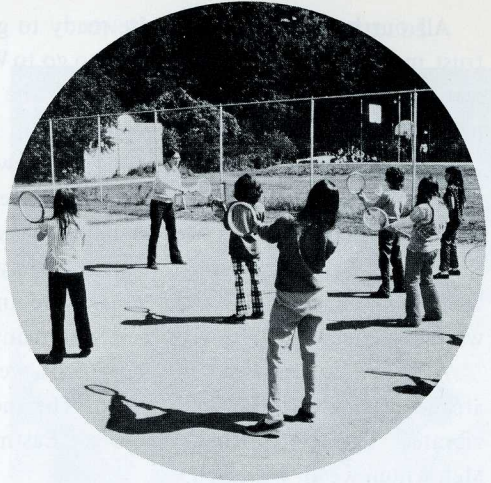
Every night a different one
Comes to wish the campers good night
He misses out on his night activities
While his friends go on their liberties

Every night they say the same thing
They sing it out with a ring
You can use flashlights—definitely
And you can even talk quietly

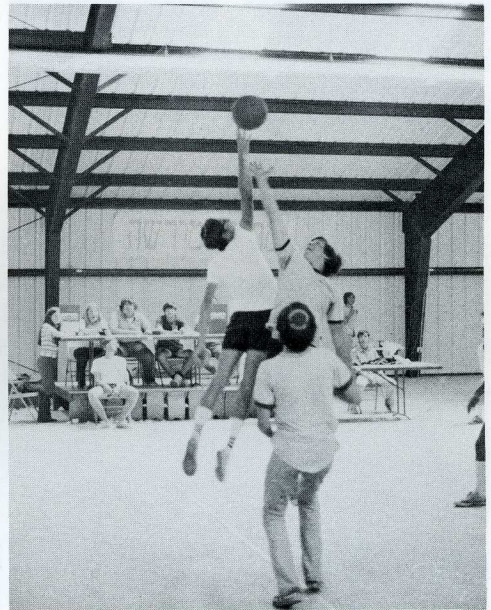
The kids of course sometimes make noise
Which does not increase our O.D.'s joys
As he gently says "shut up
or I'll take you to Larry"
We suggest that he include Tom, Dick & Harry

Eventually the kids will get quiet
Sometimes after first going on a riot
Filling the poor counselor with glee
As he gratefully completes his OD

by Sammy Zimmerman B-11



TENNIS! IN TEN EASY LESSONS



MIDAIR COLLISION—IN THE NEW GYM

CAMP

We think camp is a lot of fun, an exciting experience for everyone.

We go swimming almost everyday, and when we go swimming we are gay.

We think activities are very good you should participate yes you should.

by Lisa Feinstein
Miriam Kroshinsky

MECHINA NIAGARA FALLS TRIP

All our bags are packed we're ready to go. We started the trip with our steward Danny Besdin's "trust me, trust me." And then we had a yen to go to Watkins Glen. What a fuss to load the bus. Besides being fun, our trip was most educational. We learned how the falls power is harnessed, where it is used. Is all that power really needed to work those electric doors?

Next we stopped at a State park where we roughed it. They had beautiful facilities which were put to good use. We were all around the campfire and Gerry said, "let's go boys", so the boys got up and davened Maariv. The fire was put out. The bus became a popular haven for many.

Niagara Falls, slowly, we turned step by step, inch by inch we approached the falls with Machon as our welcoming committee. Handwritings were analyzed, caricatures were drawn, sights were seen and nutty buddies were munched. The falls were seen from many perspectives, front view, side view and underneath view.

After a beautiful afternoon at the falls, we took a tour of a wax museum. We then spent our money at a penny arcade leaving some people behind. The motel was the highlight of our trip with baths, T.V. and beds that vibrated. Then on to Rochester to see Eastmans pride, and our homeward bus ride with a good bye to bus driver Mel, whom we all wish well.

THE WATER FALLS

by Donna Miller G-8

Saturday, August 5, 1972 Bunk G8 took their walk down to the waterfalls. When we got there we wanted to go across to the other side. The counselor said if anyone falls in don't come yelling that you can't swim. Alison said don't worry I'm a swimmer.

Later on we came back and we went to Rock Island and Alison went to Dirt Island. Rock Island was a little rock and so that's why we called it that and Dirt Island was just dirt. Alison and our bunk had a great day.

GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM

Who said we were only a Torah ruach camp? We started off our basketball series with the "help of G-d we will win - Morasha". Our good team work pulled us through and for the first time in Morasha history the Machon Mechina basketball team beat Hili 32-28. It should have been 26 - right Davida.

We were then informed about our entry to a Wayne County Basketball League which started the next day against camp Indianhead. A 37 point lead was substantial enough to make us confident. Over confident. We lost to Weequahic 18-15. Of course we should have won but 6 minute quarters and no coach did affect our playing a bit.

Next game was against Echo Lark and Maish said "Tammar get your face down the court" and she did and she played (well) and she shot and it stuck. We did beat them 47-12. The game would not have been complete without Susie's outstanding passing to Stuie.

August 9 was a big day with a double header. We rolled out of bed to a 38-8 victory over Chenawanda. We lost to Hillel strictly out of courtesy to Maish's old coach 39-28.

CAMPERS HAVING FUN

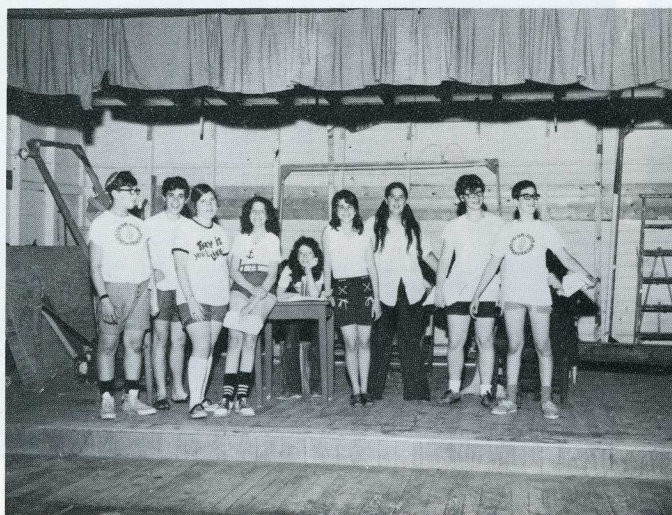
IN BOYS ARTS & CRAFTS



ON THE GIRLS PLAYING FIELDS



IN THE OLD PARGOD



AND ON THE WATERFRONT



MORASHA CAMPERS 1972

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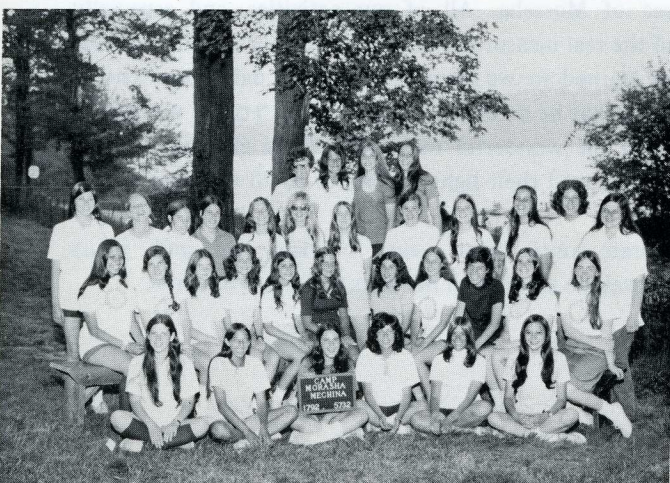
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L.T.P.





THE TRUE MEANING OF CHESED — OUR THEME FOR 1972

Eliyahu Safran

To do a mitzvah or to do chesed is to out do oneself, to go beyond one's needs and to illuminate the world. But wherefrom should come fire to light the world? Time and again we find how dim and abrupt is our light from within. There is not enough strength and conviction within our power to transcend ourselves; our effort is too feeble to outsoar our ego. But, he who strives with heart and soul to give himself to G-d and to man, who succeeds as far as it is within his power, causes gates of greatness to open, and he attains that which is beyond his power.

The gift of greatness of chesed and mitzvah does not come to those who do not toil to overcome their own smallness. Chesed does not conjure love and holiness out of nothing, it only adds to what man contributes. "Nothing will light the wonder in us, when our craving is dormant and our heart both dim and content. We must tender kindness to acquire goodness; we must do the good to attain the holy."

FROM OUR EDUCATIONAL STAFF

Summers come and summers go much too quickly. But as they come and go we grow. If we can learn to grow not only in body but in spirit as well we will be doubly blessed.

This goal growth in body and spirit is the purpose of Morasha. All of our activities, and especially the **נושא העונה ; חסד** form a part of this goal and the real measure of the success of our activities is how much did we learn about **חסד** and how much of what we learned are we integrating into our daily experiences? If every member of the Morasha family will take to heart all that he or she has learned about **חסד** it will enrich all of our lives, summer and winter, here and at home. All the wonderful memories of the glorious times at Morasha will glow with a double brightness inside and outside and their light will warm us all the days of our lives.

And so, as our Morasha family begins to separate until next year, I wish you and yours a **טובה וְחַיִּים** and may the **חסד** of **השם** envelope all of us in the days and years to come.