

MA-TOV

DAY CAMP

THE OFFICIAL PUBLICATION OF
MA-TOV DAY CAMP

Summer 2011 נ"שע"א Aug. 5, 2011

Volume XXVII, Issue 6



Reut / Friendship Day

Upcoming Events:

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

Mon, Aug 15

Monster Day

Tues, Aug 16

Crazy Dress Up Day

Wed, Aug 17

Ma-Na-Im Trip
Delaware Rafting
Wear your Ma-Tov shirts

Thurs, Aug 18

Awards Ceremony

Fri, Aug 19

Closing Ceremonies

Of course, every day at Ma-Tov is a friendship day, with campers constantly forming friendships, helping each other out, and looking out for one another. But friendship got a special focus on Thursday with a very curious visitor who came to camp. Inspector Henderson from the National Friendship Council came with the good news that the camp was a semi-finalist for the Friendliest Camp in America!

To make it to the final round of the competition, Ma-Tov would need to show just what good friends we are to one another. Inspector Henderson told us he'd be watching our daily activities, and 2 special challenges- a game everyone played at Chinuch where campers practiced strategies for how to help when someone is being bullied, and an exciting cooperative game. The older bunks needed to rely on each other's unique skills, communicate and listen to each other to succeed at a game of See, Run, Build, and the younger bunks got moved as a team in a game of Human Anagrams. We're all proud of the way we're learning to treat one another at Ma-Tov, and we're sure we made a good impression on the Inspector. For the results...we'll have to stay tuned.



Petting ZOO and PONY Rides

Donkeys and calves and chickens, oh my! There was a lot of additional energy at Ma-Tov on Tuesday as a petting zoo came to camp! Calves, alpaca,



lamb and rabbits received lots of rubs, love and attention as campers came with their bunks to enjoy the range of cute animals visiting Ma-Tov.

Even our more hesitant campers were quickly comfortable interacting with the animals. A

definite highlight was the ponies! Each camper had the opportunity to be led on a special pony ride as their friends watched and cheered.



Newark Bears

The threats of rain turned into blistering heat, but none of that scared away our hardcore baseball fans from enjoying a day at the ballpark, where the Newark Bears hosted the Pittsfield Colonials. Ma-Tov sat right behind the Colonials' dugout, which was a great place to catch fly-balls and get them autographed by the players after the game. We showed great spirit throughout the game, hooting, dancing and even having a cross-field cheer-off with another camp that was at the game (we won, of course). It seems our energy and enthusiasm rubbed off on the Colonials, because they crushed the Bears 11-1, including a memorable double play at the end of the 7th inning which crushed a small rally attempt by the Bears. What a game, and what a trip!



Maritime Aquarium

Who is 38 years old, very wise, causes everyone to stare and is completely loved? If you guessed Suzie, you are correct! Not our Head Counselor Suzie but the amazing Suzie the seal who enjoyed a wonderful meal in front of our campers. Ma-Tov got to meet all kinds of lovable animals at the Maritime Aquarium in Norwalk. Ask Sarah Daube G45 and Eliav Baron B21 and they definitely think the sharks were the most awesome. Rami Levin B45 liked how the sting rays felt, while Yonina Marder G21 thought the otters were particularly cute. Going in a bubble underneath a Meer cat was super cool for Esti Ben Meir G45 and everyone loved the dinosaurs. Thanks to all the counselors for keeping everyone safe and happy!

Swimming Across Israel

Although we can't enjoy our usual free swim during the nine days, we didn't let that stop us from enjoying our time in the pool.

This week, we created a swim program where campers practiced their instructional strokes while relay racing across Israel! Every lap was counted as a kilometer to help campers swim across the map of Israel. Campers enjoyed their exercise and enthusiastically swam, almost reaching the Golan!



Reminder: There is no camp on Tisha b'Av, Tuesday August 9th

Creativity in Ceramics

In ceramics, campers started off the summer by making ceramic mezuzah cases, candle holders and washing cups out of plaster of paris. After the initial projects, campers are given discretion to choose projects that interest them, and have produced some wonderful creations ranging from creatures and dragons to different types of food, bowls, cups, kiddush cups and animals. The children are invested in their work and demonstrate enthusiasm and creativity in their efforts.



An important element of the ceramics specialty has been teaching the campers about different materials and skills that are used while creating their masterpieces. They have learned various hand-building techniques and were shown how to build a piece using the pinch pot and coil method and also by slipping and scoring different shaped objects together. The campers also experimented with kiln clay and air dry clay and learned the differences between them. Finally, finishing the pieces involved learning about firing pieces and how to safely and effectively use the kiln.

"Nitzanim Only"

This Wednesday, Nitzanim had Ma-Tov Day Camp all to themselves. It was "Nitzanim Only" Day! "Nitzanim Only" in the pool! "Nitzanim Only" on the fields! "Nitzanim Only" in the gym! It was even "Nitzanim Only" in the lunch pavilion. They got to have extra swim, extra gym, extra ruach cheering with Rivki at lunch and extra-special "edible" art projects. Yum Yum!



They all enjoyed our "Nitzanim Only" ice cream party where we got to choose our flavors and toppings to make their own great sundaes. Fred was extra-generous with the whipped cream too.

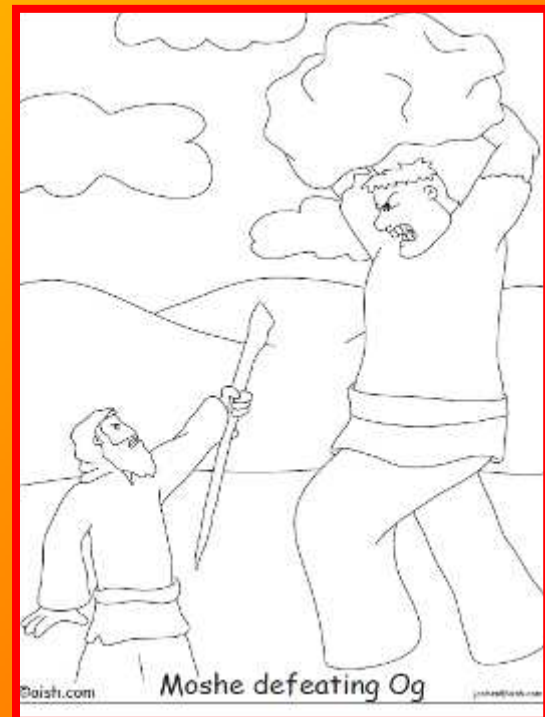
What an awesome day they had, 'cuz Nitzanim love to **RULE THE CAMP!**

Parshat Devarim

The letters of the correct answers will spell out a special message.

- 1) This week's parsha takes place in
 - A) Egypt
 - B) Lake Ma-Tov
 - C) the midbar (wilderness)
 - 2) Moshe gives Bnei Yisrael a farewell speech before
 - H) dying
 - I) taking a much deserved vacation
 - J) giving out snack
 - 3) Moshe blesses the people that they should have many children and
 - A) multiply
 - B) divide
 - C) add
 - D) subtract
 - 4) Moshe says that good judges should not
 - W) favor the poor
 - X) favor the rich
 - Y) let boys win color war
 - Z) both W and X
 - 5) When traveling in the midbar, Bnei Yisrael avoided the nation of
 - O) Edom
 - P) France
 - Q) Germany
 - R) America
 - 6) This week is part of the
 - M) Omer
 - N) the nine days
 - O) the 8 days
 - P) color war
- What is the special name for this week's Shabbat?
- _____
- 1 2 3 4 5 6
- Answer: CHAZON

Shabbat Shalom!





Attention 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!

RSVP: matovdaycamp@gmail.com

SCHEDULE

B1 and G1 10:20-10:55 Swim Instruction

11:05-11:30 Activity

BG1, BG2, BG3 10:20-10:55 Activity

11:-11:30 Swim Instruction

Please meet at the camp office at 10:20 to be escorted to your child's activity

MA-TOV DAY CAMP EXTENDED DAY PERMISSION SLIP G11-12, G21

I give permission for my child _____ of group _____ and bus _____ to remain at camp on **Wednesday, August 10** for a barbecue and campfire.

Please check:

-----My child has permission to stay and I will pick my child up or my child will go home with :
_____ at 6:30PM

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

Print Last Name

Parent Signature

Ma-Tov Extension Form

The extension rates are :

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