

BOGEM 2007

First session Yom Trip began with t'fillot at regular time. After breakfast and preparing ourselves to leave, we gathered in the moadon for a Chinese auction. The bumks won a myriad of prizes, both positive and negative. We ate a packout lunch in the valley, then boarded two school buses, rented for \$600. We went to Interskate 91, a roller skating rink in Wilbraham, MA. We rented out the rink for two hours for \$630. We left the rink and went to the Eastwood Mall in Springfield. The kids had an hour to walk around in groups and explore, with an unofficial competition to find the coolest cheap item. We left the mall and returned to camp in time for shower time and cookout.

For the second session trip, we woke up early for Rosh Chodesh t'fillot and ate breakfast with the A-side shift. We loaded one bus, rented for \$500, and left camp at 9:30. First, we went to Thayer Street in Providence, RI, a fun place to walk around off of the Brown University campus. The kids had two hours to eat their packout lunch and explore within set boundaries. We met at 1:15 in front of the Brown science library and boarded the bus again. We drove about twenty minutes to Lincoln Woods State Park. We spent a little over two hours hanging out in an area with a grassy field, trees, and a sandy fresh water beach. We spent \$170 on fresh fruit, bread, snacks, and toys and games for nourishment and entertainment at the beach. We left the park at 4:45 and came back to camp in time. This was a really wonderful day because it was a great time to get out of camp as a unit, and still feel kind of campy. The kids were so appreciative of the snacks and toys, and it was also a VERY inexpensive trip.