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Yellow Wins!

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# News of the Week

## COLOR WAR BREAKS OUT SUNDAY NIGHT

By Chedva Adler  
Shtilim- Emes

August 12, 1991- Color War broke out Sunday night August 11th. The entire camp was divided into three teams: **Emes**, **Din**, and **Shalom**. These names were based on a posuk in Avot, perek one:

יָאָר הָיָה לְיִשְׂרָאֵל וְלֹא הָיָה לָהֶם מֶלֶךְ  
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Both campers and staff were chosen to head these teams. For Yellow- Shalom- the generals<sup>who</sup> are trying to "peace together" a sure win are Yoni Epstein and Nina Leibowitz with Noam Novick and Debbie Meskin<sup>their</sup> lieutenant generals. Daniel Adler and Aimee Taub are captains and lieutenants are Yonaton Bendheim and Rina Goldberg.

Shalom Rosner and Erica Weissman strive for "the truth" in leading team Emes to victory with Shalom Motechin and Ilana Breslau the lieutenant generals. Daniel Woll and Aliza Katz are captains and Jon Schachter and Marnina Allis are the lieutenants.

Finally, in an attempt for "justice" Avi Baitner and Cheryl Stein head team Din. The lieutenant generals are Avi Zibbitt and Elizabeth Rothstein. Michael Fruchter and Rebecca Boim are captains and Jonathan Teitelbaum and Rachel Boim are lieutenants.

Each of these fantastic leaders are trying to lead their teams to victory, but we know that no matter who wins, everyone is having an incredible time.

— - - Postscript...August 15

Although each team excelled in a different area, the Yellow Team- Shalom- was declared the official winner of Morashia, 1991.

"The cooperation was excellent on all fronts, the direction professional, the decisions of the judges readily accepted- all in all a positive for all Morashaniks," said Chaya Orlian, Chairperson of the Assignment Committee.

## STAFF AND MACHON TAKE STAGE IN "RUMORS"

Staff and Machoniks will take the stage in the next Morasha Dramatic production- "Rumors", a Neil Simon comedy. Cast in leading roles are Michael Ehrenhaus, Josh Rapps, Neil Bromberg, and Nate Jesselson with Dani Greenblatt and Matti Novick on the male side. Female leads are Tamar David, Sarah Fink, Shira Winkler, and Dassi Billet.

According to director Michal Goldberg, the play shows what can happen when people assume a situation. Neil Bromberg is assisting in direction and Toby Klerer is in charge of sets.

The production will take place Motzei Shabbat and Sunday.

## MORASHA TO BECOME A GHOST TOWN ON MONDAY

Morasha will become a Ghost Town on Monday as campers in all divisions celebrate Trip Day.

Machon will depart for a two-day excursion to Niagara Falls and Toronto, Alufim/ot for two days in Philadelphia and Hershey, Nitzanim Boys to Scranton and Girls to Binghamton, Shtilim Boys and Girls to Scranton, Ilanot Boys and Girls to Binghamton, and the Day Camp to Kennedy Park and Scranton.

## MAZEL TOV

To Ari Motechin and parents Head Counselor Rabbi Zush and Assistant Head Counselor Matti on his Bar Mitzvah this Shabbat.

## Tzaischem L'Shalom

To Rabbi and Mrs. Heshie Billet and family on their year stay in Israel.

ONEG SPEAKER TONIGHT will be Rabbi Mordecai Willig on "Rabbinic Authority: Compliance or Defiance."





# TORAH THOUGHTS



OUR FACULTY WRITES. . .

A D'VAR TORAH ON THE PARSHA

## ON PARSHAS SHOFTIM

By Rabbi Pesach Oratz

## THE RIGHT LEADER

By Leah Schacter, Midreshet

There are many complex Mitzvos in the Torah dealing with the entire range of human activity and experience. However, it is a relatively simple and straightforward phrase in Parshas Shoftim that serves as a directive for our entire existence.

After the numerous and powerful prohibitions against idolatry, the Torah states simply: **Tomim ti'hiyu im hashem elokecha**—You should be whole with the Eternal, your G-d." How does one go about being whole with G-d? How is this to be carried out? What is meant by wholeness?

Rabbi Zevin z"l responds to these questions in a clear and fundamental manner. There are several dimensions in which Man has to achieve Unity, Integrity, and Wholeness: In space, in time, and in himself. However, there is a discrepancy between the holiness one finds in a place of worship and that which exists in the world at large. The level of sanctity experienced on a Shabbos or Festival is not manifest in the rest of the year. Nor is man's Intellectual and spiritual existence always carried over into his mundane activities. We evidently operate on a level that is fragmented, not whole?

The Torah Directive **Tomim T'hiyu** requires that Man not set up polar opposites in his place, time, person, spheres of being. He must at least assure that there be carry-over from the shul to the workplace, that the exalted spirit of the Shabbos affect the weekday, and his intellect and heart centers of his Torah and religious experience dominate and direct his every physical activity. It is then that Man will achieve **Tomim T'hiyu** to be a wholly integrated person with G-d.

B'nei Yisroel are told in this week's Parsha, **Shoftim**, that after they settle Eretz Yisroel, they are to appoint a king. However, in the time of Shmuel when the Jews approached him and requested a king, Shmuel was aggravated. Distressed he went to daven to Hashem. Hashem confirmed that indeed B'nei Yisroel had done wrong in requesting a king, but He nevertheless told Shmuel to fulfill their request explaining that they had not rejected Shmuel, but Hashem Himself.

The question arises as to why Hashem and Shmuel considered their request evil. Were they not commanded by Hashem upon settling the land to appoint a king? There may be several answers to this question.

The first is that by requesting another king at the same time that Shmuel was alive during which Hashem performed **nisim gelum** (open miracles) for them, they were rejecting their supernatural life which they greatly enjoyed. Secondly, their request was not for the purpose of fulfilling the **mitzvah**, but rooted from the desire to be like the other nations, thereby violating the principle of **Lo talchu b'chukat haumim**. Lastly, according to our **chachamim**, only the ignorant among B'nei Yisroel had sinful intentions while the **z'kainim** had the intent of fulfilling the **mitzvah**. It was to those unlearned ones that Shmuel was expressing his anger.

Finding any leader is not easy, especially a king. His task is to lead the nation, to fortify the Torah so that Bnei Yisroel will lead a life of Halacha, to spread righteousness and justice to the world, to subdue the wicked, and to judge Bnei Yisroel. He is meant to hold his position **l'shem shomayim**—to perform all of his functions for the sake of Hashem.

We all think of ourselves as potential leaders. It doesn't take much to have people follow your orders and to make important decisions. Right? Wrong. It is very difficult to lead **L'shem Shomayim**. The next time YOU are a leader, try to remember to lead in the way Hashem would want you to, not the way you want to. In that **z'chut**, may we all be **zocheh** to **bias hamoshiach binhayrah v'yomaim**. Amen.

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# MORASHIA

## WHAT IS MORASHIA ???

By Ari Zahtz- Shtilim - Emes

On Sunday night, August 11th, 1991, Color Games began. Everyone was divided into three teams: **SHALOM**, **DIN**, and **EMES**. During Color War, games are played and the competition is intense, but it is a lot of fun.

There are different events played ranging from basketball and hockey to a Brochot Bee and Chidon. The object is to get the most points. Points are distributed for team spirit, and they also can be deducted as a result of poor sportsmanship.

The days are filled with sports, cheers, and shiurim. By the time night falls, there is virtually no competition in the bunks because everyone is very tired and wants to go to sleep. When the three days of color games end, everyone is friendly towards one another knowing color games are just for fun.

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## THE ROLE OF MACHON IN MORASHIA

By Jay Lisker- Machon - Emes

Counselors put a lot of effort into making Color War run smoothly for the campers. The Machoniks, too, play an important role in the running of Color War. (They even tried to help break it out). The Machoniks, being quasi-staff and quasi-campers, are duty-bound to both working to make Color War run smoothly, and to enjoy the activities as well. This position is the hardest to fill, but it appears that this year's Machoniks are doing a good job of combining the two.

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### SHALHEVET STAFF

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## EMES AND RABBI AKIVA

By Marnina Allis - Alufot- Emes

When thinking of our theme- **Emes**- truth, one main central Torah personalaity comes to mind- **Rabbi Akiva**. Rabbi Akiva was a man full of Tzidkut and truth.

During the times that Rabbi Akiva lived, the Jews were being persecuted by the Romans. The Romans set many harsh decrees against them, including the prohibition of **t'filin** and **t'filah**. One day Rabbi Akiva was davening outside with his tfilin shel rosh on. As a Roman soldier walked by, Rabbi Akiva quickly removed his t'fillin and pressed it close in the palms of his hands.

The soldier asked, "What is in there?"

"The wings of a dove," answered Rabbi Akiva.

"Let me see," the soldier responded.

Then, as Rabbi Akiva opened his hands a dove flew out.

This story shows that a man like Rabbi Akiva, with such faith in Hashem and His Torah, will always have the **emes** with him. Although Rabbi Akiva did not tell the complete truth, Hashem changed it that the words of Rabbi Akiva were indeed true. It also shows that if one has faith in Hashem, Hashem will help in a time of need.

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## COLOR WAR BRINGS US CLOSER

Color Games is an experience that shows how we can come closer together, even when we are separated. It is a time when we can have fun working hard on our song, shields, etc. Through **Din** we can achieve **shalom** and that's the **emes** !

..by Binyamin Rosenstock  
Ilanot- Emes



# MORASHIA

## A D'VAR TORAH ON PARSHAT SHOFTIM

By Yitzie Shapiro  
Alufim- Shalom

"L'ahavta et Hashem Elokecha v'lolechta b'drachav kol hayamim"

"To love the Lord your G-d to walk in His ways all the days. ..."

The Chafetz Chaim explains that in the Torah it states we must walk in the ways of Hashem ALL our days. The Chachamim say that to walk in the ways of Hashem means to emulate Him in His image by being kind and compassionate. Some people think if they do a really big favor once, they don't have to do another one for a few weeks. This is completely wrong. One must do chesed every day, no matter how big, all the days of his life. It's also written in Parshat Shoftim that we must protect people from being shamed. it says:

"וְיָוִסְפוּ הַשּׁוֹפְטִים לְדַבֵּר בְּעַד הָאָדָם וְיִחְסְרוּ הַיָּדָאִים וְיִכְנָעוּ הַיָּסוּדִים וְיִשְׁמְרוּ אֶת הַיָּתוֹם וְאֶת הָאֲלֵמָה וְיִשְׁמְרוּ אֶת הַיָּתוֹם וְאֶת הָאֲלֵמָה וְיִשְׁמְרוּ אֶת הַיָּתוֹם וְאֶת הָאֲלֵמָה" (דברים 16:18)

The Torah explains that before a Jewish army goes to war, they announce four categories which should go home. They are- one who built a new house, but has not dedicated it; he who has planted a vineyard but has not taken any fruit; someone just married, but has not had relations; and the last- he who is fainthearted and fearful.

Rav Yosi Hagalili explains (Sota 44a, by Rashi) that the reason for the last category is someone who is afraid he will die because of his sins, that's why he is fearful. Because of this, Rav Yosi continues, we have the other categories to save this man from embarrassment. So we see from this example of a whole mass of people going to save this one soldier from shame, we must also protect those who are in jeopardy from embarrassment.

We can connect all of these midot of chesed and keeping others from shame together to bring SHALOM L'CHOL YACOLAM.

## I LIKE COLOR WAR

By Jay Nathanson, Alon Goldberg  
Nitzanim- Din

After the Ilanot Play, I was starting to think about how Color War was going to start. Then to my surprise after Maariv I went to the Boys' Shul. I thought it was going to be a Fake-Out Break-Out. Zush was just talking about Color War and told who the generals, lieutenant generals, captains, and lieutenants were. Then he told us to go to our bunks, and we would get our caps and booklets.

The next day the Orange Team Nitzanim won all their games. In baseball we had a great time and we won 7-3. Then we played dodgeball and we won every game we played. It was my first year in Color War and I liked it a lot.

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## AHARON AND SHALOM

By Nili Epstein,  
Nitzanim- Shalom

Our team's name is SHALOM which means peace. One of the personalities is Aharon. Aharon used to run after peace. In Pirkei Avos it says, "Be like one of the students of Aharon. He loves peace and runs after peace. He loves people and brings them closer to Torah."

We should all try and be like Aharon during Color War. People tend to get into fights at this time. Therefore, we must try even harder to be like Aharon and try our best to keep SHALOM.

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## COLOR WAR 1991

Color War was loads of fun  
For campers, counselors, and everyone. . .  
...Rena Cohn, Shtilim Sholom



# MORASHIA

DAN L'CHAF Z'CHUS

By Ari Motechin- Ilanot-Din

We learn how to apply our judgement from the concept of dan l'chaf z'chus. A story is told of an extremely rich man who refused to share his wealth with the poor. One day he had become extremely sick and they said he had only a few hours left to his life. The people of the city saw this as an opportunity. No man, especially one as wealthy as he, could turn down the mitzvah of tzedakah in his final hours. Yet regardless of the situation, he said no to everyone. Soon after this he passed away.

Later that week total havoc broke out in the city. Nobody had enough money for Shabbos needs. Some did not even have a cent. The rabbi asked many people how they made Shabbos in previous weeks. All of them said the same thing. They went to a miser to ask for money. He asked questions such as how many were in his family and where he lived. When the questions were answered, he threw them out of his house. From then on, every week they would find an envelope full of money on their doorstep.

The week that the rich man died, the envelopes stopped coming. It was obvious to the rabbi that it was the miser who had given the money to all those people every week.

We can truly learn the concept of dan l'chaf z'chus from this story.

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## MOST ENJOYABLE ACTIVITY

...In camp there are many fun activities, but the most enjoyable is Color War. During Color War we have many events and swimming is our favorite. The swimming activities we play are the Pajama Race, Over-Under, Free-Style Race and Rock Pickup.

.....By Shai Steinberger  
Eli Portnoy- Nitzanim- Emes

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A	color war can
B	e good and bad in
C	ertain ways. The
D	ramatic competition is
E	xcellent.
F	or three days. There are
G	reat games like
H	ockey
I	nteresting basketball, broad
J	umping and different
K	inds of sports
L	ike the swim
M	et. The last place team
N	ever gives up.
O	ver three days we
P	layer.
Q	uickly and
R	oughly, but we never forget
S	portsmanship. This helps us bring
T	ogether and
U	nite the
V	ery competitive team.
W	inning is
X	citing, but
Y	ou should keep in mind what
Z	ah said "this is not color war, these are color games"

Written by: Art Rosenberg  
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## THE FINAL INNING

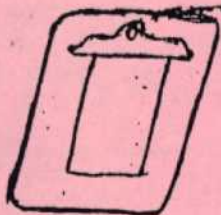
It's the last game of Color War. Bases are loaded, and there are two outs. The score is 7-6, and it's the last inning. John is up at bat. We know that he has the potential to hit home-runs, but he also strikes out sometimes.....

He was out! John's team was screaming, "How could you do that? The whole game was depending on you!" John walked away discouraged. He couldn't believe that the people who had been so nice to him just moments before, went against him.

From this story, we see that even though we count on our teammates to get every point, we must remember to show good sportsmanship. We should not ruin the fun of color war by making someone feel bad.

...by Linda Strauss & Ayala Zoltan- Ilanot-Din





# ROVING REPORTER

QUESTION: IF YOU WERE A PEACE NEGOTIATOR, WHAT WOULD YOU DO BEFORE COLOR WAR ???

ANSWERS:

Avigail Zausner, G 17: Cancel it

Lynn Botnick, JC, G 8: Call a Vaad meeting

Nitzi Girl Counselors: Go to Shirah

Machon Counselors: Try more fake break-outs

Barbara Deutsch, Machon Supervisor: Wear sun glasses

Esther Resnick, G 10: Put everyone on the same team

Dassi Billet, Midreshet: Hide from Barbara

Ilana Greenwald, G 5: Protest

Shira Katz, G 5: Make it earlier

Rena (G 11) & Talya (G 4) Rubin: Put sisters on the same team

Romy Gardenswartz, G 5: Don't leave three consecutive blank days on the camp calendar

Dena Goldschmidt, G 4: Make it both months

Mark Glicksman, Day Camp: Make peace with everyone

Elliot Forgash, Canteen: Sell "Peace Pops" in the canteen

Josh Bernheim, Waiter: Give up and quit

Aliza Hevel, G 7: Let campers make up their own teams

Tova Katz, G 7: Ask Lynne to bring it up at a Vaad meeting

Meir Zeitchik, Machon: Break it out on the PA system

Shlomo Rothstein, B 19: Say that it's not competition, but fun

Meir (B 3) & Avrumie (B19): Ask Rabbi Oratz for chizuk

David Bright, Salad Chef: Take all the onions out of the salads

Jason Koslowe, B 17: Make everyone win

G 15 (formerly G 9): Negotiate with Sulam Boys

Tamar, Day Camp Counselor: Take Day Camp counselors off of teams

Elie Fisher, B 15: Change the name to Col-orpeace.

Elie Shainberg, B 15: Daven

Jeremy Bandler, SC, B 13: Treat all teams to DJ's

Reuby Canoeby, Driver: Wake up the Girls' Campus at 4 AM, this time using NEW batteries

Eli Cohn, B 18: Extend the deadline

Shmulie Pineles, SC, B 2: Make myself a General

Yoel Preminger, B 18: Consult with Secretary Baker

Ely Rosenstock, B 16: Invite George Bush to watch

The Melzers, Sports: Call technical foul

Joseph Shenker, B 16: Invite Shamir and Bush to watch

Yosef Cohen, B 19: Go to Kollel

Ariel Gantz, B 18: Give everyone a prize