



NEWS & NOTES

WINTER 2022 Shores: Going Strong All Year Long!

Director's Message

By Rabbi David Finkelstein

We are back! That's right - after a bit of a delay, our world-famous News & Notes is in your hands and for that, I am very grateful.

In his book, *In My Opinion*, famous author **Rabbi Berel Wein** addresses the principle of always being grateful. He writes about El Al Israel Airlines and the importance of appreciating what we have - an airline that serves Kosher food and doesn't fly on Shabbos, where you can pray without interference, and that really feels like your Jewish home.

Of course, he says, the airline is not perfect but "never before in our history have we had an airline with the Star of David on its tail." He stresses the importance of not focusing on what we are missing because then we will feel "tormented, frustrated, sad, and envious. The secret of a happy life is gratitude. Gratitude that we are alive, gratitude for everyday life, and gratitude for the family that we have," even if we have some difficult relatives ☺.

I have gratitude that we had our second highest enrollment ever for Camp 2022 - 433 wonderful children! I have gratitude that even though a few staff members came down with COVID, our amazing head staff ensured that everything still went smoothly. I have tremendous gratitude for having **Phran Edelman** at my side as our Director of Operations for 22 years. Words cannot properly express how much she gave to our Shores families through her love, creativity, and talents. We wish her only the best in this next chapter in her life. I have a lot of gratitude that Hashem sent us **Abby Persky** to become our new Director of Operations. Abby stepped into a challenging position and did so seamlessly. She has tremendous talents and is so easy to work with. We welcome our newest Shores star! I also have gratitude for other members of our Shores

family who have given so much to our organization - **Rabbi Yakov "Majik" Majeski, James Nicholas, and Rabbi Shlomo and Devorah Buxbaum**. At Shores we like to quote the famous song lyric that "You can check out anytime you like, but you can never leave." We hope that you all will remain an active part of this beautiful organization you helped to build.

I am very grateful that **Rabbi Tzvi Tuchman** is healthy after a health scare this summer. He is so integral to the success of all that we do.

I am grateful to all of our friends, partners and supporters who stepped up so meaningfully for our two major 2022 fundraisers - VIP Night at Ravens Stadium that took place February 27th and our first-ever Shores Jewish Roots Music Festival that took place July 3rd at our Adamstown campus. These were truly unique and amazing events! I would like to give a special thank you to the co-chairs of the music festival, my sister-in-law **Shani Kohen** and Second Vice President of our Board **Yona Openden**, who worked tirelessly with Abby and **Liz Matson** to make it extremely successful. (Please see pages 5 and 8 for more details and pictures.) I need to express tremendous thanks to our Chairman of the Board, **John Davison**, and our President, **Alan Lazerow**, for providing the leadership needed at our organization to make it "the most special Jewish place on earth."

I would like to tell you about a few of the most special days in our camp's history that all occurred this past summer. The first three were inducting the newest members to our Walk of Fame. Stars were dedicated to **Frona Brown, Ben Greenwald, Howard and Shirley Blumenfeld, and Henry and Fran Reitberger**. These supporters so deserve to be part of this special group and I appreciate everything they have done for me



With my good friend, Joseph Friedman ZT'L



With Rabbi Chaim Kosman and Rabbi Asher Stein at the Shores Jewish Roots Music Festival

and the Shores organization. (Please see the article on page 9). The last special camp day I'd like to bring to your attention was Erev Tisha B'Av. **Stephen and Bunny Schwartz** came from New Jersey with a truck containing over 100,000 Lego pieces. For a few hours, almost the entire camp built sections of the Old City of Jerusalem out of Legos and then the Schwartzes placed everyone's beautiful work together. It was simply marvelous and gave the kids as well as the staff a real sense of the beauty of our holy Old City and what we we mourn.

On behalf of Shores, I am saddened by the loss of our long-time Board member **Richard Rynd**, of blessed memory. Richard was very caring, bright and generous, and he is dearly missed by all of his friends and our Shores family.

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Sunday, February 5, 2023
Online Fundraiser Launch



Save the Dates

Sunday, May 7, 2023



BBQ Banquet With a Twist!

D'var Torah: To Speak Or Not To Speak?

By Rabbi Tzvi Tuchman

There is a fascinating idea expressed by the holy mystics of Kabbalah that the twelve months of the year correspond to the twelve tribes of the Jewish People. There is a difference of opinion exactly which months correspond to which tribe, but many authorities use the order of formation of the tribes as they traveled for forty years through the Sinai desert. As such, the month of Nissan, the first of the year, corresponds to the tribe of Yehudah - the tribe that represents Kingship and Royalty. According to this calculation, the month of Kislev - the month in which we celebrate the holiday of Chanukah - corresponds to the tribe of Binyomin. As the mystics teach, each month's tribe has a special quality or trait that we are to focus on and learn to incorporate into ourselves during that month. So, what is the unique trait of Binyomin and what connection does it have with Chanukah which occurs during its month?

Our Sages tell us that Rachel, the mother of Binyomin, excelled, among other things, in her ability to control her mouth. Despite knowing full well that her father Lavan would try to trick Yaakov and therefore devising a secret code that she and Yaakov shared to ensure that it was Rachel under the chuppah, she kept her mouth shut when she gave that code to her sister Leah. (Yes, this requires further discussion as to why she did this without telling Yaakov, so perhaps we can address that question in another D'var Torah.) Nevertheless, Rachel exhibited a tremendous amount of self-control over her mouth

despite the negative ramifications it had for her well-being. Our Sages teach that she bequeathed this trait to her descendants as well. For example, even after the prophet Shmuel anointed Shaul as the first king over Israel, Shaul (from the tribe of Binyomin) didn't tell people about his appointment until after Shmuel announced it to the nation. Additionally, despite people questioning his credentials as king and verbally assaulting him, Shaul remained silent. His ability to control his mouth was exemplary.

Similarly, we find this trait of keeping quiet in the face of pressures to speak out with another descendant of Rachel/Binyomin - Queen Esther. We are all familiar with the storyline of Purim in which Esther is chosen as the new queen for Achashveirosh yet, despite numerous attempts to find out her lineage,

Esther remains silent. It is only after Mordechai tells her that the time is ripe, does she reveal her Jewish roots and that Haman's plan to annihilate her people must be stopped. It is this quality of control over her mouth, knowing when to speak and, more importantly, when NOT to speak, that runs through the generations of descendants of Rachel/Binyomin.

Finally, we find this trait of keeping silent with Binyomin himself. The Midrash states that somehow Binyomin became aware of what actually happened with the sale of Yoseph by his brothers and his subsequent departure down to Egypt. In fact, the mystics point out that the name of the precious stone on the Choshen (*Breastplate*), worn by the Kohen Gadol, representing Binyomin was called

"Yoshpeh." Rabbenu Bachya explains that this stone was comprised of various shades of red, black, green and purple and it was used as a segula to stop bleeding. It was granted to Binyomin since his heart went through various changes, as he was unsure whether or not to reveal to his father the truth of what he had learned of Yoseph's whereabouts. Binyomin was not present when Yoseph was sold, but according to Rabbenu Bachya, Binyomin knew the brothers sold Yoseph and he grappled with whether or not to reveal this secret. The name symbolizes the fact that

אין פה (ain peh - *no mouth*), since he withheld his words? The Chidushe Harim explains that when one is in control of an object, he is considered the owner of that object. If one cannot do what he desires with an object, then obviously he is not the master of that item. When one cannot control his speech and blurts out inappropriate language or speech, then it is as if he is not the owner of his mouth. Only one who is able to regulate his speech is in full control of his mouth. That is why the stone is referred to as "yesh peh" - since Binyomin was able to exercise restraint, thereby exhibiting full ownership over his mouth.

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Adult Ed Classes

By Rabbi Tzvi Tuchman



Virginia Adult Ed class at the Craig home

After a couple of challenging years due to COVID, it's wonderful to have the opportunity again to have a full slate of adult education classes this year. Not only did the pandemic NOT diminish people's desire to learn and grow in their Jewish knowledge but, perhaps BECAUSE of it, there is greater participation in these learning opportunities. Additionally, the ability to offer some classes via Zoom, to those who have difficulty getting out at night or live in an area that doesn't afford them the chance to join in person, has been well received.

Here's a sample of the past week for me (today is Tuesday):

Wednesday - Taught another class in the

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"Touring the Jewish Home" series focused on going room by room to find the spiritual contents that lie within our homes. This weekly series is in association with **Beth Sholom in Frederick** and is taught via Zoom.

Thursday - Facilitated a group discussion, hosted by **Alan Lazerow** in his beautiful home in Baltimore, on the topic of "Your Body Is Your Temple." This monthly conversation highlights the connection between the organs of the body and the mitzvot specifically associated with those organs, and will deepen our appreciation of the spiritual dimension of our physical body.

Sunday - Now in its third year, this bi-monthly Zoom class of participants from across the country (mostly from Columbus, OH - my old



RT's class at the Lazerow home

stomping grounds) takes a fresh look at familiar Biblical stories from the Torah and relates them to contemporary society and how we can learn lessons from these Biblical characters.

Monday - Traveled to Ashburn, VA, to the beautiful home of **Joe and Pamela Craig** for another segment in the series of monthly classes entitled, "Jukebox of Judaism." This class uses classic song titles and analyzes them through the lens of the Torah to bring out important ideas of Judaism.

If these offerings appeal to you or if you're interested in starting another class with a different topic in mind, please reach out to me at rabbiteshores.com. I would be happy to talk about this with you. As I love to say, "Have Torah, Will Travel!"

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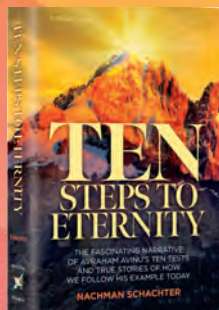
Shoresh suffered another major loss with the passing of our good friend **Joseph Friedman**. Joe was truly one-of-a-kind and we had a deep, personal relationship. I appreciate all the scholarships he helped procure through his brother **Manny Friedman**, and most importantly, introducing us to his amazing niece, **MollyBeth Rushfield**, our Director of Junior Shoresh for the past 15 years.

Finally, I would like to end with the words of my Rabbi, **Rav Nota Greenblatt ZT"l**, who recently passed away. Rabbi Greenblatt was not only the Rabbi in Memphis but he was literally a leader and great Rabbi to the entire Jewish people. Something that he said has always stayed with me: "Children take parents to a place that they would have never gone on their own." I am proud that Shoresh has started its 44th year and through all of our programs, events and Shabbatonim, we have positively affected hundreds and hundreds of Jewish families. May we continue to do so for this year and for many years to come.

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Perhaps, then, this is the connection between the month of Kislev, the tribe of Binyomin, and the holiday of Chanukah. Let us learn from the tribe of Binyamin to be extremely careful with our speech. To consider what we say, how we say it, and when we say it. To always be in control of what comes out of our mouths – so that we remain the master of our speech. If we are successful in becoming this master of speech, we will merit to utilize this power in its most glorious fashion by singing Hallel and Thanksgiving (הלל והודאה) which is the hallmark of Chanukah.

Wishing you a Freilichen and Lichtege Chanukah!



Rabbi Dave's brother-in-law **Nachman Schachter** recently had his book, *Ten Steps to Eternity*, published by Artscroll. It is very well written and if you have the opportunity, please take a look at Chapter 19. There you'll find a story about Bus 19, which was blown up in a terrorist attack in Israel on January 29, 2004 and is housed on the Shoresh campus. Every Tisha B'Av, we conduct a special memorial program and the campers who attend take upon themselves mitzvos in memory of the 11 victims who perished in the attack.

This calendar magnet of upcoming events was mailed to camp families and is posted on the Shoresh website. Please contact the office if you would like one!

SHORESH EVENTS CALENDAR 2022-2023 GOING STRONG ALL YEAR LONG!



OCTOBER

- Sunday Night - Tuesday Night, October 16-18: Shemini Atzeres & Simchas Torah bash at Shoresh campus

NOVEMBER

- Saturday, November 19: Silver Spring camp reunion Shabbaton family lunch in Kemp Mill
- Saturday Night, November 19: Montgomery County camp reunion at Monster Mini Golf in Gaithersburg

DECEMBER

- Saturday Night, December 3: Baltimore camp reunion at Bowlero Pikesville
- Friday Night - Sunday Morning, December 9-11: Fidler TTC trip participants Shabbaton at Shoresh campus
- Sunday, December 11: Camp Shoresh Open House and Chanukah Extravaganza ("Chopped: Chanukah Edition")
- Sunday, December 18: Northern VA Night of Lights - visit our booth!
- Tuesday-Sunday, December 27-January 1: Fidler TTC trip to Pittsburgh

JANUARY

- Saturday Night, January 14: Silver Spring camp reunion in Woodside
- Sunday, January 22: Open House/recruitment event at Camp Shoresh

FEBRUARY

- Sunday, February 5: Fundraiser

MARCH

- Monday Night, March 6: Purim Megillah reading and bash in Baltimore
- Sunday, March 26: Baltimore camp reunion - pre-Pesach "Destroy the Chametz" wreck room in Baltimore

APRIL

- TBD - Stay tuned for an event in April!

MAY

- Sunday, May 7: Barbeque Banquet at Shoresh campus

JUNE

- Sunday, June 11: Camp Shoresh Meet, Greet & Eat at Shoresh campus
- Monday-Friday, June 26-July 21: Camp Shoresh 1st session

JULY/AUGUST

- Monday-Thursday, July 24-August 10: Camp Shoresh 2nd session

Teen and adult classes are offered throughout the year in person and virtually. For more information or to start a class in your area, contact 410-358-8571 or shoresh@shoresh.com



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A Very Special Day at Camp



It's extremely special to celebrate a camper's bar or bas mitzvah at camp, and this summer we were thrilled that **Meritt Gordon** and his family, including our amazing camp nurse **Amy Gordon**, participated in a beautiful ceremony on the morning of Thursday, August 4th. Meritt was called to the Torah, recited his blessings, and did an excellent job with his prayers. Afterwards, many of his friends and staff members joined with his extended family in spirited dancing to mark this momentous achievement, and were treated to a scrumptious breakfast made by our own Chef, **David Schwartz**. We are so proud of you, Meritt - Mazal Tov!

Fidler Teen Torah Center Trip to Pittsburgh

A group of 40 Shoresh teenagers and staff will be hitting the road at the end of December and heading to Pittsburgh for six days of fun and togetherness. A key part of our TTC trips is to show the teens how they can appreciate being Jewish anywhere in the world, an especially important message since they'll be heading off to college in a few short years. We'll be listening to lessons given by scholars and *davening* (praying) at local synagogues, as well as eating dinner at the local Kosher restaurants.

On the way to Pittsburgh, the group will stop and pay its respects at the Flight 93 National Memorial in Stoystown, PA. The group will also make a memorial visit to Tree of Life Synagogue, the site of the horrific 2018 terror attack. We will spend Shabbos enjoying the home hospitality of Squirrel Hill families, our generous hosts.

After five action-packed days and nights filled with skiing and snow tubing, riding on the Duquesne Incline, ice skating, and so much more, the trip will end with a bang back in Baltimore at M&T Bank Stadium where we'll watch the Ravens play and (one hopes!!) beat the Steelers. Our teens and their families appreciate the opportunity to strengthen their Jewish roots.

“I'm excited to go on the teen trip to Pittsburgh and be with all the friends I haven't seen since summer. I've never been skiing before and I'm very excited to try. I know that if the trip is anything like last year's teen trip, it will be a lot of fun.

- Hyatt Gordon



Simchas Torah



The attendees on Tuesday evening, after the Simchas Torah celebration

After missing the last two years of Shemini Atzeres/Simchas Torah due to COVID, Shoresh was SO thankful that we could reopen our doors for the holidays. Over 130 people slept at the campus and more than 50 additional members of the Shoresh family drove in for meals, dancing, and joining in on some good, old-fashioned Shoresh fun.

The new addition to the **Dr. Robert & Marge Edelman** Sukkah was a big success and gave us much more room to enjoy the Chag! A huge thank you to everyone who bid on aliyohs and other kibbudim (honors), as well as those who gave donations for Ner La'ma'or (the "keeping the lights on" fund).

Attendees were thankful to **Phran Edelman, Debbie Finkelstein** and **Ilana Tuchman** for coordinating the menu, to all those who contributed delicious food, and for everyone who helped make it a wonderful Simchas Torah celebration with dancing and Ruach (energy).

Mrs. Marge Edelman (in her personalized Shoresh apron!) couldn't get over the extended size of the Succah that was filled to the max! She commented that the divrei Torah that were given at each meal and seeing all our little ones - the next generation - running around, were so meaningful to her.

Dr. Robert Edelman's favorite memory was being under the canopy of Talaisim (*prayer shawls*), and looking up to see the bright, eager faces of our Jewish children listening to the words of Torah read during Kol HaNe'arim (*a special Aliyah said on Simchas Torah dedicated to children*).

VIP Night at Ravens Stadium



Baltimore is famous for many things - the Inner Harbor, Fort McHenry, The Edgar Allen Poe House & Museum, and, of course, Oriole Park at Camden Yards and the Ravens' M&T Bank Stadium. Back in 2016, ShoresH hosted a fantastic Men's Night Out at Ravens Stadium and ever since then, we have been waiting for the right time to run another fundraiser there.

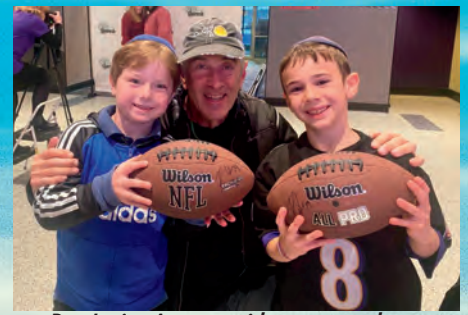
February 2022 turned out to be the right time, and thanks to **John Davison** and **Aharon Dinovitz**, this event was a huge success. The staff at the stadium were easy to work with and the food prepared by **Le Mo Catering** was enticing, delicious and presented beautifully.

Other highlights of the evening were appearances by several Ravens players, famous mentalist **Alain Nu**, former Orioles star shortstop **Mike Bordick**, and **Real Fan Dan Granofsky** who led all of us in tailor-made ShoresH cheers.

While we can't be sure if the best part of the evening was the famous singers who performed the anthems, the unbelievable auction, or the behind-the-scenes tour of Ravens Stadium, it's certain that the hundreds of people who attended truly had the time of their lives.

Thank you to all the teens, parents and staff who volunteered for the event, and a special thank you to **Phran Edelman** who helped plan the whole evening and retired from ShoresH afterwards, **Rabbi T**, and **Liz Matson**.

The most beautiful part of the event actually happened the next day. One of the Ravens players who attended the event, **Daelin Hayes**, met a very special young man there who deals with some severe medical issues. Daelin was extremely kind to him that night - as were **Chuck Clark** and Mike



Dr. Irwin Azman with great-nephews Yaakov & Sruli



Bordick - but then also visited the boy's house the next day and played football with him for 45 minutes. If that wasn't enough, Daelin even brought along one of his jerseys that had been signed by the starting defense. These are the kinds of magical moments that often happen at ShoresH.



Mentalist Alain Nu



Kenny Friedman, Yitzy Pretter & Dov Ocken



Delegate Dalya Attar with Ariella & Aharon Dinovitz



"Real Fan" Dan Granofsky



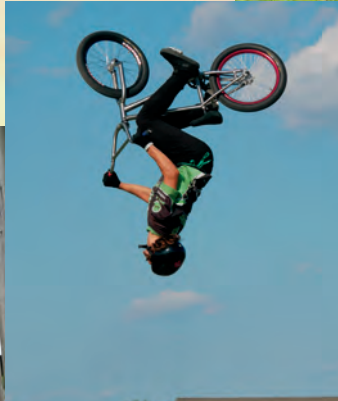
Camp Shoresh 2022

By Abby Persky

Camp Shoresh 2022 had the second largest group of campers in Shoresh history! Over 430 campers and more than 100 staff made a splash during 7 weeks of non-stop fun. We had camp classics like sports (including a new-for-2022 game, 9 Square in the Air), high and low challenge courses, theme days, edible art, trips to HersheyPark and Guppy Gulch, Color War, and new and exciting programs.

During the 9 Days prior to Tisha B'Av, a special presenter came with tens of thousands of Legos. Small groups of campers and staff each built a piece of Jerusalem's Old City, which were then placed on a giant floor map in their proper place (see photo below). The campers learned why this is a time of mourning for the Jewish people.

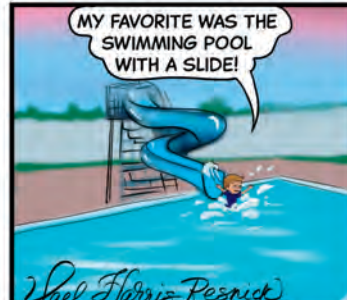
Other highlights of the summer were Grandparents' & Special Friends' Day, Shabbos parties, camper of the week awarded to those who displayed exemplary middos (character traits), and boy, was it tough to choose just one from each division.



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Jewish Roots Music Festival

By Rabbi David Finkelstein

Not everyone knows, but I had a longtime dream of hosting a "Kosher Woodstock." It finally came to fruition on Sunday, July 3rd, after months of planning and with the help of the Camp Shores staff, more than 65 volunteers, and co-chairs **Shani Kohen** and **Yona Openden**. Special props to **Etan G** who came from LA and helped run the production of the event. Shores held its first-ever Jewish Roots Music Festival on its beautiful 107-acre campus in Adamstown, MD. The fundraising event drew a crowd of over 1,000 children, teens and adults from near and far who enjoyed a day of Jewish music and family fun activities. The proceeds went towards the camp scholarship fund. Shores families come from diverse backgrounds and many of

them had not been exposed to Jewish and Hebrew music previously.

The sunny afternoon started out with a dance activity led by **Tzippy Levin of Simcha Steps**, face painting, moon bounces, balloon twisting, a petting zoo, pony rides, hayrides, basketball with UMD star **Sean Mosley**, and more. The world-famous musical lineup performed on multiple stages throughout the day and featured **Simply Tsfat**, **Yoni Rock** and **Pinny Schachter** on the side stage, and **Moshav Band**, **Lenny Solomon of Shlock Rock**, **Joey Newcomb** of #thankyouHashem fame, and **Avraham Rosenblum & Ruby Harris of Diaspora Yeshiva Band** on the main stage. The musicians all came back on stage to sing together for a grand finale as a background to a spectacular 4th of July fireworks show.

One family, who drove four hours from New Jersey because they couldn't resist seeing the all-star lineup, said afterward, "the music was of course fantastic as expected, but we were impressed by so much more. From the moment we set foot on the Shores campus, we could feel the love and care of the environment. There were countless staff members with smiling faces eager to help in any way needed. Everything felt smooth, safe, and professional. Above all, it was inspiring to be part of such a diverse group of

We love getting on stage and introducing the Moshav Band. They really are our favorites."

- **Erica Dek** and **Becca Friedman**

The whole staff did an outstanding job. You certainly have a lot to be proud of! Mechayil el chayil (may you go from strength to strength).

- **Rabbi & Rebbetzin Menachem Goldberger**

Jews enjoying a positive and wholesome experience together. The unity on and off the stage was so uplifting. Klal Yisroel needs more events like this to bring us all together!"

As **Yehuda Solomon of Moshav Band** said, "I always enjoy coming to a Shores function or just visiting. I consider Rabbi Dave to be one of my closest friends. This year it was especially amazing playing at the Shores Jewish Roots Music Festival alongside my father's bandmates from the **Diaspora Yeshiva Band**."

For **Joey Newcomb**, "the Shores Music Festival was something special. To enjoy genuine, expressive music outside with a bunch of people in Achdus (unity), especially when I was able to sing with one of my heroes, **Avraham Rosenblum**, was truly memorable."

We hope this is just the first of many such musical and cultural events that bring together the local and not-so-local Jewish community!

Shores really knows how to run a great fundraiser. They are really the best!

- **Aaron & Beth Goldberg**

This event was epic and spectacular - a real first in Jewish music.

- **Nossi Gross, Zemer Orchestra**

Gorgeous event today!

- **Rabbi & Mrs. Chaim Kosman**



Joey Newcomb & Rabbi Dave



Kohen family



Dr. Netanel & Ina Schwob



Rabbi & Rebbetzin Marwick and family



The grand finale with Ruby Harris, Nossi Gross, Duvid Swirsky, Avraham Rosenblum, Joey Newcomb, Yehuda Solomon & Lenny Solomon



Strum family



Matt & Susie Schoenfeld

Fidler Brew Crews & Davison Jew Crews

By Rabbi David Finkelstein

As we like to say at Shoresh, "Camp is the engine that drives the machine." Children attend our summer program (we welcomed 433 campers this year - our second largest camp ever!), come home so inspired and excited they immediately pique their parents' interest, and then the whole family gets involved.

One of the beautiful pieces of the year-round program are our classes for high school and middle school kids. Fidler Teen Torah Center Brew Crews are led in Frederick by **Avrumi Reches**, and in Rockville/Potomac/Gaithersburg and Silver Spring to serve many communities in Montgomery County by **Rabbi T. Rabbi Alon Dek** handles the Baltimore class and yours truly leads the Virginia group.

Rabbi Asher Stein runs the Davison Middle School Jew Crew class in Baltimore along with **Tehila Kugelsky**.

Depending on the location, we provide coffee or pizza, and give out gift cards



Virginia TTC Class

for participation. Besides learning about a relevant Jewish topic in a fun way, class attendees are able to interact with Shoresh staff and enjoy time with friends.

My last class was focused on the topic of doing Chesed in your daily life and it will positively affect the future of your descendants.

If your child would like to attend any of these classes, please reach out to lizeshores.com.



Shoresh Mixes Things Up At Community Challah Bake

Shoresh sponsored two tables at Etz Chaim's Great Community Challah Bake on November 9th at the Owings Mills JCC. Shoresh camp families and staff joined 300 other women & children from all over the Greater Baltimore region to make challah dough from scratch while listening to uplifting stories and dancing to upbeat music. It was inspiring to see everyone come together for a beautiful evening!

Walk of Fame Dedications

By Abby Persky

This summer, we celebrated the dedication of FOUR new stars on our Walk of Fame.

On a sunny July day, a group of campers and staff from each division watched the unveiling of **Ben Greenwald's** star. They listened to their peers speak from the heart about the impact Shoresh has had on their lives, and how that impact was made possible through Ben's generosity. Everyone enjoyed a drink of sparkling cider with a slice of star cake designed by **Leah Kowalsky** and brought to life by **Pariser's Bakery**.

A gorgeous day in early August heralded not one, but two new stars for

(sisters!) **Shirley & Howard Blumenfeld** and **Fran and Henry Reitberger**. Campers **Isaac and Zachy Blumenfeld** watched along with their bunkmates as their grandparents were honored for their contributions to Shoresh.

While we were not able to rejoice with **Frona Brown** in person this summer, we were privileged to debut her star on the Walk of Fame in thanks for all that she has done to support Shoresh.

A huge mazel tov to all of these generous people who are utterly deserving of recognition for their ongoing contributions to the lives of the campers, staff and year-round participants of the Shoresh organization.

You enable us to run quality programming every month of the year.
Todah Rabah!



Howard & Shirley Blumenfeld with their grandsons Zachy and Isaac



Fran & Henry Reitberger

From the Shoresh Inbox

Mail from Campers:

"Thank you for the generous gift of the *siddur*. I really enjoy my time at Shoresh and I appreciate you thinking of me."

"Thank you so much for letting me have a wonderful year at my favorite camp, Shoresh. It was truly amazing! And thank you for the *chumash*! It is so cool and I already learned so much!"

"Thank you for giving me the opportunity to go on the teen trip. I had a great time. I loved staying at Shoresh for Shabbos with my friends. I'm looking forward to returning to camp this summer as a CIT. Hope to see everyone soon."

Mail from Parents:

"THANK YOU for a great 2 weeks at Shoresh... I would not have necessarily expected my daughter to be excited about camp. She is not quick to participate, and is not always enthusiastic about *yiddishkeit*. You have created an environment where she is excited to win prizes for benching and is actively excited about camp. The other day she asked me what *bracha* to make before she ate something. These are not small things."

"Whatever you are doing, you are doing right. Our hope in sending kids to Jewish camps is to feel all the fun feelings about living a Jewish lifestyle in a very easy and comfortable way. You have done that with [her] for this summer. THANK YOU for all that you are doing. I'm so happy that she decided to go to Shoresh!"

"Our son came home recently very excited with a set of *tfillin* that you gave him. It is a tremendously generous gift, so we send our most sincere thanks. As I'm sure you've come to see over these years, he loves Shoresh passionately (he literally keeps a countdown app on his phone during the school year for the first day of camp), and is a kid who sincerely embraces his Jewish identity and is engaged in discovering his practice. He was super excited to tell us about your relationship with him, and to show the *tfillin* to us and how he is learning."

As Jews, we certainly know that it "takes a village to raise a child" and again, your generosity and connection to him is such an important part of J's village.

P.S. Our older son sends his hellos! He graduated from JDS, spent 3 months in Israel, and is preparing to leave for college in a few weeks. It seems like a minute ago he was a 5th grade camper! Time flies!"

"You are always in our thoughts. I want you to know that both my kids are so connected to Shoresh. They both say that Shoresh is their summer home. The sense of community and values instilled at camp stay with them throughout the year. [He] even led services in his class this morning with a friend. We appreciate all you do."

Donations:

"I just made a donation online. Just wanted to tell you I am so glad you folks gave out your Shoresh '*pushkes*.' Our Shoresh *pushke* has its honored place on the table where I light my Shabbos candles, and gets a boost each week. My sons all loved their years at Shoresh, and we are happy to continue to donate. Keep up the marvelous work!"

"We'd like to thank you for everything you did to make our son's bar mitzvah amazing, joyful and so memorable! It totally exceeded our expectations. We are so grateful to have Shoresh as our 'extended family.' The kindness shown to all our friends and family was so sincere. We thank you and all the staff from the bottom of our hearts. Please accept this donation in honor of our son's bar mitzvah and in appreciation of all."

Jewish Lifecycle:

"I'd like to thank you and all of Camp Shoresh for participating in and celebrating my bar mitzvah. I have learned much about Judaism over the past 10 years at Shoresh and have had so much fun. Thank you for allowing me to have my bar mitzvah at camp. Also, thank you for giving me a pair of *tfillin*. I will use them every day. I have enjoyed my time being a part of the *minyan*. I look forward to participating in Brew Crew this year. See you at Camp 2023!"

"It's been a good while and this morning I had a thought that I wanted to share with you. Shoresh just celebrated the ultimate in celebrations, the wedding of [B]. My thought was how incredibly proud this recent wedding was for you and the Shoresh family! There is no doubt in my mind that a Jew who returns to religious observance is a miracle from above. Your wonderful camp was the amazing *Klee* (vessel) which facilitated the journey that [B] is on. We are thrilled for the [K] family, for [B], and for the entire Shoresh family. The good work that is done on a daily basis in Adamstown, Maryland - and once upon a time on Main Street in Frederick - reaps incredible rewards. The sweat equity pays off!"

"I am currently 11 years old and thinking about my Bar Mitzvah. I have enjoyed going to camp for the past seven years and will continue to do so. Camp allows me to have such a fun summer each year while at the same time teaching me about Judaism. Last year, after seeing another camper's bar mitzvah at camp, I decided that same day, before we even left camp, that I wanted to have my own bar mitzvah at camp. It was so much fun being there and watching him become a bar mitzvah. Everything about it was amazing and there is nothing I would have changed. Recently, we have been thinking about planning my bar mitzvah in the coming years. I know that you do not normally do b'nai mitzvah at camp but I think it would be the most fun and enjoyable way for me to have mine. For this reason, I believe it is appropriate to ask if I can have my bar mitzvah at camp."

"Our entire family thanks you very much for your acts of kindness to us. We were so grateful to see you at the funeral. We wish you much success and hope to see you only at simchas."

Letters from Alumni:

"Wanted to share a bit of Shoresh nachas. As you know, we live in Yerushalayim. This past Shabbos, we had three Shoresh campers/staff sleep over. It was great fun and a bit of a Shoresh reunion which they all enjoyed. You would've loved seeing them all together, and, even more, you would've loved their *ruach* during *bentching*. It was amazing! Now for a laugh: on Friday nights, I *daven* at a tiny Breslov Shteibel in Shaarei Chesed; it's the highlight of my week. The girls decided to join me and they loved it - said it was like Shoresh on steroids!"

"So wonderful to hear from you. Our whole family has wonderful memories from our time at Shoresh and we are so grateful to have been part of your beautiful community."

Misc.

"I must thank you for allowing me to speak and meet with the wonderful young people you are bringing closer to G-d. It is very clear to me that through your sincerity and concern for each and every child, you have been so successful in bringing so many of them closer to Torah and to *mitzvos*."

"Thank you for all the great things you are doing for Jewish youth in Frederick County and beyond."

Mazel Tovs

Weddings

Rachel & **Benny Ebert-Zavos**
Jordana (Eisenberg) & Ethan Kassimir
Nesia (Ely) & Noah Ziv
Ateret (Frank) & Jonathan Brauner
 Shoshi & **Bernie Goldberg**
Shira (Itzkowitz) & Nachie Lowy
 Shlomit & **Yisroel Juskowicz**
Brielle (Kaplan) & Shmaryahu Werner
 Temima & **Avraham Kovel**
Joanna (Kozlovsky) & Dani Strauss
Toby (Levin) & Yoni Samuels
 Miriam & **Adam Lombardo**
Nechama (Mael) & Chaim Shmuel Grossman
 Shira & **Moshe Chaim Majeski**
 Avigayil & **Avi Mitnick**
 Sara & **Josh Nabozny**
Michal (Ottensoser) & Yosef Yehuda Friedman
Carly (Peltz) & Jonathan Talbot
 Michal & **Mahyer Reischer**
 Danielle & **Ayden Stone**
Nadine (Tabbouche) & Elchonon Cohen
 Eliana & **Yaakov Yehuda "Y.Y." Trout**
Goldie (Walls) & Yehuda Yedidya

Engagements

Gabby Roffe to **Paul Auster**
Leah Dinovitz to Avi Carroll
Ahuva Greenlinger to Gavriel Wealcatch
 Elona Ryba to **Tzaki Miller**
Penny Pazornick to Gilad Berkowitz
 Sarah Chamberland to **Eli Pottash**
 Atara Neugroschl to **Netani Shields**
Daniella Shnidman to Ozzie Stillman
Neshi Sukol to Yitzi Teichman

Births

A son, Dovid Aryah, to Aliza & **Kovi Barron**
 A daughter, Odeliya Aliza, to **Lila (Halpern)** & Binyamin Besser
 A daughter, Ahuva Galya Liel, to Liza & **Mendel Davis**
 A son, Shlomo Yitzchok, to Naomi & **Josh Finkelstein**
 A son, Binyamin Shmuel, to **Elisheva (Finkelstein)** & Eli Frenkel
 A daughter, Ella, to Natalie & **Avi Friedberg**
 A son, Eliezer Michael, to **Aviva (Lombardo)** & Shmu Gabai
 A daughter, Ariella Rebecca, to **Andrea (Kandel)** & Matt Gardner
 A son, Yehoshua Elazar, to **Shani (Taragin)** & Yaakov Grayman
 A daughter, Elaina Beth, to **Allison (Needle)** & Eric Hoffman
 A daughter, Yael Malka, to **Yehudis** & Yehuda Leib Katz
 A son, Akiva Yitzchak, to **Liora (Miller)** & Gedaliah Knizhnik
 A son, Eliyahu Shalom, to **Devorah** & Donni Krainess
 A son, Gavi, to **Rachel (Gold)** & Dani Leskowitz
 A daughter, Ava, to Eliana & **Adam Leve**
 A daughter, Leah Bracha, to Avigayil & **Avi Mitnick**
 A daughter, Leora, to Elianna & **Chaim Mitnick**
 A daughter, Naomi, to **Nina (Lazerow)** & Avi Muller
 A daughter, Racheli, to Tzivi & **Yitzchok Ottensoser**
 A daughter, Penina Ora, to Raizel & **Doni Raskas**
 A daughter, Chaya Tehilla, to **Aleeza (Schwartz)** & Avrumi Reches
 A daughter, Ruby Charlotte, to **Joanna (Rapoport)** & Joe Rombro
 A son, Shmuel Simcha, to **Michal (Raskas)** & Jacob Saks
 A daughter, Liviah Emma, to **Yakira (Heller)** & Matthew Silverman
 A daughter, Tamar Belle, to **Chani (Barkai)** & Naor Simhi
 A son, Gavriel, to Rachel & **Harry Spar**
 A son, Shlomo Yitzchak, to Bassie & **Michael Stein**
 A son, Moshe Yehuda, to Michal & **Yisroel Yaacov Stein**
 A son, Judah David, to Rebecca & **Jeremy Sykes**
 A daughter, Meira Tova, to **Elana (Trombka)** & Yosie Friedman
 A daughter, Elowynn Mae, to **Taylor (Graham)** & Panagiotis Tsinonis
 A son, Yisroel Isser, to Esti & **Moshe Tuchman**
 A daughter, Sarah Temima, to **Nesiah (Ely)** & Noah Ziv



Mazel tov to our very own **Shani Majeski** for donating her kidney through Renewal.

Where Are They Now?

Isaac Sherman attended Camp Shores for eight years. His favorite counselor was **Chaim Finkelstein** because he made Isaac feel right at home and able to make the most of his Shores experience.

Isaac treasures the feeling of community and the long-lasting relationships that he gained during his time in Shores. He still keeps in touch with Rabbi Dave and does his best to visit if he's home during the summer. He truly feels like he could go to a Shabbaton or walk onto the Shores grounds at any point and have an instant connection with anyone and everyone.

Isaac is currently living in Charleston, SC and works as an Associate Financial Advisor at Northwestern Mutual.

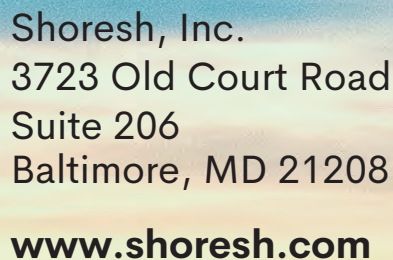


Batsheva Schechter spent two summers working for Camp Shores where she taught Edible Art and was a CIT counselor. She loves Shores because of its loving, warm, and inclusive environment where everyone can connect to their Jewish roots.

She is currently attending the University of Baltimore School of Law.

Maxwell Newman spent a whopping 16 years at Shores! He is thankful that when **Chaim Finkelstein** was his counselor, he was patient with him and his friends! Shores provided a community for him to connect with his Judaism while growing up in Frederick, MD, a descendant of Holocaust survivors. Shores ingrained the cultural aspect of Judaism in his life and enabled him to connect with Jews he otherwise would not have, in college and beyond. Had he not spent his years in Shores, he doubts he would have as strong of a connection to Judaism as he does today. Beyond that, it was a ton of fun and solidified friendships that he still keeps to this day.

Maxwell is a Startup Engineer in San Francisco, California.



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A photograph of three people smiling for a photo at an outdoor event. On the left is a woman with reddish-brown hair wearing a green and white patterned shirt. In the center is a man with a grey beard and glasses wearing a bright green t-shirt. On the right is a man with glasses wearing a black t-shirt. They are standing in front of a blue structure, possibly a golf cart or part of a clubhouse. Other people and greenery are visible in the background.



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