

# SHALHEVET

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## RETURN TO THE FUN

This week at Camp Morasha reminded us what Hashiveinu is all about. Returning means reconnecting with friends, trying new experiences, strengthening our community, and creating memories that will stay with us long after the summer ends. The campers had an amazing time fulfilling all of those goals.

On Sunday, we celebrated Independence Day with a camp-wide County Fair. Even the rain could not stop the fun! Campers enjoyed corn dogs, cotton candy, a Ferris wheel, a giant slide, the "Flop the Frog" game and plenty of great prizes. It was also an exciting day as our Amcha Boys and the inaugural Amcha Girls departed for Israel. We wish them a meaningful journey filled with learning, friendship, and unforgettable experiences.

On Monday, FIM/FOT West began its 8-day tour of the American southwest. They climbed mountains in Colorado, explored the Grand Canyon, surfed the sands in the deserts of Arizona and are spending Shabbat in Flagstaff, AZ.

Tuesday brought exciting competitions across both campuses. On the boys' campus, the annual FIFA tournament crowned Honduras as the Group A champion, Slovakia as the Group B champion, and Zimbabwe as the Group C champion. On the girls' campus, the Oscars featured a Bake-Off competition and a LEGO building challenge during the day. After dinner, campers took the stage for dance and singing competitions that showcased their creativity and enthusiasm.

On Wednesday, our Sulam campers departed for Israel. While Thursday was Trip Day, with campers enjoying a day of adventure. The younger divisions and our Yachad campers spent the day at Dorney Park, where many raced to ride the thrilling Talon roller coaster. The older divisions traveled to Hersheypark, enjoying favorite attractions such as Candymonium along with everything the park had to offer.

On Friday, Camp Morasha proudly hosted its annual Blood Drive, giving staff and community members the opportunity to help save lives. Later in the day, everyone came together in the Mercazia to celebrate another week of camp spirit as we prepared to welcome Shabbat.

As we continue our summer of Hashiveinu, we are reminded that returning to camp is about returning to friendships, values, traditions, and the joy of being part of the Morasha family. We look forward to another week filled with learning, laughter, and opportunities to grow together.

### WHAT'S COMING UP

**SUNDAY**  
Smash House

**MONDAY**  
Olympics  
Opening Torch  
Ceremonies

**TUESDAY**  
Olympics

**WEDNESDAY**  
Olympics

**THURSDAY**  
Multicamp  
Intercamps

**FRIDAY**  
9 Days  
Production of  
Return to  
Sender



# PARASHA THOUGHTS

Robin Feldman, Baking Specialty Head

The parsha summarizes all of the travels Bnei Yisrael had while in the desert. For almost an entire perek, the Torah tells us that "they journeyed from this place to that place." The only time details are given about an event that happened in a specific place is between the travels of הר ההר and צלמונה. The pesukim read as follows:

לִיז וִיסְעוּ מִקֹּדֶשׁ וַיַּחֲנוּ בְּהַר הָהָר בְּקֶצֶה אֶרֶץ אֲדוֹם: לִיח וַיַּעַל אַהֲרֹן הַכֹּהֵן אֶל־הָהָר הָהָר עַל־פִּי יְהוָה וַיָּמָת שָׁם בְּשָׁנָה הָאַרְבָּעִים לְצֵאת בְּנֵי־יִשְׂרָאֵל מֵאֶרֶץ מִצְרַיִם בַּחֹדֶשׁ הַחֲמִישִׁי בָּאֶחָד לַחֹדֶשׁ: לִיט וַאֲהֲרֹן בֶּן־שְׁלֹשׁ וְעֶשְׂרִים וּמֵאֵת שָׁנָה בָּמָתוֹ בְּהַר הָהָר: מ' וַיִּשְׁמַע הַכֹּהֵנִי מֶלֶךְ עַרְד וְהוֹאִי־שֵׁב בְּנֶגֶב בָּאֶרֶץ כְּנָעַן בְּבֵא בְנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל.

I'd like to focus on the first event mentioned in these pesukim: the death of Aharon. Does Aharon have any other connection to the month of Av, aside from Rosh Chodesh, his yahrzeit? And why do these pesukim stress the location of הר ההר by mentioning it three times? Aharon, as we learn in Pirkei Avot, was **אוהב שלום ורודף שלום ואוהב את** (loved peace and pursued peace; loved mankind and drew them close to the Torah). His greatness was attributed not only to his knowledge of Torah but also to his practice of the middah of **גמילות חסדים** (acts of loving kindness). By focusing on both **בין אדם למקום** (acts between man and God) and **בין אדם לחברו** (acts between man and man), Aharon role-modeled for Bnei Yisrael what a true **עבד ה'** (servant of God) should look like.

Rosh Chodesh Av ushers in the Nine Days, an intense period of mourning that culminates in the destruction of the Beit Hamikdash. The Beit Hamikdash, as noted by Rabbi Tzvi Meir Silverberg, was built on the ideological foundations of peace and love. Consequently, it was destroyed by hate, specifically **שנאת חינום** (baseless hatred). Tensions between people got out of hand, and there was no Aharon to make peace. Once Aharon died in the desert at the beginning of the month of Av, the month became spiritually damaged. It became a time when Bnei Yisrael were exposed to internal conflict as well as external turmoil with our enemies. Although the first part of the month is filled with destruction, the second part is filled with hope. The holiday of Tu B'Av is a time to foster unity amongst Bnei Yisrael, the very thing Aharon strived to do every day.

With regard to the second question about הר ההר, Rabbi Moshe Bik comments that by the time Aharon died at the age of 123, he had reached spiritual perfection by not only avoiding sin but also by striving to elevate his soul. He was constantly working on himself as a person, and once he achieved such a lofty level, he was able to pass on at **הר ההר** - "The Highest Heights." By synthesizing Torah learning with **גמילות חסדים**, Aharon's soul reached such a high level, and his yahrzeit commemorates the culmination of all of his efforts. May we all strive to emulate Aharon HaKohen and, IY"H, merit the rebuilding of the Bayit Shlishi! Shabbat Shalom!



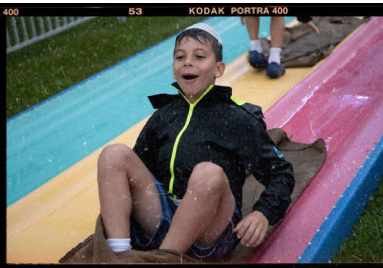
## MEET MISHLACHAT: YEHOANATAN

Yehonatan Haimson lives in Alon Shevut, Israel, and this is his first time both in the United States and at Camp Morasha. He serves on the technical support team for the Mishlach, helping keep Mishlach and their activities running smoothly behind the scenes. So far, his favorite part of camp has been the adventure activities and the happiness he sees all around him. If he could bring one thing home from Morasha, it would be the joy and positive spirit of camp. Yehonatan is passionate about many different interests and enjoys exploring new experiences. He hopes to spend his time in America traveling and visiting exciting attractions. One of his favorite family traditions is taking a special Hanukkah trip together each year.





# PHOTOS OF THE WEEK





# BRAIN TEASERS

RIDDLES AND JOKES

- 1. What did the baseball glove say to the baseball?
- 2. What goes clump, clump clump clump clump clump clump squish?
- 3. Who guards the second letter of the alphabet?
- 4. What did the rabbit say when the doorbell rang?
- 5. Name three keys that unlock new doors.
- 6. What has four fingers and one thumb but is not alive?
- 7. What goes up and down, but does not move?
- 8. Who can shave 30 times a day and still have a beard?
- 9. We have four sons and each has one sister. How many children do we have?
- 10. What time is it when 12 cats chase a mouse?
- 11. What goes up and never goes down?
- 12. What word in the English language is always spelled incorrectly?

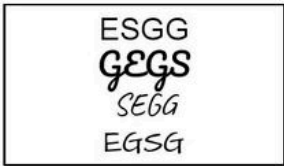
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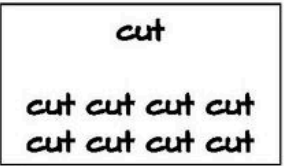
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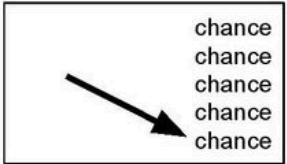
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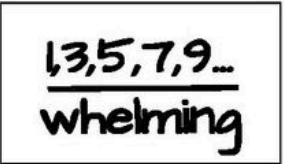
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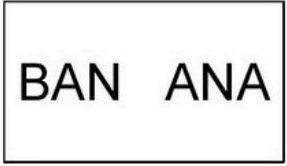
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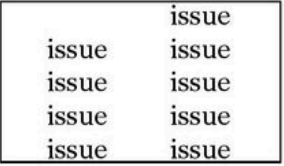
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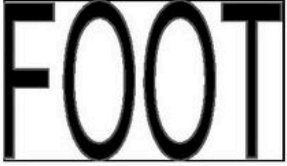
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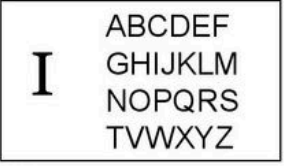
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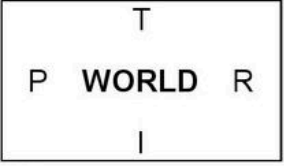
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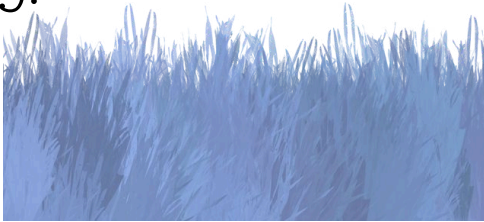


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Submitted by Zeward, YB

# BRAIN TEASERS

## WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

The campers in these photos are now Morasha staff. Can you guess who they are?



## WOULD YOU RATHER??

- Would you rather have a hamster-sized elephant or an elephant-sized hamster as a pet?
- Would you rather never have homework again or get to stay up as late as you want every night?
- Would you rather eat broccoli-flavored ice cream or a ketchup-flavored popsicle?
- Would you rather be able to talk to plants or talk to machines?
- Would you rather be invisible for one hour a day or be able to read minds for one minute a day?
- Would you rather have bubble gum sticking to your shoe all day or have your shoelaces constantly come untied?
- Would you rather have a bedroom that's always dark or a bedroom that's always bright?
- Would you rather be able to do any math problem instantly or be able to memorize any book by looking at it once?
- Would you rather have really long arms or really long legs?
- Would you rather never use a phone again or never watch TV again?

ANSWERS  
1) Catch you later. 2) An octopus with one shoe off. 3) The beekeeper. 4) Will some bunny answer the door? 5) Monkey, donkey, turkey. 6) A glove. 7) Stairs. 8) A Barber. 9) Five- 4  
sons and a daughter. 10) Twelve to one. 11) Stairs. 12) Incorrectly. 13) Neon lights 14) Flat tire 15) Scrambled eggs 16) I'll be there in a minute 17) A cut above the rest 18) Good afternoon  
(19) Last chance 20) Overwhelming odds 21) Vanished into thin air 22) Banana split 23) Tennis shoes 24) Tiptoe through the tulips 25) Big Foot 26) I miss you 27) Trip around the world  
(28) Green horn (an inexperienced person or a newcomer to a situation or trade.) 29) Blue grass (a genre of music)  
Staff (in order from left to right): Ammie Rose, Sarah O, Eliana G, Gabi Davis, Max Berger, Drake Spodek, Eitan Rogoff, Asher Freindlich



# NIGHT ACTIVITIES

sunday

monday

tuesday

wednesday

thursday

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NIZI  
BOYS

NIZI  
GIRLS

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YSG

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OSG

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BOYS

ILANO T  
GIRLS

GIM

GOT

FIM

FOT

YACHAD

**PANIC**

**BAD ART  
AUCTION**

**ODT**

**KARAOKE**

**NAME  
THAT  
LOGO**

**POOL  
PARTY**

**LAVI**

**GLOW  
ZUMBA**

**LAVI**

**MUSIC  
VIDEO  
AWARDS**

**FimFot  
West**

**POOL  
PARTY**

OPENING  
CEREMONIES

HALFTIME  
SHOW

CLOSING  
CEREMONIES

**PHOTO  
SCAVENGER  
HUNT**

**COKE & PEPSI  
& NIGHT CANTEN**

**NERF  
BATTLE**

**OUTDOOR  
MOVIE**

**MINI  
MO CUP**

**PICKLE  
BALL**

**CUPCAKE  
WARS**

**EXTREME  
GAGA**

**DODGEBALL**

**PHOTO  
SCAVENGER  
HUNT**

**CAPTURE  
THE  
COUNSELOR**

**BEDAZZLED**

**MINUTE  
TO WIN IT**

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GOOD  
NIGHT

**TRIVIA  
NIGHT**

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NIGHT**

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