

בס"ד



Morashia
להתראות

volume xv, number 8
August 19, 1988
פרשת שופטים

News of the Week

MEDINA WINS IN 25th ANNUAL MORASHIA

The Blue Team- MEDINA - was proclaimed victorious Wednesday night in culmination of a three day series of games, fun, learning, writing, painting, and more in Morasha's 25th Annual Morashia. Scoring committee chairman, Rabbi Richie Auman announced the score.

Under the leadership of Generals Jeff Koblin and Amy Geller and Lieutenants Michail Schreiber and Ellie Schoffman, Team Medina's win in Shiriah determined the final outcome.

Team Nehuna (Gold) was led by Generals Michael Appel and Robin Landsman and Lieutenants Seth Gordon and Jedi Bruck. Noam Wasserman and Karen Muth directed Team Malchut (Red) followed in command by Daniel Chesir and Gila Fuld.

The Day Camp, donning purple hats, also participated in closing night festivities, m.c.'d by Rabbi Naftali Besser, Chairman of the Color War Co-ordinating Committee. Ahuva Epstein led the audience in a super musical presentation about Morasha touching on the running water (or lack of it) and Rabbi Berman's bears.

Zvi Reich, Camp Director, for "the finest Color War we ever had" presented the four members of the Coordinating Committee Tully, Anuta, Michelle Sarason, and Michael Raskas with gifts of "The Rav Speaks."

Generals and Lieutenants of all teams were presented with "I survived Morashia '88" in general t-shirts before they led opposing teams in unified singing of "Mehayra" soloed by Yaacov Wahrhaftig, and Anu Benay Morasha.

Beautifully designed window artwork by Morasha's Chagallians of each team were judged and will be affixed to the new Dinig Room annex. In addition, Rabbi Saul Berman outlined several of the Ches-Aid projects proposed by each team. Medina (Dana Goldschmidt), to help Italianians, suggested a pen-pal exchange. Malchut's Faygle Friedman proposed setting up a center for Ethiopians in Israel, and Nehuna (Rachel Fainerman) proposed a carnival to benefit Soviet Jewry and send letters to Gorbachev.

Morashia '88 will go down into Morasha history as an outstanding, memorable event.

MUSICOLE TO PORTRAY 40 YEARS OF ISRAEL

The Annual Morasha Musicole, a production of the dance and music departments headed by Shayne Schwed and Gilad Lerer will be held tomorrow night, Motzei Bhabbat in the Mercazia at 9:00 P.M.

The theme, with narration written by Rookie Billet of the Ed Staff, will be a journey through 40 years of Israeli statehood.

Every division of camp will be represented from Day Camp to Staff. Machon Boys and Waterfront Staff will be featured in a special presentation.

The Musicole will climax presentations of the Road Shows of the Music/Dance Departments which have been taking place this summer. Appearances at Camp Block and the New Jersey Y Camp for Senior citizens were exceptionally well received and enjoyed by both generations singing and dancing in harmony.

* * * * *

MAZEL TOV

SHALHEVET, on behalf of all Morashaniks, extends a very hearty
MAZEL TOV

to
*Our Camp Director and Office Manager
Zvi and Chaya Reich
on the birth of a grandson

to
*Jay Hershkowitz (Machon Kitchen)
and parents Marv (Sports) and Mimi
(Dining Room) on his aufruf in the Pargod
and to

*Meir Orlian (Kollel) and parents
Rabbi Dr. Mitchell (Library) and
Chaya (Girls' Camp Mother) on his
Aufruf in the Baïs Hamedrash
May all of the Bealei Simchot derive
much Nachas and celebrate many more
Simchot with our extended Morasha family
* * * * *

WEST SIDE STORY TO BE PRESENTED BY STAFF

West Side Story will be this year's Staff/Machon production Sunday night in the gym. Stars are L. Burian, J. Braverman, K. Sadinoff, 2. Shulie Rubin, and Sharona Isaacs.

JORAH THOUGHTS

A D'VAR TORAH...

ON PARSHAT SHOFTIM

By Tzvi Hebel, High School Kollel

The Torah tells us that before B'nei Yisroel would go out to war, the appointed kohain would approach and address the people as follows: "Hear, Yisroel, you are approaching this day for war against your enemies; your heart should not be faint, do not fear, do not tremble, and don't be terrified of them. Hashem Elokecha is the One going with you to fight against your enemies for you to save you."

The Mishna is Sotah (8:1) explains what the verse refers to: "Your heart shall not be faint" - from the neighing of war horses and from the waving of swords; "do not hear" - the banging of the shields and the trampling of the soldiers' shoes; "do not tremble" - from the sound of horns; "do not be terrified" of the sound of shouting; "for Hashem Elokechem is going with you" - they are relying on the strength of people, and you are relying on the strength of Hashem.

This idea applies not only to the war against enemies, but to everyone's personal war against the Yetzer Hara, for the Yetzer Hara uses the same strategies against a Jew as the enemies of B'nai Yisroel use against them. Their enemies try to instill fear into their hearts with the sound of horses and the swaying of swords, in order that they will fearfully give up and submit themselves. The Yetzer Hara does the same thing: It uses people as his agents to try to sway others from the Torah. Such people proclaim that one need not observe the Torah, and many follow their opinion. These people are merely instruments of the Yetzer Hara, whose whole purpose is to instill fear into the hearts of those who cling to the Torah. Many times, such people will threaten and disgrace those who observe Torah, in order to discourage them into submitting to their heretical ideas.

However, we must remember that the Posuk tells us that we must not be afraid, for Hashem is fighting for us. Whenever tempted by others, even friends, to commit an Aveirah or to forsake Torah study, we must not fear or give in, but we must remember that if we cling to the Torah, Hashem will grant us great reward.

OUR FACULTY WRITE.....

ON ELUL AND THE END OF CAMP

By Rabbi Daniel Rhein, Director of Ed.

Ani L'Dodi V'Dodi Li - ELUL- A time for serious thought and reflection...The last week of camp - a time for serious thought and reflection. When they arrive together how much moreso a time for

The summer is drawing to a close and the Yomim Norayim are fast approaching. A review of the past few weeks is called for and a kabbalah and commitment for the New Year is necessary.

We have been able to do chessed with our bunkmates and others, to learn "lishma" in Shiurim and other times, be it with our counselors, before or after T'filah, or before going to sleep. We've learned new songs and zemirot to enhance our Shabbat. We've made Tsevakah a daily experience and helped other people less fortunate than us and hopefully become more sensitive and caring people through our summer experience. The friends we've made will im yertza Hashem be lifelong ones, and we'll all gain from each other.

If we take these ideas and ideals home with us and build on them we can be assured that our T'filot will be answered, our year at Yehiva and at home will be enhanced and sanctified, and we'll be zocheh to continue growing in Torah and Mitzvot.

Have a K'tivah V'chatima Tova and Im Yertza Hashem, we'll see the coming of Moshiach and Geulat Yisroel Bimhayrah V'yameinu. (We will be Nismach after Tismach)

* * * * *

A WORD ON....'V'AHAVTA L'RAYACHA

The Baal Shem Tov used to say "Love your fellow man as yourself". You know that you have many faults, nevertheless, you still love yourself. That is how you should feel towards your friends. Love him, despite his faults!"

....from SHALHEVET contribution by
Danny Feinberg, Alufim, Blue

MORASHIA

TRIUMPH I I

By Elisheva Reich, G 2, Shtilim Gold

As I stepped up to the plate, I felt as if all eyes were fixed on me. Although there were only two more weeks left till the summer was over, I still couldn't hit the ball. I was always getting the team out and I felt so bad. The rolling of eyes and gritting of teeth as I walk by my bunkmates doesn't make it any better. So here I was, the second to the last week of camp and I was still a big loser. Now, back to this particular event.

There were still a few seconds before I approached the plate. As I watched in terror as the pitcher warmed up, I tried to psyche myself out. "Look," I told myself, "face it, you're not good, you're everything but an asset to the team." Then I told myself, "But this time you've got to do it." Make it seem like in those books where people get a sudden rush of inspiration and become heroes. Then, it hit me! This wasn't a book, this was the real thing!

Suddenly I heard my coach's deep voice. "Come on Daniel, you can do it!" I wondered why he was cheering me on. Then I realized that I was standing perfectly still, because I had come to a halt during my train of thought. Then as I clenched my fists and glanced up at the clear blue sky wishing I could fly away and never come back, my eye caught sight of the score sheet resting in my counselor's lap. The score was 7-4 theirs and we had two outs. So that's why the coach is so enthusiastic, I thought sadly. The bases were loaded and I could tell everyone was thinking: There goes a grand slam. Well, I'd show 'em but, what's the use? Everyone knows I'm no good. I suddenly realized what was going on around me.

My team was in the bleachers cheering me on. I was standing with my arms drooping helplessly clutching the bat. I saw the pitcher revving up, his right knee slightly bent raising itself higher and higher into the air as his arm started winding up for the pitch. Before I realized what was happening I saw the ball whizzing straight at me and it seemed as if it was going to hit me square in the nose. I swung the bat to protect my face. The ball flew way out into the field and I started running. I ran and ran and within seconds I found myself sliding onto home plate. Then I realized I had done it. I had hit my first grand slam!

GOLDEN EXPECTATIONS

By Ari Eilenberg, B 19, Nitzanim Gold

Hi! My name is Ari Eilenberg. I am 9 years old and this is my second year in Morasha. I am lying in bed extremely tired and I would like to share with you why I am so tired.

It all started on Sunday night. My counselor yelled "lights out!" While some went to sleep, I waited impatiently for the big moment. I wasn't able to go to sleep. I knew it was happening and I wanted to be up for every minute of it.

Time passed so slowly. I tried to read comics, or listen to my Walkman, but all I could think of was "When, when, I can't wait!" As Sunday turned to Monday I felt it happen. As soon as I heard the siren I jumped out of bed screaming, "IT'S HERE - IT'S ABOUT TIME!"

Well, now I'm on the Gold Team and I have to get some sleep- for a big day tomorrow.

* * * *

TZITZIS

By Zev Rosenzweig, Shtilim Red

I never thought about tzitzis as fully as I should have - until Color War. Nobody would dare walk around without a yarmulka. But you never feel the same about Tzitzis. I know. I never thought about tzitzis being as equal in importance as a yarmulka- until now, that is.

Some people wear a yarmulka so they won't get in trouble because a yarmulka is noticeable, and tzitzis are the opposite. People reason that they're afraid of (the reactions of) other people, but not G-d. If you are not afraid of G-d, who are you afraid of?

* * * *

FRIENDSHIP AND SPORTSMANSHIP

By Suri, Linda, Stephanie, & Elana
Nitzanim Blue

.....Being separated from your friends means you should look forward to making new friends. People are excited because they have their friends on their team, and were maybe a little upset if some were separated. Don't just keep your best friends. Make new ones.

FROM DAY CAMP TO STAFF IN 18 YEARS

*** CHUMI BESSER and LISA WAHRHAFTIG ***

To be 17 years old and spending your 18th summer in Morasha is no small feat. Just ask Chumi Besser, Co-counselor of Ilanot Bunk 10 and Lisa Wahrhaftig, Day Camp Counselor. Chumi started coming to Morasha at 6 and Lisa at 5- months, that is.

Through Day Camp, Nitzanim, Shtilim, Ilanot, Alufot, Mechina in Israel, and Machon, Chumi and Lisa have finally reached the glorified position on being staff members.

What was the biggest accomplishment in 18 years? "Finally being able to attend cafe night and knowing all the words to Anu B'nei Morasha," agreed both.

When asked what their favorite summer was Chumi's answer was, "this summer because I love my bunk and the benefits that go with being a staff member- especially the days off." while Lisa liked Machon best because "it's really the best of both worlds- you don't have all the responsibilities of a full fledged counselor but people begin to recognize your talents."

The most outstanding event that they remember from day-camp is running, whenever it rained, to the old A building to watch cartoons because the day-camp room didn't have walls. (And we saw the same movies all the time.)

What's the key to eighteen year survival? "Keep your sense of humor and it didn't hurt to know some higher ups..." What does the future hold for this dynamic duo? Chumi plans to go to Michlalah this year while Lisa will be attending Machon. They will both be reunited next fall in Stern College.

Will they be back next summer? Chumi definitely wants to come back next summer and can't see herself anywhere else. While Lisa says that at this very moment, contracts for next summer are being negotiated (Right...)

Future possibility of their being a female director or program director- "Well, we've started test driving golf carts and believe us, when we take our seats this camp will really pick up!"

We'll be waiting.....

STAFFER CLOSE-UPS

This week's Close-Ups were of Staffers, interviewed at the suggestion of Boruch the Driver while aboard the camp van going 55 miles an hour down Route 17.

CHAYA PERLOWITZ, SC of G 14, is at Morasha for the first year before she goes to Michlalah. Her greatest satisfaction in camp- "having my kids set me up."

PIRINTZY SCHOENBERG, a member of the Sports staff, is a graduate of Shulamith. She's been coming to Morasha 9 or 10 years. Driving the golf cart is the source of her greatest satisfaction in camp.

ARYEH WEINER is the Assistant to the Baker. In his third year at Morasha- he got into the bakery while being a waiter- he attends Y.U. Headed for a career in advertising, his satisfaction comes from finally being interviewed by SHALHEVET.

MICHELLE CHREIN finds her greatest satisfaction in "catching my kids where they're not supposed to be." She's the SC of Alufot in G 18. When she finishes Stern she wants to go into marketing.

MICHAEL RASKAS, here from St. Louis for six years, is on the Sports Staff. His ambition: "to be Morasha's Program Director." He's headed for Gush and his greatest satisfaction is in learning Masachet Avodah Zarah with Aryeh Weiner.

KAREN MUTH, SC-G 12, went to Flatbush Yeshiva, wants to be a lawyer, has been here 5 years, and gets her greatest satisfaction from her D.H.

DANI SEGAL is part of the Drama Staff. She wants to be an artist, is headed for Midreshet Moriah, and the opening night of a play is her greatest source of satisfaction.

DONNY ZINKES, a waiter, will soon be a lawyer and/or journalist. He attends Y.U. and well-fed children are his greatest satisfaction here.

AVIVA SCHWARTZ is a mother's helper. She attends Stern, wants to be a dietician, and gets satisfaction in watching the babygrow

MORASHIA !!!

HOMELAND

By Sharon Lefkowitz, Machon, Blue

He worked in a labor camp building railroad tracks. She, in the officers' kitchen a few kilometers away. One day a train drove through the camp; it was bound for Hungary. As a doctor emerged from the train, the man took his chance. "Will you please smuggle my wife and me out of this camp? We can pay you handsomely." Almost before the doctor had nodded he began running toward the camp where his wife was working. "Where are we going?" she asked excitedly. "It doesn't matter, but we can't stay here." A few days later the couple found themselves wandering aimlessly around the snowcovered mountains with nowhere to go and no place to call home.

They live in a small, dark and dingy apartment in Leningrad. The furniture is old and well-worn. On the floor lies a shaggy, torn carpet; it is full of holes. Surprisingly enough, the wall is decorated with a large and beautiful Oriental rug. Why does this family choose to walk on an old rag when they have such a lovely rug available to them? The answer lies in the hopes of the family. The Keiss-Kunass are Refuseniks whose dream is to move to Eretz Yisroel where they hear the stone floors are quite cold during the winter. They are saving this new carpet for their future apartment in Israel. Until then, they have nowhere to go. How many more years will this rug hang on the wall?

For centuries a homeland in Israel had been unrealized dream. Jews all over the world were shuffled from country to country where they were persecuted endlessly as strangers and foreigners. Finally, in 1948, Israel was declared a state and homeless Jews from all over flocked to its ports, relieved to find a land they could call their own.

Today, we have grown up in an age where in the State of Israel has always existed. It is hard for us to envision summers without vacations in Israel of life before Kibbutzim, the Knesset, or Tzahal.

After surviving the Holocaust, the man, his wife, and baby daughter made their way to Jerusalem. Unfortunately, in the home of the Keiss-Kunas, the rug still hangs on the wall. We pray that their dream of Israel will be realized just as it was for millions of other Jews.

SPORTS IN CAMP

Most sports in camp are fun. A personal favorite is tennis. I wish we had tennis more often. I asked most of the kids in my bunk what sports they like, and most of them agreed on tennis.

The second place sport was softball. Third place was a tie between hockey and basketball.

I know in other bunks choices will differ. One of the most disliked sports is track. Maybe something can be done to make it more fun.

-----Chanan Hoschander, Shtili Gold

* * * *

LIFE IN ATHENS, GEORGIA

By Adam Klein, Nitzanim, Red

My name is Adam Klein and I live in Athens, Georgia. I go to a public school and learn two hours of Hebrew a week with my dad. My dad teaches at the University of Georgia. There's only a minyan here on Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur. I'm fortunate to have come to camp not only because it's fun, but because I hear the Torah more and learn more davening. Even though it's hard to keep up in everything, I'm still trying to hang on.

* * * *

A DAY OF UNDERSTANDING

By Adam Postal & Ari Blech, Machon, Blue

In the Machon year, one of the most rewarding experiences always was and continues to be Camp Morasha's interaction with Camp B'nai B'rith. Serving as a learning opportunity for both camps, the program often creates conceptions and friendships that last a lifetime. Meeting people willing to accept the obligations and restrictions of Judaism on their own has made us more conscientious about and content with accepting the yoke of shamayim.

....Happy to have had the easy path to religion, we wonder if perhaps it was too easy- how much of what we do is sincere and how much is done out of rote....

ROVING REPORTER



QUESTION: /WILL YOU REMEMBER MOST ABOUT THE 25th ANNIVERSARY SUMMER ? ? ?
WHAT (submitted by Jeff Kobrin)

ANSWERS:

- | | |
|--|---|
| Safreda Besser, Secretary: that I worked the Sunday of celebration | Ilana Barber, G 10: Ahuva & Barbara as clowns |
| Aryeh Weiner, Baker's Assistant: The 1000 "mezonos" hot dog rolls that I baked | Michael Levine, Canteen: Mordy Besser |
| Jennifer Zomick, Office: Avraham Mehlman | Michael Schreiber, JC, B 13: Jeff Kobrin |
| Avraham Mehlman, Machon Counselor: Jennifer Zomick | Nicolas Muzin, B 9: Mifkad in the morning |
| Melanie Hirsch, G 14: When my tooth fell out | Jonathan Teitlebaum, B 4: The canoe trip |
| Shaindy Friedman, G 14: When I saw my Mom on Visiting Day | Ari Grobman, B 18: Sleeping under a mosquito net |
| Elissa Zitter, G 14: When my mother came for Shabbat | Ari Lindner, B 7: Hot dogs for 25¢ |
| Michal Wahrhaftig, G 17: The water situation | Evan Kevelson, B 9: Getting my name in SHALHEVET |
| Penina Nussbaum, G 2: Color War Breakout | David Ruditsky, B 12: Intercamps with Moshava |
| Randy Sorscher, G 9: Anniversary pads & pens | Zev Rosensweig, B 6: Jumping from 45 feet on Trip Day |
| Tami Finkelstein & Naomi Shapiro, G 9&7: Color War | Adam Berkowitz, B 3: the tennis tourney |
| Shira Winkler, G 17: The fans in the Dining Room | Moshe Mordecai Oratz: My Bar Mitzvah |
| Michelle Greenberg, G 19: the chicken salad | Joshua Guedalia, B 15: Getting all my socks back |
| G 17: STATS | Sharon Rosenblum, B 3: My counselors |
| Meira Schatz & Leah Friedman, G 19: The mice family | Steven Mandel, B 4: Raiding the canteen |
| Kenny Rozenberg, Shtili D.H.: Nothing | Jeremy Fox, B 11: The Indianapolis clowns |
| Rena Goldberg, G 4: Winning Shiriah for the fourth year in a row | Aaron Twersky, B 15: Zush's shorts |
| Rebecca Zausner, G 3: Elitzur | Avi Levenbraun, B 18: Boating |
| Debra Oppenheim, G 3: Trip Day | Yechiel Rosman, B 6: The beds in the infirmary |
| Dena Schwartz, G 8: the heat | Jeff Kobrin, SC B 11: Being better than Mike |
| Amira Rubin, G 12: Waking up for Color War | Mike Appel, SC B 10: Being better than Jeff |
| | Pirchi Alpert, G 7: Nice bunks for the Nitzis |
| | Ari Rosenberg, B 5: Color War |