

SHALHEVET

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1 CAMP, MANY CHAMPIONS

This week at Camp Morasha was filled with excitement, teamwork, and meaningful experiences as our campers continued to embrace our summer theme of Hashiveinu.

On Sunday, campers enjoyed dinner from Smash House Burgers, a popular New York kosher burger spot known for its juicy smashed burgers with crispy seared edges. The delicious dinner was a huge hit and gave everyone the perfect start to another exciting week at camp.

Monday evening, the excitement built as we gathered for the Olympics Opening Torch Ceremony. Campers proudly received their country bandanas and were divided into four teams representing Scotland, Egypt, Canada, and Brazil. Throughout the week, each country was celebrated with themed meals as the dining room was transformed with decorations and menus inspired by each nation. The Olympic schedule was packed with activities including Skills & Strength, Aquatics, Athletics, team challenges, the Marathon, the Triathlon, the Massive Bucket Brigade, a Half-Time Show with "Glory" as the movie under the stars, Mascot and the always exciting Gold Medal Games.

Throughout the Olympic competitions on Tuesday, smoke from the Canadian wildfires drifted into our area but camp activities continued and everyone stayed safe by keeping hydrated.

Wednesday evening brought the Olympic Games to a thrilling conclusion with the Closing Ceremonies. After two days of teamwork, determination, and friendly competition, Canada captured the most gold medals to earn the Olympic championship.

On Thursday, campers headed out for one of Morasha's favorite traditions, Multi-Camp Intercamps. This year, Morasha, Mesorah, Nesher, Lavi, Seneca, and Moshava IO participated. Campers traveled to different camps to compete in sports, reconnect with old friends, and make new ones. The day was filled with friendly competition and strengthened the bonds that unite the Jewish camping community.

On Friday, campers gathered for our moving 9 Days production, "Return to Sender." The performance delivered a meaningful message about reflection, relationships, and the importance of returning to our best selves. It was a fitting way to prepare our hearts and minds for Shabbat as well as for our continued spiritual growth throughout the summer.

WHAT'S COMING UP

SUNDAY

Fear Factor Night
Mahjong Boot Camp

MONDAY

Machzor Bet
Madness

TUESDAY

3-on-3 Basketball
Madness

WEDNESDAY

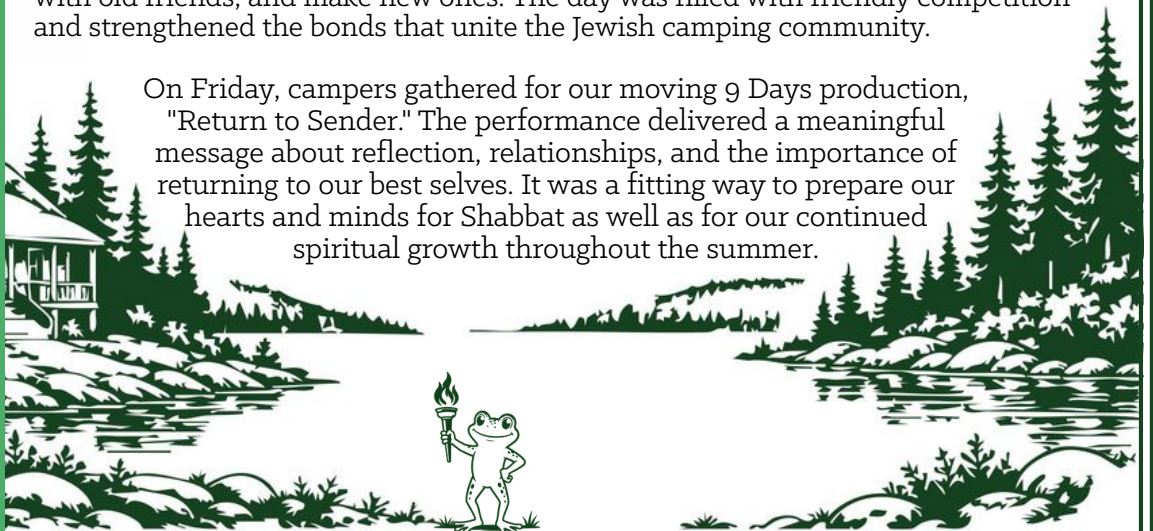
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THURSDAY

Tisha B'Av

FRIDAY

Shabbat Nachamu
Erev Shabbat Ruach



PARASHA THOUGHTS

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One of the striking features of Parshas Devarim is the way Moshe retells the story of the Meraglim. At first glance, his account seems to contradict the original version in Parshat Shlach. In Bamidbar, the story begins with Hashem instructing Moshe to send the spies, and the emphasis falls on their frightening report that caused the nation to despair.

In Devarim, however, Moshe tells it differently. He says, "You all came to me and said, 'Let us send men before us.'" Rather than highlighting God's command or the spies report, Moshe focuses the story on the people's initiative and their lack of trust. He also only highlights the good report that the spies gave.

Perhaps the version in Bamidbar records the historical sequence of events, while Moshe's retelling is crafted as a lesson in growth. He wants the people to stop blaming others and to take responsibility. If he had emphasized God's role or the spies' report, the people might have excused themselves saying that the only reason they sinned was because of the other parties involved. Instead, he reframes the story to show that real change comes only when we ask ourselves, what was my role and how can I do better?

This message is especially powerful during the three weeks, a time to reflect on our national tragedies. It's easy to point to the faults of others, but Moshe reminds us that the path to redemption begins with accepting responsibility for ourselves and striving to become better.

MEET MISHLACHAT

NETA

Meet Neta Badash from Beit Shemesh. Before coming to Camp Morasha for her first summer, Neta served in the Israeli Army's Combat Engineering Corps, where she taught Hebrew to lone soldiers from around the world and to Druze soldiers. This is also her first trip to America, and she's hoping to visit some national parks and catch a Broadway show. You'll find her at Adventure, where she loves being surrounded by nature. If she could bring one thing home from camp, it would be the dining room's legendary salad bar! Neta also has some hidden talents- she loves doing aerial arts and can even play a little kalimba (also known as a "thumb piano"). If money were no object, she'd travel the world, but she'd always make it home in time for her family's Yom Ha'Atzmaut BBQ!



YINON

Meet Yinon Sharabi from Nahariya. A former Golani soldier, Yinon is spending his first summer at camp and already thinks the campers are amazing and adorable. You'll find him everywhere, from the ATV track to the ropes course and just about every adventure activity in between. If you're looking for a soccer or basketball partner, he's always ready for a game! Since he is already in America, Yinon hopes he gets to go to the FIFA World Cup Finals. When asked what he'd do if he ever won the lottery, Yinon says he'd first give ma'aser to his yeshiva, invest wisely, and buy seforim to study Torah. But, he's also adventurous enough save some money for traveling. At home, Shabbat mornings in Yinon's Yemenite family begin with a delicious dairy breakfast featuring his mom's homemade jachnun. When the summer ends, he's looking forward to sharing plenty of great stories from camp.



PHOTOS OF THE WEEK



BRAIN TEASERS

RIDDLES AND JOKES

1. What belongs to you but others use it more than you do?
2. What do cats have that no other animal has?
3. I have wings, I am able to fly, I'm not a bird yet I soar high in the sky. What am I?
4. What gets wetter as it dries?
5. Give me air and I will live. Give me water and I will die. What am I?
6. A man left home sprinting. He ran for a while and then turned left, ran the same distance and turned left again, ran the same distance and turned left again. When he got home, there were two people wearing masks. Who were they?
7. A man was walking in the rain in the middle of nowhere without a coat or an umbrella. He got soaked, but not a single hair on his head was wet. How can this be?
8. A cowboy rode into town on Friday. He stayed in town for three days and rode back out on Friday. How is this possible?
9. There's a one-story house in which everything is yellow. Yellow walls, yellow doors, yellow furniture. What color are the stairs?
10. Which building has thousands of stories?
11. What time is it when an elephant sits on a fence?
12. What's black, white, and red all over?

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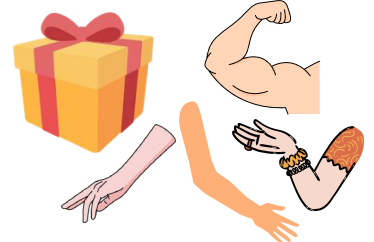
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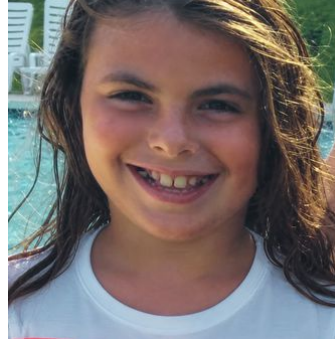


Submitted by Zeward, YB

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 sneeze confetti or cry rainbow tears?
- Would you rather eat a hot dog topped with whipped cream or a bowl of pancakes with ketchup?
- Would you rather have your feet always smell like cheese or your hands always smell like garlic?
- Would you rather wear clown shoes or a clown nose everywhere you go?
- Would you rather sleep in a bed made of trampolines or a bed made of pillows?
- Would you rather be friends with a friendly dragon or a majestic unicorn?
- Would you rather have a backpack that creates endless snacks or shoes that never let you get tired?
- Would you rather speak every language or play every instrument?
- Would you rather be a bird or a horse?
- Would you rather be a master at painting or an amazing dancer?

ANSWERS

1) Your name; 2) Kittens; 3) A plane; 4) A towel; 5) Fire; 6) The umpire and the catcher; 7) He was bald; 8) The horse's name was Friday; 9) It's a one-story house. There aren't any stairs; 10) The library; 11) Time to fix the fence; 12) A sunburned zebra! (Or a newspaper!); 13) Two thumbs up; 14) Time after time; 15) Touchdown; 16) Excuse me; 17) Too close for comfort; 18) Crossroads; 19) It's a big deal; 20) Six feet under ground; 21) Thinking outside of the box; 22) Pretty please with sugar on top; 23) Be back in five minutes; 24) Someone's following me; 25) Robin Hood; 26) One if by land two if by sea; 27) Skating on thin ice; 28) Scotland Yard; 29) Present arms

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