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"WELCOME"

FOR THE OPENING SHABBAT OF MORASHA 5755 SHALHEVET BRINGS YOU A MINI EDITION

PARSHAT KORACH By:Raphael Willig

At the end of Parshat Shelach we are introduced to the mitzva of tzitzit. Immediately afterwards, the Torah begins with the story of Korach's rebellion. What, if any, is the connection between the adjacent Parshiyos?

In the Parsha of tzitzit, the Torah exhorts us "Ve'heesen K'doshim", and you shall be holy. This is not a promise, but rather a goal to strive for. Korach, however, said the reverse "Kol Ha'am Kulam K'doshim", the whole nation is already holy, and there is no need for Moshe's leadership. Korach and his followers felt they were already holy, and they did not have to concentrate on being. This idea extends to the mitzva of tzitzit and te'chelet. The te'chelet serve to remind us of G-d's presence, L'man Tizkeru, so that we should fulfill the mitzvot. Korach, on the other hand, argued that a talit which was all t'chelet did not need tzitzit, for he thought Israel was already holy and did not need to be reminded of G-d's presence and to aspire to greater heights.

As we begin the summer, let us remember the lessons of tzitzit and Korach; that the pursuit of holiness is a permanent challenge and goal. Here in camp, these are unique challenges and opportunities in Avodas Hashem. Hopefully, we will all grow together toward our goal of V'heesem K'doshim, and a summer of Torah, Mitzvot, and Fun.

**IF YOU NEED A MIZUZAH PLEASE
CONTACT RABBI JOEL COHN.**

THE ROVING REPORTER

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

**Why did you choose to spend the summer
at Camp Morasha?**

Wendy Gertelman Office: I've been here
for 8 years.

Rabbi Jeff Aftel Ed-Staff: They would not
take me as a camper.

Gila Spinowitz G-12: To spend the
summer with kids.

Noam From Head Waiter: To hang out
with friends my age, the money.

Gila Kranz G-18: I love children.

Yehoshua Auman B-19 Because my father
made me.

Dubi Zigelman Cook: the adventure

Jeff Landy Library: The ruach

Meir Yaakov Solevetchik: Shabbos walks
with Rabbi Baruch Simon

Shmuel Marcus Kollel: to recruit for
Raishit Yerushalayim

ONEG SHABBAT

All staff is most cordially invited to attend
an Oneg Shabbat tonight at ten fifteen PM
in the Pargod. The guest speaker will be
Mr. Mark Weitzman on "Task Force
Against Hate."

SHALHEVET



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Shabbat Parshat Chukat

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Week In Review



Roller
Blading
Day!



Staff Melava
Malka!



Fourth of July
Celebrations!

This past Monday, July 3, Morasha held its Second Annual ROLLERBLADING DAY! Campers, staff members, and even Camp America rolled around all day long! A great time was had by all!

On Motzei Shabbat Parshat Korach, staff and Machon experienced an incredible MELAVA MALKA. The music and dancing were filled with *Ruach* and the festivities lasted late into the night!

Morasha, together with the rest of America, celebrated America's 219th Birthday on July Fourth. Fireworks, delicious barbecues, and lots of music were just part of the terrific show!



Satch's Statistics

Since campers arrived last week, Camp Morasha has consumed:

9600 Eggs

1400 Lbs. of Potatoes

1400 Lbs. of Flour

10,500 Slices of Bread

4000 qts. of Milk

and has produced 120 cu. yds. of GARBAGE!



Chukat



D'var Torah By:

Brad Karasik - JSS Kollel

D'var Torah By:

Zvi Romm - JSS Kollel Counselor

We see in this week's parsha, Parshat Chukat, one of it's first points is the idea of Parah Adumah. The Parah Adumah is a burnt offering from which the ashes are sprinkled so as in order to purify the individual. A paradoxical theme seems to exist here - how can the same ashes used to purify the individual name the Kohen that sprinkle them impure?

Rashi explains the mitzva of Parah Adumah as an atonement for the Eigel Hazahav. According to our Sages, the Dor Hamidbar, being on such a spiritual level after accepting the Torah on Har Sinai, were, in a sense, impervious to the entrapments of the evil impulse; nevertheless, they were 'allowed' to fall into sin. We see that a generation which reached such a spiritual high also dropped to a temporary spiritual low which cultivated in an attitude of teshuva. (This shows the attitude of teshuva exists in all situations.) Regarding the sin of the generation, although it served its moral lesson, nevertheless, the generation was punished for its sin. The Chasam Sofer explains, the Parah Adumah in the same light: "Those that need purification and the like simply because reason dictates that they are wrong. Rashi means to teach us that this attitude is fundamentally flawed. In a certain sense, we can comprehend the laws of Parah Adumah; we can understand the symbolism behind it. Yet, it remains the classic example of a chok, which we accept on the basis of g'zeiras hamelech and not on the basis of rationality. Similarly, the fact that we can grasp the basic rationale of mishpatim should not blind us to the fact that the ultimate source for our commitment to them is that they represent the r'tzon Hashem.

The mitzva of Parah Adumah is the classic example of a chok - a mitzva whose meaning and purpose is obscure. Our minds fail to grasp any reason behind the mitzva; we follow it out of a sense of g'zeiras hamelech, of blind submission to the will of Hashem. Yet, Rashi, in our parsha seems to contradict our preconceived notion of Parah Adumah as a chok. In his commentary on the Parah Adumah, Rashi quotes R'Moshe Hadarshan, who explains that the Parah Adumah serves as an atonement for the sin of Eigel Hazahav, and symbolically, and interprets every detail of the laws of Parah Adumah along these lines. We are left puzzled, after understanding so much about the significance of the law of Parah Adumah, how can it still be considered a chok?

I once heard a beautiful - and very fundamental - answer to this question from Rabbi Avraham Rivlin. We tend to think, he explained, that while we follow chukim out of a sense of blind submission to Hashem's will, our commitment to mishpatim - so called "rational" mitzvos - follows logically from our understanding of the importance of the mitzva. Even without a direct commandment from G-d, we would refrain from killing, stealing, and the like simply because reason dictates that they are wrong. Rashi means to teach us that this attitude is fundamentally flawed. In a certain sense, we can comprehend the laws of Parah Adumah; we can understand the symbolism behind it. Yet, it remains the classic example of a chok, which we accept on the basis of g'zeiras hamelech and not on the basis of rationality. Similarly, the fact that we can grasp the basic rationale of mishpatim should not blind us to the fact that the ultimate source for our commitment to them is that they represent the r'tzon Hashem.

Fun Page

NAME THAT TEFILIN?

1. A non Jewish prophet

A Jewish tefila

Old Bilaam's curse

Becomes a bracha!

Name that Tefila

2. A "little" man

A big chacham

This tefila composed

By Shimon Hakatan!

Name that Tefila

3. Did we have three avot?

Or was it only two?

It says Avraham and Yitzhak

But not Yaakov too!

Name that Tefila

4. 13 short praises

In one long tefila

On Layl Shabbat

Children lead the Kehila!

Name that Tefila

** Please hand in the correct answers to the SHALHEVET office, and we will publish your name in next week's issue! **

WORD FIND

MAHARONQURE
KOPREDCOWINM
CLSMIRIAMSW
HORAHARTUYZ
UKADESHMIWG
KROHATQWJIMV
ABDFMNUYQSEJ
TQPONFEAWOPI

There are eight words hidden in this puzzle that are related to this week's parsha! See how many you can find!
Chukat, Moshe, Miriam, Red Cow, Tahor, Aharon, Hor HaHar, Kadesh

All Around Camp

NITZI NEWS

We have asked some Nitzi what they like about being a Nitzi and they said:

Danielle P. - We have cool counselors

Tamar - We have a great Division Head

Shoshana - We get many advantages because we're the youngest

Lisa - Nitzi activities are the best!

Debbie - I love everything about being a Nitzi!

- Jessica Rosenberg

INSIDE ILANOT

The younger Ilanot girls were looking forward to their non-coed Capture the Flag (Kibbush Ha'aretz) night activity. They were sitting on the girls tennis courts learning the rules of the game, when all of a sudden they saw what looked like a herd of buffalos. Their counselors motioned, "Run girls, run!" The Ilanot followed their counselors, and out of the woods came about forty screaming "animals" (the younger Ilanot boys). They then proceeded to play a game of co-ed capture the flag as a "non-contact" sport.

- Debra Lebowitz

- Shoshana Chanaleles

SPOTLIGHT ON SULAM

Departure date has been slated for Wednesday, July 12 at 4:30 P.M. and the campers of SULAM are counting down the minutes. We are confident that SULAM '95 will be the best ever and we are anxiously awaiting a summer which promises to be filled with action, excitement, and inspiration.

LShavua haba
b'Yerushalayim!

- Rena Cohn

SHTILI SHMOOZE

Dovid was getting old and sick, and it happened a little too quick.

Dovid had promised Batsheva his wife, that her son Shlomo would rule the rest of his life.

Adoniah had something else on his mind, that his own kingship he would find,

Fatty meat for a feast he made, Yoav and Avyatar were his aids.

Natan came and told Batsheva the news, that Adoniah was planning to rule the Jews.

They told Dovid and he made a plan, that Shlomo would be anointed and wouldn't get banned

That day it happened when everyone cheered, Adoniah found out and Shlomo he feared.

- Frumie B., Chaya C., Jennifer K., Batya R., Melinda R.

Names In the News

Gershon Veroba

One of the newer members of the staff here at Camp Morasha is Gershon Veroba. Gershon Veroba is an accomplished musician and we are very glad to have him here with us. He is especially well known for his song "Minyan Man", which is a favorite here at Camp Morasha. Both campers and staff members alike are excited to have Gershon here this summer. We are sure that together with the rest of the music staff, his music will enhance our summer experience. We are all looking forward to the *Ruach* and fun that Gershon Veroba will add to Morasha through his music. We wish Gershon much like and we are confident that he will be able to perform "right on Key".

**THE STAFF OF SHALHEVET
WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE
NITZI GIRLS FOR COLLATING
THIS ISSUE.**

**SPECIAL THANKS TO
RENA COHN & RACHEL
MANSDORF**

Coming Tournament

This week on Wednesday, July 12, Morasha will be hosting its annual tournament together with Camp Seneca Lake. The tennis tournaments for both boys and girls will be held in Morasha. The boy's softball tournament will be held in Morasha as well. The girl's softball tournament will be held in Camp Seneca Lake. We would like to wish the teams that will be competing much luck. we are sure that you will do a great job and make Morasha Proud!!!



THIS WEEK'S STAFF
ONEG WILL BE GIVEN BY
RABBI CHANOCH
TELLER IN THE PARGOD
AT 10:15 P.M.
WE HOPE TO SEE YOU
THERE!

Lake Morasha



The lake here at Camp Morasha, appropriately called "Lake Morasha", is the center of many of the activities which take place in camp each day. Swimming, boating, fishing, water skiing and tubing are just some of the things that happen at Lake Morasha. Lake Morasha is also an important factor in the ecosystem of camp and the surrounding town of Lake Como, Pennsylvania. In fact, Lake Morasha has even been home to a family of snapping turtles in recent years, to the sheer delight of campers and staff members alike.

In addition to the everyday water events and sports that transpire at Lake Morasha, this lake goes beyond the scope of your average body of water. Lake Morasha has shown remarkable skills in the area of meteorology. Morasha legend has it, that one can actually determine the course of the weather, just by studying the direction of the lake. If the lake is moving towards girl's campus, a storm is on the way. If the lake is flowing towards Boy's campus, a bright and sunny day is in store. Many of the older campers are quite well versed in this area and take this activity of "lake watching" very seriously. And for all those who doubt the authenticity of the lake, we ask you to keep the following in mind; the lake never lies!!!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

We'd like to wish a happy birthday to the following people:

6/28-	Marc Rosenbaum
6/29-	Rachel Stern
	Judah Koller
	Rebecca Feld
	Dina Burcat
6/30-	Shifra Landowne
	Danny Stahler
7/1-	Rebecca Ostreicher
	Shira Koss
7/2-	Yehuda Chanale
	Bethea Salem
7/3-	Zacharial Oliner
	Marisa Kessler
7/5-	Arielle Fenigstein
7/6-	David Herring
	Rina Bernstein
	Elisheva Jacobson
7/7-	Ariella Mermelstein
	Aliza Dear



We want your help!!

If you have any ideas or articles that you wish to contribute to SHALHEVET, please contact the SHALHEVET office. This is your camp's newspaper and we value your opinion greatly!



Roving Reporter

Why is Camp Morasha "the camp with a heart"?

Vicki Harari: Because we all *feel* for Camp Morasha.

Rabbi Joel Cohn - Ed. Staff: Because they use liver in the chopped liver, everything else goes in the cholent, and all that's left is the heart!

Satch Sanders - : Because we all have heartburn!

Rena Cohn - SULAM: Because the frog run over by the golf cart on Girl's Campus no longer has one.

Rebecca Wimmer: G-17: The people

Devora Cohen: Day Camp: The new things they keep building.

Avi Zibitt: Machon Counselor: It's proximity to HASC

Zev Alpert: B-2: Davening three times a day.

Rachel Koller: G-19: Shiur Teachers who taught us to be nice.

Tali Malina: G-18: Caring Staff.

Doni Faber: B-2: The Sports.

Zachary Grauer: B-2: 2 Shiurim a day.

Kivi Steinberger: B-2: Chocolate milk for kibud.

Stephen Unterberg: Nitzi D.H.: It gave me a place to spend my honeymoon.

Bracha Schoffman: G-18: Achdus.

Shayna Greenwald: G-13: The lovely activities.

Shlomo Rothstien: B-7: The campers.

Carl Hochhauser: B-13: The 20 year old staff members.

Marc Rosenbaum: Waiter: Jill Sanders

Gary Turkel: B-13: Gary Turkel

Shifra Landowne: G-20: Step-Aerobics.

Debra Lebovits: Freinds who care for each other.

Rabbi Wahrhaftig - Director: We're working on the midot of chesed, kindness, and sensitivity, and we hope that it will continue for the next 32 years!