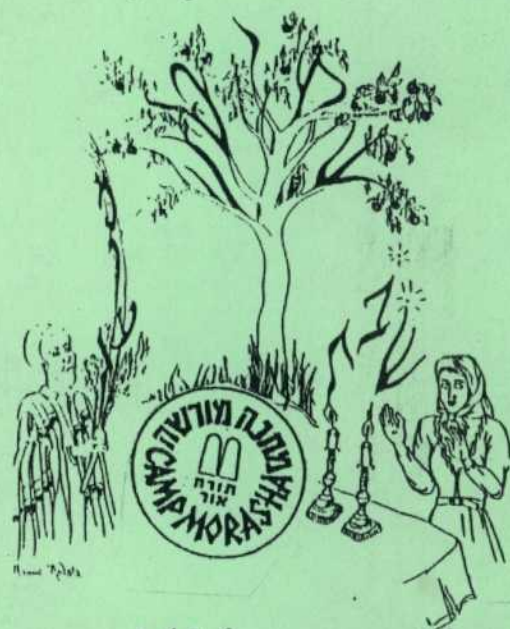


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SHMITA WINS !



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NEWS



SHMITA WINS OVER SHABBOS AND MOED, BUT ALL COME OUT AHEAD

SHMITA won over SHABBOS and MOED, but everyone- campers and staffers alike- came out ahead in Morasha's 30th Annual Morashia.

"The kids had a ball," reported Debbie Meskin, Assistant to the Coordinating Committee, "and even knishes were on the menu at the generals' meeting.

Morashaniks demonstrated top talent and creativity in Torah, music, sports, art, dance, writing, and drama for three consecutive days. The washing stations in the Main Dining Room were beautified through projects by each of the teams. Ruach filled the Mercazia Wednesday night as SHIRIAH climaxed the major event of the season.

In closing ceremonies, Rabbi Abraham Wahrhaftig, Camp Director, expressed special appreciation to the Machon ("the best one we've ever had") and to the Program Director Rabbi Mordecai Besser who headed the Coordinating Committee for Morashia. Rabbi Besser pointed out that much effort from all departments went into making MORASHIA successful.

Special recognition went to the Generals Ari Rockoff and Aimee Taub, Shmita; Adam Loskove and Ayala Shapiro, Moed; and Hillel Cohen and Lauren Weiner, Shabbos; and to Lieutenant Generals Aaron Allen and Tami Finkelstein; Reuven Mohl and Meredith Deutsch; and Uriel Lubetski and Aliza Katz.

Both campuses were rewarded with a previously unheard of TWO-HOUR Late Day to recuperate from MORASHIA and get ready for a week full of activities to come.

TRIP DAY SET FOR MONDAY, TUESDAY

Anticipating an extended leave next week, Morashniks will depart on Monday for Trip Day destinations.

In a change from tradition, Machon will not leave the country, but head instead for Washington and the Holocaust Museum. The Alufim/ot will make their annual overnight pilgrimage to Hersheytown. Younger divisions will return to camp by Monday at nightfall.

MACHON STEPS ON STAGE

Machon will step on the Mercazia stage in front of all divisions on Sunday night. They will present a Musical Review directed by Michal Goldberg and the drama staff. A combination of numbers from different shows will be featured.

RABBI BENJAMIN BLECH RETURNS

RABBI BENJAMIN BLECH, former educational director of Camp Morasha, will return to speak at tonight's Oneg Shabbat. His topic will be "Secrets of Hebrew Words- Insights and Predictions." The Oneg will start at 10:15 in the Pargod.

MORASHA'S ENGAGING STAFF

MAZEL TOV to AVI SPÉISER of Morasha's Canteen and Infirmary Escort SHARONA NAGLER who became engaged this week. In spite of the long Bashert list, this is the first couple since Rabbi Heshie and Rookie Billet to become engaged right here at camp.

TZEISCHEM L'SHALOM

Hatzlacha Rabbah to all Morashaniks leaving early en route to a year of learning in Eretz Yisroel, especially Deborah Gottesman and Gila Sandhaus of the Office Staff.

Torah Thoughts

A D'VAR TORAH. . .

ON PARSHAT RE'EH

By Shmuel Schwartz, H.S. Kellel

One of the most intriguing topics in this week's Parsha is that of the NOVI SHEKER- a false prophet that Hashem sends us to test us, in order to make sure that we love Him.

This seems to be one of the most difficult tests one can encounter, as we are commanded not to believe this NOVI even if his signs and predictions come true. Through logical reasoning it is not possible to understand how one can overcome this test, as miracles are happening for a person we are commanded not to listen to.

The answer to this question is brought down from the Michtav M'Eliyahu by the Lekach Tov. He says that through the love we must show for Hashem, it is possible to verify something which appears nonsensical through an intellectual approach. Thus, Hashem expects us to pass this test and not listen to the NOVI SHEKER, using our love for Hashem as a guide.

However, the love and emotion that we must show and feel for Hashem cannot be started on its own. It must be predicated by intellectual realization.

One of the worst types of Averot is that performed because one feels like doing an action, while not actually thinking about what he is doing. Thus, one whose life is controlled simply by reflex actions is not in consonance with the Torah. We therefore need SECHEL not only to get us to have love for Hashem, but also to control our lives and give us guidance.

This idea is applicable to us especially now as we bench Rosh Chodesh Elul since the purpose of Elul is to do proper T'shuvah. T'shuvah must employ both emotion and reasoning. We must not only intellectually realize that we may have done wrong, but we must also feel bad about it. We must have true CHARATAH through AHAVAH and SECHEL, and through this may all our T'SHUVAH be accepted.

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OUR FACULTY WRITES. . .

PASS THE SALAD ?

BY RABBI YOSEF NUSBACHER

In this week's Parsha we read about the removal of the prohibition to eat B'SAR TA'AVAH, meat for pleasure. As the Gemora in Chulin (16b) explains (according to Rabbi Yishmael) the Jews in the desert were forbidden to eat meat simply for pleasure, rather they had to bring the animal as a Korban Shlamim and only then could they eat the remainder for pleasure. Now, the Torah permitted them to eat meat without bringing the animal as a sacrifice.

The question that arises among the commentators is whether eating meat is desirable or only a "heter bedieved", a concession to man's base instincts. Rav Saadia Gaon (not to be confused with the one in the kitchen) believes that our Parsha is very much in favor of meat and that there is even a mitzvah to eat meat!

The Abarbanel, Baal Haturim, and recently Rav Kook read this whole passage in an opposite way, as a bedieved. They believe that man should not be so involved in gluttonous eating and shouldn't teach himself violent habits. According to their view, Jews should really be vegetarians.

The mainstream interpretation is that eating meat is neither a mitzvah nor a bedieved, but rather is left to a person's discretion. In this context it is important to note that these Psukim also contain the words "and you shall slaughter it..as I have commanded", the source in the Torah for the rules of Shechita. At the same time that the Torah removes the obligation to only eat meat of the Korban Shlamim and permits "casual meat eating" it attempts to infuse our physical enjoyment of meat with holiness by commanding us to "shecht" our meat before we eat it. Regardless of how you view eating meat, all of the commentators would agree, the goal must not be to merely have a pleasurable physical experience, but to transform it into a spiritual experience through the laws of BRACHOT, SEUDAH, and SHECHITA.

עבודת צור שיח

הבדלים בין שבת ויום טוב

By: Yochiel Pashman
Avir Shavit
Machon HaChochim

ימים וזמנים הבדלים בין שבת ויום טוב. אבל ישנו הבדל עיקרי
בין שבת ויום טוב. משבת אנו מקבלים במידת הכנסת
אור ה' לביתנו. אנו מוודאים בתפילת קבלת שבת לזה דידי' ביטול
לחולין אור שבת המלכה. אנו מקבלים כאלו יש לנו
אורחים הבית. אנו מקבלים כבוד, אורחים טובים, ומקבלים
המלכות.
ישנה דרכה שונה של קדושה. בפני השמים, פני שמיא, ונאמר.
שם שמים שנה יראה כל צורך את בני ה' אלקים במקום אשר
ביתך בחזקת הנהגות חסידות ונחם הסודות ולא יראה אור פני
ה' חסידים. יק' שמים בשנה ה' מציין אורנו לביתנו.
אנו מחכים כל השנה בשביל צ' השמים האלה. היום אתם נאמר
מזבח זה לראות מן המקדש שנאמר ומקדש תראו
ישנה נקודה עיקרית של צדק בענין המקדש. איסור לון
לעצן בתוך בית המקדש שם מקדש, שם נאמר, וזה למעלה כל הדינים.
אדם חייב להתקדש מכבוד כאשר הוא נכנס לבית המקדש. וזוהי פתח אורא.

מאמר
חומת בית כורק, ולא מן המקדש אורא ירא אלה ממי שזה עם צדקו.
אנו חייבים להזק במחשבה וביראה מן ה' לעצמנו ביום טוב
יש הבדל עיקרי בין שבת ויום טוב. חייבים יראה. אנו מקבלים
לדרכה יוקר יראה. אנו נחשבים את המלכות ה' ונאמר ברכו
נאמר כללנו ליושר.
- המהרה במלכות אמן.

MORASHIA

TEAM THEME

BY ROMY GARDENSWARTZ
ILANOT-SHABBOS

Once a week
There's a special day for all Jews
There are thirty-nine don'ts
And many dos

SHOMOR and ZOCHOR
Remember and keep
SHABBOS is the day we're
Supposed to sleep

KIDDUSH and SHOLOM ALEICHEM
On Friday night
While the SHABBOS candles
Shimmer so bright

SHABBOS is observed
In every time and place
In concentration camps
And when enemies we face

Respect SHABBOS
For it is the holiest day
But also enjoy it
Relax, learn, and play

Spend your day well
Because it goes very fast
And before you know it
Another SHABBOS has passed.

A LETTER HOME

By ARIELLA EISENBERG, Nitzanim- Moed

Dear Mommy and Daddy,

Guess what! Color War broke out.
This is how it happened: We went to the
gym for a second night activity which
was I WANT YOUR JOB. When we came
back there was a sign on our door. It
said, "Go back to the gym." Then Guess
what? MORASHIA '93.

So far we played Newcomb,
Machanayim, and kickball. It's a lot of
fun. Bye for now,

Love,
Ariella

GREEN WILL WIN !

By JONATHAN LAUER & SHLOMO WEG
Nitzanim- Shmita

GREEN, YELLOW, and RED are
The teams of Morasha Color War
As you know GREEN will win once more

Color War breakout was a lot of fun
We had a fake-out which made us all
run

At all the games GREEN stands tall
Winning hockey, baseball, and basketball

SHMITA will never fall
WE will win it all !

WHO WAS AHARON HAKOHEN ?

By ELI COHN, Shtilim- Moed

We all know AHARON as the Kohen
Godol and a man who cared about B'nei
Yisrael. The Torah tells us that when
Elezer walked out in Aharon's clothing
and everyone realized that Aharon died,
they cried. Why? BECAUSE Aharon used
to chase peace and try as hard as he
could to settle all arguments. Aharon
was always friendly with everybody,
even with people who hate.

Aharon also always obeyed the
10th commandment that one should
never be jealous. After the incident of
the Burning Bush, Moshe told Aharon
what happened. The Torah says that
Aharon was happy in his heart, not only
on the outside.

As we participate in Color War we
could learn a lot from Aharon- not to
argue with our friends and never to be
jealous of our friends. And we should
try to chase peace and make peace so
we could see the rebuilding of the Beit
Hamikdash, Bimhayra B'yamenu. Amain.





MORASHIA

AS WE PREPARE FOR MOADIM

By DEBBIE PLATHICK, Machon

The upcoming weeks will be filled with preparation for the YOMIM NOROIM and the MOADIM. The MOADIM are a time of happiness and thanksgiving to HAKODOSH BORUCH HU. In this week's Parsha, Parshat Re'eh, the commandment to celebrate the SHLOSH REGOLIM is repeated to accentuate the feeling of SIMCHA during the MOADIM. A true feeling of Simcha can only be attained in: "Hamokom asher yivchar Hashem Elokachem ..." (Devorim 12:11)

ALIYAH L'REGEL is an integral part of the MOADIM. The KEDUSHA of being in the BEIT HAMIKDASH and in YERUSHALAYIM brings us closer to HAKODOSH BORUCH HU.

It may be physically difficult for a person to make ALIYAH L'REGEL on SHEVUOT just seven weeks after PESACH, but the Torah reminds us that these difficulties are minor compared to the hardships that we suffered in Egypt. B'nei Yisroel must accept the burden of travel as a fulfillment of G-d's will, the same G-d who took us from AVDUT L'CHAYRUT. The Mitzvah of ALIYAH L'REGEL can only be done with ZERIZUT and SIMCHA. Every person has the responsibility to be in Yerushalayim at the proper time and procrastination can result in an unfulfillment of this Mitzvah.

This teaches us an important lesson for life. A specific Mitzvah may be physically difficult, but we must try to overcome all obstacles and do it with ZERIZUT and SIMCHA. BIMHAYRA U'YAMENU we will all be able to make ALIYAH L'REGEL to the BEIT HAMIKDASH in YERUSHALAYIM in order to celebrate all our MOADIM with ZERIZUT and SIMCHA. AMEIN.

SHMITA REQUIRES FAITH

BY ANDREW MALKA, Alufim-Shmita

Why does the Torah tell us in Parshat Behar that the Mitzvah of SHMITA was given on Har Sinai? One reason is that to observe the Mitzvah of SHMITA a person must have strong belief in Hashem- the same kind of EMUNAH that B'nei Yisroel had at Har Sinai during MATAN TORAH.

ON PARSHAT RE'EH

BY YEHUDA CHANELES, Shmita

In this week's Parsha, Re'eh, the Torah promises that if we do the Mitzvot: "Hashem will give them peace from all their enemies, and they will live securely." (Devorim 12:10). This promise seems to be repetitious- obviously if they have peace from their enemies, they will live securely. Two answers are given to this question: Reb Yehonatan Eibshitz explains that "they will live securely" has nothing to do with having peace with their enemies, but this phrase is talking about another kind of peace- inner peace- SHOLOM BAYIS. This is a promise that B'nei Yisroel won't fight with each other.

The second explanation says that "and you will dwell securely" is an insurance that "UHANIACH LOCHEM" will be kept. If B'nei Yisroel do not fight among themselves, but instead unite, then they won't have to worry about their surrounding enemies.

Today, we must all strive to achieve the second kind of peace- SHOLOM BAYIT- as an individual, a bunk, a division, a camp, or even as a nation, and if we do this, we will be ZOCHEH to the promise of "U'HANEACH LOCHEM" in Eretz Yisroel with MOSHIACH- Bimhayra, U'Yomenu, Amein.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE. . .

By DAFNA POLLACK & DINA SCHORR
Ilanot-Shmita

Team SHMITA surveyed Staffers who will be studying in Eretz Yisroel this year to find out how they'll manage their food situation. Some responses:

ADAM BECKER, Waiter: I'll find food from the previous year.

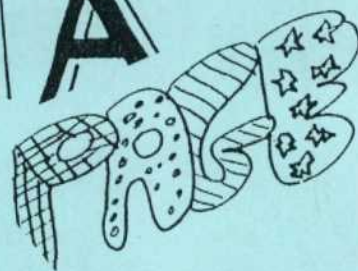
SHIRA KATZ, JC,G 4: I'll do whatever I have to to keep the Mitzvah. We don't pick and choose mitzvahs which we will keep or not keep.

DONNY BESSER, SC, B 15: I'm not a big fruit and vegetable eater anyway, so I'll stick to the other food groups.

ARI ROCKOFF, SC, B 13: It will be tough, but I'll try to keep the Mitzvah as best as I can.



MORASHIA



Machon: Elon
Zibitt

Green Shmita

works: Shmita
Sabbath
Maed
Morashia
Zush
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Yellow
green
red

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SHABBOS WORDSEARCH

Tzippy Heszel & Shira Billet, Nitzanin-Red

1. Havdala
2. Shabbos
3. candle
4. rest
5. Challos
6. wine

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MOVING REPORTER

IF COLOR WAR WERE CANCELLED, WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO DO INSTEAD ? ? ?

JEREMY CRANE, WRITER: Be happy

TAMI FINKELSTEIN, SC, G 19: Leave camp early.

JENNY KASTNER, G 7: Go home

ALUFOT JC's: Go to Hershey Park

SHIRA FREUNDLICH & ESTIE FARBER, G 4: Have another Trip Day

CHAVA KAMIONER, G 19: I'd make my own

DAPHNA HOLLANDER, G 19: Play sports

DAVIDA MERLIS, G 20: Have a long rest period

GALI PORTNOY, G 19: Schedule pillow fights

REBECCA FEINER, G 19: Spend time with my relatives in camp

SHIRA STURM, G 20: Have relay races for three days

DEVORAH WOLF, G 20: Scream

TZIPPY HESZKEL, G 20: Cry

ESTIE PLOTNICK, G 20: Sue the camp

RIVKA STURM, G 2: Go shopping at the GAP

MACHON '92: Paint the trees

SARA TRACHMAN, G 2: Find another way to lose my voice

CHAGGIT ALPERT, G 6: Climb trees

ADINA SULTAN, G 2: Reschedule it

DANIELLE SAVITSKY, G 2: Have another SHIRIAH

ESTIE PLOTNICK, G 20: Go to Disneyland

ELISHEVA WADLER, G 9: Nothing

SHIRA KATZ, G 12: Schedule Visiting Days

NAOMI NADATA, Arts & Crafts Head: Take a vacation

TAMAR SKLARIN, G 18: Go to Universal Studios

SHIRA BILLET, G 20: Go to school

SHAYNA GREENWALD, G 4: Go White Water Rafting

MACHON GIRLS: We'd work four days

SHARI DAVID, JC, G 11: Spend time with Eric Sussman

ERIC SUSSMAN, JC, B 14: Spend time with Shari David

CHANI KANAREK, SC, G 7: Get my name in SHALHEVET for the first time in nine years

G 14: Eat

AIMÉE TAUB, SC, G 13: Go to Loehman's

G 9: Find Max

SHARI GOMBERG & RACHELLE MERLIS, G 9: Party

DANIELLA MUTH, G 6: Protest

NILI EPSTEIN, G 6: Watch Ren & Stimpy

KAREN BOCHNER, G 6: Not come back

MARISSA KESSLER, SHOSHANA CARMEL, & ILANA LAUER, G 5: Go on strike

MENUCHA SINGER, G 9: Sleep

MACHON BOYS: Bother Yael Wienerkur

NATHANIEL KLEIN, Machon: Hold a Vaad meeting

NACHI LIGHT, B 19: Play basketball

MOSHE JACOBOWITZ, B 7: Have trip days

ELLY KRAMER & ILANA AUSUBEL, G 9: Schedule lazy day