

Three Weeks Begin Sunday

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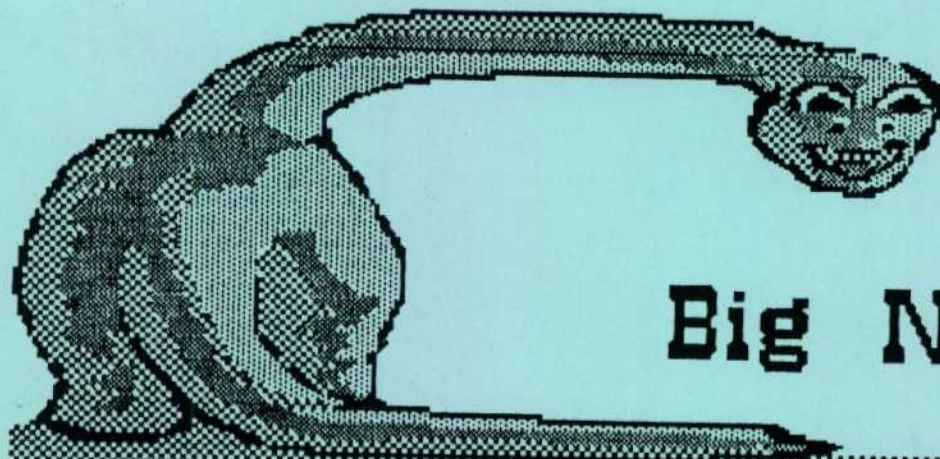
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Big News



ALUFIM OBSERVE DIVISION SHABBATON

With AHAVAS CHINAM as the theme, Alufim/ot will participate in a special Shabbat program this week. Under the direction of Rabbi Tully Besser of the Ed Staff and the Division Heads, Alufim/ot will deliver Divrei Torah, daven, lein, sing, and dance as a divisional experience capped by an Intergenerational Discussion with parents of campers who are here on staff.

Meanwhile, future Alufim, the Older Ilanot, numbered forty as they set out with counselors and the Division Head on a canoe trip this week. Twenty younger ones went on Thursday.

ONEG SHABBAT

Tonight's speaker for the Staff Oneg Shabbat is Rabbi Moshe Rosenberg. His topic: HALACHA AND NEVUAH- SHALL THE TWAIN EVER MEET. The time: 10:15 in the Pargod.

Watch Staff Schedules for weekly Shiurim by Rabbis Berman, Schwartz, and Willig.

MAZEL TOV

To Yocheved (nurse) and Judah Ausubel on the Bat Mitzvah of Ilana, G 6 and to the Orlian Family.

MORASHA RECYCLES STAFF

The Morasha Staff for this season includes Old Timers and former counselors who are now in administrative positions.

Chaya Lamm Warburg, of the original Morasha family, is now head of Girls' Waterfront. Rock Davis, Nitzi Division Head, is back after a long absence. Shulamis Motechin Felsenthal is on staff as a scenes and set person.

On Boys' Campus Yoni Epstein, David Saffra, Avi Beitner, and Sholom Motechin have moved up from counselors to division heads and Steven Felsenthal moved from D.H. to Assistant Boys' HC.

HAKORAT HATOV

Revolutions may be taking place in Europe, but in Morasha, Europeans show appreciation to their hosts. Members of Camp America, a group of European college students who work with the Morasha kitchen and sanitation crew, presented a book on Jewish Prague to our camp library as a token of friendship. The book was inscribed by Martin.

RAV WILLIG PUBLISHES

Rabbi Mordecai Willig, the longstanding Rosh Kollel of the College Kollel, has just published a sefer in memory of his mother, a.h. The book is entitled AIM MORDECHAI and encompasses various insights of Mesechet Brachot and an addendum about Aveilus. The sefer is available through Kenny Schwartz or Daniel Feldman in the Kollel.

TORAH THOUGHTS

Our Faculty Writes.....

ON PARSHAT BALAK

By Shulamith Cohn
Ed Staff

The story is a familiar one, a scene repeated many a time in history. Our enemies seek a way to destroy the Jewish people. In this Parsha, it is Balak, the King of Moav, seeking the counsel of the wise men of Midyon in an effort to ruin Bnei Yisroel. Though Moav and Midyon are actually arch enemies. They are united in their hatred of Bnei Yisroel.

Rashi comments that the advice given by Midyon is :EIN KOCHO ELAH B'PIV- their strength lies in their mouth. Rashi is referring to the KOACH HADIBBUR of the TEFILLAH of AM YISROEL. It is the way we speak to one another and the way we speak to Hashem that allows us to earn the protection provided by the ANNENI KOVOD of Hashem. The sounds of the BATEI MEDRASH- people engrossed in the learning of Torah and the sounds of all our Minyanim beautifully expressing their Tefillot are music to Hashem. It is also the harmonious sounds of BNEI YISROEL NOHAGIM KOVOD ZEH B'ZEH that speaks well of us as a people and enable us to be provided with the protection of Hashem.

As we approach Shiva Osor B'Tamuz, we have the Three Weeks to contemplate the reasons of CHURBAN BAIS HAMIKDASH. We are deeply saddened by our history of SINAT CHINAM and not exhibiting kindness and respect to one another. Yet we can seize the opportunity and turn these Three Weeks into a time of AHAVAT SINAM.

Through our kind actions and kind words to one another may we be ZOCHEH to see SHIBOOD turn into GEULAH, BIMHAYRAH U'YAMENUAMAIN.

MEZUZOT AVAILABLE

If anyone needs a Mezuzah or noticed a place in camp needing one, please contact Rabbi Joel Cohn by leaving a note in his mail box.

A D'VAR TORAH

By Uri Orlian
High School Kollel

In Parshat BEHAALOSCHA we find that HASHEM has endowed ELDAD and MEIDAD with RUACH HASHEM. The TORAH continues to say that they "prophesized in the camp." RASHI explains the prophecy of ELDAD and MEIDAD by saying that MOSHE will die, and YEHOASHUA will be the one who leads the Jews into the land. The MIDRASH on these PASUKIM quotes a mysterious and vague proverb relating to this incident:

א"ל א"ל שתיקו, ואלה שתיקו

The simple understanding of these words would be "a word for a dollar, but silence for two." Why did the MIDRASH place this seemingly irrelevant proverb into this INYAN?

ELDAD and MEIDAD were given the ability to see what the Seventy Elders were not given. They knew that HASHEM would not allow MOSHE into ERETZ YISROEL after forty years in the desert.

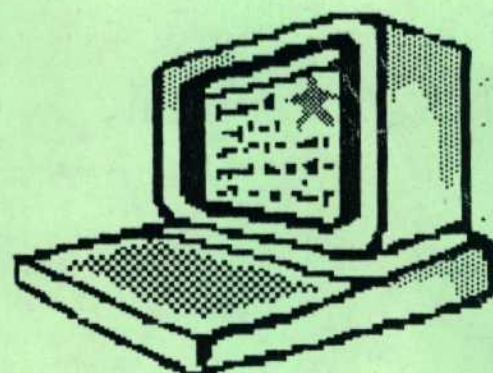
The reason G-D did not permit MOSHE to enter the land was his sin at MEI MERIVAH. This is found in PARSHAT CHUKAT which we read this past SHABBAT. HASHEM commanded MOSHE that in order to procure water for the Jewish people after the Well of Miriam was no longer available, MOSHE should speak to the stone. But, MOSHE hit the stone, without speaking to it as he had been commanded, and for this he was punished and was not permitted to enter ERETZ YISROEL.

Perhaps now we can understand the meaning of the mysterious MIDRASH. The word "SELAH" has a dual meaning. The way we first understood it, was that a "SELAH" is a unit of money. But the word "SELAH" also means a stone. So when the MIDRASH on the prophecy of ELDAD and MEIDAD said,

א"ל א"ל שתיקו, ואלה שתיקו it did not mean "a word for a dollar but silence for two." Rather it meant that if MOSHE spoke "a word to the stone- א"ל א"ל" the two, meaning ELDAD and MEIDAD, would have been silenced because if MOSHE spoke to the stone without hitting it he would not have been punished and the two prophets would have had nothing to say.

DIVISION DATA

nitzshtilaluma



ALUFIM'S WEEK IN REVIEW by Elisheva Reich, G 15

July 13. The Binghamton Shopping Mall was swarmed by a sudden deluge of Morashaniks. The first brigade launched a takeover of Friendly's Ice Cream Store. The invasion began at approximately twelve o'clock and the campers emerged at 3:00 with spoils galore- bags of all shapes and sizes containing everything from GAP clothing to mouthwash. Afterwards, the busses were boarded and the hordes of campers attacked the next symbol of civilization- Sunset Bowling Lanes. With scores raging from 23 to 190, a fabulous time was enjoyed by all. Finally, the campers piled into busses, heading for an evening at the movies; a relaxing end to an exciting day. All in all, Trip Day was a huge success.

When we got back to camp even more excitement awaited us- Alufim/ot One Day Color War was broken out. The theme- Yerushalayim, the teams- red/David, purple/Shlomo, yellow/Ezra, and white/Eliyahu. A day of basketball, volleyball, art, and music was in store for us. All the varied talents of the division were put to work for an entire day of bustling, mingling, competition, and good old-fashioned fun, culminating with a chidon, banner, song, and other presentations. The White Team- Eliyahu- emerged victorious, but all teams had a blast.

On Thursday we visited Camp Moshava for a fun-filled day of intercamps, including sports, dancing, and singing. Tune in next week: "When the rain stops"

MACHON MUSINGS by Danny Adams

The Machon work week started as usual on Sunday this week, with the various members of Machon getting up early to leave for their jobs. After the workday the men and women of Machon returned to BBYO (TCBY) for part two of their program. Sports, singing, and dancing brought the participants closer to spiritual unity.

Monday was trip day as Camp Morasha made its annual contribution to the Binghamton Mall, after which Machon went to see "A League of their Own". It was very poignant and led to many tears.

Returning to camp, the Girls found that the Machon Lounge had to be used as an infirmary- Refuah Shlaymah to all.

A plan had been suggested to use Estee's fish as bait for the bear, but did not prove necessary since the bear was caught.

Otherwise, it was a quiet second work week for Machon. No golf carts were stolen, or court lights turned on, or boats set off of the docks or anything like that.

SHABBAT SHOLOM FROM MACHON !!!

P.S. Happy Birthday to Julie Ackerman and Dana Wolf!

ARE YOU COVERED ?

Each Division is encouraged to write news of your activities for SHALHEVET. Leave articles in H.C.

A Special Class Project. . .

YERUSHALAYIM

By Talmidot of 5G

IN YERUSHALAYIM

By Sorah Emerson

In Yerushalayim
I have my friends.
In Yerushalayim
I have my family.
In Yerushalayim
I have my nation
In Yerushalayim
I sing.
In Yerushalayim
I dance.
In Yerushalayim.
I am happy.
In Yerushalayim
I am not alone.
In Yerushalayim
I have my home.

THE CLOSEST PLACE

By Lauren Appel

Yerushalayim is the closest
place.
To Hashem that we can get.
Although you cannot see His
face
It's the holiest city yet.
Yerushalayim comes from
the word Ir Shalaim
Without the Beit Hamikdash
It will never be the same.

ALL THAT I HAVE EVER SEEN

By Jessica Russak

All that I have ever seen
All that I have ever known
Nothing real to lean on
Nothing real to own.

Taken over
Taken away
Back again
Going astray.

Having the feeling
It'll be all right in the end
Wasn't there at all then.

You could see the fall
You couldn't see the up

Finally it's back
Without one certain thing
We'll get it back one day
But right now we don't
have it
Now every day we pray.
We'll see the up, not the fall
We hope we're right
Not wrong at all.
What I have been saying is
Jerusalem, all Jerusalem
Hurry up, please G-d, our
wish.

HALHEVET

שבועה נשך בתמוז

SPECIAL

With the Fast of the 17th of Tammuz begins a sad period in Jewish life which lasts for three weeks, and ends after the Fast of the 9th of Av (Tisha B'Av).

These Fast days, as well as the period in between, bring to us memories of unhappy events that took place many years ago, in our most ancient past.

On the 17th day of Tammuz the walls of Yerushalayim, our Holy City, were broken down by the Chaldeans and Babylonians. After a siege of almost three years, the Holy City finally fell into their hands on this day (in the year 3338). For three weeks the enemy ravaged the city, killed many thousands of its inhabitants and besieged also the Bais Hamikdosh, where the remnants of the Jewish defenders fought desperately to save their most precious possessions. But on the ninth day of Av, the Bais Hamikdosh also went up in flames. The surviving Jews were led captive into Babylon, where they remained in captivity for seventy years.

Strangely enough, but clearly by Hashgocho Protis, the same tragedy repeated itself again on the same days, four hundred and ninety years later. This time the Holy City and the Bais Hamikdosh were destroyed by the Romans, under Titus. Again the surviving Jews were led into captivity and exile, and ever since then we have been praying for the restoration of the Bais Hamikdosh through Moshiach, as Hashem promised us through our holy Prophets.

These calamities can be traced back to an earlier tragedy that happened in the days of Moshe, forty days after we received the Torah at Har Sinai. It was on the 17th day of Tammuz that Moshe came down from Sinai carrying the Luchos with the Ten Commandments. He found that the children of Israel had made a Golden Calf and worshipped the idol. Grief stricken, Moshe smashed the Luchos, and thereby showed the people how enormous their crime was. In His mercy, Hashem later forgave His people, but that day was singled out for misfortunes to come, as mentioned above.

Other misfortunes befell our people on the 17th day of Tammuz:

During the siege of Yerushalayim, the daily sacrifices in the Bais Hamikdosh came to an end, as there was nothing more to sacrifice.

Again, Apustumus, a cruel captain of the enemy occupation forces, publicly burned the Torah.

Finally, an idol was placed in the Bais Hamikdosh.

On the 17th day of Tammuz we fast and remember these sad events. But the purpose of it is not to make us sad for a time, for we Jews are a happy people, and even in the midst of sadness we must never feel depressed or discouraged. The purpose of observing these sad days is that we may learn from the mistakes of the past, in order to avoid them in the present and in the future, and moreover, to correct them.

Since the calamities were brought about when the Jews strayed from the path of Torah and Mitzvos and disobeyed Hashem's commands, the thing for us to do is to cling all the more faithfully to the Torah and Mitzvos in our daily life. Then Hashem will be merciful to us, His children, send us our long-awaited Moshiach, gather our exiles from the four corners of the earth, rebuild our Holy City Yerushalayim, and our Bais Hamikdosh, never to be destroyed again. Then the sad days will be turned into happy days.

ROVING REPORTER

QUESTION: IF YOU COULD MAKE
ONE CHANGE AT MORASHA,
WHAT WOULD IT BE ? ?

LANCE FRIEDMAN, B 4: The
rules

JAY NATHANSON, B 3:
Program more sleep.

MIKEY RICHMAN, B 4:
Eliminate Mifkad

JONATHAN SHUSTER, B 4:
Add heaters.

JASON KOSLOWE, B 3:
Lower prices in the canteen.

YIGAL SKLARIN, B 4: Make
the showers hotter.

HILLEL COHEN, JC, B 2: The
weather.

MEIRI HALPERN, G 20:
Eliminate stairs to the
Mercazia

ADINA ZOLTAN, G 20: Make
rest hours longer.

DANIELA SAVITSKY, G 20:
Allow canteen orders to be
as big as we want.

LEORA DAVIS, G 20: Let
clean-up be voluntary.

FRUMIE BERNSTEIN, G 19:
Make wake-up later.

DEBBIE MESKIN, Ilanot DH:
Provide food for
vegetarians at fleishig meals.

ARIEL EISEN, G 20: Allow
more time for showers.

ORLY WERBLOWSKY, G 19:
Switch to plastic silverware.

ANNETTE BARBER, G 19: Let
campers call home.

DAVIDA MEFLIS, G 19:
Enlarge the infirmary.

SHANI OFFEN, Office Staff:
Arrange daily trips to DJ's.

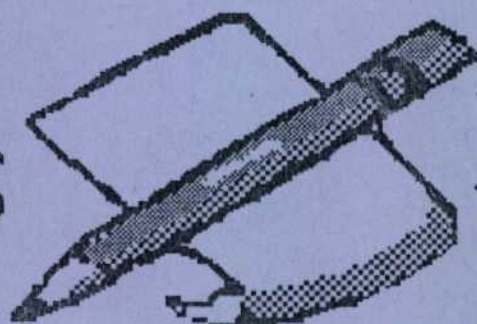
SHLOMO NEWMARK, B 2:
Trade in golf carts for
racing cars.

SHMUEL AURIAN, B 1: Change
rooms with my baby
brother.

JONATHAN ROSENBERG, B 2:
Permit raiding.

DOVIE GANZ, B 4: Lessen
the walk to the Dining Room.

SHALHEVET FEATURES



CAMPERS CLOSE UPS.....



Roving across Boys' Campus this week, your reporter met young men from two countries, three states, and Brooklyn. They are:

ALON GOLDBERGER and **ELI PORTNOY**, both of Bunk 2, both 11 years old and going into sixth grade. Alon's favorite camp activity is league baseball. He lives in Kew Garden Hills, attends Yeshiva Central Queens, and wants to be a veterinarian. Eli lives in Jamaica Estates and goes to Har Torah Yeshiva. He'll be in business someday.

JEREMY TANNENBAUM of Bunk 3 lives in Ra'anana, Israel where he attends Ariel. He likes hockey here in camp. Now he's 11 and going into 6th grade but eventually he hopes to be a diamond dealer.

CHAIM LAUFER, B1, lives in Flatbush and goes to Mizrachi Yeshiva. His favorite time in camp is rest period, preparing to be a doctor.

JONATHAN WOHLGELEARNTER and **DANIEL SHAINBERG** of Bunk 4 both live in Los Angeles where they're going into Grade 7 of Hillel Hebrew Academy. Jonathan aspires to be a children's dentist and Daniel wants to be a pediatrician.

ELI ROSENSTOCK and **ELAN SCHWED** of Bunk 1 are both eleven years old and going into grade 6 at Yeshiva of Flatbush. Their proposed professions are a bit unusual. While Eli wants to be an architect, Elan plans to be a paleontologist.

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

**ROCK
ECKSTEIN
DAVIS**



After an absence of thirteen years, Rock Eckstein Davis has returned to the Morasha staff as Division Head of the Nitzi Girls.

"Delicious" and "Colorful" are the way she describes her charges for the summer. "Nitzis are special- too young to be jaded, but a delightful age to be responsive and cooperative."

Rock came to camp as a Shtili from Ottawa, Canada, and went up through the ranks, including a Machon counselor (together with Hillel who became her Bashert), counselor of Morasha's Israel program, D.H. and Ed Staff member. "Not much has changed," she said, "the wonderful people, the stimulating environment, and positive ruach are still here."

Accompanying Rock to camp are children Nahva in Alufot, Ariel in Shtilim, Leora in Nitzanim, and Avital in Day Camp. Ahuva Epstein of the Ed Staff is Rock's "Big Sister".

Rock looks back fondly on the fantastic relationships and close friends she made here and offers the following advice to our readers: "Savor every moment,"