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פרשת ראה

News of the Week

GEVURAH, EMUNAH, AND CHESED ALL WINNERS IN MORASHIA

Gevurah (Red) made history as the first team to achieve a perfect score from all of the judges on one of their Shiriah numbers (Mimkomcha by Jeff Braverman), Chesed (Gold) won Shiriah, and Emunah (Blue) won Color War as Morashia came to a close Wednesday night in the Mercazia.

Generals were Avi Savitsky and Ariella Weiner, Gevurah, Jeremy Bandler and Estie Hecht, Chesed, and Hillel Scheinfeld and Ora Nusbacher, Emunah.

After three days of Torah, sports, songs, dance, art, and a host of other competitions, Morashaniks are now getting ready for "Kids", short trips, banquet, and the long trip home.

GREAT NEWS ! ! !

THE NEW PAVILLION will be named in honor of ZVI and CHAYA REICH.

The official decision was made by the Morasha Camp Committee at their recent meeting, but all of us here and the thousands of campers and staffers who have been here before us all join in "seconding the motion".

No number of accolades would be enough to recognize the contributions which Zvi, our Founding Director, and Chaya, Comptroller, have made through Camp Morasha to children, families, the American Jewish community, and even Israel as well.

May they go M'chayil l'chayil.

MORASHA LOOKS INTO CAMP IN ISRAEL

At the last meeting the Board of Directors, in response to requests by Morasha and Y.U. Alumni in Israel, have decided to look into the possibility of establishing a camp in Israel geared primarily for the Israeli children of our and Y.U. Alumni, modeled on the Lake Como program. During their recent trip to Israel with the Sulam Campers a number of Alumni again met with Chaya and Zvi Reich to inquire if there are any plans to organize a camp in 1991.

In response, the Board has approved a survey to be conducted by the Reichs during their stay in Israel next winter, to determine the feasibility of such a venture. The study will include a search for a suitable site, staff, and commitment from perspective campers. There are at present few if any sleep away camps in Israel and certainly none that even remotely resemble Morasha. Stated Mr. Reich, "This camp could provide a much needed service to our people in Israel and indicate that our concern for our people does not end when they graduate from Morasha."

MAZEL TOV

Morashaniks extend a hearty Mazel Tov to Rabbi Pesach and Channie Oratz on the birth of their first grandson and extend best wishes for lots of Nachas from their whole family.

NITZIS AND SHTILIS MAKE BIG HIT

It was an evening of children's theatre extravaganza as Nitzis and Shtilis took the Morasha Stage for their productions of Alice in Wonderland and Marian and the Witches' Charm(Nitzi Girls) amd Robin Hood and Friar Tuck (Nitzi Boys). With direction by Michal Goldberg and assistant Alan Braverman and a cast of 70, the show was a big hit.

RABBI MICHAEL MILLER TO SPEAK AT ONEG

Tonite's Oneg Speaker will be Rabbi Michael Miller, Morasha Alumnus who is now leading executive in the JCRC on the Iraq Crisis/Israe

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A D'VAR TORAH ON

PARSHAS RE'EH

By Jonathan Schwartz, HS Kollel

In the Parsha we find the term Banim applied to B'nei Yisroel. However, in many other places we see the term of Avodim, servants of Hashem used to describe B'nei Yisroel. How can we understand the difference? Also, later in the sidra we read "Shiva Shxuoth Tisper Lokh". After Pesach, we, each person individually, should count sefirah. How can we understand this emphasis the Torah places on the individual with regards to the Mitzvah of Sefirah?

Rabbi Moshe Lieber, a Rosh Mesivta of Yeshivas Derech Ayson, offered the following explanation: There are two relationships the Jews have with Hashem. On the one hand, they are banim, the relationship of a father to a son which is forever and cannot change. Yet they are avodim in the sense that they must try to improve their image in the eyes of their master. Each Jew has a dual identity. He is both an individual and a member of the tzibor. Whereas the Torah respects the rights of the individual, he must be a member of the Tzibor too. As members of the Tzibor we are banim and equal in the eyes of Hashem. Yet as Ovdei Hashem, each person has his own zchusim. This is the role of the individual, that of Avodim. Both are necessary.

In Shemoneh Esrei we say the words: "V'sein Chelkaynu B'sorosecha"that each of us has our own portion in Torah and Mitzvoth. Yitzias Mitrayim was without reason. Yet Hashem took his banim out of Mitzrayim anyway. Still we count sefirah right away to gain z'chusim and improve our portion in Torah and Mitzvoth. The Sefirah is a mode to check our actions. It is for this reason that the Torah emphasizes the role of the individual specifically for the Mitzvah of Sefirah.

May it be dashem's will that through our zehiras in Sefirah, we will merit to achieve the two relationships in the best way.

OUR FACULTY WRITES.....

ONE PEOPLE- ONE HEART
DVAR TORAH FOR PARSHAT RE'EH

By Mrs. Rookie Billet

What should we be careful of when we, as a Jewish community, mourn the loss of a loved one or a communal leader?

The Torah tells us: אור בינול אינול אינול

We must not create divisive groups or factions withion Am Yisroel. We are all Banim to Hashem!

Although the Torah applies this mitzvah specifically to a mourning situation, some have suggested that we find the message of 1316 1816 1810 165 relevant to our lives at all times.

How? On the level of Am Yisroel, we must work toward Achdut as we face a troubled world. Among our own families and friends, we must avoid the exclusive cliques and elitist friendship groups that exclude others in a hurtful way. Through unity and friendship we can be true "Banim" to Hashem.

EMUNAH

In Parshat Re'eh the Torah comes to teach us that emunah Bashem is the supreme value in a man's life. A Jew doesn't have to prove anything through signs and wonders, but the signs and wonders that a Jew sees are proven through emunah.

...Yael Gottlieb, Machon/ Emunah

SHALHEVET SPECIAL

MORASHA ALUMNI IN ISRAEL REUNITE

Morasha Alumni now living in Israel 80 of them (plus spouses) came together at a memorable reunion last winter at the NCSY Israel Center in Yerushalayim. former Morashaniks, made Aliyah and settled in Israel came from all corners of Israel and represented several generations of Morashaniks from 1964 through the '80's- from Beer Sheva Gerry Schwartz and Naomi (Staiman) Lifshitzfrom Hoshea, Howie Kahn- from Natanya, Edith, Sam, and Joel Lieberman- from Efrat, the Zuroffs and many others- from Ofra, Avaham (Duck) Shlissel, Aviva Hershkowitz Rosenzweig, Rachel Becker Goldschmidt, and Danny Gottlieb from Raanana- and a large Yerushalayim contingent- "Doc" Meyer Hershkowitz who delivered a beautiful and moving Dvar Torah. Larry Wachsman waws Master of Ceremonies. Bernie Marinbach provided the musical interlude and Zvi Reich expressed a few words of greeting.

Planning, publicity, and coordinating was the work of a steering committee consisting of Rabbi Michael Strick, Larry Wachsman, Dr. Joshua Schwartz, Rhonnie Hauser, "Deck" Shlissel, Penina Reich Kutner, Mindy and David Kibner, Chaim (Harvey) Waldenberg, and ex-officio Chaya and Zvi Reich.

All participants agreed that it was an exciting and nostalgic evening and that as an outcome they would like to see a Camp Morasha in Israel so that their children could enjoy the same beautiful experience that they themselves had in their formative years. The gathering ended with a spirited rendition of Anu B'nei Morasha.

EXCERPTS FROM SULAM MORASHA LETTERS

visit to the The first special...Today was is the seminar on the Arab-Israeli conflict...This Shabbat we're going to families all over Israel- should be interesting...Tomorrow we're going to Yad Vashem- I'm pretty excited ... Alsoplanting trees...We lost the basketball game... The Nine Days were so hot ... Next Shabbat with Yachad. My hiking won't be worth shoes when I come home...Good be here..L'shono habah b'yrushalayim.

CONFLICTS OF THE MIND

By Yael Sudberg

Again, I was sitting there In a complete state of despair The decision was boggling my mind For the answer I could not find I thought of right and wrong But thinking takes too long Though an action without a thought Is not what I was taught The clock was ticking As the decision was sticking In a dark corner filled with fright All I needed was this one spark of light All the rest took the crack But a decision I did lack The consequences that they suffered were severe So look at the pressures of a peer.

ANNUAL MARATHON

The Annual Morasha Marathon is set for Sunday at 4 PM. Dr. Maish Yarmish, founder and co-ordinator of this Annual event, announced that no prior registration is necessary. Just come to the Warehouse before 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon, and R U N

THE ROVING REPORTER COMMITTEE REPORT

By Dr. Edith Bondi, Chairwoman

place; we have seen and heard the animals, one has been caught...Rabbi Wahrhaftig will look into seatbelts for the golfcarts...A Division Head told me that a camper must have a permission slip for using the telephone...

Many wonderful experiences are offered, and I recommend for everyone to walk around, and cherish them: A scarlet Tanager (bird) nibbling plump blueberries off their branches, sharing them with campers who had picked some, and had baked a blueberry cake for Shabbat.

The Shalhevet is a great paper summing up happenings and personal opinions on campus.

The instructional level, combined with personal attention to sharing among adults and campers is at an all time high. The library is a beehive. Chaya Reich, with her perservering, tender, loving, personal care of each and every person ...

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MORASHIA 'S THEMES VITAL

By Howie Beigelman Machon- Gevurah

All three of Morashia's 1990 themes are vital to the very survival of Am Yisroel and Torat Yisroel. **Finunah, Chesed,** and **Cevurah** are all necessary to K'lal Yisroel.

As my father is a Survivor of the Shoah, I have often thought about how people and the nation survived. For most and for the nation it was faith - Emumah.

From Pirkei Avot we see that **chesed** assures 1/3 of the world of its survival. Without **gemilas chasadim** such as **Tomchei Shabbas**, **Hatzalah**, and the **Chevrah Kadisha**, where would **Yahadut** be now?

Finally there is **Gevurah**. Our personality, **Esther Hamalkah** symbolizes all three of the themes. It was her **Emunah** in Hashem that she would live that allowed her to enter Ahashverosh's throne room and it was her **chesed** which allowed her to become Queen in the first place. The **Megilah** states that Esther "found favor in the King's eye". The Gemara explains that it was her **chesed** her obligation to all Jews was what shone from her face and caused the melech to fall in love with her.

But in the end it was her **Gevurah** - her outright boldness and audacity, her courage that allowed her to go down as savior of the Jewish people.

Queen Esther teaches us that we should be a Gibor in the golut and in the face of eveil surroundings. We should do as Yaacov Avinu did before he established a Jewish community in the Golah. We should be a Gibor — strong enough to first establish a Yeshiva and a Torah-true community from which will emanate Emunah and Chesed.

Both **Enumah** and **Chesed** play extremely necessary and pivotal roles in insuring the continued survival of Yahadut, but it is only **Gevurah** that binds them together.

REPORTS FROM THE COURTS

By Yael Bistricer & Ayelet Golowa Ilanot - Emunah

It's Morashia 1990 and this is Yael & Ayelet standing live at Girls' Courts. Let's check out what's going on down at the baseball diamond. Wow! What an amazing game of punchball. It's a close game and can go either way. And the crowd's wild! Cheering for both Enunah and Chesed Great! Look at the Shtilim. Yes, you guessed it, we just witnessed an awesome win by the Blue Shtilim. Totally amazing! All these exciting things are happening.

We were just told that **Emunah** Ilanot girls just shut out in volleyball. We can't wait to see what happens next.

The gold team ended up winning that punchball game, but the blue team is still doing well.

Check out those Nitzis playing their third game of dodgeball. Emunah won the first two games, and there are two people left on each team. Wait! Now they are down to one on one. The ball is being thrown back and forth. Chesed just got Emunah out. The Blue Team won two out of three games in Nitzi dodgeball! Listen to all that cheering. Yay Blue Team!

WHAT MAKES A 99 % PERSON

By Rena Cohn, Shtilim Gold

From this year's Color War teams we can learn a lot. For starters we learn about each Midah. Without Gewurah we wouldn't be able to be strong in Mitzvot and Torah and to be able to tell right from wrong. From chesed we learn of kindness towards Hashem (davening, keeping the Mitzvot, etc.) We learn from Emunah to have faith in Hashem and have faith in your parents, teachers, and friends.

But probably the most important thing that we learn from **Gevurah, Chesed**, and **Emunah** is that without these three Midot nobody could be a 99% person.

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THE IMPORTANCE OF EMUNAH BASHEM

By Yonatan Pomrenze & J. Kirschner Shtilim - Emunah

Our team name, Emumah means belief. Belief in Hashem also means trusting Hashem which in turn means not abandoning Hashem and Judaism even during times when you are being persecuted on Kiddush Hashem.

A story is told of a Marrano minister to the King during the Spanish Inquisition who was convicted and was to be burned. Since the Jew was a good Minister to the King, the King granted a one year postponement for the burning. At the end of the year the Jew was allowed one more month by the request of the King, and yet another week after that. The King knew that this was all that he could do and the day for the burning was set. As the Jew was being led to the post, there was a tremor and an earthquake had struck. In the confusion the Jew made his way to the palace and the king made arrangements for the Jew to be safely smuggled out of the country. The Jew was in a dilemma: Was the earthquake a chance happening or a miracle?

He made his way to a well-known rabbi's house for an answer. Before the Jew was able to present his question, the rabbi was able to present an answer!! He said, "The earthquake was created at Braishis to occur on the day of your execution, but nevertheless it was a miracle, because with the postponement of the execution, the earthquake was pushed off until the actual date." Upon hearing this answer, the Jew warmly accepted Judaism with open hands.

This story shows that Hashem protects and saves the lives of those who have complete Emunah in Him, but more importantly shows the importance and value of having complete emunah in Hashem.

DO AS RUS DID

Rus was always kind. She cared for the rich and the poor. We hope to follow in the footsteps of Rus and do many acts of chesed just as she did.

....Shani Schapiro & Daniella Diament Nizanim- Gold

D'VAR TORAH ON PARSHAT RE'EH

By Andrew Wurzburger, Alufim/Emunah

We all know that there is a Mitzvah of charity, that should tzedakah, be encouraged all the time. We also learn from this week's Parsha the Halachot of shmitat hakarkah, leaving the land fallow for a year and shmitat kaspim, that all loans cease to exist in the seventh year. Perek 15:9 warns us: of yourself lest you have bad thoughts in your heart and say it's the seventh year, the shmittah year, I can't work my field for a year, how can I give tzedakah now?" The posuk finishes: "it will be considered a sin against you". Tzedekah is one of the main points of Judaism. Further, the Gemara in Yevomot 79 says: "Bnei Yisroel is known by three characteristics: they are merciful, bashful, and benevolent."- they give Tzedakah. It is especially important for a Jew to give Tzedakah in difficult financial times like Shmita. Hard times shouldn't divert him from helping his fellow man.

Often when people experience hard times, they often throw their religious scruples overboard. They will not give up their luxuries, but will throw off their obligation of tzedakah. By doing this they are abandoning the very basis of their humanity. The Torah reminds us that in a time when tzedakah is needed, you should give it. If one has emunah in Hashem that He will help in a time of need, if he gives tzedakah in times of financial difficulty, he will still remain successful.

With emunah Bashem, may we be zocheh to see the building of the Bayit Hashlisi Bimhayrah B'yamaymu.

GEVURAH MEANS STRENGTH

Gevurah means courage and strength. Just as it says in the Torah Hashem took Bnei Yisroel out of Mitzrayim b'yad chazakah, the Red Team is using their strong hand to bring us to victory.
....Nili Epstein, Nitzanim, Red



QUESTION . . . IF COLOR WAR WERE CANCELLED, WHAT WOULD YOU DO INSTEAD ? ? ?

ANSWERS ...

SHULAMIT MOTECHIN, Machon Couns.: Shop for a refrigerator

TAMI FEINER, G 13: Have an Intercamp Color War

PIRCHI ALPERT, G 16: Go home

SHAYNACHAYA AUMAN, G 14: Go shopping

RABBI EISENBERG, Ed Staff: Find my poem

AYALA ZOLTAN, G 5: Reschedule it

RACHEL BOIM, G 9: Go to Lavi

G 3: Go on a canoe trip

JONATHAN WOHLGELERNTER , B 19: Have another Shiriah

J. KOSLOWE, B 16: Read comics

YEHUDAH FRUCHTER, Machon: Go to DJ's

ASHER KLEIN, B 17: Go on strike

ARI PELCOWITZ, B 18: Have our own

ELAN SCHWED, B 9: Let the kids work in the Canteen

AVI NEWMAN, B 5: I'd be happy

JONATHAN QUINN, B 6: Break it out myself

EVAN ANZISKA, B 16: Work in the office

JONATHAN REISS, B 16: Be the head counselor

YAAKOV GORDON, B 19: Go to the mall everyday

AVROMIE MOTECHIN, B 17: Actually go to Shiur

MOSHE DACHS, B 1: Play sports all day

BENCY JACOBS, Waiter: The same thing I'd do if it wasn't cancelled

ARYEH ROSENSWEIG, B 3: Ask for a refund

ARI STAVSKY, B 2: Nothing

C 13: Have activities with the Alufim

MICHAL SONNENBERG, G 1: Hot wire the golf carts

SARITA ADELSBERG, G 1: Have 3 lazy days

DANI WEICHOLZ, B 16: Sue the camp

ARI MOTECHIN, B 4: Call my parents

JUNIOR COUNSELORS: Go to Israel

SHUKIE GROSSMAN, DH, Alufim: Cry

CHAIM LIGHT, B 18: Take Zush's golf cart

TANI RENOV, B 16: Protest

DANIEL CREENBAUM, B 19: Rent a motorboat

DANIEL SPRUNG, B 2: Go mud sliding

DANIEL FEINER, B 1: Go to Florida

ERIC ROTHMAN, XDH: Party with the older Shtilim

RACHEL MANSDORF, G 1: Report the camp for child abuse

MICHAEL ELSANT, B 19: Scream

MICHAEL RICHMAN, B 18: Complain

DAVID GANZ, B 19: Have Sports nights

MATTHEW COHEN, B 19: Give campers days off

JONATHAN STEIN, B 4: Pursue my social life

JOSH LEVINGER, B 18: Play Game Board

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