

# MA-TOV DAY CAMP

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**Upcoming Events:**

**Fri, July 1** Picture Day  
Shlock Rock Concert

**Mon, July 4**  
Independence Day  
**No Sessions**

**Wed, July 6** Arazim  
Boys' Overnight  
B31-32, 45

**Wed, July 6**  
Ma-Na-Im New Roc City

**Thurs, July 7**  
Candyland Day

**Fri, July 8**  
Ventriloquist -  
Jonathan Geffner

**From the Directors:**

What a beautiful first week this has been for all of us here in our twenty seventh year at Ma-Tov Day Camp!

Seasoned campers and counselors have returned from a sleepy, cold winter to the glorious warmth, splendor, and joyous spirit that is the essence of Ma-Tov. New faces of campers and counselors, eager to share their friendship and ideas, have joined us to keep Ma-Tov fresh and lovely. Our senior staff, under the direction of head counselor Suzie Marder work diligently to keep our campers happily engaged in fun activities while they learn new skills and experience Jewish living in a warm, safe and loving environment.

Through this newsletter, we'll keep you informed of happenings at camp. Keep in touch by email or phone so that together we can make this an extraordinary season for all our campers.

We look forward to another glorious summer at Ma-Tov!

Fondly, Rabbi and Mrs. Vogel



## USA Day

**USA! USA! USA!**

Our Ma-Tov campers were greeted on Thursday morning by immigrants, who came to America from all over the world. Dressed in costumes of their native countries of Russia, Bangladesh, India and Japan, our guests learned some fun American customs. They danced to American music, played intense games of 'Uncle Sam says,' ate watermelon and of course enjoyed some baseball and running bases.

*Special thank you to Uncle Sam and Lady Liberty for visiting us!*

**HAPPY 4th OF JULY!**

**See you on Tuesday!**



# Ma-Na-Im Ring Homestead



Campers and counselors had a blast at Ring Homestead- the largest ropes course in the United States. Campers challenged each other as they raced up ropes. Some of the highlights were riding the thousand foot zipline twenty feet off the ground, climbing a twenty-five foot tire apparatus and flying in the air on a giant swing. It was exciting to hear campers ask,



"Can I do that again....please?"

## Tuv Ha'Aretz



*Campers experimenting with the bamboo dance of the Bnei Menashe community of India.*

As the campers were given a taste of the 'immigrant experience' to the USA (with a fun camp twist, of course), they also started learning about a different immigrant experience - to Eretz Yisrael.

Our theme for July is 'Tuv Ha'Aretz', exploring all of the wonderful, special things that can be found in Eretz Yisrael. The campers have been learning that one of the special things about Eretz Yisrael is how it's filled with different kinds of Jews, each community with its own exciting story of how they reached Eretz Yisrael.

Campers experienced the journey of the Yemenite Ethiopian Jews, learned about the struggle of Soviet Jewry, and even learned the bamboo dance of the Bnei Menashe community of India.

As the month continues, we'll be learning about, experiencing, and tasting many other aspects of the bounty of Eretz Yisrael!

### FROM NURSE TOBY

Please remember that Ma-Tov is a peanut free camp. Please do not send snacks to camp that contain nuts, peanuts or traces of nuts. Since the number of children with significant allergies is increasing we ask that you take a little extra time in choosing the snacks that your child may bring to camp to help protect everyone's safety.

Please **do not send** your child to camp if s/he is showing any signs of illness, such as fever, vomiting, diarrhea or pink eye. We appreciate your assistance with regard to these health matters.

### Attention—Important Items

1. Please **LABEL ALL CLOTHING** and items brought to camp. Do not send expensive clothing or towels to camp as they are easily lost.
2. A lost and found area will be set up in and around the cubby areas.
3. Your child should wear sneakers and socks to camp. **No sandals please.**
4. If your child wears goggles in the pool please label them with your child's full name.
5. When swim is scheduled for first period, coming in a bathing suit is often helpful especially for the younger campers.
6. Sending a change of clothing in a Zip-Lock bag, properly labeled can often save some tears.
7. Electronic games such as Game boys, Palm Pilots, and/or cash **should not be brought to camp** as they interfere with activities and are easily lost.



# Ma-Tov Moments



## MA-TOV DAY CAMP OVERNIGHT PERMISSION SLIP BOYS B31-45

I give permission for my son \_\_\_\_\_ of group \_\_\_\_\_ and bus \_\_\_\_\_ to remain at camp on Wednesday, July 6th for a barbecue, campfire and overnight.

Please check:

----My child has permission to stay for the overnight.

----My child can stay for the BBQ but I will pick him up or he will go home with :

\_\_\_\_\_

----My child will not stay, and will go home on his regular bus/carpool.

\_\_\_\_\_   
 Print Last Name

\_\_\_\_\_   
 Parent Signature

# Parshat Chukat

Test Your Parsha Knowledge!

- 1) What is a "choke"?
- 2) What color was the "Parah Aduma"?
- 3) Who must be sprinkled with the ashes of the "Parah Adumah"?
- 4) Who dies in this Parsha?
- 5) What two things did Bnai Yisrael complain about in this Parsha?
- 6) How did Moshe get water from the rock?
- 7) What was his punishment?
- 8) For which "middah" (attribute) was Aharon famous?
- 9) What was the name of the giant that Moshe killed?
- 10) What is a copper snake in Hebrew and how was it used?

1) A mitzvah for which we do not know the reason 2) Red 3) Someone who becomes tamay (impure) 4) Miriam, Aharon, Sicho and Og 5) The lack of water and the Mahn 6) He hit the rock 7) He was not allowed to enter Eretz Yisroel 8) He was known for being a peacemaker 9) Og 10) The Nachash Nechoshet was used to cure those who were dying

Parsha Answers

Help the Parah Adumah through the cow shaped maze to find his friends in the pasture!

