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News of the Week

ADDITIONAL FAST DAY IN MORASHA OBSERVED BY MACHZOR BET

Demonstrating undaunted commitment to Torah and its observance, Machzor Bet upheld a special fast day last Monday in Morasha.

In the process of moving the Aron Kodesh in the Upper Boys Gym to prepare for an Ilanot program, the Sefer Torah accidentally fell onto the floor. Having learned that whenever a Sefer Torah is dropped, a fast day is called for, the entire Machzor Bet fasted until Mincha. Forty Ilanot, since their program was involved, fasted the entire day. The whole Machzor Bet davened Maariv together followed by dinner which had been postponed until after nightfall.

In addition, members of the division committed themselves to increased learning L'kovod Hatorah.

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SHAYMOT BURIAL, TZITZIT MAKING PROGRAMMED FOR TISHA B'AV

As part of Tisha B'Av custom at Camp Morasha, campers will be able to witness the burial of Shaymot on Thursday afternoon. Anyone who has any Seferim/objects of Kedusha which are no longer usable but which are not permitted to be discarded should give them to Rabbi Daniel Rhein, Educational Director, or any member of the Ed Staff.

Materials for making Tzitzit will be available before Thursday. Any boys who wish to make their own should see Rabbi Rhein.

A Tisha B'Av mood setter will be presented to staff under the direction of Rabbi Tully Besser on Tuesday night at 10:30 in the Pargod. The program will include appropriate dramatic readings and song.

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ONEG SHABBAT

Speaker tonite: Rabbi Benjamin Blech

ALUFIM/OT PRODUCTION TO TEACH LESSON

An important lesson to each of us is pointed out in the Alufim/ot Dramatic production to be presented Monday and Tuesday nights in the Mercazia. The "Remarkable Incident at Carson Corners" will feature an ensemble cast of 26 boys and girls.

Especially suited for the Nine Days, the play shows that the tiniest act which we perform can have great impact—sometimes tragic. "The play should teach us to think before we act (or don't act)," said Ricki Zibitt, Dramatics Director.

Jeremy Dauber of Machon serves as Assistant Director for this production.

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STAFF LEARNS TO SAVE LIVES

Over 100 members of the Camp Morasha staff is participating in an activity that can potentially save many lives. C.P.R. (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) is an emergency first aid procedure that allows one person to breathe and circulate blood for a person whose heart and lungs have stopped working. The course is being given by a staff from the Wayne County Memorial Hospital through the American Heart Association.

The class took place on Tuesday evening, August 1, and will have a second session on August 8. The group saw a movie, practiced working on adult, infant, and child models, and were tested and certified at the end of the evening. The certification is good for two years. C.P.R. is an easy skill to master and can save lives of family, friends, and neighbors. For more information contact Michelle Sarasohn of Girls' Waterfront.

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ILANOT BOYS CELEBRATE SIYUM

A group of Ilanot Boys learning with counselor Jeff Kupletsky celebrated a Siyum on Mishnayot Megilla on Thursday morning. Special refreshments were donuts.



TORAH THOUGHTS



OUR FACULTY WRITES. . .

ON PARSHAT D'VORIM/ NINE DAYS

By Rabbi Naftali Besser

In this week's Parsha, D'vorim, we find Moshe Rabeinu prefacing his review of the Mitzvot with words of reproof. Moshe reminds K'lal Yisrael of Chet Hamaraglim and states: In 1:23: "All of you came to me requesting we send spies." Rashi points out that in Perek 5 when describing Matan Torah, Moshe said, "You came to me, head of your tribes and your elders."

The difference Rashi explains was that at Matan Torah, the drawing near was done in an orderly fashion, first the heads, then the leaders, etc., whereas at Chet Hamaraglim, they all came in confusion, the young pushing the elders in order to get to Moshe first. It seems that Moshe is making another point of rebuke concerning the way K'lal Yisrael approached him at Chet Hamaraglim.

The Chidushel Harim, however, sees Moshe's criticism in quite a different way. True that at Matan Torah, K'lal Yisrael was involved in a positive situation yet there was something missing. An event such as Matan Torah should have stimulated a greater enthusiasm amongst the Jews so that they would want to rush forward as they proved they can do by Chet Hamaraglim when they were truly excited.

A similar concept is found in Parshat Vayishlach when Yaakov, before meeting Esav after many years sends a message telling his brother that although he spent 20 years with Lavan, he kept the Mitzvot and did not learn from his evil ways. The Lubliner RAV was puzzled: Is it like Yaakov to show off his piety? Rather Yaakov's message was the opposite: Although I've kept all the Mitzvot, I've yet to perform the Mitzvot with the great enthusiasm with which Lavan had performed his evil deeds.

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A D'VAR TORAH ON

PARSHAT D'VARIM

By Jordan Mann, YP Kollel

Suppose someone who didn't like you suddenly said you were a wonderful person. And after that, your best friend told you you're a big nuisance. You'd probably be confused. That's way the events you've learned about in parashat hashavua lately are so confusing. A few weeks ago, we learned in Parshat Balak that Bilam, a great enemy of K'lal Yisrael, praised them and gave them an eloquent beracha. This week, in parashat D'varim, we read that Moshe, who loved K'lal Yisrael dearly, spent much time rebuking them and describing their faults.

The Midrash offers an explanation of this unlikely course of events that holds an important lesson for our relationships with others. Quoting a posuk in Mishlei (28:23), the Midrash says as follows: "One who rebukes a man behind me will find favor more than a flatterer." One who rebukes is Moshe. "A man" is Yisrael. "behind me" - In order to bring Yisrael to follow behind Hashem - "will find favor" this is Moshe - "more than a flatterer" this is Bilam.

The Da'at Z'keinim explains this Midrash with a meshal comparing K'lal Yisrael to the son of a king who had two officers, one who is the son's friend, and one who hates him. The friend tells him not to commit a crime because his father is king, will have no mercy, and will kill him. The one who hates him tells him he can do anything he wants because his father is king and he doesn't have to be afraid.

So, too, Moshe the friend warns B'nei Yisrael to be careful not to be deceived so as to arouse Hashem's anger. But Bilam, the enemy, praises them and tells them they can do whatever they want and will not be punished.

Here is the point: We like it when people tell us that things will go well for us, that we are good people, that we are smart or successful or good-looking. Usually it is our friends who tell us this and our enemies tell us the opposite. But

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עמוד עברי

הפזמון המערכי פזמון האביונים / סיפור עממי

זה הפזמון המערכי
שאנו זוכים לעולם

מסיקחא דרב כהנא, מ"ט ב'

כאשר ציוה ה' לשלמה המלך
לבנות את בית המקדש.
בא אליו מלאך ה'
ואמר לו:

— שלמה בן דוד מלך ישראל.
הבית אשר אתה עומד לבנות.
יהיה בית מקדש לכל ישראל.
לכן אסוף את כל העם ואמור להם.
כי כל העם ישחוו בפניי.

אסף שלמה את כל העם
והפיל גורלות.
יצא הגורל:

העשירים יבנו שלושה פזמים.
ואת הפזמון הרביעי.
את הפזמון המערכי.
יבנו העניים והאביונים.

התחילו בעבודה.
העשירים קנו אבנים ועצים.
וגם שקדו פזלים.
ולכן נבנו שלושה הפזמים בזמן קצר.
אבל העניים עבדו בעצמם.
הם נשיהם וקניהם.
הם בעצמם עסקו במלאכת הפניין.
לכן בניית הפזמון המערכי נמשכה זמן רב.
כאשר נקמה כל המלאכה.
וכיח המקדש עמד על מקומו.
אמר ה':
— יקרה לי מאוד עבודתם של העניים.

וכתוב: יצאה וקראה:
— לעולם אין השכינה נוה מהפזמון המערכי.
הפזמון שקנו העניים.

לפי "אגדות ארץ ישראל" מאת זאב וילנאי



SHALHEVET FEATURES

Staffer of the Issue
GIDON ROTHSTEIN

ASSOCIATE MACHON HEAD

The Man in Charge of Morasha's Machon Program, GIDON ROTHSTEIN, is this week's Staffer of the Issue. This week Gidon is not only the man in charge but the person in charge due to the absence of the official head.

Gidon, a graduate of the Yeshiva of Flatbush and Yeshiva College where he majored in history, is now a candidate for Semicha at RIETS. Eventually he will professionally enter the rabbinate or the field of chinuch.

In his role at Machon, Gidon educates young men and women to become full fledged staff members of Morasha and hopefully future leaders of the Jewish community.

He has found the most challenging part of that position to be "getting up in the morning." As soon as he finds the most rewarding part he will let us know. When asked what he would like to change about his position, Gidon replied, "the salary scale". Most of all he enjoys "hanging with the Machoniks."

Gidon's involvement with Morasha extends to Israel where he had led our Sulam program. He has two brothers in camp, one in Ilanot and one in Nitzanim.

His tasks as Machon head are many and Gidon, in his soft spoken, but firm manner, executes them well. As a role model, he carries out for himself the advice which he gives to our readers: "Et Haelokim Yirah, v'et mitzvatah she-mor, ki zeh kol ho'odom."

We wish him continued Hatzlacha in all of his endeavors.

. . . R. Siff

Camper Closeups...
SHTILIM BOYS

This weeks Campers were seen Close-Up on Boys' Campus as they came from a refreshing swim.

GILAD KALTER, B 2, lives in Woodmere and attends HAFTAR where he is grade 6. His favorite activity is hockey. When he grows up his goal is to be a lawyer. He has a sister here on Waterfront Staff.

ARI MOTECHIN, B2, attends RJJ in Staten Island where he lives. His favorite activity is also hockey. What does he want to be when he grows up? Boys' Head Counselor at Camp Morasha, of course.

AMI KUTNER, B 3, comes to Morasha all the way from Yerushalayim where he is in Grade 6 at Amud Beit Giloh. In the future, Ami wants to be a doctor, although now the camp activity he likes best is art. Unique to everyone in camp except his brother in Alufim and his cousin in girls' Shtilim, Ami is accompanied in camp by his grandparents.

EZRA ADLER, B 3, aims to be a rabbi when he gets older. Now he's in the sixth grade at Yeshiva Orach Chaim. He lives in Lawrence, has a brother in Alufim, and favorite activity is soccer.

AKIVA WILLIG, B2, lives in Riverdale and is in 6th grade at Breuer's Yeshiva (SRH). He likes baseball best and not yet decided what he'll do in the future. Akiva comes to camp with his parents, sisters, and brothers.

ELISHA BLECHNER, B 3, comes from Boston where he attends Maimonides Yeshiva. He wants to be a contractor someday, but now enjoys hockey best in camp.

ARYEH YUDIN, B 2, lives in Fairlawn and is in Grade 6 at the Yeshiva of North Jersey. Even though his favorite activity now is hockey, when he gets older he wants to be a doctor.

Tisha B'Av

TISHA B'AV IN HALACHA

Tisha B'Av commemorates five major tragedies which befell the Jewish People, most significantly the destruction of the first and second Batel Mikdash. As such, it is the saddest day in the Jewish calendar, compared in Halacha to a day of Shiva and a public fast second only to Yom Kippur in its requirements.

At the final meal before Tisha B'Av (the Seudah Hamafsekes) one cannot eat an elaborate meal since it is a meal of mourning, and must reflect the mood of the day. Therefore, the custom is to eat a regular meal earlier, to daven Mincha, and then to have the Seudah Hamafsekes consisting of only a hard boiled egg, bread, and water. This meal is eaten while sitting on a low stool or on the ground and by oneself rather than in company which would call for a mezuza.

On Tisha B'Av everyone who is old enough and is able to does not eat or drink. Those who do not fast (because of age or situation) should not eat more than necessary. Chazal emphasize that fasting in itself is of little value without accompanying it with T'shuva.

We do not shower or wash more than to remove dirt except up to the knuckles, wear shoes that are made of any leather, or use oils, cosmetics, lotions (except deodorants), or brush one's teeth.

One does not greet another on Tisha B'Av. Until noon we sit on the floor or on low stools. Boys do not put on tefillin until Minchah. We are careful to spend our time in such a way so that we should not come to levity.

Since studying Torah is a joyous experience, we are allowed to learn those parts of Gemara that deal with the Churban Bayit.

L'shana Haba B'Yerushalayim habinuya.

NO STONES ARE MISSING

Not all of the stones and foundations of the Beis Hamikdash were burned or destroyed. They were all hidden away. Shedim (demons) brought other stones which were burned to fool Titus. When Hashem rebuilds the Beit Hamikdash, He will use the same stones and foundations that were there originally. Nothing will be missing.

.....From MeAm Lo'ez

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GETTING READY FOR TISHA B'AV

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

...Rosenfeld, Tisha B'Av
Compendium

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TISHA B'AV ON THURSDAY

Since Tisha B'Av this year falls on Thursday, we do not have to wait until noon on Av 10 to do laundry, but may wash clothes Thursday night in preparation for Shabbat.

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HOW COULD HE KNOW THE TIME ?

The Romans took Rabbi Yochanan ben Zakai and placed him inside a dark chamber. The chamber where the rabbi sat was within seven other chambers, all without windows. It was completely dark.

Whenever the rabbi was asked the time, he knew, and the Romans could not understand how.

He explained, "I know that I am able to study ten chapters of Mishna every hour. Therefore, if I study forty chapters I know that four hours have elapsed. Since I am constantly studying Torah day and night, I always know what time it is."

SPORTS

SPECIAL TO SHALHEVET FROM SPORTS REPORTERS ERIC MELZER AND LAWRENCE BURIAN

ELITZUR GREAT SUCCESS WINNERS GET MEDALS

Wednesday's Elitzur was a terrific success. Medals were awarded to the outstanding performers in Track and Field as well as the winning teams in all sports. Congratulations to all those who won, and to all those who didn't- there's always the 3rd Elitzur Games in 1992. Lawrence Burian, Elitzur coordinator was available for comment: "It was definitely the finest athletic activity in Morasha camping history."

STAFF INTRAMURAL RACE ON

The staff intramural race is heating up. Each team has two divisional games which will determine playoff berths. The top two teams in each division will make it. Here are the standings:

<u>EAST</u>		<u>WEST</u>	
Terps	3-2	Yellow Jackets	4-1(y)
Blue Devils	3-2	Cavaliers	2-3
Wolfpack	1-4	Tar Heels	2-3

y- clinched playoff berth

COMING UP

Aug. 5: Morasha vs. Moshava Staff Basketball
Aug. 6: Morasha vs. Lavi Staff Hockey

FACULTY WRITES ON PARSHA/NINE DAYS (continued from page 3)

During this Nine Day period we practice many rituals in order to awaken ourselves to T'shuva. Maybe we can take the enthusiasm we display when partaking in our everyday camp activities (i.e. sports) and transpose them into our pursuit of Torah values and Mitzvot.

Our Avodat Hashem has to be "B'chol M'odecha", with all our resources. Hashem has blessed us with many potential abilities and strengths. Let us live up to our potential and be Shomrei Torah B'Shlaimut.

WAITERS DEFEAT KOLLEL IN BASKETBALL

Monday night the Granville Walters took on the Kollel Basketball team and defeated them 59-57. The game had its ups and downs for both teams throughout and wasn't over at any point. Former MTA Lions David Speiser and Noam Cohen led the way for the waiters finishing with 22 and 18 points respectively. YHS star Dov Goldman also chipped in 16. Kollel received outstanding performances from B.Z. Scheinfeld and Steve Richter.

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ILANOT BOYS WIN TROPHIES AT HILLEL

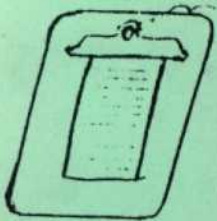
Congratulations to our Ilanot boys who brought home the first place trophies on Wednesday in the annual Hillel Invitational Basketball Tournament after being rolled two weeks earlier in Seneca. In the first game they were down 8 points entering the 4th quarter, but facing elimination, regrouped and held their opponent to 2 points. Doni Appel was voted MVP of the series. Special congratulations to the Ilanot Boy's Coach, Avi Steinlauf. Both our Ilanot Girls team coached by Ora Nusbacher and our Shtili boys coached by Jeff Morris came in third and their coaches were extremely pleased with their teams' efforts.

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MAYBE HE'S A BILAM . . .

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sometimes the job of a good friend is to tell us that things are not ok, that we have limitations, that we have to make changes if we do not want to get in trouble. An enemy, on the other hand, might tell us that everything is fine because he wants us to harm ourselves. So if your friend doesn't realize he has problems that are going to cause him pain later, tell him. And if someone tells you you're the greatest and everything is hunky-dory, be careful, because maybe- just maybe- he's a Bilam in disguise.



ROVING REPORTER

QUESTION: IF YOU HEARD MOSHIACH HAD REACHED MORASHA, WHAT WOULD YOU DO ? ?

ANSWERS:

- STEVE RAYMOS, Waiter: Go to Lavi
- DOV GOLDMAN, GWK: Become religious
- DOVID ROSMAN, B 4: Ask for a ride home
- JASON FINKELSTEIN, B 6: Wait for milkad
- JEREMY KIRSHNER, B 2: Ask him questions
- DANIEL SCHOR, B 6: Try to get a ride on his white donkey
- ANDREW DAUBER, B4: Ask to see my grandfather, A.H.
- ARI GROSS, B 6: Tell my parents
- JEREMY SCHIOWITZ, B 5: Learn Torah
- BINYAMIN ROSENSTOCK, B 1: Start building the Beis Hamikdash
- ARI MOTECHIN, B 2: Buy a 'We want Moshiach Now' bumper sticker
- RONI SHAPIRO, B 2: I'd faint.
- ADAM KLEIN, B3: I'd shower
- ELISHA BLECHNER, B 3: Cut down trees so he can land
- RANAN GROBMAN, B 6: Pack Ari's mauve sweats
- AZRIEL RAUZMAN, B 4: Take my life savings and spend it
- JONATHAN SPORN, B 4: I'd be really happy
- ARI SODDENBERG: Give him a Champion sweatshirt
- RABBI B.Z. SHEINFELD, Ed. Staff: Ask him if he has a basketball team
- YITZCHOK MOTECHIN, D.H. : Ask him if he checked in with Rabbi Besser
- YISROEL MINSKOFF, B 3: See if the Shaarey Rachamim are open
- JOSEPH SOSHTAIN, B 10: Offer him an egg roll
- STEVEN GLANZ & JAN FISCHER, Machon: Learn in Kollel
- GRANT SCHUMACKER, B 12: Give him my autograph
- DANNY ADAMS, B 12: Introduce him to Grant Schumacker
- ERIC SUSSMAN, B 12: Get my food ready for Tisha B'Av
- GILA FULD, SC, G 5: Put on knee pads to get ready to roll
- STEVEN MILLER, B 9: Grow Payos
- MARC FRIEDMAN, Machon: Lock myself in the canteen
- JOEL SEGAL, B 17: Sell him a Morasha athletic club T shirt
- YAACOV OTTENSOSSEY, B 15: Jump for Joy
- REBECCA BRAND, Office: Cry
- ARYEH YUDIN, B 2: Stay with him
- ANDREW WURZBERGER, B 11: Pack my food
- MACHON BOYS: Call Mendy