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News of the Week

MORASHA WINS FOUR OUT OF FIVE STAFF GAMES IN ONE WEEK

In a rousing week of intercamp basketball action, the men and women's staff teams took four out of five games from assorted camps.

The week began at home on Wed. night as the men's team took on a tough club from Senaca Lake. Although many felt that Senaca's individual talent would carry them to victory, it was the cohesive play and team work of Morasha that led them to an easy 66-52 won.

Sunday night saw the staff travel to Raleigh for a double header. The Raleigh women had high hopes of dethroning Morasha as the top rated team on the Eastern seaboard, but the return on superstar Kafan Green from the disabled list shattered their hopes and for the eighth straight year Raleigh was taken by a score of 37-29.

In the men's game, the roles were reversed with Raleigh being the prohibitive favorite. Morasha, however, did not allow themselves to be intimidated even after being down 15-4 in the early going and by halftime had knotted the score at 34. When Morasha grabbed its first lead of the game midway through the third quarter Raleigh found themselves trailing a game for the first time all summer. Alas, there was no fairy tale ending to this game and Raleigh pulled out in the fourth quarter, 80-72.

The following night Morasha made the long trip to Hillel for another doubleheader. As usual, the girls team had little trouble. Led by the strong inside play of Ora Nordlicht and Tova Rifkin and the slick ballhandling of Lisa Witkin Morasha coasted to an easy 36-18 victory.

In the men's game Hillel opened quickly and led by as much as 9 points in the second quarter. After an inspiring time out, Morasha regrouped and led by Moshe Orlian, dominated the rest of the game, winning 79-65.

In other exciting Sports News at Morasha, the Day Camp won a Kickball Game against the Nitzanim girls on July 31.

NEWS BRIEFS

Beautifully designed holders to contain Al Hamichiya cards are now in place in the Main Dining Room. A project of SDP girls directed by Becky Berlin of Arts and Crafts, the designers were Marci Yager and Debby Sutton. The cards were donated by the Orthodox Union. In case you do not wash and bench at a meal, be sure to use the card for Al Hamichiya.

Several Morashniks earned special thanks for their effort in serving our guests on Visitor's Day. On behalf of all of us they were mekayom the mitzva of hachnochas Orchim by distributing the soda and sandwiches. Benjamin Berlin, Eli Berlin, Pinchas Menashe Oratz, Atara Richter, Jerry Rozenberg, and should go to the canteen and redeem these thanks for a soda and an ice cream.

Behind the Ghetto Wall was the Alufim/ot Dramatics Production this week in the Mercazia. Scenes of family life right before the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising, the presentation starred Gregory Rhine and Rena Ofer.

Seven Seudot Mitzvot were held this past week to commemorate Siyumim made by resident B'nei Torah in camp. Yeyasher Koachem to Zvi Reich, Camp Director, Jay Hershkovitz, Yechezkel Leibowitz, Daniel Mann, Moshe Orlian, David Schwartz, and Sandy Shapiro.

The speaker for tonight's Staff Lecture will be Mr. Mervyn Adler, Educational Director of the Simon Wiesenthal Center for Holocaust Studies. His topic: "The Center and Anti-Semitism in 1984." The time 10:15 at Bondi 3,4.

Mazel Tov to Sheva Goldman on her Bat Mitzvah this Shabbat and to Eli and Leah Ben Zaquen on the birth of two grandchildren.

TORAH THOUGHTS

PARSHAT D'VORIM

A Thought for the Week

By Eliakim Koenigsberg
YP Kolliel

AVELUT

By Rabbi Joel Cohn
Educational Staff

In the haftorah of Parshat Deva-rim, Yeshaya rebukes the B'nei Yisroel for their persistent sinning, appeals to them for repentance, and comforts them with visions of future glory after the Churban. Toward the end of the haftorah, Yeshaya argues that the B'nei Yisroel should repent because Hashem guarantees them forgiveness if they return from their crooked ways, as Hashem says:

"though your sins be like scarlet they shall be white as snow; though they be as crimson, they shall be as white as wool (if you repent)"

The Gemara Yerushalmi in Shabbos comments: "though your sins be like scarlet, they shall be white as snow" this refers to the first Beit Hamikdash where, every Yom Kippur, a red thread would turn white as snow after the B'nei Yisroel had been forgiven; "though they be as crimson, they shall be white as wool"- this alludes to the second Beit Hamikdash where the thread would turn only as white as wool, a somewhat darker color than that of snow.

The Meshech Chochma explains that the B'nei Yisroel of the first Beit Hamikdash were like the thread of Shoni mentioned in the first part of the posuk. Just as the shoni was actually a white thread dyed red, so too, the B'nei Yisroel did sin, but their hearts were full of love for Torah and Am Yisroel because their sins did not affect their inner beliefs. Therefore, when the B'nei Yisroel were forgiven, the thread turned white as snow because once their exterior sins were cleansed from their bodies, only their righteous hearts remained.

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During the week of Tisha B'Av we all find ourselves within a period of mourning. A variety of Halachot guide us carefully through this time culminating with the day of Tisha B'Av itself.

One of the primary objectives of the Halachot is to take a person's mind away from his personal needs, so that he might realize the importance of the loss which he has suffered. Unlike a person who has suffered a personal tragedy, when the Halachot of Avelut follow the event and are designed to help the person to be on- soled, on Tisha B'Av the Avelut precedes the day, and the Halachot are designed to set us in the proper mood for Tisha B'Av.

No news will be brought to us this Monday evening. We are asked to cry for events which we have known about for years. We are obligated to mourn for happenings which occurred centuries ago.

In order for a person to be able to realize the need to mourn one more time, the need to cry once again, he must prepare himself diligently. He must spend time and effort to understand the monumental tragedy which has befallen our people.

Those who truly mourn the losing of the Mikdash will be zocheh to celebrate in its rebuilding bimhayrah v'yamaynu!

May this be the very last Tisha B'Av in the Golah.

Tisha B'Av

TISHA B'AV TO BE OBSERVED ON TUESDAY

Tisha B'Av, which will be observed Monday night and Tuesday, is the saddest day of the Jewish calendar. On that day we are all considered mourners and observe certain prohibitions.

Everyone who can and is old enough does not eat or drink. Those who do not have to fast should not eat more than necessary. Chazal emphasizes that fasting in itself is of little value without accompanying it with T'shuva.

We do not shower or wash past the knuckles (except to remove dirt), wear shoes that are made from even a little bit of leather or use oils, cosmetics, lotions (except deodorants if necessary), or brush one's teeth.

Since studying Torah makes us happy, we are only allowed to learn those parts of Torah that are relevant to Tisha B'Av and those parts of Gemara that deal with the Churban Bayit - destruction of the Temple.

One does not greet another on Tisha B'Av. Until noon we sit on a low stool or on the floor. We are careful in spending time so we should not come to levity on Tisha B'Av.

On the night of Tisha B'Av (Mon.), Megillat Eichah is read. We listen while seated on the floor with the lights dim. In the morning we say Kinot which are lamentations for the loss of the Beit Hamikdash and the tragedies that befell the Jews in all generations.

Boys do not put on t'fillin until Minchah on Tisha B'Av. As a sign of mourning, greetings are not exchanged when leaving shul.

Since the Beit Hamikdash was still burning on the Tenth of Av we usually do not resume washing clothes, haircuts, etc. until at least noon on the Tenth which will be Wed.

Whoever mourns properly on Tisha B'Av will be rewarded by being privileged to participate in rejoicing over the rebuilding of the Beit Hamikdash.

TO USE JUST ONCE

A little story from the life of a Godol.

Rabbi Avraham Kamal of Mir once went to buy a book of Kinot for Tisha B'Av. He argued that the price was too high and bargained over every penny. The book seller was surprised because Rabbi Kamal was a good customer who never complained about the price of anything. The rabbi explained, "When I buy seforim, I don't mind paying the regular price because I will be using the seforim for years; for all that use they are worth the money." But Kinot? By next year Moshia'ch will be here! Why should I overpay for a sefer that I will only use for one day?"

SOME WORDS ABOUT TISHA B'AV

"It is a positive Torah commandment to cry out over every calamity which befalls the community. This is one of the paths of T'shuva, for when misfortune strikes and people cry out over it, everyone should realize that the evil has been visited on them because of their evil deeds. If is this T'shuva which will cause the misfortune to be taken away from them...."

.... "The Festivals in HaTacha
by Rabbi S. Y. Zevin

In Yerushalayim one could see women whitewashing walls and scrubbing floors, and making themselves ready for the coming of Moshia'ch who was said to arrive or be born on Tisha B'Av.

.... Rosenfeld, Tisha B'Av
Compendium

In Kinot, written by different atmi-dei Chachomim, the hope and prayer is expressed that in the near future, we will once again merit to do up for the Beit Hamikdash and serve Hashem there.

.... Tisha B'Av Sourcebook

עמוד עבר

יִרְמְיָהוּ עַל הַקְּבָרִים

הָלַךְ יִרְמְיָהוּ עַל קְבָרָיו שֶׁל מֹשֶׁה רַבֵּנוּ וְקָרָא: מֹשֶׁה,
מֹשֶׁה! עֲמֵךְ, שְׁנַתְּ לָהֶם תּוֹרָה מִהֵרָה סִינִי, שְׂרוּיִים בְּצָרָה.
לָקַח אֹיֵב אֶת אֶרְצוֹ וְהִגִּילָה אוֹתוֹ לְאֶרֶץ נִכְרִיָּה.
כֵּן מֹשֶׁה מִקְבְּרוֹ וְאָמַר: בּוֹא וְנִלְכָה עַל קְבֻרֹת הָאֲבוֹת.
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עָמַד יִרְמְיָהוּ וָצָנָה:

אֲבוֹת, אֲבוֹת! אֲבִיכֶם, יָצֵק וְיַעֲקֹב! קוּמוּ מִקְבְּרֵיכֶם
וְרֵאיוֹתֵם אֶת בְּנֵיכֶם הַלֹּכִים בַּגּוֹלָה, וְשׁוֹנְאֵיהֶם מִכֵּים אוֹתָם
וּמְשִׁימִים שְׁלֵשְׁלָאוֹת עַל רַגְלֵיהֶם וְשָׂקִי-חַוֵּל עַל צוּאֲרֵיהֶם.
עָמְדוּ הָאֲבוֹת וְאָמְרוּ:

— לָכוּ וְנִבְּוֵא אֶל קֶבֶר רַחֵל! אִם הִיא, הִיא! הִיא וְהַבְּקֵשׁ
רַחֲמִים עַל בְּנֵיהָ.

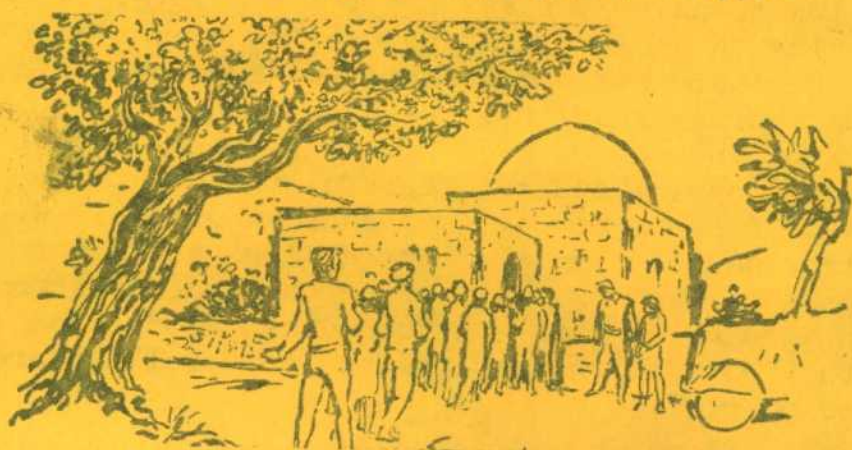
בָּאוּ אֶל קֶבֶר רַחֵל. וְיִרְמְיָהוּ צָנָה וְאָמַר:

רַחֵל, רַחֵל! קוּמִי מִקְבְּרְךָ וּבַקְשִׁי רַחֲמִים עַל בְּנֵיךְ.

עָמְדָה רַחֵל בְּכִי וּבְחִטּוּנִים. בָּכוּ עִמָּה הָאֲבוֹת, בָּכָה
מֹשֶׁה, בָּכָה יִרְמְיָהוּ, בָּכוּ חַמָּה וּלְבָנָהּ, נָבֵל צֶמַח הַשָּׂדֶה, עָמְדוּ
הַנְּקֻרוֹת וְחִזְרוּ לְאַחֲרֵיהֶם וְנִצְּאוּ לִשְׁטֹף אֶת הָאֶרֶץ.

נֶאֱמַר הַקְּדוֹשׁ-בְּרוּךְ-הוּא וְאָמַר:

אֵי לִי, רַחֵל, מִדְּמַעְוֹתֶיךָ! מִנְעִי קוֹלְךָ מִבְּכִי וְעֵינֶיךָ
מִדְּמָעָה כִּי יֵשׁ תַּקְנָה לְאַחֲרֵימָךְ, וְשָׁבוּ בָנִים לְגִבּוֹלָם!



SHALHEVET FEATURES

SHALHEVET SPOTLIGHTS....

PAUL DAUBER and ELI WEBER Sports Staff

Perched on top of the Camp Director's golf cart (before being displaced), coached by their leader with periodic comments by Ruby, Paul Dauber and Eli Weber, two senior members of the Morasha Athletic Department, in an exclusive SHALHEVET interview, offered insights into the trials, tribulations, and workings??? of the Sports Staff of a major institution like Camp Morasha.

Paul has already completed eleven summers in Morasha and is a junior at Columbia University with a major in economics. Eli, a senior at Y.U., joined Morasha in older Ilanot and has been a sports man all the way.

When asked what the greatest challenges this year's sports staff faced were our spokesmen revealed that there were many. "Our greatest challenge is equalize the individual weights of sports staff members. Too many golf carts have been tipping over daily and our staff has been threatened with training wheels."

To end the Girls' Team eight year winning streak by beating them, to ultimately play a clean hockey game with a neighboring camp and to find a camp that's willing to have 35 players against their nine in an Intercamp Volleyball game were other challenges. Finally our veteran sportsmen admitted that to pass Hojo's on the way back from Raleigh without stopping and to remove ketchup stains from nightwear is also very challenging.

The Sportsmen were asked what they thought was the best job in camp.

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I N T E R B U N K

Last week's winners were the Office Staff, Drivers, Sports Staff, Sulam Girls, G 3 and the sofar champions B 16.

Here are more "D" 's. Each word begins and ends with D. Submit answers by Sunday at 10 AM.

D _ _ _ _ _ D Cheat
D _ _ _ _ _ D Auto instrument panel
D _ _ _ _ _ D Fallen into ruins
D _ _ _ _ _ D Resolute
D _ _ _ _ _ D Desolate
D _ _ D Deceased
D _ _ _ _ _ D Disheartened

TORAH THOUGHTS

(con't. from p. 3)

In the second Mikdash, however, the sins of the B'nei Yisrael were like a Tolah, a worm..Just as the worm's blood is completely red, so too, the B'nei Yisroel felt slanderous and hatred for no reason even in their hearts. Mere forgiveness could not completely wash away their evil inner beliefs.

This week we must be even more careful to show proper concern for our friends' feelings. We must ensure that our actions conform to the feelings of our hearts. By strengthening our friendship bonds, we will bring ourselves to a full kaparah on Yom Kippur

FROM OUR READERS

OUR OVERNIGHT

By Alufot '84

At ten to four last Wednesday afternoon, the entire Alufot division was nowhere to be found. The annual Alufot Overnight Rebellion had just begun. Hiding in an anonymous clearing the girls entertained themselves for three long hours.

When the clock struck 7:00 the division made an unexpected though long awaited entry into second shift supper, vivaciously chanting melodies such as "We love Overnights", and "Alufot just wanna have fun." The dreaded overnight had to take place, so at 7:30 the Alufot division began walking towards the overnight site.

Arriving at 9:00 P.M. the Alufot began pitching tents and were not permitted to eat until all of their duties were fulfilled.

A Kumzits around the fire set a warm and secure tone. The squeaking of brakes, slamming of doors, and the sound of shouting voices, sent a chill down everyone's spine; more voices, falling rocks frightened us all.

The entire division scurried into a nearby shelter and laid low. We were told to get our rest, though most could not. Miraculously, we found ourselves all well the next morning.

Upon our arrival at Camp Morasha, rumor had it that the raiders were sent to add some excitement to our overnight.

As the rumor spread many feelings were hurt and grudges were held. However, "Time heals all wounds" and so do apologies, so that these feelings are no longer felt, especially as we approach Tisha B'Av.

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POSE PARSHA QUESTIONS

Deena Press and Sharon Stern- two Shtili counselors have been writing questions on the Parsha and we- the campers answer them in our minds as the Beal Koray reads the Torah.

They started with Parshat Matot and continued with Maasei. These questions take our minds off talking so that we can participate in the Mitzvah of Kriat Hatorah.

We all hope that it will continue to be as successful as it has been so far.

By Shana Feiner, Bunk G 2

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THE NINE DAYS

By Sheva Berezin, G 7

As Tisha B'Av arrives, one begins to think about it. This period of preparation, of thinking is the Nine Days when one thinks of the unfounded hatred that the Jews had among each other and other causes why our second Bait Hamikdash was destroyed.

One of the main reasons is because the people were so confused and they began hating their fellow Jews for no apparent reason. Hashem became very angry at this and decreed that our Beit Hamikdash should be destroyed.

During these days we should be nicer to our friends in camp and more considerate. As Tisha B'Av arrives, one should realize that fasting is not the main idea. It just helps us to remember to think about doing T'shuva.

The Chachamim have said that when Moshiach comes Tisha B'Av will be the most joyous holiday. Let us work toward this goal so that we may see the coming of the Moshiach and the rebuilding of the Bait Hamikdash.

SPORTS STAFF (con't. from p.6)

"Whatever it is that Sam Kudansky does," replied Eli. Paul favored Rabbi Besser's position so he could change 3's to 4's in the computer. Maish, their leader, thought Alufot D.H. was the best job.

ROVING

REPORTER

QUESTION: WHEN MOSHIACH COMES, WHAT WILL YOU PACK FIRST ? ? ?

ANSWERS:

Matie Motechin, Ass't. HC: No packing, just going

Counselor, G 13: My Cabbage Patch Doll

Avi Billet, Day Camp: My sticker album and my bed from Woodmere.

Miriam Berger, J.C., G 16: My denim skirt

Elizabeth Holland, Aide, Girls' HC: My sid-dur

David Miller, Mechina: My camouflaged sneakers

Natanel Gralla, B 15: Rabbi Schwartz

Reuven Bell, B 15: Zush's cowboy hat.

Ira Rabin, B 17: My seforim

Raphael Willig, B 16: My Tehillim

David Bench, B 18: My mother

Jeffrey Beer, B 16: My yarmelka

Sarah Berger, G 9: My baby brother

Rabbi Benjamin Blech, camp rabbi: My gematrias

Rebecca Kupchik, D.H. Ilanot: My clipboard

Leah Katz, Couns., G 7: Michael Bernstein

Jacob Guedalia, Waiter: The melmac.

Rena Cohn, Day Camp: All the stuff I got from Eretz Yisroel.

Gary Wallin, Technician: The Black Team in search of Spike

Machon Girl's: Judy's alarm clock

Zush Motechin, Asst. H.C.: My cowboy hat if I get it back

Zalman Witkin, B 15: Rabbi Lerner

Avromie Motechin, R 1: Zalman Witkin

Gary Turkay, R 2: My J.C.

Elan Grobman, R 19: A water filter

R 15: Zush

Tzvia Brody, G 7: My walkman

Naomi Losinski, G 8: Food

Paul Bauber, Sports Staff: My brother

Joshua Epstein, R 2: My tooth brush

Michael Appel, R 8: Rabbi Blech

Benjamin Kaminetsky, R 8: A Mitzvamobile

Naftalie Shatzkes, R2: My big TV

Joel Segal, R 4: My portable radio

Debby Rapp, G 11: Myself

Arnold Zachter, R 8: My trophies

Uri Orlan, R 1: My teddy bear

Zev Horowitz, R 2: My security blanket

Jonathan Muller, R 1: A golf cart

Avi Mandel, R 16: My Tzitzit

Jonathan Appel, R 9: All my polos

Marc Friedman, R 16: The soda machine

Mechina Girls: The Machon Boys

Jonathan Schwartz, R 3: Rabbi Rhein

Mayer Oratz, Day Camp: "Still needs time to think"

Avi Pollak, R 3: Mordecai Ben David

Avi Kwitel, R 4: My family and house

Jeffrey Berger, R 4: My Met hat