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- News of the Week -

GREEN/NEVIIM TEAM WINS COLOR WAR; FINALE IS MEMORABLE

After a memorable finale including presentation of camp (Mechitzat Pargod) and Art Projects, the Day Camp Show, the new Comedy Song, and of course Shiriah, Morashia 1987 concluded with the announcement of the Green/Neviim Team as the winner by six points.

Rabbi Tully Besser, Chairman of the Coordinating Committee, in full form, m.c.'d the proceedings, which also included a presentation by the Coordinating Committee led by Ahuva Epstein ("Because we survived the Color War") and words of appreciation to all who were involved. (Almost every one)

Innovations in this year's Color War included competition in Mishnayot Beal Peh and a Matman Sefer (Information Hunt) besides a comedy song. (All teams reminded us of chicken pox and intercamps-or lack of them-and the advantages of nights at the library). Divrei Torah and Ches-Aid continued from last year as well as the traditional sports, banner, and Shalhevet matches.

All the Generals David Sheer and Elissa Schwartz, K'tuvim; Yitzchok Motechin and Aidel Newman, Neviim, and Jeff Meuhlgay and Rena Rivkin, Torah; their Lieutenant Generals David Glatt and Rachel Mohl, Josh Zauderer and Susan Reisler, and Noam Wasserman and Judy Koppelman, and their teams- all the campers in Morashia- were lauded for outstanding achievement, camaraderie, and a job well done.

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ILANOT BOYS SANDWICH ICE CREAM AND CHESD

Ilanot Boys raised \$ 50 for Tzedakah this summer while enjoying treats from D.J.'s. Barry Finkelstein, an Ilanot counselor, biked to the Ice cream outlet daily to pick up the goodies. Each customer added 20¢ to the price of his order as a contribution to Tzedakah.

The ice cream may have melted, but the Tzedakah and Mitzvot remain. Yeyasher Koach to Barry and the bunk coordinators.

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IMPORTANT: CANDLE LIGHTING TIME IN LAKE COMO TODAY IS 6:33 P.M. camp time. Be ready.....

SHMITAID WINS CHES-AID COMPETITION; RUNNERS - UP ALSO EXCELL

SHMITAID was the winner in the Ches-Aid project of Morashia competition. Submitted by Simone Rudoff and Elisheva Pomeranze of the Torah/White Team, this idea would raise funds to subsidize Israeli farmers observing Shmitta through a concert tour in America.

The concert would feature Jewish music stars (m.c.'d by Stretch) who would donate their time and talent in New York, Chicago, and Los Angeles. The girls suggested the sale of Shmitaid t-shirts and kippot for added income at the concert. Thus American Jewry would be enjoying themselves while aiding their Israeli brethren observe a Mitzva that is Tolui B'Aretz.

The Ches-Aid competition was introduced to Morashia last year by Rabbi Saul Berman. Its purpose is to suggest a project that develops from the team theme which can be implemented in the community.

Runners-up in the competition were Jason Finkelstein, Green, Nitzanim, who would set up a system of volunteers to help widows erev Shabbas and Yom Tov particularly erev Pesach. The system would operate through a telephone hotline.

Tamar Raskas and Shana Feiner, Blue, Machzor Bet, suggested that we collect wrappers from all Israeli products, submit them to the companies who would then donate a percentage of the profits as financial aid to people who want to make Aliya.

Shoshana Rudinsky of White's Machzor Aleph suggested that we in camp add on 1/10 of whatever we spend in the canteen and donate to a fund to help farmers during the Shmita year.

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BOYS WATERFRONT CONDUCTS BIATHALON

Boys' Waterfront conducted a Biathalon in which the competitors had to swim from Boys' to Machon, then run back to Boys. Winners were Elan Grobman of Ilanot, first; Hertzl Askarinan of J.S.S. Kollel, second, and Jeff Silverman, Ilanot, third.

FOUND: MAN'S WATCH NEAR CANTEEN. SEE RABBI Z.

TORAH thoughts

PARSHAT RE'EH

By Simcha Axelrod, H.S. Kollel

In this week's Parsha, we find the prohibition of eating milk and meat together. The posuk states, "For Thou art a holy nation unto Hashem, your G-d; thou shalt not seethe a kid in its mother's milk." The obvious question raised is, what is the connection between the first half of the posuk and the second half? After all, how are we by abstaining from eating milk and meat a holy nation?

The first answer comes from a medrash in the Yalkut Reuveni. When Moshe went up to Hashem to receive the Torah for Bnei Yisroel, the angels tried to hold Moshe back. Hashem then changed the face of Moshe to the image of Avrohom and He said to them; "Bnei Yisroel do not eat milk and meat together, but you angels ate milk and meat together when you went to visit Avraham, therefore you will not receive the Torah." Had it not been for the prohibition of milk and meat, the angels would have received the Torah. But now, B'nei Yisroel, by separating milk and meat are the holy nation. That's why the posuk states, "for thou art a holy nation" - thou, and not the angels.

A deeper interpretation was given by the Ramban. The Ramban writes that although milk and meat is not an abhorrent food combination (since one can eat milk and meat separately), Hashem prohibited it because we are a holy nation and have to act accordingly. Hashem does not want us to be a cruel people who do not feel it is wrong to milk a mother and cook its offspring in the milk. Therefore, the connection between the first phrase and the second is clearly seen.

As this is the last week of camp, we should all go home with a message from this week's parsha: that we are a holy nation and thus we have to act, dress, speak, and behave in a unique manner - through the observance of the Torah. And with that observance may we merit to the building of the Beis Hamikdash Bimhayrah v'yemaynu, amen.

Shabbat Shalom.

D'VAR TORAH ON THE PARSHA- RE'EH

BY Jonathan Zimbalist, Machon - Green

This week's Parsha, Parshat Re'eh teaches us the important Jewish trait of Tzedakah.

Parshat Re'eh teaches us that any loans that have not been paid back by Shmittah year become annulled. Because of this commandment people feared giving charitable loans to the poor. When a creditor knew that the money he was giving out would never be paid back because of the Shmitta year, he would be reluctant to give out loans, even charitable ones.

Therefore, the Torah states, "Watch yourself, that you should not have in your heart any thought not to give Tzedakah to the poor because the Shmitta year is coming (if you don't give Tzedakah because of this reason) and the poor man cries out to Hashem because of lack of money, then you have sinned."

By the Torah stressing the importance of Tzedaka even during Shmitta year when the loaner does not have constant income, how much more so today we should give Tzedakah when our businesses are not affected by the Shmitta laws.

Finally Hashem comforts us that if we give Tzedakah to the poor we will be rewarded with a long life and prosperity.

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D'VAR TORAH ON PARSHAT RE'EH

By Akiva Willig, Nitzanim - Blue

In Parshat Re'eh the Torah says: V'yerash-tem otah v'yeshavtem bo... From here we learn that living in Eretz Yisroel is equal to all the Mitzvot of the Torah. How is this possible?

The Ramban explains that the real place for Mitzvot is only in Eretz Yisroel. We keep Mitzvot in Golus so that we shouldn't forget how to do them. He gives the following example: A king got angry at his wife and threw her out of his palace. He told her to wear jewelry so that when he invites her back to the palace she should not forget how to be beautiful. So too Hashem threw us out of Israel, but told us to keep Mitzvot so we will remember how to do them when we come back.

by Arielle Becker
Ohed-Torah-White

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By Dani Davis - Alukim
 Blue Team

by Irit Goldberg-
Shidum-Green

מורשית

(1) תל יצ' מרשיה
אחיו מריבס בנזי חמטני
ברכה
ג' בימים
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בן המנהל של קבוצת יו"ק
(2) חסד ברית של קבוצת יו"ק
יחסות אליו יצ'ר
ואם רק רצה כל כך חבר
אחיו יצ'ר א"ז מרשיה חמטני

SHALHEVET FEATURES

THE MAGGID SPEAKS

HEAVY LOAD ?

A dealer in precious stones once went out of town on business. He had with him a valise filled with his wares- diamonds, rubies, emeralds- to show to potential buyers.

When he came to his hotel, he was assigned a room on the fourth floor. The hotel clerk summoned a porter and asked that he carry the businessman's valise up to his room. When the businessman came to his fourth floor room, he found the porter there waiting for him, huffing and puffing from exhaustion. "That was one heavy suitcase!" the porter complained. "I'm collapsing!" What do you have in there, rocks?"

"If you are tired," said the diamond dealer, "you must have taken the wrong valise. Mine is filled with diamonds and precious stones which are lightweight; they wouldn't tire anyone out. You probably took someone else's valise, and that is why you're so tired."

"This," said the Dubno Maggid, "is how to understand what G-d said to the Jewish nation (in Isaiah 43:22) 'The burden of observing My Torah and doing My mitzvos is a light one to carry. If you find it heavy- then you are probably carrying the wrong load.' Torah study and the performance of Mitzvot are a pleasure to carry, for they make a Jew's life complete and happy."

May we carry home our pleasures of Torah study and Mitzvot which we have learned to enjoy this summer and continue the Morasha spirit throughout our lives.

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*****CAMPER CLOSE-UPS*****

BOYS' WATERFRONT was the locale of this week's Camper Close-Up Interviews. There we found:

JARON and EVAN LOWENSTEIN: Jaron and Evan are from Atlanta, Georgia. They are 13 years old and are going into the eighth grade at the Yeshiva High School of Atlanta. Jaron of B 10, influenced by his surroundings, might want to be a cotton picker when he gets older, and Evan (B 8) a farmer. (Wanna' bet?) Their older brother Lee Jay who is in the JSS Kollel drove them up to camp- an 18 hour trip. They have two sisters at home, one is 17 years and one is 8 months old. "Campers are always mixing us up. Once my brother started up with a kid. Thinking it was me who did it, the kid ran after me to try to get revenge," Evan reported. "We get along fine in camp. We save any sibling rivalry for our parents to deal with," they concurred.

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SHALHEVET SAYS THANKS

As we complete the tenth year of SHALHEVET's current format, we extend grateful appreciation. Thanks to Zvi Reich, our camp director, for making production possible, to Mrs. Chaya Reich for expert technical assistance, to Rabbi Abraham Wahrhaftig, Assistant Director, for always accomodating our needs, to Program Director, Rabbi Mordy Besser for his cooperation, to Shirley Storch for sharing her office, her expertise in production, and her good naturedness, to Elana Maryles for her diligence on the mimeo and headlines, to Ahuva Epstein for her Amud Ivri and faculty column coordination with a smile, to Aliza Hertzberg for headlines, to Faygie Willig for the artistic covers, to Rabbi Rhein for ed department info, to the Nitzis for collating, t(their counselors, Judy, and Tova, too) and most of all to our readers.

Very best wishes to all for a L'shana Tova and Hatzlacha in whatever you do.

-----Rita Siff

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MORASHIA, LIKE INTERNATIONAL SPORTS, BRINGS FRIENDSHIP AND RESPECT

By Neil Torczyner, Machon- White

In the New York Times of August 16, the following editorial appeared: "International Sport: Does it build friendship?" The editorial was left as a question. The following is my reply. International Sport builds two types of friendships. It unites the country together because everyone in that country has a common hero and the entire country is striving together to reach a common goal.

Another type of friendship that is a direct result of international sport, is based upon respect. During these games you find respect for others.

Much like the Pan American Games both of these friendships can occur as direct results of Morashia (aka Color Games). The unity and the friendships that are formed as a result of Morashia are examples of national friendship except on a smaller scale. The common heroes and the pursuit of a common goal cause friendships to be formed. Also, the respect and the friendships which are formed by international friendships are formed by Morashia. During Color Games you get a chance to look at others play and find new respect for others. Inasmuch as the Pan American Games promote friendship, so too I believe that Morashia promotes friendship and Achvah Reim. And with Ahavat Re'ah we hope to bring about Beah Goale Tzedek Binhayrah v'Yemanu.

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MORASHA SPORTS

By Jonathan Kepets, Hlanot, Blue Team

Sports in Morasha is usually very organized and is taken very seriously. The main concern is safety in each sport. For instance, in hockey you are required to wear a helmet and it is suggested you wear pads and gloves. In baseball the catcher is required to wear a mask. Although there are some injuries, they are usually not caused by lack of equipment.

Morasha sports are also very exciting. League teams are evenly matched so that the game is won or lost in the final stage of the game.

The camp also has intercamps, tournaments, and Olympic events.

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CAMP

By Tami Feiner, Nitzanim- Green

In camp you meet new friends and great counselors. You play terrific games like Newcomb, BBK, and kickball. After, you usually go swimming in the beautiful lake so you'll cool off. In camp you have great night activities like a Bean Hunt and Human Bingo. It's really fun. You have SHIRIAH, Color War, and Shiur which is really fun. But I know you miss your family, too. Don't worry, you're going home very soon. I know you're going to miss your friends, counselors, and everything you do at camp.

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THE BLUE-K'ITUVIM'S TEAM THEME

By David Sanders, Shtilim - Blue

This year the Blue K'ituvim Team's theme is returning to Eretz Yisroel and the love between Am Yisroel and the land. The theme is also about the people who redeemed us from our exiles such as Ezra and Nechemiah who united us and enforced the Mitzvos. Another type of Ahavah expressed in K'ituvim is the love between Hashem and Yisroel as shown in Shir Hashirim and T'hilim. We hope that the Ahavah between Hashem and Am Yisroel will help redeem us and bring us to Eretz Yisroel Binhayrah v'Yameynu, Omain.

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COLOR WAR POEM

By Robin Berman & Rebecca Breslau, Shtili
Green

Lots of fun
For everyone
Only three days
We wish it would be raised.
Archery, kickball, and BBK,
They're lots of fun in every way.
Track and field and swim meet,
They all make you feel beat.
We hope everyone enjoys color war
And comes back next year for more!

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...When it's all done and normal life is resumed, we'll look back at Color War '87 and remember all the fun we had.

---D.Rapp & M.Kruger, Machon, Green

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TEAM TORAH'S THEME

By Shmulie Pineles, Alufim- White

The main theme of the whole Torah is that B'nei Yisroel should be united with Eretz Yisroel. Hashem has already promised us the land, but in order to inherit it we must fulfill the obligation that Hashem passed on to us regarding the land in order to show us that Hashem owns the land. One example of these obligations is the mitzvah of Shmitah. For six years B'nei Yisroel may work the land but in the seventh they must let the land rest. When this mitzvah was first decreed it seemed like a hard instruction to follow. How could anyone live a full year without working their land? Most people had faith in Hashem that they would be able to live through that year. In return for that emunah, Hashem made it that the crops from the sixth year would last for the seventh as well.

Torah is one of the things on which the world is based. Without Torah we could not live. If everyone does all the Mitzvot of the land and others as well we will be Zocheh to enter Eretz Yisroel and build the Beis Hamikdash.

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WHY I LIKE PLAYING SPORTS

By Elie Hochhauser, Nitzanim, White

I like playing sports because it helps me to feel good about myself. I enjoy helping my team win and I feel good knowing that I have achieved something for my team.

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WINDING DOWN

Tonite: Oneg Shabbat, 10:15, Pargod. Speaker: Rabbi H. Billet, Y.I. of Woodmere
Motzei Shabbat: Melaveh Malkah

Sunday night: Machon/Staff Play: THE MUSIC MAN, starring Marc Hyman, Waterfront and Sharon Friedman, Machon

Monday: 10:00 A.M. City Time. Busses depart L'HITROAT

Tuesday & Wednesday: Rosh Chodesh Ellul

D'VAR TORAH ON PARSHAT RE'EH

By Rina Goldberg, Shtilim, Blue Team

One of the most important Mitzvot discussed in this week's Parsha, Re'eh is giving Tzedakah. There are many ways of giving.

The Jews were commanded to give a Trumah to the Kohanim which was 1/60 of their crops. They also had to give 1/10 of their crops to the poor. This is known as Maaser Rishon and Maaser Ani.

Every seventh year the mitzvah of Shmitah occurs. During this year the Jews in Israel are prohibited from farming their land. They also must cancel any debts that are owed to them.

Through the Mitzvah of Tzedakah the Torah teaches us to help and love our fellow Jews. By doing this, Hashem will reward us and hopefully Moshiach will come soon.

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YEYASSHER KOACHEM

Before davening each morning Yitzchak Mehlman and David Schwartz of Waterfront conducted memorable shiurim. Yeyasher Koachem to the Talmidim: Andrew Beer, Jason Finkelstein, David Greenberg, Dov and Mark Tanenbaum, and Roniel Weinberg (Yitzchok's) and Jacob Goldberg and Avi Feiner (HAFTR) and Jonathan Schwartz (HALB) (David's)

Gabbayim have been working hard all summer to assure smooth running T'filah. Yeyasher Koachem to the following: Machzor Aleph: Shama Berman, Avromie Motechin, Roniel Weinberg, Joel Segal, David Sanders, and Andrew Wurzbarger, Machon, Seth Berkowitz and Bemjy Wal-tuch. Also to the Gabbai Tzedakah Eitan Feiner, Yoni Epstein, and Robert Fagin.

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MARATHON WINNERS

Unofficial reports from the field as we go to press indicate that the Marathon Winners are first place boy, Elisha Rothman from Machon and first place girl, Elisheva Gralla, also Machon.

MAZEL TOV TO ALL TORAH AWARDEES WHO WILL BE ANNOUNCED ON SUNDAY.

RAVING REPORTER

QUESTION : WHAT WILL YOU REMEMBER BEST ABOUT THIS SUMMER ? ? ? ? ? ? ? ?

ANSWERS :

Aura Twersky, G 5: The Fake-Out Break-Out

Shira Katz, G 5: Shiur with Rabbi Lowenstern

Sharon Mann, G2, & Jodi Bruck, G 5 (Counselors) : Michelle Sarasohn

Aura Goldschmidt, G 1: SHALHEVET with my interview in it

Aubrey Sharfman, Ass't Music Head: The conference room

Shari Welcher, G 2: The Infirmary

Moshe Adler, Marc Hyman, Waterfront: The sinking of the Put-put

Elana Maryles, Office: Canadian Hockey

David Raditzky, B 8: The Shiurim

Yitzchak Motechin, Couns., B 10: My hair cut from Jaron Lowenstern

B 10: Binyamin Laufer

David Bistriczer, B 10: My home run in baseball

Moti Novick, B 9: Losing clothes in the laundry

Naomi Shapiro, G 5: The junk food that no one will bring us for 10 months

Racheli Gantz, G 2: Clean-Up

Tamar Popper, G 5: The hard mattresses and lumpy pillows

Amy Sorscher and Chani Fruchter, Machon: Gotch's shorts

Tracy Newhouse, G 2: The kids

Shulamit Braun, G 1: My counselors

Chani Schoffman, G 2: Mifkad at Boys' Campus

David Glatt, Couns., B 11: The Greesspans

Bunk B 2: Zev and his hairstyle

Avi Feiner, B 10: Learning before Davening with David Schwartz

Ilana Cohen, Cara Rochwarger, G 1: Our dance at Musicole

Deborah Waltuch, G 3: Lizzie Parker

Michal Muller, G 20: Answering for SHALHEVET

Sharon Fischer, JC, G 14: My Nitzis

Esther Resnick, G 20: Swimming in the lake

Penina Nussbaum, G 20: The night of Shiriah

G 3: Ourselves

Marnina Allis, G 1: Color War

Pam Laulicht, Couns., Gitta Ehrman, JC, G 3: Yo Tropper & Michael Berger's service at meals

Amanda Nathan, G 3: Tisha B'Av

Jennifer Hellman, G 3: My Bunk Mates, Counselors, and Walters

Nitzan Pelman, G 3: My bunk bed

Avromi Motechin, B 16: Kenny's Grenade Launching

Deborah Waltuch, Pirchie Lifschitz, G 3: Lizzie's Egg Salad

Rebecca Grauer, G 14: Skunks

Sarah Zausner, G 16: Playing Tennis

Marisa Savitsky, G 20: The bees

Tova Renov, G 13: Lantenn