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News of the Week

TISHA B'AV MOOD SET IN STAFF PROGRAM

In one of the most moving programs in Camp Morasha history, Morasha Staff and Machon witnessed a Tisha B'Av mood setting event Tuesday night in the Pargod.

Coordinated by Rabbi Tully Besser, the program included a vignette based on a true life Holocaust experience presented by Rochle Winkler, Older Shtetl Division Head. A film clip from "War and Remembrance", dramatic readings based on Sparks of Glory, memorial tributes to European towns destroyed in the Holocaust, and slow songs with no musical accompaniment rounded out the presentation.

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MORASHANIKS ENJOY SEUDOT SHEL MITZVAH BNEI TORAH CONDUCT SIYUMIM

Morashaniks were able to enjoy Seudot shel Mitzvah with special dinners and divrei Torah twice in the Nine Days. Through the efforts of capable Bnei Torah Siyumim were conducted and the entire camp was invited to participate.

Yeyasher Koachachem to Counselor Benjamin Waltuch and Kollel members Gavriel Shapiro, Kevin Taragin, Yaacov Genack, Yonah Reiss, David Pahmer, and Daniel Feldman.

The Siyumim took place in both the Main and Machon Dining Rooms and at the overnight site.

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MORASHIA IS COMING, BUT WHEN ???

Is MORASHIA coming? Probably, but when? Only the Coordinating Committee (and a few others) know for sure. Already hard at work are Rabbi Joel Cohn, chairman, and Moshe Adler, Sheeba Beitler, Sharon Fisher, and Jeff Kobrin.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETS AT MORASHA

The Board of Directors, a group of men and women very important to the running of Camp Morasha, met for two days last week here at camp.

Major emphasis for next season, according to Zvi Reich, our Camp Director, will be on improving present facilities including athletic fields, the water supply, and the distribution of electricity throughout camp, especially the Kollel campus.

A prominent member of the Board, Dr. Edith Bondi, proudly presented three young men from Alufim with their prize medals during the Elitzur Awards ceremony on the playing field.

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MORASHA DAY CAMP IN MIDST OF INTENSE MITZVAH CAMPAIGN

Victory in Shiriah impelled the Morasha Day Camp, directed by Sharon Richter and Geula Twersky, on to bigger and better things. Now they're in the midst of an intense Mitzvah campaign specializing in Bikur Cholim and Hachnosas Orchim.

The children, ranging in age from 3-8, designed cards for the Infirmary patients and each Shabbat afternoon bring cheer to the patients by singing outside their windows.

To demonstrate Hachnosas Orchim, the Daycampers painted a Welcome Sign for the Guest House and made flower pots for the guests.

Counselors are Karen, Aviva, Aviva, Nechama, Yudi, Zevi, Natan, Ruth, and Machoniks.

MAZEL TOV TO STACEY LEBOVITS AND
FAMILY ON HER BAT MITZVAH



TORAH THOUGHTS



OUR FACULTY WRITES. . .

A D' VAR TORAH ON

A THOUGHT FOR SHABBAT NACHAMU

PARSHAT V'ETCHANAN

By Rabbi B.Z. Scheinfeld

By Pini Rapp, YP Kollel

This Shabbat is deemed Shabbat Nachamu and is generally celebrated with much joy and jubilation throughout Morasha, the Catskills, and of course the rest of K'lal Yisroel. It seems a bit strange that immediately after Tisha

B'Av, our most intense day of mourning for the Bais Hamikdash, suddenly we are happy. Did anything happen to warrant such happiness? Isn't the Bais Hamikdash still not rebuilt?

Perhaps we can understand the joy if we analyze our past mourning. Isn't it strange to continue the mourning after so many years? In regard to the loss of a relative the Talmud in Moed Katan criticizes mourning more than the prescribed 7 or 30 days or 12 month period. Why for the Bais Hamikdash do we still mourn?

The answer is that in regard to relatives their loss is forever and we slowly have to learn to live our lives without them. The mourning period is like a final goodbye, to ease the pain and permanently adjust our lives.

For Tisha B'Av the mourning is to remind us that we are not to forget the Bais Hamikdash, to reopen the wound so that the pain of the destruction is felt. As Rav Soloveichik explained for this reason the degree of mourning gets more intense as the Three Weeks go on, not gradually less intense as during the mourning period for the death of a relative.

Tisha B'Av mourning reminds us that we must not forget the Bais Hamikdash—that in fact, it will be rebuilt. Therefore immediately after the mourning we can rejoice for our constant mourning is a symbol of the ultimate rebuilding.

In this week's Parsha, we find the first of the three paragraphs of Shema. In this paragraph, which we say every day and night, we find the Mitzvah to love Hashem. However, it is not as simple as it sounds. How do you love Hashem?

The Rambam suggests that if we were to think of all the greatness of Hashem, and of all the wonderful things Hashem does, then one will immediately begin to love Hashem. But even this is not so easy. What about the seemingly bad things that Hashem does?

What we must realize is that everything Hashem does is for our good. There are so many stories where people miss their plane, something that seems bad, and then the plane crashes. What is really hard to understand is what is good about the people who got on to the plane. But Chazal tell us that there is good in everything, even if we don't see it. If we try to see it many times we will, and when we see it in these things, it should make it easier to believe that they are in the rest.

The Midrash says that there was even some good in one of the greatest catastrophes to happen to the Jewish people, the destruction of the Bais Hamikdash. We are told that the Jewish people deserved to be destroyed, but Hashem destroyed the Bais Hamikdash instead.

I hope that we will all be able to love Hashem fully, and to be Zocheh to see the rebuilding of the Bais Hamikdash.

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P A R S H A Q U I Z ? ? ? ?

From which Parsha is the Laining for Tisha B'Av taken ? ? ?

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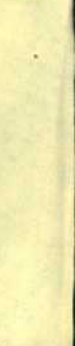
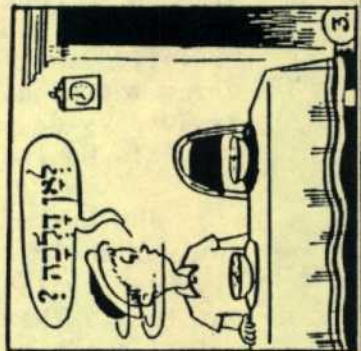


המורה: מי שרץ את בית המקדש?
משה (מבוהל) לא אני, אדוני המורה...

דוד: משרתי אבי גבוהה מאד.
משה: מה הוא עושה?
דוד: הוא מנקה ארבותי.

האם נתנה לבתה הקטנה שני מטבעות ואמרה לה
ללכת לחנות המפלח ולקנות במטבע אחד סדר
ובשני מלח.

בצבור רנע שבה הילדה בבכי.
מדוע את בוכה, בת? שאלה אמה.
אמרה הילדה:
שבתתי, אמא, באינה מטבע עלי לקנות סדר
ובאינה מלח.



SHALHEVET FEATURES

STAFFER of the ISSUE

JILL SANDERS

ALUFOT DIVISION HEAD

Jill Sanders, the Division Head of Alufot for the fourth consecutive year, is this week's illustrious Staffer of the Issue. Unassuming and low-keyed, yet accomplished and innovative, Jill has just been named Assistant Principal of the Yeshiva of Flatbush High School.

Jill comes to Morasha with son David in younger Ilanot and her husband who comes up on weekends and helps in whatever way he can. She has already achieved a B.A. from Barnard College and a graduate degree in Guidance and Counseling at CCNY. Now she's engaged in an advanced certificate program in administration and supervision.

Pleased with "my great campers and counsellors- we all work well together"- and the chesed activities which are already part of the Alufot schedule, Jill would like to see even more such programs instituted. She finds Mitzvah trips to Camps Jersey Y and Block greatly beneficial to both their campers and to Morashaniks. Alufot laundry day, originally arranged by Jill out of necessity, has become an annual fun program.

Our Division Head acknowledges the important role Rabbi Tully Besser plays in innovating Alufot programs and with the help of Mordy, Tova, and Zush, even when original plans don't work out, we've been able to compensate with special activities to make the summer exciting for Alufot."

Alufot are certainly fortunate and all of us at Morasha can surely be proud to have a Division Head of Jill's caliber. May she go mechayil l'chayil.

Looking at

CAMPERS CLOSE-UP

PENNY JOEL, G 5, comes to Morasha from Silver Springs, Md. where she attends the Hebrew Academy of Greater Washington. Penny was in camp many years ago as a pre-daycamper while her parents were on staff. She has a brother in Shtilim. Her favorite subject in school is English and her ambition is to teach deaf children.

RANDI SORSCHER, G 6, is in the 9th grade at the Yeshiva of Flatbush. Her favorite subject is also English and looking into her future we see an architect. One of her sisters is here as a counselor and one is in Machon.

AURA TWERSKY and SHIRA KATZ, both of G 6 want to be radiologists some day. Aura lives in Teaneck where she attends Frisch and Shira comes from Hillcrest and will enter Grade 9 at Central. Aura's favorite time in school is recess. She has a brother in Nitzanim and a sister who is a J.C. Shira's favorite subject is math and her sister is Shtilim.

MIMI SANTER, G 6, has an unusual claim to fame at Morasha- her parents met each other here. Mimi is going into Grade 9 at Central. Her favorite school subject is science and she wants to be a child psychologist. Her brother is a Shtill.

DANA SCHWARTZ, G 5, also wants to be a child psychologist. She comes from Woodmere, will be in Grade 9 at Central, and her favorite subject is science. She has a brother in Kollel and a sister in Shtilim.

CHAVIVA SCHOFFMAN, G 5, will be a lawyer some day. Now she is in Grade 9 at Central where she'll travel from Teaneck. Her favorite subject is math.

...From Our Readers...

WHEN MOSHIACH COMES

Talmidot in Class 3G were asked by their Morah, Mrs. Shulamith Cohn for their ideas on what will happen when Moshiach comes. Here are some samples:

WHEN WALKING TO SHUL

By Michal Harari, Alisa Rhein, Sara Fisher

When walking to shul on Tisha B'Av
We saw a light above.

We said to ourselves, "What is that light?"
And it began to get bright.

The sound of Moshiach is here
We knew our home was near.

We ran to pack our bags
And then we put on all the tags.

We will go on the Eagle Wing Express
And will take along a ball and game of chess

When we get to Israel we'll go to the
Western Wall
And we'll have the greatest ball.

We'll be singing and dancing and having fun
For when Moshiach comes to Israel we run.

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BUILDING THE BEIT HAMIKDASH

By Nili Epstein

The first place I would go would be
the Beit Hamikdash. I'd choose the prettiest material for the walls. I'd give a Korban to Hashem. I'd ask all the questions I'd want to know like if we should drink four or five cups of wine on Pesach. It would be just great when Moshiach comes.

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THE WORLD WILL BE A TORAH WORLD

There will be no more sad times.
The world will be a Torah world. It will be the greatest that will ever come.
...by Allison Steinlauf

WE'RE STANDING OUTSIDE

By Shira Gradjower & Rayna Goldstein

We're standing outside on Tisha B'Av night
And there we see a bright light
It'll be such a pretty sight

When we get on the plane
He'll think we're so cute and tame
And then he'll ask us our name.

Then they'll look at me
And say this ride is free.

Next, we'll read some books and hang our
jackets on the hooks.

When we get there we'll go to the Kotel
And then to the nearest motel.

Every day we'll go to pray, and the Shema
we will say.

The world will be full of Torah, and we'll
learn Hebrew with our Morah.

Then we'll unpack and put our stuff on
a rack.

Next we'll play some tennis, and watch
some Hebrew Dennis the Menace.

Last we'll go to the pool, to get ourselves cool.

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I'LL BE SO HAPPY

I will be so happy that I'll jump up high
and sing a song. I'll daven and pray all day. I'll be cheering a cheer and yelling hooray.

.....By Tova Mansdorf

SPORTS

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MORASHA'S WEEK IN SPORTS

By Eric Melzer

This week was a successful one in Morasha Basketball. The girls, led by ex-Flatbush stars Ariella Weiner and Sheba Beitler beat Hillel by doubling their score 26-13. They gave the guys the charge to do the same. The Boys Staff did not let them down as they trampled on Ramah 64-30. The game was so much in Morasha's favor that every team member managed to score.

Tuesday marked a very successful intercamp with Hillel. The girls hosted and the guys travelled. Although we lost overall, Dov Deutsch, sports staff commented, "We'll pummel 'em on August 7, 1990."

There's not much new in intramurals except that playoffs will be starting this week. The Blue Devils play the Terps and the Cavs play the Yellow Jackets in semifinal action.

There are still plenty of coming attractions for Morasha Sports 1989. They include more staff basketball (guys & girls), staff hockey, Morasha Malinsky Memorial Marathon, a staff intramural hockey tournament, Olympics, and more.

Saturday night was the feature game of the week- Waiters vs. Counselors. In a game marred by fouls of all types, including technicals, the waiters ultimately prevailed, 70-69. The Aprons were led by Dave Spelser's 32 and Dov Goldman's 16, 14 of which were in the 4th quarter. The counselors were bolstered by an outstanding performance from BMT star Daniel Loskove who finished with 36. Who will beat these waiters? They cannot go undefeated all summer!

KOLLEL SWEEP ALUFIM IN TWO EVENTS

By Hillel Weiner

The Kollel sports teams recorded their first sweep in recent years of their annual sports meets with Alufim. Akiva Resnick scored 19 points and blocked 5 shots leading the High School Kollel to a 38-19 victory in basketball.

Moshe Benovitz, Raphael Willig, Daniel Gelbtuch, and Hillel Weiner scored 8,6,3, and 2 points respectively for Kollel. Behind the coaching of Dave Hirsch, Kollel jumped to a 24-6 halftime lead and coasted to victory.

In baseball Kollel pulled ahead early and finished with a 6-3 victory. The Kollelniks rallied for 4 runs in a third inning highlighted by David Silverberg's two run bases-loaded double. Catcher David Schwartz ended an Alufim threat in the last inning when he placed the tag at the plate to end the game.

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"I CAN'T BELIEVE IT'S OVER"- ILANOT PLAY

By Rena Davis, G 5

I can't believe it's over! The play went very well- there weren't too many mess-ups and everyone had a good time.

Our first rehearsal was only a week before we put on the first performance, but it only took a week to get everything together! It took lots of sacrifice and effort from everyone, but it paid off in the end.

Everyone - the actors, producers, directors, and designers did a great job making the play enjoyable for all.

Kadoos to stars Randi Sorscher, David Sanders, Josh Epstein, and their all star supporting cast.



ROVING REPORTER

QUESTION . . . IF YOU HAD \$ 1000 TO SPEND IN MORASHA, WHAT WOULD YOU DO ? ? ?
ANSWERS

ARYEH WEINER, Assistant Head Waiter:
Give it to the waitresses

ED STAFF: Air condition the Bondies

ADAM POSTAL, SC, B 4: Buy Zush's hat

ZEHAVA WITKIN, ATARA MEDNICK, Machon
Counselors: Tip ourselves

PAUL BELITZ, JC, B 3: Buy a secluded
bunk away from kids

ALIZA WINKLER, G 16: Buy a motorboat
to go to Boy's Waterfront

CHERYL GREENBERGER, G 9: Buy two kayaks,
400 sodas, 1 rowboat, 1 canoe

AMY ROSENFELD, G 9: Buy the canteen

SHANA SULTANIK, G 8: Get a Jacuzzi
for Bunk 8

RACHEL WOHLGELERNTER, G 8: Buy a
washing machine for our bunk

SHARON FRIEDMAN, SC, G 1: Buy a golf
cart for the counselors of G 1

REBECCA FENIGSTEIN, G 8: Buy golfcarts
for campers

SHARONNE BENDHEIM, G4: Build my own
pavillion

RINA GOLDBERG, G 2: Buy the director's
cabin

VIVI SEPTIMUS, G 1: Install an escalator
to the Mercazia

G 1: Buy electric brooms for our bunk

JENNIFER HELLMAN, G 1: Hire a maid

SHULI RUBIN, JC, G1: Buy a megaphone so
I wouldn't have to scream

ERIC MELZER, Sports: Hire a basketball
team that can beat the waiters

LEA LANDOWNE, G 2: Institute a shuttle
to DJ 's

DAVID MILLER, GKW; Buy more Morasha
Athletic Department T shirts

STEVEN MILLER, B 9: Buy a golf cart
like Zush's

JON FISHER & STEVE GLANZ, Machon: Buy
Seforim

DAVID HOCHBAUM, B 19: Buy out the infirmery

BENJY EPSTEIN, B 19: Influence the DH to
give us 10's on clean-up

YEHUDA APPEL & MICHAEL GLASS: Go to
Machon again

AVI FRIEDMAN, B 18: Buy sodas

JEREMY HELLMAN, B 19: Use it in the canteen

NORM COHEN, B 4: Buy a diving board

AVERY JOEL, B 4: Save it for trip day

SHELLY PERL, SC, B 4: Hire a golf
instructor

JEREMY KUSHNER, B 2: Change it to quarters
and go to the soda machine

JONATHAN STEIN, B 1: Buy DJ's

MATTHEW COHEN, B18: Spend it at Friendly's

ANDREW MALCA, B 3: Buy a motor boat

SHEERA EPSTEIN, MACHON: Buy a round trip
ticket home to Memphis

BENJY STEINER & ARYEH BRUCKHAMMER, B 3:
Buy hockey and basketball courts

RIVKIE ROSS, G 2: Buy a year's supply
of Spritzers