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NEWS OF THE WEEK

SULAM PROGRAM TO MEET NEXT YEAR IN JERUSALEM

Next year, in an exciting move, the entire Sulam (Mechina) Program, boys and girls) will be transferred to Israel, Zvi Reich, Director of Camp Morasha announced.

A full array of recreational activities plus classes by prominent Israeli educators as well as the Mechina leadership training program, and tours of Israel will be offered. There will not be any Sulam program in Lake Como.

The cost will approximate that of the program here and the staff will hopefully be mostly Americans with Morasha experience who have settled in Israel.

Mr. Reich will meet with parents of Alufim/ot on Sunday when registration for the program will officially begin.

MORASHA OPENS HOUSE TO VISITORS

Sunny skies are wished for and bunks will be set in tip-top shape as Morasha opens house to visitors this Sunday.

The day's program includes visits with teachers in the Strick Library and counselors near the bunks. Sandwiches and drinks will be available in the canteen and near the Par-god.

Highlight of the afternoon will be a video showing of camp highlights from 3-4 PM in Bondi 3,4.

A special meeting of Alufim/ot parents with Mr. Reich will be held at 1:30 in Bondi 3,4 to discuss important plans for next year.

WANTED: MASHMIDIM /OT. Add a little more learning to your life. Salary increases with experience: the more learning, the more Mitzvah credit. Great for Three Weeks, Kibbud Av V'Aim...Eternally rewarding side benefits. Apply: Educational Director.

ROSH CHODESH AV BEGINS SUNDAY NIGHT

Rosh Chodesh Av will begin on Sunday night as we, hopefully for the last time, observe the saddest Nine Day period in the Jewish year.

We don't wash clothing or eat nay meat except at a special occasion such as a Si-yum. We mourn the destruction of the Beit Hamikdash and strive to become better Jews.

ILANOT PRESENT SHIELDS AT ANNUAL PROGRAM

By Sheva Berezin, G 7

This past Monday night the Ilanot girls had their annual shield presentation. Bunk 7 through 12 participated. Each bunk presented a shelet which they had painted to illustrate their theme. Then they each wrote and acted out a skit. A few bunks also made up songs.

The winner of the Shelet presentation was Bunk 10. Their theme was Keser Malchut. Some other topics included Kiruv Rechokim, Shmirat Halashon, Rayot (Friendship), Rodphei Sholom, and Kovshei Yitzro.

It was very beautiful to see all of the bunks working together on a Jewish topic- each one equally important and beautiful.

PROMINENT SPEAKER TO ADDRESS STAFF,SDP

Tonight's speaker for the Staff Oneg Shabbat, Rabbi Joseph Grunblatt, is a very well known and respected leader in the American Jewish Community. Spiritual leader of the Queens Jewish Center in Forest Hills, a faculty member at Touro College, and a national policy maker for NCSY, Rabbi Grunblatt will speak about: On the Quest for Taamei Mitzvot.

Tomorrow afternoon he will address SDP on Judaism and American Democracy: Comparisons and Contrasts.

TORAH THOUGHTS

PARSHAT MAASEI

MIDDAH OF THIS WEEK

By Ari Marcus
High School Kollel

LASHON HARAH

By Rabbi Allen Schwartz
Educational Staff

While tracing all the travels of B'nei Yisroel, the Torah tells us of the death of Aharon at Har Hahar. The posuk states:

וַיָּמָת שָׁם בַּשָּׁנָה הָאַרְבָּעִים לְצֵאת בְּנֵי
יִשְׂרָאֵל מֵאֶרֶץ מִצְרַיִם בְּחֹדֶשׁ הַחֲמִישִׁי בְּאֶחָד
לַחֹדֶשׁ.

The Heforshim ask: why does the Torah specify the exact date that Aharon died if it does not specify the exact date of death of any other tzaddik? The Divrei Shaul gives an answer by explaining the posuk

צֹדֶקְתָּן כְּהָרְרִי אֶל מִשְׁפָּטֶיךָ תִּהְיוּ רַבָּה
according to the Midrash Rabbah. The Midrash explains

צֹדֶקְתָּן כְּהָרְרִי אֶל - means that the acts of righteousness of Hashem are as obvious as mountains and that
מִשְׁפָּטֶיךָ תִּהְיוּ רַבָּה means the judgment of Hashem are hidden as the depths.

Just as Hashem concealed the date of Churban Bais Hamikdash from Yechezkel, He also conceals the date of death of Tzaddikim loss of whom are just as painful to Him. Because many Tzaddikim concentrate on Mitzvot bain adam l'Mokom and their greatness does not visibly effect many others, Hashem does not mention their Yom Miso'h. However, the Yom Miso'h of Aharon could not be concealed from the B'nei Yisroel, for Aharon was an Ohaiv Shalom and therefore left a profound imprint upon B'nei Yisroel. Because of his great impression, his absence was even more pronounced, as the posuk says:

וַיֵּרָא הָעָם כִּי דָוַע אַהֲרֹן
"And the nation saw that Aharon passed away."

We can learn from Aharon that we must not only concentrate on Mitzvot Sh'bain Adam l'Mokom, but also on Mitzvot sh'bain adam l'chavero, for Aharon left his imprint on society by making peace between people.

We should keep this lesson in mind especially now during the Three Weeks for the Gemora in Gittin says the Bais Hamikdash was destroyed because of Sinat Chinom, and as Rabbi Avraham Yitzchak HaCohen Kook often stated the only way to correct Sinat Chinom is Ahav

The Midrash often teaches poignant lessons regarding the Avera of Lashon Harah through the use of Tanach characters. Midrash Rabbah, Parshat Shofetim asks why the Beit HaMikdash was not built in the days of Saul, and answers that because Israel was filled with tale-bearers, Hashem would not rest his Schechina on earth.

The Midrash continues to tell us that Ahav's generation was filled with avodah zarah, but there were no talebearers among his people. For that reason, we see as the Gemarah in Megillah tells us, the boundaries of Israel were never as great in our history as they were in Ahav's time.

A major difference between Saul's generation and Ahav's can be seen in the following way. When Izevel sought to kill all prophets of Hashem and Ovadiah hid them in caves, Ahav never found out about it, and yet any time David was able to escape from Saul, one way or another, Saul found out where David was hiding.

This Midrash seems to be telling us that Lashon Harah and Richilus is worse than Avodah Zarah. The Gemara in Erchin tells us that they are worse than Avodah Zarah, Gilui Arayos, and Shlichus Domim together! These sources surely mean to tell us that we are to avoid one as we would avoid the other. For just as these averos drive away the Holy presence of Hashem, Lashon Harah does as well. As the Gemora Sotah tells us a group of tale bearers never receive the Divine Presence.

Let us wipe the scourge of Lashon Harah from ourselves and be Zocheh for Binyan Beit Hamikdash, and for the Schechinah to rest on us, Binahayra B'yamenu, Omain.

" שׁוֹמֵר פִּי וּלְשׁוֹנוֹ - שׁוֹמֵר מִצְוֹת נֶפֶשׁוֹ " (מטלי)

SMALL-BEVET FEATURES

STAFFER OF THE ISSUE...

INTERBUNK

***** DR. SEYMOUR PERL *****

"I wanted to get my kids into Morasha and found out this was the only way to do it," replied Dr. Seymour Perl when asked what motivated him to come to Camp Morasha.

Warm, smiling, and happy with his decision to come, Dr. Perl will reluctantly leave camp this week to resume his family practice in Los Angeles.

Our camp physician is here with his wife Carol and three children Tzipi, 13, Dassi, 10, and Dovid, 7. "There were not openings for all of the kids so we came and made room. Besides both of us wanted to relive our childhood camp experiences," admitted Dr. Perl.

A graduate of Yeshiva College and Downstate Medical School, our doctor grew up in Brooklyn, but settled in the West. Carol is a Brooklyn College grad and now studies, among other things, Interior Design at UCLA.

Unattentive to medical advice, Dr. Perl spent much of his spare time here on the basketball court in spite of a troublesome leg. "Finally I had to give in. Now it's less basketball, more family."

Another incentive for Carol's coming to Morasha were the lectures of Rabbi Saul Ber- man, a former co-staffer at camp in Los Angeles. Dr. Sam Ritter made the Perl-Mor-asha shidduch.

Dr. Perl had praises for many facets of Morasha: "The infirmary staff is friendly, competent, warm, and a pleasure to work with. The camp is fantastic, well-run, full of ru- ach and wonderful people. I'm glad that my children could experience the religious and social atmosphere of Camp Morasha."

The doctor's advice to our readers: "Stay healthy."

We say L'hitraot to our new doctor and family. May we meet soon again at Simchat.

-----Rita Siff

Thanks to Karen Korn for the cover.

Last week's TAR contest produced only two winners: Girls 19A (Specialty) and Boys' 16 for the third consecutive win. Six entries lost because of the same mistake: a person holding high office is a dignitary not a sec- retary. Better luck this time... Submit an- swers by Sunday at 10 A.M.

Long or short, the following words all begin and end with D.

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|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. D _ _ D | Contract of owner-
ship |
| 2. D _ _ _ D | Fear |
| 3. D _ _ _ _ D | Protect |
| 4. D _ _ _ _ D | Strong request |
| 5. D _ _ _ _ _ D | Payment to stockholders |
| 6. D _ _ _ _ _ _ D | Pay no attention |
| 7. D _ _ _ _ _ _ _ D | Gone from sight |
| 8. D _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ D | Lacking system |
| 9. D _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ D | Waned |
| 10. D _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ D | Stately in bearing |

CANTEEN OFFERS SPECIAL SALE

Joe Berlin, manager of the Camp Morasha Canteen, has announced that there will be a super sale on certain items from July 31-Aug. 4 only. The following goodies will be featured: Winkies, 3 for 25¢, Fizzie Straws, 3 for 25¢, and Jelly Grahams, 35¢. There will be no re- funds or exchanges. The Morasha canteen does not yet accept MasterCard or Visa.

MAZEL TOV TO MORASHA CHEF, ELI BENZAQUEN AND WIFE LEAH ON THE BIRTH OF A GRANDSON (after four granddaughters)

MAZEL TOV also to Rona Zazula, G 5, on her Bat Mitzvah, and to Rebecca and Dovid Boim on the birth of a little sister, and to Michael Bernstein and Leah Katz, Couns., G 7 on their forthcoming marriage.

עמוד עבר

הטוב והרע ביד הלשון (ספור)

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רפן גמליאל אמר פעם לטבי עבדו,
"צא השוקה והבא לי מן הטוב
שבבשר."

הלך העבד והביא לו לשון.
למחר אמר רפן גמליאל שנית
לעבדו, "היום הבא לי מן הגרוע
שבבשר."

הלך טבי ושוב הביא לשון.

אמר לו רפן גמליאל, "מה לך טבי?
קשאתמתי לך להביא את הטוב
שבבשר, הבאת לי לשון. וקשאתמתי לך
להביא את הגרוע שבבשר גם כן הבאת
לשון."

השיב לו העבד, "רבי, הטוב והרע
שגיהם מן הלשון. אין טוב מלשון
טובה, ואין רע מלשון רעה."
(ויקרא רבה, לג)

נצור לשונך מרע



וישפתיך מדבר מרמה

For your Reading Pleasure

Included in our Morasha family are several talented writers whose works have been published in various publications. In this space SHALHEVET will present, with permission of the authors, their essays for all Morashaniks to enjoy.

CAMP AND CIVILIZATION

By Gary Epstein, Miami Beach attorney, former faculty member, Y.U. & Iowa State U., husband of Ahuva

I have been asked, as a recent visitor to Camp Morasha, to describe my vivid impressions of the beauty and tranquility of its sylvan setting, the dedication, charm and efficiency of its administrative staff, and the good fortune of the wonderful campers whose living and sacrificing parents have deposited them here for a welcome respite from the rigors of the school year. And, as soon as such impressions are visited upon me, whether vivid or unvivid, I shall describe them as requested.

In the meantime, I can only offer a brief digression on the history and deeper meaning of the camping experience. The word "camp" is derived from the Greek words "Kam" (meaning 'child abandonment') and "pus" (meaning 'icky yellowish-white stuff'). The Greeks used their Kamps (the Greeks were great playwrights and sculptors, but lousy spellers) as ceremonial burial grounds for rusty golf carts. The Romans, who adopted and adapted much that was noble in Greek culture, also adopted camping, which just goes to show you that notwithstanding their invention of that Jewish delicacy, pizza, even Romans aren't perfect. The Roman scholar Hypothalmus was the first to notice and record that the word "camp" spelled backwards was "pmac". This discovery created an extreme glandular reaction in Hypothalmus from which he never recovered.

After the destruction of the Second Temple, the Jews, in an extreme state of spiritual decline, took up camping and developed it into an art form. Since the Jews have always had a way of borrowing from and improving upon alien cultures, it is illuminating to examine the unique contributions of Jews to the camping experience. For example, unlike the Chinese, who left an occasional unwanted child on an occasional desolate mountaintop, the Jews chose a whole mountain range (the Pokeynose) in which to temporarily abandon their communal offspring in unheated cabins on campuses where a host of temporarily unemployed teachers give classes. Similarly, where Roman camps had gladiators dueling to the death, they never even imagined the barbarism of a Jewish camp which would put long sticks in the hands of children and have them play "hockey" which means "beating your friends senseless."

Notwithstanding their attempt to refine camping, the Jews have been unable to do away with the rusty golf carts, the infestation with which remains as a reminder of camping's origins. One can only imagine what the Maccabees would have done to such a Hellenistic vestige.

Seriously though, I've spent many summers in many camps, but have never encountered such high levels of enthusiasm and excellence as are present at Camp Morasha. I can only compliment the campers and staff on their achievement and wish them all a successful conclusion to a wonderful summer.

Note: I had to write this last paragraph, or they wouldn't have printed the rest of the article.

FROM OUR READERS

PRESIDENT REAGAN RE-ELECTED BY MORASHA

By Benjamin Berlin, B 10

One hundred six delegates from Ilanot and Alufim boys gathered last Monday in the Mercazia to elect a president of the United States. Each bunk picked a state to represent and each camper was one delegate. After speeches from representatives of Reagan, Mondale, Jackson, and Hart the delegates cast their votes. Jason Kanefsky, acting as chairman, listened as DH Shalom Stone tallied up the votes. After much waiting, the decisions were announced.

President Reagan was reelected with a total of 54 delegates. Vice-President Mondale was the runner-up with 34 votes. Senator Hart came in next with 17. The State of Michigan cast the one and only vote for David Perl who is a camper in Bunk B6.

The following propositions were adopted:

- A. The American Embassy in Israel should be moved from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem- 46-4
- B. The 1986 budget should include a drastic cut in military spending particularly in the area of nuclear weapons 35-20
- C. There should not be raised quotas when it comes to employment 31-9.

The program ended with the delegates singing "Hail to the Chief" as Larry Wachsmann approached the stand to make a short speech,

NOTHINGS BECOME SOMETHINGS

They finally did it! Whether or not the pressure of seeing their parents with a shut-out record helped doesn't matter. "Norman's Nothings", that infamous team coached by the one and only Norman Saffra, finally won a game. Until Wednesday their record was 0-1 and the Nothings remained the Nothings-and now the picture has changed thanks to goals by Zev Gewurz (6) and Uri Ottensoses (1). The Nothings won their first game- a hockey game. They were coached by the unique Sandy Shapiro. Now the Nothings are somethings.

---by Uri Ottensoser and Benjamin Berlin

MORASHA ENJOYS EXCITING INTERCAMP GAMES

By Sheva Berezin, G 7

Tuesday was an exciting day for both Camp Morasha and Camp Raleigh. Morasha's girls and Alufim boys went to Raleigh and Raleigh's boys came to Morasha. Both Morasha and Raleigh played excellently in many games.

Amazingly enough the score of games turned out to be a tie. Out of 67 games one was a tie. Thirty-three games were won by each camp.

The stars of the day were the Ilanot boys who broke a record by winning 9 out of 10 games and losing only one!

SHTILIM SECRET PALS TRADE CHESD

Last week was Chesed week for Shtilim girls, where everybody was assigned a secret person to do chesed to. When I got my first message from my secret chesed pal, it said, "Have a nice day" with a Kit Kat in it, I was excited. That day I started sending notes to the person assigned to me for doing chesed. During this week we went to the infirmary to do Bikur Cholim.

The most exciting part of Chesed week came at the end. Each person went over to the chesed person and revealed herself. Throughout this week we had a lot of fun and I think we all learned a little something.

---Shoshana Bruck, G 1

SIDELINED MORASHANIKS HOLD SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Feeling a little left out from the Morasha-Raleigh activity, a trio of campers- Danny Ottensoser, B6, Josh Joseph and David Greenbaum, B 13, whose previous injuries sidelined them from intercamps, held their own special Olympics. Their challenges included crutch races, the javelin crutch throw, the SLING shot, the crutch jump, and the left handed yarmulka throw.

---By Danny, Josh, and David

Roving Reporter

QUESTION: WHAT DO YOU WANT TO SEND HOME ON VISITOR'S DAY ??????????

ANSWERS:

Karen Zomick, Mechina: Me

The Mechina Girls: The Mechina Boys

Machon-Mechina Girls: Dirty Laundry

Yossi Silberstein, Driver: All Morasha vehicles.

Sima Fogel, J.C., G 7: My loveable brats

Rabbi Danny Epstein, Ed. Staff: My kids that sleep through shiur.

Nachum "Stretch" Segal, D.H.: A tape of Shiah.

Rabbi Saul Berman, Camp Rabbi: The Visitors.

Zush Motechin, Ass't Head Counselor: Three-fourths of the kids' clothing.

Paul Dauber, Sports Staff: My brother.

Rabbi Daniel Rhein, Ed. Staff Head: Anyone who will leave me a golf cart.

Eli Berlin, B 2: My parents.

Eliot Shor, B 3: Zush's cowboy hat.

Jeffrey Beyer, B 4: My tooth brush

David Hochstein, B 18: The bugel tape

Chaim Hagler, Couns., B 8: A copy of SHALHEVET Benjamin Cohen, B 3: All the mosquitoes

Jason Kanefsky, J.C.: My senior counselor.

Esther Loebenstein, D.H. Alufot: Overnights

Jenny Notis, Mechina: My summer clothes.

Rebecca Kobrin, G 8: The Division Heads in the back of my bunk.

Gary Wallin, Technician: The Black Team for a week.

Nechama Edinger, Mechina: Counselors

Kenny Rosenberg, J.C., B 2: All the kids

Sarah Fruchter, G 8, Idina Goldberg, G 9: Chaya's wake-up records.

Machon Girls: Machon Boys

Ari Feldman, B 16: My Morasha T shirt

Rebecca Kupchik, Ilanot D.H. : My clipboard

Josh Richter, Mechina: The chocolate pudding

David Radinsky, B 2: The canteen to help avoid cavities.

Chaim Zeitz, Boys Arts and Crafts: The Dining Room

Mark Klein, Machon: My Slinky

Hershey Feider, Drama: My sewing machine

Moshe Stepansky, Nature: Older Ilanot Girls

Rabbi Zvi Grumet, Ed. Staff: Tisha B'Av

Girls' Waterfront Staff: The campers

Natanel Gross, B 15: The flagpole

Eliot Rosenfeld, Couns., B 17: The Boys' HC

Elie Paul, B 4: The skunks

Eli Wechsler, B 18: My bed.

Jeffrey Stadtmauer, B 1: A golf cart

Jonathan Cohen, B 3: My Morasha sweatshirt

Daniel Torczyner, B 5: DJ's

Robbie Wind, Tennis Staff: The Nitzanim Boys