

Shevet Tapuz

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A Message From Gabi

Merakez Hashevet

Parents and Chanichim Chazaq!

I want to use this opportunity to express my appreciation to our wonderful Shachbag once again. They worked so hard to bring about two amazing events during April.

The field trip to Holy Jim Falls – a wonderful experience for our chanichim. Thank you Yael for the activity plan.

Yom Hazikaron ceremony was performed after weeks of preparation and hard work. Thank you Nirit and Tal for being in charge of the event. Thank you Gal for supervising and helping to bring about this important event for the second time.

We have more exciting events in the upcoming month, so check out the [Lag-Baomer](#) bonfire and [Israel Expo](#).

Chazaq Ve Ematz,
Gabi

Field Trip: Holly Jim Falls

By: Yeetav Adimor,
5th - 6th Grade's Madrich



We started the field trip on a nice morning on April 9th. After a short safety presentation by Gabi and an explanation by Yael about the story behind the hike (a legend about the secrets of life), we headed off.

The Tetnikim (9th graders) led the first activity. It was their first experience in leading an activity and they did great. We had many additional activities along the hike, which presented challenges to the chanichim.

One of the assignments was to build a bridge crossing a small waterfall. We built the bridge from scratch – cutting some fallen trees, which the chanichim tied down together.

After an hour and a half, we had a long wide bridge strong enough to carry everyone across the water. This was a real survival activity!!! During the hike up the mountain we spotted a few chewy flowers with a sweet sour taste which all of the kids enjoyed. When we finally got to the waterfall, all the chanichim were really anxious to eat their lunch. Two-shachbag members spontaneously entered the freezing water of the waterfall, half of the shevet followed, and even Gabi had no choice but to jump into the water himself. On the way back I decided to give my chanichim a bit of action and we jumped down the mountain, between the rocks, through the water down to the trail start. When we all got back, tired but happy, all the groups put together the puzzle pieces they collected along the trail and we got a picture of the whole shevet. "The secret of life" are the important people in our lives. After hugs and group pictures we left the area. Everyone just can't wait for the next field trip!

For field trip **photos** please click: <http://www.shevettapuz.org/FieldTripTrabucoCanyonP.htm>

Family Second Seder

By Tirtza Yazma

I think it will be nice to share our thoughts and feelings about the Shevet Tapuz second Seder with all our families. I am sure all of us feel that each event we celebrate together adds another knot to our long chain and strengthens our connection with the Tapuz Community. The room, in which the Seder was held, looked like a family room in someone's home. Each family brought home cooked food, and read their part in our special Hagadah, which made the whole thing a family event. Lots of thanks to the organizing team (Sabrina, Ayelet, Keren, Edna, Naomi and Tirtza), to Rama who rented the place, to Bar Kariv, the talented 5th grader who illustrated the Hagadah and to David Manor who led the Seder.



The **Shevet Tapuz Hagadah** will be available online soon.
Pictures from the Seder <http://www.shevettapuz.org/Seder2006P.htm>

Yom-Hazikaron

Yom-Hazikaron ceremony, which was prepared and performed by Shevet Tapuz's Shachbag and the 9th graders, was a touching and meaningful event. On this very Israeli day, we were proud to watch our children carry the "torch" of remembrance, passed on from our generation to theirs with dignity and pride.



Yom Hazikaron Program: <http://www.shevettapuz.org/YZK2006PM.htm>

Pictures <http://www.shevettapuz.org/YomHazikaron2006P.htm>

A Letter to a Fallen Brother: , <http://www.shevettapuz.org/mybrothertzachi.htm>

Huge Thanks to **Gal Sapir** for working with the Shachbag (for the 2nd year) on Yom Hazikaron Ceremony; collecting and editing the material, rehearsing with the Shachbag, and contributing her musical talent to a well thought out event.

Thank you!

May Calendar

<http://www.shevettapuz.org/calendar.htm#13>

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| May 1 | Erev Yom Hazikaron |
| May 7 | Peula (3 rd -8 th ,10 th – 12 th Grades only). |
| May 6-7 | 9 Grade Camp |
| May 13 | Lag Ba-omer Bonfire |
| May 21 | Israel Expo |

Lag Ba-omer

May 13

For the scouts and their families, at a beach in San Clemente Beach, on Saturday, May 13.

<http://www.shevettapuz.org/LagBaomer2006.htm>



Summer Camp

June 23-25, at Lazy W Ranch (off Ortega HWY)

<http://www.shevettapuz.org/SummerCamp2006.htm>

Merakez Shevet Needed

The Shevet is looking for Merakez / et Shevet for the next year, September 2006 – June 2007. Please Click on the link below for details.

<http://www.shevettapuz.org/MerakezShevet2006-7.htm>

Tzofim Summer in Israel

Keshet: For children in 6th-8th Grade <http://www.shevettapuz.org/Keshet2006.htm>

Tzabaria: For children in 9th-12th Grade <http://www.shevettapuz.org/Tzabaria2006.htm>

We Need Used Bed Sheets

The Shevet needs old bed sheets to be used as material for **TENTS** in the **SUMMER CAMP** and for other purposes. Please bring your bed sheets anytime during regular activity.



Host Families for Shlichim are Needed

The JEWISH FEDERATION is looking for hosts for 4 shlichim from Kiryat Malachi and Hof Ashkelon. If you can host a Sahliach for two weeks this summer, please contact **Tami Litka** at Ozinlrv@aol.com

Community Events / Programs

Israel Expo 2006

May 21, 1:00 pm – 6:00 pm
Samueli Jewish Campus (JCC)

http://www.jewishorangecounty.org/section_display.html?ID=990

- The **SHEVET** will have a BOOTH at the event. We will sell WATERMELONS and we will have a ROPE ACTIVITY. **WE NEED 4 PARENTS TO HELP SELL THE WATERMELONS.** Please let Sabrina or Gabi know if you can help
- The Jewish Federation needs volunteers for the event. Please contact Tami Litka at Ozinlrv@aol.com . Volunteers applications are available online:
Youth <http://www.shevettapuz.org/IFVY.pdf> Adults <http://www.shevettapuz.org/IFV.pdf>

Israel Society Through Music

May 10, Wednesday, 6 pm, JCC

<http://www.shevettapuz.org/ISTM.htm>

Rami Kleinstein and His Band

June 5, Monday, 8 pm

<http://www.shevettapuz.org/RamiK.htm>

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