



# MOSHAVA CHADASHOT CHANUKAH 5776

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## shalom from our Rosh Mosh Daniel Gofine

Shalom Moshava Family!!

It's no secret that I love coming back to camp, and that Moshava is the best place for me to spend my summer. What I love about camp is that I know that every year, some



traditions in camp will never change. Joie will always make her Chicken Soup and Babka on Shabbat, the *Agam* and *Breicha* are the best place to cool off in the summer, that Friday night dancing will always be uplifting, and that the camp will always come together as the sun begins to set at *Mifkad* on Fridays. What makes camp so special is how our Ennsimore traditions don't leave camp, and how they are preserved from summer to summer.

But camp also gets me excited because I know that every summer, new things will be added! A new *Tochnit* will be dreamt up, new bunks will be built on the *Migrashim*, new *peulot* will be added, and even the colours of the camp t-shirts

will change for Visitor's Day. Camp works hard to innovate itself with new programs to help keep things fresh and exciting.

Innovating and preserving is a theme that really comes through during Chanukah.

Rav Aharon Lichtenstein zt"l pointed out that on the one hand, after the Jewish people's near destruction, we managed to restore our *Beit Ha'Mikdash*, relight our *Menorah*, and maintain our glory as an *Am Kadosh* and preserve it for the future.

However, Rav Lichtenstein zt"l also points out that Chanuka is not just a holiday about restoring and maintaining a previous state, but of innovating our identity, also. The word "Chanukah", which comes from the root CH-N-K, is used by the *Torah* and *Chazal* to teach us that new beginnings are on their way. For example, when the *Mishkan* was established, the first sacrifices offered were referred to as the "*chanukat ha-mizbeach*". *Chazal* refer to the sacrifice of a kohen when he begins his term of service as a "*minchat chinukh*". The miracle that happened on Chanukah enabled a new holiday to be formed and allowed our nation to be brought together after it was nearly destroyed.

Great summers at camp are brought through preserving Moshava's long-standing traditions, but also innovating the way we do things to make sure we have the best summer we can have. In doing both, camp will remain the special place that it is, but will also continue to be improved for many more amazing summers.

I hope you all have a warm, safe, and happy Channukah, and I can't wait to meet you at the upcoming reunions in Israel and Toronto! Bivricha, Gofine

### Shabbat Mikeitz

Jerusalem: 3:55 / 4:15

Moshava : 4:16 / 5:23

Toronto: 4:22 / 5:29

Montreal: 3:54 / 5:02

New York: 4:10 / 5:16

Los Angeles: 4:26 / 5:25

Ramat Gan: 4:15 / 5:17

Tzfat: 4:10 / 5:12



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# Channukah Sameach from Our Director



There are so many exciting things going on right now, I don't even know where to begin. Firstly, what an amazing response to registration. Great to see so many campers returning and welcome to all our new campers. We are so glad you have joined our MOSHAVA FAMILY. Tons of interviews have started so that the absolute best tzevet can be picked to give the campers an amazing summer experience. Exciting new building projects have begun including 2 new cabins and a new Teva area. Wait till you find out in the next newsletter what is going on in it..... Also an exciting new peula will be happening this summer called NERF TURF (see attached flyer). The Moshava reunion will be taking place in Toronto on January 22/23<sup>rd</sup> and in Israel on January 16<sup>th</sup>. Stay tuned for sign up and details for the reunions. New campers are of course welcomed and encouraged to join the reunion.

Over the next few months there will be tons of exciting announcements so I really urge you to keep reading your camp emails.

As the Jewish people are going through trying times right now, I pray that the light of chanukah shines brightly unto the Jewish nation and brings peace to Klal Yisroel.

A special refuah shleima wish to our amazing camper and friend Noam Azerad. Please continue your positive thoughts, prayers and tehillim for Noam Shmuel Haim Ben Yehudit.

CHANNUKAH SAMEACH,  
Vicky



We'd love to hear from you during the year! If you would like to share memories, a top 5 or top 10 list or really anything at all, please sent it to [meir@campmoshava.org](mailto:meir@campmoshava.org)



## From the Mitbach - A taste of Camp At Home! Oven Fried Latkes (parve)

### Ingredients

- 2 pounds potatoes
- 1 small yellow onion, peeled
- 2 large eggs
- 2 scant teaspoons salt
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- ¼ cup all-purpose flour
- 1 cup vegetable oil

### Equipment

- Measuring cups & spoons
- Mixing bowls & spoons
- Peeler
- Grater
- Sieve
- Non-stick, rimmed baking sheets
- Tongs

Preheat oven to 425 degrees F (220 degrees C).

Peel the potatoes, then coarsely grate them with the onion together in food processor or by hand using a box grater. Place potato mixture in a fine sieve and press down firmly with paper towel to remove excess moisture. Stir and repeat a few times with fresh paper towels until liquid is mostly drained. Transfer potato mixture to bowl and mix in eggs, salt, baking powder and flour.

Fill two heavy non-stick rimmed baking sheets with ½ cup oil each. Place pans in oven for 10 minutes to heat the oil. Wearing oven mitts, carefully remove pans from oven. Drop batter by the ¼-cupful onto baking sheets, spacing about 1 ½ inches apart. Using the bottom of the measuring cup or a spoon, press down on pancakes to flatten just slightly. Bake for 15-20 minutes, or until bottoms are crisp and golden. Carefully remove pans from oven and flip latkes (tongs are the best tool as a spatula may cause oil to splatter). Place pans back in oven and cook until latkes are crisp and golden brown all over, about 10 minutes more. Remove pans from oven and transfer latkes to large platter lined with paper towels. Serve immediately with sour cream or apple sauce, if desired

**Yields 18 Latkes - 40 minutes of prep time**





# Chag Urim Sameach from Rav Mazer

## A Question of Values

The holiday of Chanuka was established by the rabbis during the period of the second Beit Hamikdash, to celebrate the miracle of Hashem saving us from an existential threat. The ruling Greek party at the time had no intention to physically hurt us, rather they wanted us to assimilate and abandon our beliefs, but their actions seem to be inconsistent. The Midrash says that the Greeks darkened the eyes of Israel, as they demanded them to write on the horn of a bull, "We have no connection to the God of Israel". This seems to align with their stated goal. However, a different source has Talmai, the previous Greek King in Israel, asking the Sages of Israel to translate the Torah into Greek. From here it would seem that the Greeks were open to, and even encouraged, Torah learning.

How can these stories be reconciled? The Greeks valued our Torah very much, and they recognized that it is an incredible book that has tremendous wisdom. However they did not value the religious side to Torah, and they rejected the notion that Torah is what connects us to Hashem, and to our mission as His Chosen People. They had no problem with us learning Torah as an intellectual pursuit, however taking the Torah to the next level and actually living by it contradicted what the Greeks were trying to do.

This is why in the Al Hanissim Tefillah that we say every day of Chanukah, we remember that the Greeks tried to "להשכיחם תורתך" - make us forget your Torah: they did not want us to forget Torah intellectually, rather to have us abandon the Torah as our connection to Hashem.

Chag Chanukah Sameach. Rav Elan Mazer



**BY BEN SAFRAN**

My name is Ben. I am in Eidah Alef. My older brothers went to camp and I joined them for the first time this past summer. I had such a good time. I played with old friends and meet new ones from around the globe. My counselors were so nice and welcoming from when I came out of the bus till I went on the bus home. My favorite activity was megamot (Academies) . I like that I could choose between in camp activities and out. I'm really happy I came to Moshava and I am excited to come back next year in Eidah bet one.



## Top 10 Reasons to have Camp During Channukah



10. Vending machines will accept chocolate coins
9. Enough Laffy Taffy's for one day will last the entire year
8. EIGHT CRAZY NIGHTS!
7. Latkes and bonfires!
6. We'd serve Greek Salad for the irony!
5. Colour war Chanukah Making!

4. We can teach Alpacas to spin dreidels
3. Tobogganing!
2. Skating
1. SO WE CAN TAKE THE ENTIRE CAMP TO A PETERBOROUGH PETES GAME!



# Our Tzevet in Israel

## Ahava Magence - Shallavim for Women

### Channukah

In Judaism, our right hand is dominant, both emotionally and physically. We use our right to do or start most mitzvot, like washing and pound our chest in **לנו'סלח**. If right is halachically and spiritually superior, why is our heart on our left? Our heart is on OUR left, but that's always somebody else's right! Our heart is for others. We use it to do chessed and love, while our right side is more personal in order to fulfill our own needs. How does this connect to Chanukah? In the times of the Maccabees, the Jews were fighting the **יוונים** but they were fighting Hellenized (Jews that wanted to assimilate into Greek culture) Jews as well. There was no achdut in communities and many battles were against assimilation rather than the Greeks. Unfortunately there were many casualties due to this civil war. Therefore, maybe the Jews should have fought with their hearts/left and not violence. On another note, when we light the menorah, we start on the left side and make our way to the right side. What is the reason for this? I believe that when one does chessed they always get some in return. **ונתנו- <** the Baal Tourim says is a palindrome (a word that backwards and forwards is the same word) because when you give, **נותן**, you get back.] Therefore, when we light on the left, do chessed and love others, it eventually will return back to us, like how we always end lighting on the right. One more thought of how a connection could be made, is when we light the menorah it has to be at a time that people theoretically would be outside and light at the window for all to see, why? This is because the light is not for our own benefit, in fact it's the opposite. We light candles to include all of **ישראל**, toכלל also take part in the mitzvah with us, so other can benefit like when we use our left instead of our right. This channukah may we focus on strengthening our right, and therefore ourselves, while never forgetting why we are doing so- to be able to exude our inner light out to others through our left.



## Remember This?





# Past Present and Future – With Rachel Goodman Aspler

I can honestly say that although I last attended Camp Moshava in 1992 as Rosh Eidah Gimmel, it is a part of my everyday life. Camp Moshava was central in making me the person that I am today. I started off in 1980 as the youngest camper in Moshava, just 7 years old. And while I think I may have been just a little homesick, I loved every minute of it. I went with my older brother, Noam, and then my younger sister, Ayala, followed us a couple of years later. I missed only one year, 1984, for Noam's Bar Mitzvah as we went as a family to Israel, and I remember being so upset with my parents that they were taking me away from Camp that summer!



Camp for me was all about the Ruach. Shabbat singing and dancing for hours and hanging on the rafters in the Chaddar Ochel, stories and slow shira at Seudah Shlishit, Colour War breakouts, the shelet eish, and winning the colour war choir. There was the Omega (some of you may still remember that unsafe version of zip-lining?) and sitting on blankets under the tree in front of your bunk making gimp bracelets (no chairs for us!), making our own tents with blankets and rocks, carrying your canteen up to the water fountain (our parents didn't order us cases of water bottles), and sitting on the tennis courts on Tisha B'Av by the light of sandbags with candles crying over our Beit Mikdash that we had built and our counsellors burnt so we would feel just a little bit of the destruction. These memories are so vivid in my mind. And the friendships are everlasting. I was lucky enough to develop friendships with both kids and Tzevet which I maintain to this day with people who live all over the world. I married my husband, Hudi, whom I originally met at Moshava as young kids, and we now live in Montreal, the hometown of my best friends from camp. Through Moshava, and my involvement in Bnei Akiva growing up in Toronto, I was instilled with a deep love for

עם ישראל, בארץ ישראל, על פי תורת ישראל

that was supported by my family and which we continue to teach to our children to this day. Just this past summer, we took a family trip to Israel for our daughter, Nediva's Bat Mitzvah, and just like I did 31 years ago, Nediva complained to me about not being able to go to Moshava this past summer and asked to stay at camp instead of going to Israel! But I explained to her that Camp will always be a part of her life, and she, along with our son, Gavi, will be coming back to Moshava this coming summer, iy'h. You see, camp is in my blood – I am on the Vaad, came back a few years ago to "Build-A-Bunk," and try to come up for Shabbat as often as I can to rejuvenate myself with that Camp Moshava Ruach. Even if I have to sleep in an Atco.



# Mazel TOV

## Weddings



*Aliza Schlusselfberg & Robert Balis*

## Engagements



*Laura Rubin &  
Joel Jesin*



*Elie Wolynetz &  
Cara Seltzer*



*Chana Oziel &  
David Ouzzan*

## Bar Mitzvah

*Ethan Lebowitz*

*Adam Perras*

*Yonah Suissa*

## Bat Mitzvah

*Dalia Kupferberg*





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# MOSHAVA BA'IR TORONTO HOCKEY CAMP WITH LORNE PILLEMER

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Once a week the parents will get the chance to come and watch their children play during the parents' game. In addition to all of this, the campers will also get to go on weekly trips! This program is offered for boys going into grade 1 to grade 6 with all different skill levels.



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## APPLY ONLINE AT

[www.moshavabairtoronto.org](http://www.moshavabairtoronto.org)

If you have any questions about MBT Hockey Camp, please email [carly.hockey@hotmail.com](mailto:carly.hockey@hotmail.com).



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Session 2: July 18 – July 29

Session 3: August 1 – August 12

Session 4: August 15 – August 19

MBTrips: August 22 – August 26

\$650 for 2 weeks

\$875 for 3 weeks

\$1,225 for 4 weeks

\$1,500 for 5 weeks

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\$2,000 for 7 weeks

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[www.moshavabairtoronto.org](http://www.moshavabairtoronto.org)

## ANY QUESTIONS?

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