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שבת מברכים מנחם אב
9 days begin on Monday

News of the Week

Nine Days Begin on Sunday Night

Rosh Chodesh Av, which ushers in the saddest part of the Jewish Calendar year, the **Nine Days**, begins on Sunday night.

The mishna tells us that once Av begins, joy is to be lessened. Our activities take on a more serious nature. We do not listen to music, do laundry, swim for pleasure, or eat meat (unless we are fortunate enough to attend a siyum).

The Nine Days lead up to Tisha B'av, a solemn day of fasting and mourning over the Beit Hamikdash.

We pray that this will be the last year in which we have to observe these days in sadness. May the Beit Hamikdash be rebuilt in the very near future.

Morashaniks Guard Tongues

Following the successful program last year Morashaniks once again will be joining Jews of all ages all over the country during the Nine Days in an all out campaign against Lashon Hara.

According to Camp Educational Director, Rabbi Joel Cohn, Morashaniks have committed themselves to refrain from talking or listening to any Lashon Hara during the hours of 11 AM to 1 PM daily.

The program called Machsom L'fi, is sponsored by the Chofetz Chaim Heritage Foundation. Hopefully, with the correction of our speaking habits will come the rebuilding of the Bayit Shlishi.

All Shine "Shoin" in Shiriah

All Morashaniks, from Daycampers to Machonicks and Staffers, were singing and shining in last night's **SHIRIAH**, one of the annual highlights of the summer season.

Led by the talented and dedicated music director, Sandy Sudberg, and her staff, Daniel Henkin, Jeff Wilks, and Randy Sorscher with Jeff Kobrin on the drums, and Maish Yarmush, M.D., PhD. on the flute, the entire camp performed superbly.

Songs included an original composition for the girls and Horaini set to music for Machon by Daniel Henkin. Day Camp's Moshiah and Sim Shalom will long remain in our ears.

Oneg Shabbat

Tonight's speaker will Mrs. Esther Krauss, director of Shalhevet Institute for Women. Her topic will be "Kedushat Yerushalayim, Forever More." The time is 10:15 PM in the Pargod.

From the Pages of Shalhevet Ten Years Ago ...

- A computer is at work in the office (besides the office staff)
- Marvin and Mimi Hershkowitz return after a 17 year absence.
- Day Camper Uri Orlian said, "If I don't want to play a game, I can just run away."

Torah Thoughts

OUR FACULTY WRITES...
ON PARSHAT MATTOT-MASSEI
BY ETAN TORAYER, Ed Staff

At the close of this week's Sedrah, we read that the Shevatim of Reuven, Gad, and Chatzi Shevet Menashe settled the conquered lands across the Jordan River. Posuk 37 states that Bnei Reuven built several cities in areas where the Emori formerly lived. In Posuk 38, the Torah says that the Bnei Reuven changed the names of the cities from the original Emori names in order to give them new names. Why does the Torah, which never gives unnecessary information, feel it important to teach us this fact?

Ramban explains that initially these cities were Moabite cities. When the Amorites conquered Moav, they changed the city names into Emori names. Finally when the Jews conquered the Emorim the renamed the cities with their original Moabite names. Why? Ramban explains that the Bnei Reuven intended to embarrass the wicked nation of Moav. By using the Moabite names everyone would see that the Jewish people were living where Bnei Moav used to live.

Rashi offers a second explanation: B'nei Yisrael wanted to obliterate the names of Nvodah Zarah in whose honor the cities were named, an Emori practice which the Jews wanted to stop. Bnei Yisrael wanted to change the nature of these cities from places of sin to places of kedusha. After Bnei Yisrael did so, the Torah considered the cities brand new, as though the Jews had actually built them on their own.

From this incident the Torah teaches us a very valuable lesson. When a person desires to do Tshuva, he has the chance not only to get rid of his aveirot, but to become an entirely new person. Hashem desires that we actively become better people. Just like the cities that Bnei Yisrael conquered, Jews did not just stop aveirot from continuing, but they gave the cities new names to signify the new place of kedusha that each city was about to become. Our task is not only to discontinue our aveirot, but to become new vessels of kedusha where Hashem will look kindly upon us.

A D'VAR TORAH ON...

THE POWER OF SINAT CHINAM
BY DANIEL REIFMAN, COLLEGE HOLLER

In this week's Parsha, Hashem commands Moshe to take revenge on Midyan as a payment for causing Bnei Yisrael to lust after the Moabite and Midianite women. Why did Hashem tell Moshe to take revenge only on Midyan? Was not Moav just as guilty? Rashi answers that Moav caused Bnei Yisrael to sin only because they felt threatened by Bnei Yisrael; although Hashem commanded Moshe not to destroy Moav they feared that Bnei Yisrael would still attack them in order to loot their property. Midyan, however, was under no such threat. They entered into affairs that did not concern them, motivated purely by hatred for Bnei Yisrael, and therefore deserved to be punished accordingly.

The Lekach Tov comments that we see from Rashi's words the power of sinat chinam, groundless hatred. The severe punishment Midyan received for their crime attests to the serious nature of this chet. To overcome sinat chinam, he says, one must go to the other extreme- ahavat sinam, boundless love for all, regardless of what someone may have done to us in the past, or whether they will repay us in the future.

Chazal tell us that the second Beit Hamikdash was destroyed because of sinat chinam. As we reflect on Churban Bayit Sheni during these Three Weeks, we must take this message to heart, and engage in acts of Ahavat Sinam for all of those around us. Only then can we say that we have learned the lessons of our past and truly be zocheh for the Binyan Bayit Shlishi, Bimhayrah B'amenu.

SHABBAT SHALOM.

CANDLELIGHTING TIME TODAY

7:00 P.M.

עמוד עברי

לעולם יתפלל אדם בבית-הקנסת. שמקום קדוש הוא. שנאמר:
 .בכל המקום אשר אזכיר את שמי אבוא אליך ובברכתך...
 כבודינו שבארץ-ישראל דרשו: אלו כתי-קנסיות.
 גדולה קדשת כתי-קנסיות. שבמקום בית-המקדש הם.
 שחבב בצוונות. וכן אומר הנביא: .ואהי להם למקדש מעט...
 דרשו כבודינו שבבביל: אלו כתי-קנסיות. וכל מה שאמה
 מוצא בבית-המקדש. אמה מוצא דונמא להם בבית-הקנסת.

ועכשיו שאמרנו בית-הקנסת דומה לבית-המקדש —
 סיב אדם לנהג כבוד יתר בבית-הקנסת. לא יקל שם ראשו.
 לא ידבר דברים בטלים. כל שכן שלא ירדם ולא יאכל שם
 אפילו אכילת ארצי לא יעשן ולא ירקו כל נחמר שעסור
 להקנס אליו בראש מגלה. אף לא יגלה שם שוק או גרף.
 אף עומד או יושב בצנוה וביקצת סבבד. בעומד בחצר
 בית-המקדש.

אמרו: מי שלא ראה את בית-המקדש בתפארתו — לא
 ראה בגן נאה מקימו. אף אנו מצוים ליפות את בית-הקנסת
 ולהוסיף לו נוי וקדר. שנאמר: .נה אלי ואננהו... דרשו
 מקמינו: .התנאה לפניו במצוות... לסיכך שומרים על נקיונו
 ומקשטים אותו. ורוקמים ציצים ופרחים על מציץ ספר-התורה
 ושמים עטרות על גליליו. אלו שנקראים .עצי חיים... בית
 הקנסת — בונים אותו בנבקה של ציר. וחקרה שלה גבוהה מכל
 הקמים. (כעב. ערם - כעב. בית הכנסת)

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SHALHEVET SPECIAL FOR THE THREE WEEKS

During the summer months of *Tamuz* and *Av*, we remember the greatness enjoyed by our people when the *Bais Hamikdosh* still stood . . . and we remember the cruelty of the bloodthirsty people who destroyed the *Bais Hamikdosh*, murdered countless thousands of Jews, and exiled our people. Let's look back to those days.

THE CHILDREN OF YERUSHALAYIM

Of all the splendors of ancient Yerushalayim, none was more remarkable than its children. Their knowledge and quick wits were world famous.

Once a citizen of Athens, Greece arrived in Yerushalayim. He met a child, gave him a few coins and said, "With this money, buy me something to eat, but it must be enough for a meal with some left over to take back to my hotel room."

In a few minutes the child returned with some salt.

Surprised, the Greek asked, "Did I ask you for salt?"

The child answered, "You wanted to be content and have some left over. I am sure there is more salt here than you can eat — so you are certain to have some left over."



FOR THESE I WEEP

Aspasianus, the Roman general, sent three shiploads of Jewish captives to Rome. They were great sages and Aspasianus wanted them to become slaves to the pleasure-seeking people of Rome.

The sages said to one another, "Is it not enough that we angered Hashem in the

Holy Land? Must we be forced to sin in foreign lands as well?"

They decided to jump overboard into the sea and drown rather than go to Rome. They wondered, however, "Will we have a share in the world to come if we kill ourselves?"

A heavenly voice answered, "I will even bring you back to Me from the shadowy depths of the sea."



The sages on the first ship said, "It is bad enough that we did not serve Hashem properly; we will not allow the Romans to force us to serve their false gods." Saying that, they jumped into the sea. Those on the second ship said, "Hashem, we allow ourselves to be killed for Your sake." Then, they too jumped overboard. The third group jumped, saying, "Hashem will find out our reasons for doing this because He knows the secrets of the heart."

Then a voice was heard from heaven. It said, "It is for these people that I weep."

THE FEAST OF THE WICKED

After the *Churban* (destruction of the Temple), many Jews managed to escape with their lives and go into hiding in the mountains of Yehudah. Andarianus, the Roman governor, ordered his troops to find them. The soldiers travelled up and down Judea calling out, "Wherever there is a Jew, let him come out of hiding; and the king will personally make a promise to him."

Many Jews were foolish enough to believe them, and they came out of hiding. The emerging Jews were taken prisoners

and marched off to headquarters where they found vicious Andarianus busily eating a meal. The governor showed why he was one of the most hated people who ever lived.

"By the time I finish eating the wing of this dove and a piece of cake, I want every one of these prisoners to be dead."

Immediately, the soldiers began the slaughter.

Meanwhile, a heavenly voice called out, "It is for these that I cry."

NO SALE

During the siege of Yerushalayim, the Romans surrounded the Holy City and allowed no one to go in or out. Only for a very high price did they agree to sell food to the besieged Jews. From inside the walls of the city, the people would lower a basket full of gold. The greedy Romans would take the gold and fill the baskets with wheat. As time went by, the Romans stopped giving wheat and gave barley instead.

After this went on for a while, the Romans decided to starve the Jews into defeat. The next morning, the basket full of gold was lowered. The gold was removed, and the basket was filled and pulled up over the wall. The hungry Jews looked inside and found that their enemies had filled it with straw! Unable to find any food, the unfortunate Jews cooked the straw and drank the water. Before long, the baskets were pulled up and found to be completely empty. Soon the defenders of the city were too weak to fight and the final attack was about to begin.



FEATURES

ALUFOT LETTERS....

TUESDAY, JULY 13
TAMMUZ 24, 5753

Dear Readers,

Well yet another week full of fun in the sun has gone by. Where has the time gone? Here's an overview of the week: The Nitzi and Shtili play on Sunday night was a hit. Following the play we had an orientation given by Mrs. Rookie Billet and Rabbi Tully Besser about our upcoming visit to Block on Sunday.

Monday night was our annual talent show. Only the nerviest of the nervy performed. But all the acts were fantastic.

This week both campuses started practicing for SHIRIAH, the musical highlight of the summer. The girls' songs are great and full of spirit. Yet we give the Shiriah songs their ruach and beauty with our spectacular harmony. B.E.H. girls campus is going to win.

Tuesday night we were fortunate or unfortunate to go on an overnight. It was filled with music and Divrei Torah. From my point of view it was a lot of fun. Sunday we will be lucky to go and visit Camp Block. We will perform music and dance which will broaden the smile of many from ear to ear.

I hope your week was a good one. Have a good Shabbos.

Love,

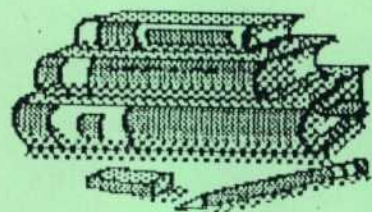
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machon musings. . . .

BBYO DAY ENLIGHTENS AND ENTERTAINS



BY AHUVA & JOSH

Anyone who has ever participated in BBYO DAY knows that it is both an exciting and enlightening day. On Monday, July 12, MACHON joined the Kallah program of BBYO in discussions and activities. The topics addressed emphasized the different backgrounds that the two groups come from and the various viewpoints that have resulted because of this.

Despite obvious discrepancies it was interesting to note that the individuals involved were able to find that they held similar beliefs on certain matters.

The day was not just a success on the intellectual front, but also on the social level. The enthusiasm visible in the singing and dancing was only a minute part of it.

The MACHON participants enjoyed the day so much that they are looking forward to a follow-up program on Sunday on the topic of Anti-Semitism.

"It was uplifting to share ideas with young men and women from all over the country who were different from us, but yet shared very many common outlooks," summed up Penina Savitsky.

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on the waterfront.....

ALUFIM ARE ACTUALLY SWIMMING ! ! ! !

So came the report from the excited waterfront staff.



This coming week will be a busy one in terms of Athletics. Two Inter-camps- Monday with Raleigh and Thursday with Mesorah will highlight the week in Sports. The girls, with their effective clinics and the boys with their "new and improved" effective clinics have prepared both campuses for the Inter-camp Games. Good Luck to all.

Besides Inter-camps with Raleigh and Mesorah, Inter-camps have been planned with Hillel, Lavi, and Moshava. (Machzor Bet) Under new Assistant Athletic Director Rabbi Mark Gottlieb, new emphasis has been placed on Invitational Tournaments. Included in these tournaments are Hillel Basketball (for Machzor Bet Barot and Banim) and Tennis (Alufim/Alufot-Shtilim), "Raleigh Cup" (Hockey for Alufim), Raleigh Basketball for Ilanot, and Seneca Basketball (for Ilanot and Alufim). An all new Seneca softball tournament for Nitzanim has also been planned. With the Sports Staff efficient clinics our campers will be primed for these tournaments.

Look for the first annual Eddie Saah team handball tournament this year. (Jonathan Schacter and Jonah Kruger will be coaches). Special guest Mark Eaton will attend.

Staff games will be getting under way this week, with all three teams in action. The hockey team will be taking on Lavi on Wednesday night. It seems that even Jim Barton will be keeping his eye on that game.

The girls' basketball team, led by the familiar awesome and incredible Jenny Saraohn, and coached once again by Avi Jacobs, will be taking on Lavi this week.

The most interesting of the three staff teams seems to be the boys' staff basketball teams with an all new team and coach (Help!). The team will be tested in Lavi and in Seneca this week. Good Luck to all.

Named to the Boys' Staff Basketball team are Ari Rockoff, Yaakov Ottensosner, Chaim Schiff, Donny Appel, Seth Poloner, Bentzi Itzkowitz, Michael Blum, Noam From, Jonah Kruger, Avi Jacobs, Mark Ronenbaum, Dov Adler, Jonathan Schacter, and Hillel Cohen.

# TRADING REPORTER

## IF ANOTHER HEAT WAVE WERE COMING, HOW WOULD YOU PREPARE?

PENINA SAVITSKY: DEBORAH WALTUCH: Machon: Go home

NILI EPSTEIN, G 6: Watch Ren & Stimpy

ADINA SAMPTER, G 6; ILANA LAUER, G5: Jump in the lake

BRETTE SANDLER, G 3: Fill up whatever I could with water

JUDITH KAPLAN, G 4: Put on a bathing suit and wait for swim

ADINA ZOLTAN, G 2: Invest in water bottles

DEBRA WOLF, G 4: Petition for air conditioning in the bunks

ESTIE SAVITSKY, G 4: Buy more batteries for my fan.

YONINA BERSSON, EPHRAAT BENDHEIM, & GILA LIPSCHITZ, G 5: Build a pool

ALIZA KOLLANDER, G 2: Install a huge outdoor fan

MEREDITH DEUTSCH, SC, G 2: Fix the fan in my bunk

YITZI KESSOCK, B 8: Fill up bottles of water

MIKI RICHMOND, B 7: Buy an air conditioner

JEREMY FERNERMAN, B 14: Buy all the Snapple I can

JUDAH HULKOWER, B 12: Buy an ice machine

MOISHE DACHS, B 11: Make sure the water works

SHMUEL POPPER, B 14: Install air conditioning in the Mercazia

ARYEH KURTZ, B 15: Go to sleep

JUDAH KOLLER, B 7: Go to DJ's

ABON GOLOWA, B 7: Go to the back room of the AC

DANI WEICHOLZ, B 7: Forget about Shur

DAVID SANDERS, Machon: Pack my bed with ice

JON SCHACHTER, Machon: Daven for rain

NATHANIEL KLEIN, Machon: Buy bottled water

GIRLS BUNK 16: Run away under Bunk 1

DAPHNE POLLACK, G 9: Stock up on Coke

SHAINDY FRIEDMAN, G 14: Cut out sports

RACHELI BESSER, G 1: Put a giant sprinkler in the middle of camp

TOVA WARBURG, G 6: Start making ice cubes

NACHSHON ROTHSTEIN, B 8: Buy Ice Man comics

DUVI GANZ, B 9: Get a freezer for each bunk

SHAYNA GREENWALD, G 4 & SHARI SUSSMAN, G 3: Go into the tent on Boys' Campus

ZEHAVA MACHNIKOFF, G 4: Fill up water bottles

DENA WALDMAN, G 5: Hibernate

RINA FURST, G 4: Have a water fight

LANI BRYK, G 3: Fly to Alaska

SHOSHANA HULKOWER, G 3: Go to the air conditioned library

JENNIFER DIENSTAG, G 3: Install a sprinkler system