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From the Directors

The ruach at Ma-Tov continues to be amazing. Happy, smiling kids and counselors are evident throughout the length and breadth of camp. During the Nine Days, campers swam laps in the pool in an attempt to swim across Israel. They almost made it! Bunk Pride Day brought new

Upcoming Events:

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

songs, cheers and joy to our campers.

We were happy to welcome parents of our youngest campers who came to "kvell" as they watched their kids splash happily and swim in our pools. New skills were evident as they played on the basketball court, soccer and baseball fields.

We are extending an invitation to new parents to see us in action at our Open House on Thursday, August 18th from 10 to 11 AM. Happy with your experiences at Ma-Tov? Please ask your friends and acquaintances to join us at the Open House.

After a "Fake out/Break out" last Friday, including the appearance of Super Jew, Color War Games have finally arrived at Ma-Tov. Check your child's camp bag for a note to see if they are on The Red Team (dibbur/speech), or The Blue Team (ma'aseh /action), and have them dressed in the appropriate colored top on Monday and Tuesday. Thanks for your assistance. We're looking forward to an awesome last week of camp. Registration for Ma-Tov 2012 is now open. Check out the rates on our website, www.matov.com, and take advantage of our \$200 discount by signing up before September 15th.

Shabbat Shalom, Rabbi Sam and Mrs. Lorraine Vogel

Erev Tisha B'Av

" I found my sister's pacifier and gave it to her."

" I helped my mom bake."

" I bought an extra cookie for my friend."

" I cleaned the house for Pesach."

" I helped my Saba clean the leaves away."

These, along with many, many others were the acts of Chesed that Ma Tov campers were thinking about in preparation for Tisha B'Av. Since we've been focusing on friendship this month, it was only natural that we think about how Ahavat Chinam (unconditional love) can help rebuild the Beit HaMikdash which was destroyed because of Sinat Chinam (baseless hate). During their chinuch period, each bunk created a "brick" full of good deeds they had done and that they planned on doing in the coming days. The entire camp then gathered at the end of the day to create the proper mood and environment to enter into Tisha B'Av. Campers first watched a moving slide show of pictures of Yerushalayim, and then a play put on by the senior staff about being a good friend and a good sport. Afterwards, all of the 'bricks' that the bunks had prepared were read aloud and put up to rebuild a Beit HaMikdash created from our own good deeds. May our gemilut chasadim contribute to the rebuilding of the Beit HaMikdash speedily in our days, and may we celebrate Tisha B'Av together next year as a joyous holiday.



Ma-Tov Theatre

Places, everyone!

Lights! Camera! Action!

The reviews are in and the Ma-Tov Thespian Society has received universal acclaim. Our Friday afternoon oneg periods have included award-winning titles such as "Joseph Who Loved Shabbat", "Where is Rabbi Akiva?", and "A Place called Kushta."

Our actors and actresses have not only presented these plays with skill and confidence, but have learned basic principles of public speaking.

Watch out, Broadway! Here come the Ma-Tov Day Players!



Bunk Pride

One thing is for sure- Ma Tov's got talent! And pride too! Bunk Pride Day was a wonderful chance for individual campers to display their talents, and for bunks to work together to put on a presentation for their entire division to watch. Campers had a chance to learn a little bit more about one another, to appreciate one another a little more, and to work together to make something they could be proud of. The variety of talent and creativity

the campers showed under the direction of their hard-working counselors was truly amazing- gymnastics, songs, dances, sports- even a stomp presentation! It was such a treat to see the campers shine - and shine they did!



Ma-Na-Im Mets Game

The Mets took on the Padres this Thursday, and Ma-Tov had a great view of the action. It's fun to watch baseball, but it's even better when you get to be there in person! We cheered when the action got going: a few men on, a stolen base, a 2-run double! Complete with real scorecards, we kept track of all the action, pausing occasionally for some snacks and some shade. We were glad to see the Mets ahead 2-1, but as we got ready to leave the Padres tied it up and then went ahead to win 3-2.

Even our trip back to camp was enjoyable - because we were with our friends. What an Amazin' time!



Ilanot Late Night

It was a "rocking" Wednesday at Ma-Tov this week. The younger Ilanot stretched their day into a fun filled evening. The post camp festivities began with bowling-pin bombardment and lots of sportsmanship! After movin' and groovin', the girls jumped and splashed in the pool. Spirited playfulness primed the girls for a feast of BBQ chicken and knishes. How savory it was to enjoy a meat meal! The evening drew to a close around the fire pit with sticky toasted marshmallows. A perfect end to a sweet evening.



Roving Reporter

Our roving reporter asked our campers for their
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Best Memory

Asher Rauzman (B21) passing the deep water test and sliding into the pool on the water slide

Ezra Baron (B21) Going to the Bears game and how we lost 11 to 1

Yoni Katz (B21) Getting the ball from the Newark Bears game

Ezra Luber (B21) Going on the water slide at the carnival

Favorite Activity

Shmuli Khanin (BG2) Lunch- macaroni cheese...mmmmm...

Gavi Spinner (BG2) the bouncy house- it's my very most favorite spot at camp.

Gabby Mero (BG3) I like gym and the bouncy house.

Leah Rothman (BG3) I like doing a lot of things and swinging on the knot, the rope in the gym.

Funniest Thing in Camp

Eliav Baron (B21) puppet show- favorite activity is everything

Shmuel Hirschprung_- Chinuch beats them all, and Mad Mayim Day

Avi Burstyn- Boating , gym, and Basketball

Rosalie Levin (G1) snack time because you get to have ice pops

Shefa Freedman (G!) I love going in a canoe

Naomi Elkin (G1) Swimming, I like going swimming it's fun.

Ayelet Cantor (G1) spending time with my counselors

Shalva Kaplan (G1) being with my friends

Richie Siegel (B45) sinking into the ball pit
In leagues there was a baseball game and someone got a little hurt, but didn't give up on his team and kept playing, and he got MVP and we lost, but it was the funnest game!

We're the best bunk because...

Ora Leiberman (G12) of all the friends in our bunk

Abigail Lerer (G12) everyone makes the bunk different in an awesome way

Favorite activity

Jonah Glassberg (BG1) going boating

Barak Kaplan (BG1) Hockey- I love getting the ball from people

Daniel Stadtmauer (BG1) I have 2..Hockey and swimming. The first is swim. What I like most about swim is floating.

Doni Marder- going in the ball pit.

Chani Blech and Emanuelle Hirschfeld (counselors BG1) hanging out with our BG1 boys!

Gabrielle Ceasar and Leah Serur- Friendship makes G21 the best bunk!

Daniella Rochlin (G21)- favorite activity is arts 'n crafts.

Sarah Cohen (G21) - best activity is ceramics- it's fun making stuff with clay.

Ilana Krueger (counselor G21) - favorite things in camp are my campers and swim!

ART TREASURES

The Art House has been filled with an exciting flurry of activity this month as we have been involved in a wide variety of creative projects. The use of recycled materials took a prominent role in art, with campers transforming bottles, caps, boxes, paper plates and more into fantastic vases, shakers, bowls, "monsters" and beads. Meanwhile, weaving, mosaics, bags and pillows have captured the older girls' attention as they embarked on their journey of creation during art clinics.

The joy of creating something new, the pleasure of making something beautiful, the pride of accomplishment, the fun of just "messing around" with media, the good feeling that comes from using recycled materials—are all goals of our art program. We hope you enjoy the wonderful projects your children bring home, they certainly enjoyed the process of making them here in art.



EARLY REGISTRATION FORM FOR 2012

Please register _____ for:

- 8 weeks: 6/25—8/17 At the current rates: \$2800 8 weeks
 6 weeks: 6/25—8/3 \$2450 6 weeks
 6 weeks: 7/9—8/17 \$1800 4 weeks
 4 weeks: 6/25—7/20
 4 weeks: 7/23—8/17

CHECK ONE:

- with transportation
 without transportation

At \$80/week New Jersey

\$120/week New York

***** \$200 DISCOUNT FOR 8 WEEKS IF REGISTERED BY
SEPTEMBER 15, 2011**

_____ Parent's Signature

Please send a \$400 non-refundable deposit to:

Ma-Tov Day Camp
1170 Sussex Road
Teaneck, NJ 07666

Parshat Va'etchanan

This Shabbat is called: Shabbat _____

1) What was Moshe pleading to Hashem for?

L) to fight against Og M) for 2 more weeks of camp N) to go to Eretz Yisrael

2) Moshe was not allowed to enter the land of Eretz Yisrael because:

A) He hit the rock instead of talking to it. B) He was 120 years old.
C) Miriam and Aharon had already died.

3) Which 2 words in the commandment to keep the Shabbat were said by Hashem at the same time?

A) L'kodsho, Hayom B) Shabbat Shalom C) Shamor Zachor

4) What is the reward for honoring one's parents?

F) extra allowance G) later curfew H) a long good life

5) Which part of this week's Parsha is said twice a day in davening?

A) Shema B) vehayah am shamootz C) ma tovu

6) We must love Hashem:

J) with all our heart K) with all our soul L) with all our money M) all of the above

7) We write the Shema on parchment and put it in:

O) mezuzahs and tefillin P) tzedakah boxes Q) shalach manot R) all of the above

8) How do we do the mitzvah of "Shomor" on Shabbat?

O) by not doing work P) by learning Torah Q) by davening R) by eating chulent

Nachamoo

Answer to Parsha Question: 1) N, 2) A, 3) C, 4) H, 5) A, 6) M, 7) O, 8) O

Shabbat Shalom!