

# MA-TOV

## DAY CAMP

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### Upcoming Events:

**Tues, Aug 2**

Petting Zoo and Pony Rides

**Wed, Aug 3 Trip Day**

Newark Bears or

Maritime Aquarium

*Nitzanim remain at camp for special programming*

**Wear your MA-TOV shirts!**

**Thurs, Aug 4**

Friendly -Re'ut Theme Day

**Tues, Aug 9**

**Tisha B'Av No Sessions**

**Wed, Aug 10**

Bunk Pride Day

Ilanot Late Night

G11, G12, G21

**Thurs, Aug 11**

Ma-Na-Im Mets Game

**Wear your MA-TOV shirts**

**Fri, Aug 12**

Magic Show

## From The Directors

It's an absolute joy walking around Ma-Tov! The sounds of laughter, song and cheers are everywhere. It is a pleasure seeing the happy faces of all the campers and counselors, intent upon sports and games, artwork, learning to swim, or simply making new friends.

Please tell your friends about the exciting programs that are coming up this week and have them sign up online. **The Ma-Tov Experience for new campers, Ma-Tov Plus for 7th and 8th grade boys and the Camp Tour for prospective parents on Tuesday, August 2nd.**

Also, check out this week's Jewish Standard and All our Children to see our ad and a short write-up about Ma-Tov. As always, visit our website, [www.matov.com](http://www.matov.com) and enjoy your children's pictures in the photo section.

Shabbat Shalom,

Rabbi Sam and Mrs. Lorraine Vogel

## Carnival!

On Tuesday, there was a carnival at Ma-Tov! Campers enjoyed an amazing swing ride, an inflatable obstacle course and a towering water slide. Later in the day, the groups ran creative and delicious booths for each other,



guessing jelly bean flavors, eating chocolate chips in marshmallow fluff, throwing sponges and squirting out the flames of candles. Of course, everyone made sure to take a turn at the dunk tank, where campers got the chance to dunk their counselors into a huge tank of water. What fun!!



# Ma-Na-Im On The Move

**A-hiking we will go, a-hiking we will go!**

On a beautiful sunny day, a group of 26 brave Ma Na-Im hikers set out to explore the Palisades State Park with a challenging, enjoyable 2 hour hike. We learned about following markers on a trail, the age of trees, and the differences between male and female butterflies. We also saw amazing sights and breathtaking views of the Hudson and the Palisades cliffs. We climbed 142(!) rocky stairs, found a castle, and watched a hawk soar through the sky above our heads. It was a new and exciting camping experience for us all!



# Nitzanim Late Night

Oh Wow! Did you see us in the pool? Long after Ma-Tov Day Camp usually ends?! We were so excited about our chance to stay late at camp. First, we had our own private free swim with our counselors. Boy, did we get them wet! After swimming, off we went on a fun, colorful string hunt!

For dinner, we had a delicious BBQ and Rabbi Vogel even surprised us with soda. Of course, no late night would be complete without roasting sticky marshmallows around a campfire for dessert. We can still smell them!



Finally, team relay races closed the night in a very exciting way. The cheering and energy coming from each bunk left every camper feeling like a winner!

# save the Date!

Dear Nitzanim (BG1-3, G1, B1) Parents,

Have you ever wanted to be a "fly on the wall" and see your child in camp? Great news! On Thursday, August 11th, Ma-Tov Day Camp invites you to watch your child in action during a camp day. Please join us from 10:20-11:30 and watch your child splash in the Ma-Tov pool, enjoy favorite sports and interact with camp friends. It's a great photo opportunity too!

**We look forward to seeing you there!**

# Tefilah

After Tefilah, Morah Sharon led a workshop for G45 and the girls composed their own 'rap' Tefilot!

Anya, Tamar, Jackie and Eliana wrote the rap below:

I wake up in the morning, say Ma-tov-u  
 Then I say Adon Olam and Yigdal too  
 I say Birchot Hashachar and Baruch She'Amar  
 With so much kavanah, your pride will go so far!

Chorus: Don't stop davening  
 Get your siddur  
 Do your thing  
 Let's Daven to Hashem  
 'Cause He is our King



## Learning about Nature at Ma-Tov

This year, Ma-Tov's Nature Program is focusing on understanding and appreciating the world around us. While we *will* have a chance to see some furry animals, for now we're learning about the wind and aerodynamics, digging for worms and seeing how they help enrich the soil, and taking nature hikes in the MA-Tov stream to find fish and crayfish.

In addition to our nature program, our youngest campers also have the chance to learn about nature while they take a break from the sun to play with dirt, rocks, sand, and water.



### Ma-Tov Extension Form

The extension rates are :

5th & 6th weeks \$425/week or \$90/day plus transportation if required (\$80/week in NJ, \$120/week in NY)

For your child's:

7th & 8th weeks \$ 275 week or \$60/day plus transportation

Last 4 weeks \$1,150 plus transportation

Please complete the attached form and return it to us (via bus counselor or mail) with payment. Thank you.

Please extend the registration of \_\_\_\_\_ GROUP# \_\_\_\_\_ BUS# \_\_\_\_\_

for \_\_\_\_\_ weeks days (circle one) with without (circle one) transportation.

Enclosed is the fee of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

# Art

Our creative energy is flowing in the Ma-Tov Art House! During the first month of camp children had the opportunity to explore

different art materials related to the theme of Tuv HaAretz. We made planters and had planting opportunities. We made grass heads, representing the Northern section of Israel where Yearot HaCarmel is located. We traveled south and had fun with sand. From sand bottles to sand collages, and even making our own colored sand, it felt like the desert in the Art House! We also enjoyed watercolors and stain glass art in connection with the Mediterranean Sea.

In addition to all these special projects, we have been busy with lanyard, play dough, sidewalk chalk, shaving cream, sponge paints, finger paints and much more!

In Clinics, the girls have explored acrylic paints and mosaic art. The Art House is a place flowing with creativity and color.



# Parshat Massei

*The letters of the correct answers will spell out a special message for you!*

- 1) The name of the 2 cities B'nai Yisrael built in Mitzraym were?  
QR) Cairo & Tel-Aviv, SH) Pitom & Ramses, TH) Teaneck & Paramus
- 2) What happened at Risma in the desert?  
AB) The spies spoke lashon hara, BC) The special clouds came to protect B'nai Yisrael, CD) B'nai Yisrael was given mann
- 3) In which year of B'nai Yisrael's wandering in the desert the spies bring back an evil report?  
A) first year, B) second year, C) fortieth year
- 4) What is on Israel's western border?  
A) Yam Hamelach, B) Mediterranean Sea, C) Egypt
- 5) How many Arei Miklat were there in total?  
T) 6, U) 5, V) 8
- 6) How many cities of the Leviyim were there?  
QR) 38, SH) 42, TV) 48
- 7) On which mountain top did Aharon die?  
BC) Har Grizim, BD) Har Aveal, AL) Hor HaHar
- 8) How old was Aharon Hacoheh Hagadol when he died?  
M) 120, N) 110, O) 123
- 9) Who helped Yehoshua divide up Eretz Yisrael?  
M) Elazar HaCohen, N) Pinchas, O) Moshe

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Answer to Parsha Question: 1) S H, 2) A B 3) B, 4) A 5) T 6) S H 7) A L 8) O 9) M