



CAMP MORASHA 1973



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Kfar Batya Israel



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CAMP MORASHA 1973 SUMMER

Dear Parents:

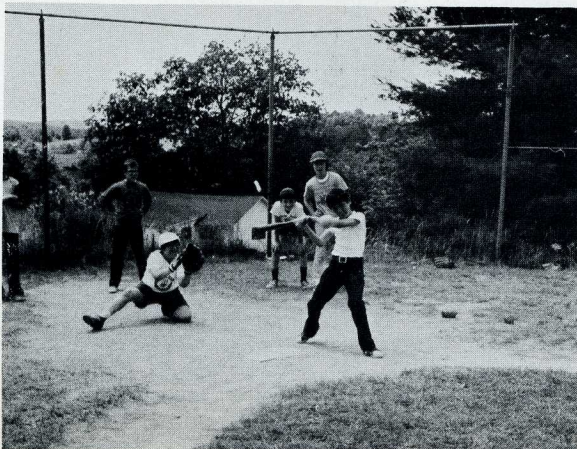
Do you remember the time when you were upset because you did not get any mail from your child in camp? Well, the other day when I was up at Camp to see how the work was proceeding on the improvements for next season, I found this letter sticking out of the snow in the bushes back of the mail box. It was a little wet and in places somewhat obliterated, but our archeologists were able to decipher and reconstruct it and our heiroglyphist guarantees it to be an authentic reconstruction — so here it is.

Dear Mom and Dad:

Well, we finally got here.

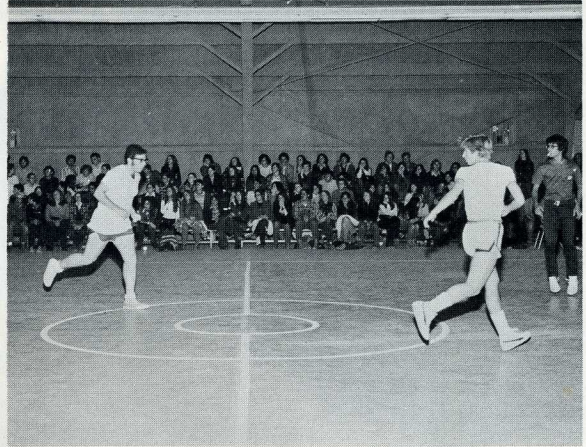


After 10 months, it sure is nice to be back again at Morasha. They've gotten a lot of new things here, but it makes me feel good to see the old places. They remind me of all the things we did here the past few years.



Of course, they finished up the new rec hall and it's fantastic. You should see it Friday afternoon and Shabbat when it is fixed up as a shul and the whole camp davons there. Or when it is used as a gym with hundreds of kids sitting on the bleachers watching the game.

'Ring around the collar'

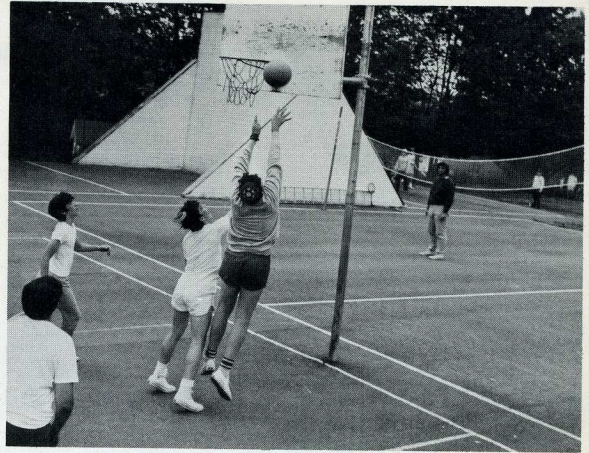


The stage is also great — a lot better than the old Pargod. Roz, our dramatics counselor was back this year and she directed the Machon in "Joseph and His Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat". It was the greatest. The story may have been a little different from the way we learned it in school, but it sure was a lot more fun.



We did pretty well in our intercamp games against the out of district camps like Raleigh, Hillel and Hili, but for the first time in five years, we did not come out first in the inter camp quiz, the Sheal Machan — we came in second.

I never knew there were so many camps in this area until we signed up for the inter-camp tournament. We must have played about 30 camps, almost all of them "athletic" camps and guess who won the girls' basket ball trophy? You guessed it, us, "the religious kids who study Hebrew in camp."



We had a great team and won most of the intercamp games. Here is a picture of Stuie getting another basket. The group from the other camp got so mad, they went up a wall.



Here are some of the kids trying their hands at basketball, volleyball and squash. Personally, I like hockey and archery best.

You'd never guess how many people it takes just to feed us all here at Morasha. Cooks, kitchen boys, bakers, porters, dishwashers, salad makers, waiters.

stock boys, etc. A beauty contest they won't win, but the food they served us is usually good and plenty. (One of the fellows is holding the chicken that they use to dunk into the soup pot when making chicken soup. They say that they tie a cord onto it so that they can pull it out after it cooked for a few minutes).



This is one of my favorite spots in camp. It is called Gari Hasefer which we built ourselves outside the library. It's a great place for walking, talking, thinking, and reading (and for hiding during some of the Sheurim).



We had a lot of fun rehearsing for sing. The boys won this year, but everyone thinks it was fixed and that the girls will win next year.

We don't mind getting our hands dirty when working with clay in the Arts and Crafts Shop. The finished product makes it all worth while. Sometimes we enjoy sitting around with the counselor and just talk and kid around. Especially when its too cold to go swimming.



We didn't have many such days this year, but even when we couldn't actually go into the water, we could practice water safety procedures.



But on most days, when the weather is good and our swimming period arrives, we made a mad dash from the tennis courts back to the bunk to change.

They paved the girls' tennis courts and installed a new kind of lighting that makes it bright as daylight — so now they get played on day and night.

We put away our tennis rackets, climb into our bathing suits and we're off to the old swimming hole.



Of course there are times when they have us running around in circles — and then when there's a newspaper deadline and the Machoniks, waiters and counselors pitch in to beat the deadline. Sometimes, they even finagle an extended curfew to finish up.



See that guy parked in a 'no parking' zone near the canteen entrance. Boy will he get it if the director catches him. They are very particular here about where they let people drive. They are always talking about safety precautions.

Well, gotta go now. Rest period is over and I don't want to be late for Arts and Crafts. Write soon, it's nice to get mail.

Love
Me

GESHER MORASHA

1973

KENNEDY AIRPORT

The starting point:

Gesher campers about to embark on one of the greatest adventures in their lives.

From 43 campers in '72 to 76 in '73.

Following are reports in words and pictures, written or snapped by the campers themselves:



GALIL by Lois Liebowitz

This was our first Tiyul. We passed through Samaria which is on the west bank and came under Israeli rule in 1967, but is still populated by Arabs. Our first stop was Schechem, or Nablus where according to Arab legend, Yosef Hatzadik is buried because he had requested that the people of Israel bring his bones out of Egypt and bury him in the place where he had been sold as a slave.

Our next stop was Sabastya where we saw ruins of the Roman period. It was interesting was extremely hot there. We then passed through Jenin where a big battle of the Six Day War in 1967 took place. It was extremely desolate, and uncultivated.

Suddenly we emerged upon the Galil. It was amazing the way the scenery changed so radically. We came upon green fields and lush valleys. From the top of Mt. Carmel, we saw a very beautiful view of the Valley of Jezzeel. Then we began our descent of 600 feet. It was an adventure.

We visited a museum which is part of kibbutz Lochamei Hagettaot, established by survivors of the concentration camps and ghettos. We toured the old prison or fortress in Acco. During the 1940's the British kept Irgun, Stern and Haganah members there.

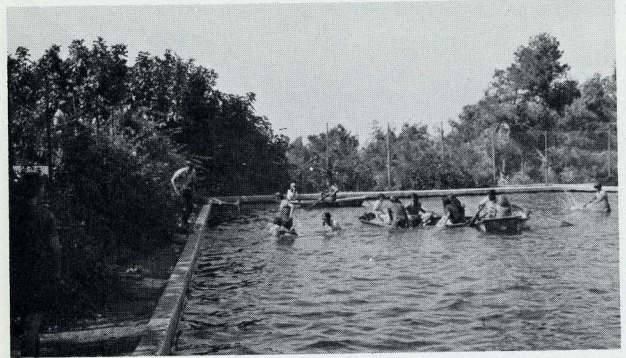
We spent a day in the city of Haifa and took a boat ride around the port of Haifa. Sema made the trip, with her terrific dancing 'in the aisle'.

At the Israeli Navy Museum we saw two exhibits, one on the illegal immigration and the other showing modern navigation equipment. To end the day, we took a ride on the carmelitte — the only subway in Israel.

We visited Lavi, a beautiful kibbutz which was settled by religious British immigrants and is famous for the synagogue furniture that it manufactures. We toured Safed and Tiberias, rode around the Kinneret, walked through the narrow streets of the old Jewish quarter of Safed. We visited the Ari Synagogue, Rabbi Joseph Karo Synagogue and Art Galleries.

We took a bus ride through the Golan Heights and Kuneitra — a deserted Syrian City. We stopped at an old Syrian stronghold. It was very exciting. At times we were only 150 feet from Syria.

After a boat ride across the Kinneret and dinner at a hotel, we had a 2½ hour drive back to Kfar Batya. Even though we had the greatest time, it was good to be back 'home'.

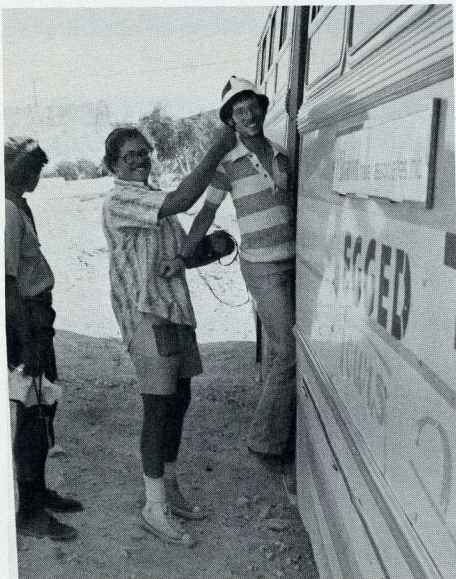


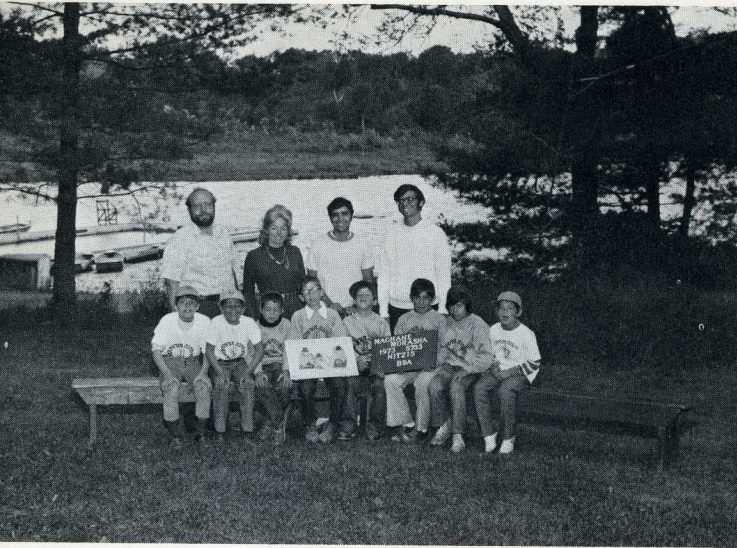
THE NEGEV TRIP by Ayala Munk

We board our air conditioned bus for five days of touring. After a number of interesting stops en route and lunch at Ein Avdat we arrived at Eilat for dinner, showers and soft beds at the King Solomon Hotel. The next day we toured the area as far south as Neviot where we had a refreshing swim in the salt water and a ride in the glass bottom boats to the Coral Island — Great.

We visited the Maritime Museum where we examined examples of the life in the Red Sea, and we saw Israel's only copper mines in Timna, which export 10,000 tons of copper each year, and then on to Solomon's Pillars for some picture taking.

We spent the night at the Bnai Akiva Yeshiva in Beer Sheva. The following day back home to Kfar Batya after visiting en route a fascinating monument in memory of the Palmach. It was a combination of a tunnel, trench, dome, watchtower, tent, and a wall surrounding it all — very extraordinary. We were full of talk about our adventures in the Negev and eager to tell our parents about it all. It was the greatest!





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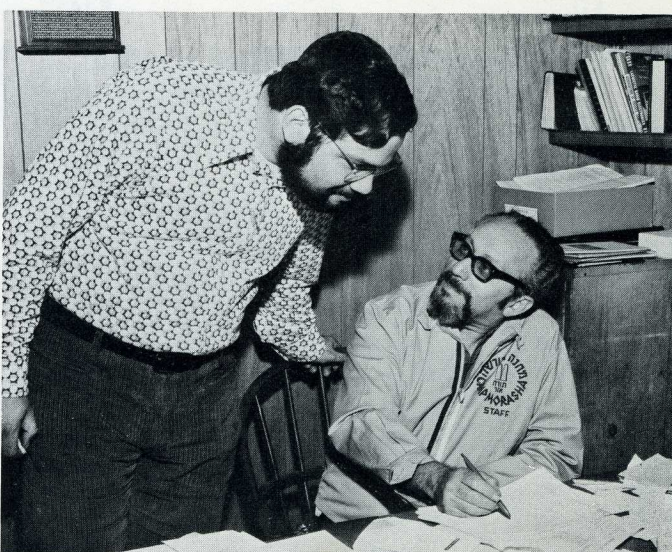
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Day Camp



Listen here Mordy, if you want to keep your job here, you had better get yourself a staff jacket also.