

# Shevet Tapuz



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## A Message from Gabi

### Merakez Hashevet

Dear Chanichim, Shachbag and Parents,

I am happy to say that we did very well on our first challenge this year; beginning a new year of Tsofim activities. We already had the Sukkot activity, a field trip and a camping trip and all of them were very successful. Thank you all for the great feedback and support. Please look in this Newsletter for details of our next activities for December. I am being short this time, as my more important message this month is about the **Wood Badge Course**.

## A Message from Sabrina and Vaad Ha-Horim

Last month we held our first parent meeting for this year and the room was full! It was great to see all the parents that care about the development of their children's cultural roots and leadership skills. At the meeting we discussed the Shevet's enrollment status. We now have 51 children enrolled in our Shevet. We also talked about our budget and the funds needed to bring a Shaliach for next year. We reviewed the job descriptions of the Vaad members and the positions that will be open in February.

During the meeting we passed around a sign-up sheet for parents to volunteer for field trips, camps and other activities. We still **need some volunteers** for activities on **April 8-10** and **June 25-26**.

**If you are interested and able to volunteer, please contact Ayelet Ashkenazi at: 949-502-3495.**

The Jewish Federation is already working on the **Israel Expo 2007** project and is looking for **volunteers**. If you are interested please **call Hagit at the Jewish Federation: 949-435-3484 or 714-755-5555**.

If you did not attend the meeting and are interested in getting more details please come talk to Sabrina.

## Summer Camp 2007

**Save the Date: June 27-29**

Our summer camp this year is planned for the **first week of the summer vacation**, June 27-29. Please take this into consideration when purchasing your flight tickets to Israel for the summer.

## Camping Trip: Caspers Wilderness Park

The parents who volunteered to help at the two-day [camping trip](#) (a new Shevet tradition), at Caspers Wilderness Park, were all appreciative of this year's "Tsevet Hadrach and Peilim". We are lucky to have these outstanding and committed youngsters lead our children and function so well (with the help and direction of Gabi). We would like to thank Yuval Aronoff, Arnon Tuval and Ofir Ronen for their willingness to spend the night "in the wild".

[Click here to view photos](#) from the camping trip.



# Wood Badge Course

By Gabi Berger

About a month and a half ago I attended a two-weekend long Wood Badge course under the Boy Scouts of America in Mataguay Camp, near Julian, CA. The Course is the most advanced course available to the scouts since 1919, and is the only international one, following approximately the same program in every country around the world, including Israel of course. The course is for adults who have volunteered or worked for the scouts for several years. Besides the amazing experience I had, best described as a life changing experience, I also learned a lot about scouting, ideas and values the scouts believe in and how to better relay them to our kids. I came back with loads of ideas and a lot of motivation to keep doing and improving our activities.

During the course each participant needed to write his "ticket", which included a vision (or a major goal) and five objectives that he will try to achieve in his scouting work in order to realize the vision. My vision is to make the Hadracha level in our Shevet better and to improve the quality and educational level of our activities.

My five objectives are:

1. Design a seminar for the Madrichim where they will learn, develop and practice relevant skills for Hadracha. This objective was achieved during the weekend of Sep 29 - Oct 1.
2. Design a set of rules or procedures, together with the Madrichim, to help us all work in a more professional and high standard way. This objective is about 80% achieved.
3. Create a high standard, yearlong program for our Hadracha Course this year, for Gdud Galil, the 8-9 graders. This objective is about 70% achieved.
4. Create a library with a lot of Hadracha materials and implement its use by the Madrichim. This objective is yet to be achieved.
5. A diversity objective: to arrange for a meeting between our kids and a troop from the Boy Scouts of America. This is in order to see how scouting is done in another culture and in other ways, learn new ways and get new ideas.

Once I achieve all five goals I will have a ceremony with my Patrol Leader from the course and I will receive the insignias of a Wood Badge Course graduate: a Neckerchief, a Woggle and two wooden beads.

This is the essence of my 12-page ticket. I will be happy to sit down with anyone who is interested and talk about the course or about the ticket.

Looking forward to a great year of scouting,  
Gabi Berger



## November –January Calendar

### November

5	Peula
11-12	Camping Trip
19	Peula
26	No Peula

### December

3	Peula
10	Peula
17	Chanukah Celebration,
22-23	Advanced Tzofiyut Camp
24	No Peula (winter break)
31	No Peula (winter break)

### January

7	Field Trip
14	Peula
21	Peula
27-28	Yom Tzofe

[Click HERE for the full calendar.](#)

## Machane Shachbag

The most important event of Hanhagat Tsabar will be held at [Camp Rama](#) not far from LA, on **February 16-19**.

About 300 youngsters from 12 tribes of [Hanhagt Tzabar](#) from all over North America will come together for this event.

Shevet Tapuz is inviting its **8-12 graders** to join this camp.

For more details please click on the link below:

<http://www.shevettapuz.org/events/MachaneShachbag2007Flyer.pdf>

## Tzofim Shirts

Is your child's khaki shirt too small or worn out (shmates ) and you need a new one? We can help!

We have new and used khaki shirts for sale to our members, and we will gladly accept donation of used shirts.

Please contact Gabi or Sabrina for details.

## Pictures from October Activities



### Sukkot and Open House



### Field Trip: Limestone Park

## Tapuz Business Place

Did you know that as a member of Shevet Tapuz you can have one webpage free of charge, to list your business?

Just e-mail your info/flyer in WORD, HTML, JPEG or PDF format and we will upload it to the Shevet website.

You can also have your business listed (free of charge) once a year in our monthly newsletter.

E-mail your info to: [tzofim@shevettapuz.org](mailto:tzofim@shevettapuz.org)

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



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The Israeli Bike Club is a recreational and social cycling club for Israeli men and women of all ages and skill levels in Orange County, California. Club members meet every weekend, usually on Saturdays, in the Irvine vicinity, and embark on a 20-30 mile long bike ride on roads bikes.

If you would like to join the Bike Club, or get the club's weekly e-mail, please fill in the application form at:

[http://www.israelbikeclub.com/Member\\_Register.aspx](http://www.israelbikeclub.com/Member_Register.aspx)

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