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Names in the News

Rabbi Zush Motechin

Everyone in Camp Morasha knows Zush. After all, he's our Associate Program Coordinator. He works closely with Aviva Adler and Rabbi Wahrhaftig to create all the wonderful programs we have all enjoyed this summer.

Zush came to Camp Morasha 22 years ago. After two years as division head for Nitzanim and Shtillim, he became the assistant boys head counselor and held onto that position for nine years. But he never got tired of those boys. He then spent ten years as head counselor for boys. Imagine all those years on boys campus. How could he be spending his days, well most of his day, in an airconditioned office working behind a computer and producing many of those memos you see all over camp, after all those years on boys campus? Asked what he missed most about being on boys campus, his answer was making the kids smile by trying to solve all their needs.

His wife is Matie, who everyone on girls' campus at Morasha knows and loves. She's Assistant Head Counselor for girls. They have four wonderful children: Ari who is in Machon, just turned seventeen this summer, Avrumie, 20 currently attends Queens College after spending two years in Israel, Shulamit who's married to Steven Felsenthal and is giving them tremendous nachas with their wonderful first grandchild, Nachi, and Yitzchok, married to Sharon will give Zush and Matie the honor of being a grandparent for the second time soon *מ"מ*.

Zush teaches social studies for the Board of Education of New York and is the Principal of New Springville Jewish Center Talmud Torah in Staten Island, N.Y.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

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

- 8/19 Danielle Kestenbaum
Ariel Rosenzweig
8/20 Shira Hecht
Simmi Grunspan



Some Forgotten Birthdays

- 7/29 Shlomo Rydzinski
Yaacov Rydzinski
7/30 Elisha Nusbaum
Eli Herman
7/31 Elana Zelman
8/1 Lynn Weiss
Lisi Stahler
8/3 Steven Kessler



ATTENTION ALL
STAFF AND MACHON:
This Weeks' Lecture will
be given by
Rabbi Ezra Bick of
Yeshivat Gush Etzion.
Please Join Us in the
Pargod at Friday Night at
10:15 P.M.

THE MAGGID SPEAKS

Heavy LOAD?

A dealer in precious stones once went out of town on business. He had with him a valise filled with his wares—diamonds, rubles, emeralds- to show to potential buyers.

When he came to his hotel, he was assigned a room on the fourth floor. The hotel clerk summoned a porter and asked that he carry the businessman's valise up to his room. When the businessman came to his fourth floor room, he found the porter there waiting for him, huffing and puffing from exhaustion. "That was one heavy suitcase!" the porter complained. "I'm collapsing! What do you have in there, rocks?"

"If you are tired," said the diamond dealer, "you must have taken the wrong valise. mine is filled with diamonds and precious stones which are lightweight; they wouldn't tire anyone out. You probably took someone else's valise, and that is why you're so tired."

"This," said the Dubno Maggid, is how to understand (in Isaiah 43:22) "The burden of observing My Torah and doing My mitzvot is a light one to carry. If you find it heavy-then you are probably carrying the wrong load." Torah study and the performance of Mitzvot are a pleasures to carry, for they make a Jew's life complete and happy." May we carry home our pleasures of Torah study and Mitzvot which we have learned to enjoy and continue the Morasha spirit throughout the year.

A Special Thank You

I want to thank the following people for helping with this month's SHALHEVET. First of all thanks to Wendy Gertelman, Giela Nussbaum, and Miriam Orlow for producing all the hundreds of copies. A special thank you to Rabbi Joel Cohen, Rabbi Abraham Wahrhaftig, Ari Farkas, Debbie Jacobson, and Martin Tollinsky for all their technical assistance. A very special thanks to Satch Sanders, who was there for me whenever I had a problem with the computer.

Last, but not least, I'd like to thank Tzippy Zaltz for watching Akiva.

Chani Rosenzweig
Shalhevet Editor

Thank you
to the Nitzi girls
for collating
this issue of
SHALHEVET

TORAH THOUGHTS

by Ari Schulman, College Kollel

In this week's פרשה, we are commanded in the Mitzvah of Chinuch. The פסוק tells us :

"ולמדתם את בניכם לדבר בם

בשבתך בביתך ובילכתך בדרך"

"You shall teach your children to discuss them while you sit in your home, and while you walk on the way"

We read this פסוק in Shema twice everyday. If you look carefully, however, you should be bothered by an obvious problem. Why does the פסוק start in לשון רבים (plural) and end in לשון יחיד (singular). The פסוק should say "you shall teach your children to discuss in them while they sit in their homes and while they walk on their ways" The דודאי ראובן deals with this problem. He says that this פסוק is teaching us an important message in חינוך. It is not enough when you are teaching your children, to tell them what to do. You must also teach by example. You must demonstrate to them how to live a life of Torah both "while you sit in your home, and while you walk on your way". The פסוק uses the singular לשון to show it is instructing the father on how to best teach his children.

The lesson applies to us as well. If you see a friend behaving improperly, it is not enough to tell him what he is doing wrong. You must show him by example how to best handle the situation.

by J. B. Cohen, High School kollel

In Parshat Eikev It says::

"ואמרת בלבבך כחי

ועצם ידי עשה לי את החיל הזה"

"And you will say in your heart, it is my strength and power of my hand that did this valorous deed."(8:17)

B'nei Yisroel were nearing their destination of Eretz Yisroel and Moshe took this opportunity to warn them of possible emotions that they may feel. Perhaps they will believe that it was actually their own strength and military prowess that defeated their enemies. They might forget that G-d had long ago promised that these events would occur, and that only through His Divine assistance could it be possible.

How is it possible that this nation that was enlightened by so many miracles in the desert could make such a mistake? Of course, it was all from the hand of HASHEM! We see that one's inclination could force one to deny even the most clear and obvious miracles. This lengthy and harsh warning is given in order to baffle the possible reaction of our yetzer hara.

In our last few days in Morasha, we should think to ourselves of how much we have gained in all areas especially in Shmiras Hamitzvos and how to act like real B'nei Torah. We owe a tremendous הכרת הטוב to our Directors, Rebbeim, Counselors, and Staff for all they have taught us and for making this summer a most meaningful summer. May we continue to maintain throughout the year that which we have learned, and see the rebuilding of the Beis HaMikdash B'Karov, Amen.

DAYCAMP NEWS

COLORWAR

The **Blue Team** had an exciting week of Colorwar. On Monday, they went to the senior citizens camp, Camp Bloch and entertained the campers there, as only they can. What a wonderful mitzvah!

- On Tuesday, the entire day camp went on an overday. What exactly is an overday? They went hiking, had a cookout for lunch where they ate hot dogs, hamburgers and drank fruit punch. Then they rested in a tent. The tired little campers came home and had a very exciting day.

On Wednesday, the day camp once again ventured off camp grounds, but this time they went blueberry picking and filled their tummies with delicious blueberries. Then the hot tired campers went to DJs and had a wonderful treat. The **Blue Team** worked very hard and rightfully deserved to win Colorwar 1995.

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☆ ***Y'Yasher Kochachem Shtillim and Nitzanim*** ☆
☆ ***Girls for raising over \$300 for Tzedakah. The*** ☆
☆ ***children at Camp Simcha will really appreciate*** ☆
☆ ***it.*** ☆

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COLOR WAR

We received many wonderful articles from all three color war teams. Due to space limitations, we could not print all of them. We've selected two articles per team for printing. MAZAL TOV GREEN TEAM!

Green Team - אמונה

1

In this week's Parsha, Parshat Eikev, there is a Pasuk which says:

"כי לא על הלחם לבדו..."

"Because not on the bread does man survive, but on the words of Hashem (does man survive)." We learn from this, that in the Midbar, Bnei Yisroel couldn't survive on the miracle of the מן alone, they needed 'אמונה בה' to keep them alive. It was as if the מן was the physical aspect of their survival and the אמונה was the spiritual aspect and just as essential. So too, our team, אמונה, is essential in colorwar and in camp as a whole.

Submitted by **Jennifer Quinn & Dvora Wiener**

2

Throughout Morashia 1995, there is one underlying theme: the Jews' quest to reach perfection in their Avodat Hashem. The three colorwar teams: Emunah, Geula, and Kedusha represent the steps in the cycle to reach this ultimate relationship with HaKodesh Baruch Hu. The first step of the process, Emunah, is believing that the Moshiach, no matter how long we await his arrival, will eventually come to bring us into the second stage of the cycle, Geula. Geula is the actual redemption which will lead us into the last stage,

which is Kedusha. After the Geula, Klal Yisroel will have the opportunity to serve Hashem with the utmost love and devotion in the Beis Hamikdash by offering Korbonot, thereby celebrating Hashem's Kedusha and reaching a higher level of Kedusha themselves. But even during the last stage, the cycle continues, returning to the stage of Emunah, believing that Hashem will uphold the Bais Hamikdash forever. Although, all of the stages are essential to the process of serving Hashem, without Emunah, the cycle cannot begin. Emunah, our belief, is the foundation upon which we base all of our Tefillot. Hopefully, in the coming year, as we remain steadfast in our Emunah and strive for our return to Eretz Yisroel, Hashem will gather us into our homeland and fulfill the prophecy of:

"...לקץ הימים משיחנו לפדות מחכי קץ ישועתו."

Submitted by **Elana Stein & Rebecca Feld**

Beige Team - גאולה

1

Although the word "Color War" refers to war, and means competition, good sportsmanship is greatly involved, caring about someone else, and loving you're fellow jew is a Mitzvah that applies to each and everyone of us - with no exceptions. On the basketball courts, softball fields and in the gym fun has been going on for Color War 95. There is an atmosphere of competition, yet mixed with an atmosphere of "ואהבת לרעך כמוך". Everyone is trying hard to win the gold but each and every one of us owes a great big Todah to our

generals, lieutenants, and captains for teaching us the right way to win Color War.
Submitted by **Tamar Warburg**

2

When I look outside and see the tall flagpole on the neatly mowed lawn, and the beautiful shining lake in the midst of all the fog, my eyes begin to tear. As Color War quickly passes by, I realize that our summer here will soon be coming to an end and we close another chapter in the ongoing excitement each year at Camp Morasha. While, I thought I was excited about going home, deep down in my heart, sadness overcame my happiness, as I thought of leaving behind the special friendships that I made here. That is something that has never been easy for me. While I thought it would be easy for me to go home and adjust to all the luxuries waiting for me, breaking the bonds that were made is too painful to look forward to. So, as the "summer days are drifting away", those meaningful friendships made, will last forever. אי"ה, next year we will all be reunited with the redemption of the Messiah

Submitted by **Debra Wolf**

קדושה - Maroon Team

1

"...כי קדוש ה' אלקיכם"

This Pasuk relays to us that every Jew should have a high level of Kedusha. The Ramban states that the way in which we become Kadosh is to follow in the ways of Hashem. Just as Hashem is holy, so too you should be holy. Just as Hashem is pure, so too you should be pure.

When we do reach a high level of holiness and Kedusha, we will be Zoche to grasp and cleave ourselves to the Shechina of Hashem.

In order to reach this high Madreiga, we have to strive to be better people, in all aspects of life. In pursuing this, our main goal is to follow the path of Torah, by doing its Mitzvot.

It is written ...קדוש קדוש קדוש ה', Hashem, our G-d is holy, the whole world is full of His honor. By living a life of Torah and Kedusha, we spread Hashem's honor and glory throughout the world.

Submitted by **Jen Wolkin**

2

Morashia '95 started off with a bang. All of boys' campus ran down from the courts in confusion as they heard loud gunshots. To their huge surprise they found masked men on horses shooting guns in the air. The men used lassos to catch Andrew Harari and Jacob Kupietsky and took them hostage on their horses. Before anyone knew what had happened, the men had vanished and re-appeared with "Koup" and Harari holding a banner that read "Color War 1995". We then proceeded to the Mercazia for the official introduction. In conclusion, there was a great beginning to an excellent Color War.

Submitted by **Anonymous in Alufim**

SHALHEVET THANKS YOU



Roving Reporter

What are you looking forward to when camp is over?

Rivka Ross G6 & Carl Hochhauser

B13-SC-Maroon Generals - A VOICE

Elisha Blechner - Machon Boys- Sleep

Tamar Bendheim - G12 - Shabbos Food

Erica Yekutiel - MH - Israel

Elayne Koller - Woodwork Shop - A short visit to Israel.

Judah Koller - B15 - Sanitary Bathrooms

Naomi Nadata - Art Room - My Garden

Dina Schacter - G15 - Maccabee Games in Long Island.

Yehuda Kessock - B8 - New Hampshire for vacation.

Ariel Rosenzweig - B2 - My bed.

Shlomo Wadler - B3 - Seeing my sister who's coming back from Israel.

Dina Eisenberg - G5 - My comfortable bed and air conditioning.

Teri Goldstien - G6 - My room.

Michael Adler - B5 - The bus ride.

Avi Stark - B6 - Sleep.

Rafi Rosman - B4 - Bathrooms with locks.

Yehoshua Auman - B19 - My Bed.

Joshua Brown - B4 - To Vacation.

Tamar Safier - G14 - A hot shower and a clean towel.

Elyssa Aftel - Works in GHC - My airconditioning.

Aliza Herring - G14 - Mother's cooking.

Infirmiry Staff - The nurses obtaining their professional licenses.

Morrie Wruble - Food Service Supervisor - Getting my wife back into the kitchen.

Shulamis Cohn - Going to Waldbaums, cooking, working, and juggling 9 peoples' schedules.

CONDOLENCES TO IRA SPODEK

on the loss of his mother. May Hashem comfort him among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

MAZAL TOV

to Rabbi Yaakov, Sara Leah,
and Penina Haber on the birth
of a Camp Morasha תשנ"ה
baby.