



Shalhevet

SPECIAL PURPLE EDITION

RED + BLUE = PURPLE

For 4 days, it will be
Melacha vs. Menucha
and for Yom Shabbat, it will be
Melacha AND Menucha.
We can not have one without the
other. Together they give meaning
and purpose to our lives.



**FIRST
TIME IN CAMP
MORASHA HISTORY!
A 4-DAY MORASHIA
WITH A SHABBAT
TRUCE!!!**

DID YOU EVER THINK THAT TIME WOULD BE NOW...ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE...72 STEPS TO GO...COLOR WAR 2010!!!

WAR!!! This Shabbat finds us in the middle of the battle between Melacha and Menucha, this year's Color War teams at Camp Morasha. Are you ready for battle? This week's parsha, Parashat Shoftim, describes the preparation of Bnei Yisrael for real battle. The kohen mashu-ach milchama, the first military chaplain in history, would meet the armies in the fields and encourage the Israelite soldiers not to be afraid, but to have faith in Hashem. He promised that Hashem would make us victorious over our enemies. He also gave a chance for soldiers who might be distracted—who have new houses, new vineyards or new wives, or who were simply afraid of war (or who had sinned and were fearful that Hashem would not protect them)—to go home; they were exempt from serving in the army. These exemptions were only during a milchemet reshut (optional war). During a milchemet mitzvah (obligatory war) which is fought to protect the safety of the Jewish people and the Land of Israel no one was exempt—even the chatan (groom) and kallah (bride) left their chuppah in order to fight for the Jewish people. While Color War is fun and the battles between Melacha and Menucha are exciting and enjoyable, the milchemet mitzvah of life—facing the challenges of the world around us; keeping true to the values of Torah (holiness, modesty, honesty and decency); making time to learn Torah and having kavannah in our davening; being good friends and respectful sons and daughters; performing chessed even when it's inconvenient; and working for Medinat Yisrael—is not always easy. But the rewards are worth it! And no one is exempt! There are no excuses and no exemptions. Each of us is a soldier in Hashem's army called to fight in the milchemet mitzvah of life for the sake of Hashem, His Torah the Jewish people, and Eretz Yisrael. I know that each and every one of us has the ability, the determination, and the heart and soul to win this war! Chazak!!!

By Rabbi Mark Dratch

Parshat Shoftim

August 13th & 14th

Candle Lighting - 6:46 PM

Shabbat Ends - 7:53 PM

TEAM MENUCHA

Every week, we recite the passuk, “Vayichal elokim bayom hashiviey melachto asher asah vayishbot bayom hashiviey melachto asher asah”, Hashem stopped working on the 7th day and He rested on the 7th day from all of the work that He did.

At first glance, the passuk seems to be telling us that as opposed to the other 6 days of creation, on the 7th day, G-d refrained from creation, setting a precedent for a day of rest for the generations. Rashi, however, offers a very important and novel insight into this passuk. He explains that the 7th day was in fact not void of creation, rather just as the prior 6 days G-d created the earth and all of its facets, on the 7th day he created Menucha.

In light of this, understanding Menucha is fundamentally different than our initial understanding. Menucha does not signify a passive lack of melacha, it is a creative and positive action that must be consciously produced. Color War can be a very hectic time in camp for everyone and as such, it can be a real challenge for us to feel a true menuchat hanefesh this Shabbat. Afterall, we have so much to accomplish in the coming days! We must therefore remember, especially this Shabbat, not just to refrain from melacha, but to proactively create an environment, an environment of deep, meaningful menucha. Shabbat Shalom!

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MENUCHA'S CAMPUS RECAP

A week in the eyes of a **NITZI BOY**

This week was amazing. Morasha Mania came and they had a blast. Trip Day was very fun and it ended with a very good Color War breakout. The first day of Color War was very crazy. It first rained all morning and soccer went into a shootout. At the beginning of the game, Jason Folkman was "a beast" at offense and Elan Goldberg was "a beast" at defense.

A week in the eyes of a **YSG**

This week, the Younger Shtili girls went on a trip to Camelbeach. Then we saw Toy Story III in a movie theater. When we got back to camp, everyone received a mysterious letter saying to go to the Mercazia. Most people expected it to be Color War fake out. It turned out to be Color War! For the first time ever, Color War was on a Thursday, Friday, Sunday & Monday. The two teams are Menucha (blue) and Melacha (red). In shiur we learned many lessons teaching us good sportsmanship. One very inspirational lesson was that you need the whole team in order to win. If you are one person trying to be the whole team, you won't be able to balance and you will fall. This lesson can be used throughout life. We play sports, run in races, write a d'var torah to get closer to winning. Let's see who wins Color War 2010, Menucha or Melacha!

A week in the eyes of an **OSB**

Sunday: Mania arrives! OSB had a wonderful day filled with fun activities and our night activity was a great game of basketball leagues.

Monday: Mania had their first (and last) full day of activities including woodshop, baking, horseback riding and rock climbing.

Tuesday: We were saddened to say goodbye to the Ilanot and Manhigim, but were happy that they were gone cause for those two days, the OSB/G were the oldest campers in Morasha.

Wednesday: Trip Day was here! We were all so excited. On the way to paintball, we got lost which delayed our trip for about an hour. Finally we arrived at paintball! The first game was OSB vs. YSB. Then we went on to bowling which was great. We had a great time. Thanks Jeremy! Oh, but wait, Wednesday isn't over just yet. After maariv, Dr. Steven Davis threw flyers everywhere that got us to go to the Mercazia which then soon after, Color War was broken out. "Oh baby" (Rabbi Gotch Yudin), that was an awesome day!

A week in the eyes of an
ILANOT GIRL

This week was a week never to forget. It started off with a great game of Stratego Dodgeball. Then before we knew it, we were on the bus to Lake George at 3 in the morning. We rafted for many hours straight over the Hudson River. Then our muscles got a little break while playing laser tag, go carting and bumper cars. We climbed an awesome rope course which we all felt so accomplished after doing. When we arrived at camp, it was Color War! We all did many adventurous, yet fun things this week we will always remember. Have a great Shabbat!

A week in the eyes of the
ALUFOT

The Alufot are back from their awesome 7-day road trip & they're better than ever! The trip started last Wednesday in New Orleans where the Fim/Fot participated in Hurricane Katrina relief effort. The next day they went to Florida. The next day they went to South Carolina where they visited the US Marine Corps training camp and then spent Shabbat in Charleston. On Sunday, they went to Myrtle Beach and paintball, which was a lot of fun. And then on Monday, they went to Virginia Beach. The last day of the trip was spent in Washington, D.C. The road trip was amazing but we're so happy to be back in camp, especially because it's Color War!

A week in the eyes of the
MANHIGIM

An action-packed week for the Manhigim just got better. After the gim/got NYC bash, where they went on 'The Beast' boat ride, the limo scavenger hunt, the Blue Man Group, a night at the arcade, brunch at JZ's house, the Palisades Mall and a surprise dinner in Teaneck, they went back to their bunk to hear the sirens. The sirens of Color War!!! The break out came out of nowhere and the Manhigim were in shock. Congratulations to the chosen Manhigim camper captains, Jacob Levy for Team Melacha (red) and Rami Laifer (blue). Good luck to both teams!

Riddle of the Week:

There was a clown with three heavy bags. He had to walk across a bridge. His weight and bags together would break the bridge. Two minutes later he had crossed the bridge.

How?

Answer: He juggled the bags.

TEAM MELACHA

In the first set of luchot , the Torah opens the mitzvah of Shabbat with the passuk, “Zachor et yom haShabbat likadsho” to remember the day of Shabbat. The gemarah brachot 20B teaches us that this passuk obligates us on a torah level “lehazkir et yom haShabbat”, to mention the Shabbat and not just lizkor, not just to remember in ones heart.

If the mitzvah was just to mention the passukim of Shabbat, why did the torah use such an ambiguous word such as “zachor” which seems to only connote a real remembrance?

It must be that to truly feel and appreciate the radiance of Shabbat, the menuchah hanefesh and simcha felt in the heart, one must experience the mitzvot in the physical, but glorified actions. Only then one can achieve a true zechira of Shabbat in the heart and soul.



MELACHA'S CAMPUS RECAP

A week in the eyes of a **NITZI GIRL**

We started the week off with Sunday's night activity, Minute to Win It. It was my favorite night activity all summer. On Monday, we showed off our talents to all of our friends at the talent show. On Tuesday, we had a Bat Mitzvah. The room was decorated beautifully with streamers. The music and the memory candle making was very nice. On Wednesday, the Nitzi and Shtili girls went to Camelbeach. We went on the coolest rides ever. I've never seen anything like it. Then we saw Toy Story III. It was such a good movie. We saw it in 3-D. It really popped out. Then after a long day, we went on the buses back to camp. Everyone was about to go to sleep until... the art teacher ran into our bunk, opened the door, flipped on the lights and threw papers everywhere, telling us to go, go, go! It was Color War break out. Smoke and steam came bursting out!! Everyone was screaming. We're so excited for Color War!

A week in the eyes of a **YSB**

YSB had an awesome week started by Morasha Mania. We saw all our brothers, sisters and cousins. Then Trip Day came along and the best thing happened... PAINTBALL! Although it hurt a bit and gave most of us bruises, I can truthfully say that paintball is better than dodgeball. Sadly, we didn't go to the mall. But, to cheer us up, we got Color War! And now YSB is competing in sports, art, music and other talents.

A week in the eyes of an **OSG**

Trip Day returns! We went to Camelbeach, best water park ever! Then followed by Toy Story III in 3-D and when we thought the day couldn't get any better, we all ran the 72 steps to the Mercazia where there was an awesome light show that came to... Color War break out. And the teams are Melacha / red & Menuch - blue. Melacha focuses on the creation of the physical world. We are all excited about the swim, sports, cheers & more! What a challenge! So good luck Menucha.

A week in the eyes of an **ILANOT BOY**

Q. What was the funniest thing you saw on the trip?

"falling off the raft".- Alex H.

"Mariam Garber getting thrown off the raft." - Shani

"Gideon getting rocked on the go-carts by some punk." - Berger

"exotic" - Zachary Folkman, "violent" - Zach F., "smelly" - Alex H.

Q. What's the 1st thing that comes to mind when I say 'Lake George'?

"scenery" -Avi C.

"rope course" - Daniel K.

Plexers:

1. man

board

2. h dinner
s dinner
a dinner
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A week in the eyes of the **MANHIGOT**

The Manhigot girls had an amazing week. It started off with an intense game of Capture the Counselor. The next night, we played a great game of Ponopoly which ended off with a fake out / break out. Then we were off to NYC! We had a great day on The Beast and the limo scavenger hunt even though one group...The night just began with dinner at Kosher Delight and Blue Man Group. We were up way past bedtime in the arcade, where we had ice cream sundaes and "shomer" Capture the Flag. Thanks to J.Z. who let us eat breakfast in his house the next morning. After a relaxing day in the mall and dinner in a park, we returned to camp to be surprised with Color War break out! The first two days have been great so far and the last two will be just as good. Good luck to both teams!

A week in the eyes of the **ALUFIM**

"The best week of our lives" a perfect way to describe our past week in Alufim starting off by going to JFK at 12:30AM for a 5:30M flight. In New Orleans, we planted a garden & painted a house (Zach W. was even able to figure out how to work a paintbrush). Leave it to Jeremy Jo to find a kosher restaurant in the middle of New Orleans! But, this was only the beginning of our trip. We went kayaking in gator-infested waters! It was hard to explain to Z.W. why he's not allowed to touch the big, green things with the sharp teeth! We took a tour of a Marine Academy. They walked around saying, "GET UP"..."GET DOWN"..."It's all about CONTROL"...No one knew what they were saying until we got on the bus & Heubert explained it using Shluss & Dr. Shlussberg as examples! Shabbat was an amazing part of our trip. Walking back from dinner on Friday night in the POURING rain was unforgettable. Yoni G. pointed out that we should've kept the kayaks for our way back from shul!! Natan reinvented & gave everyone a whole new view of the most realistic & funny Mafia game of my life! Avi L. won the "breakout camper" award and thanked Evan (Rotty) in his acceptance speech!

The bus rides with ED were amazing and funny. Ed broke a record as to the amount of times playing the song Oseh Shalom. Ed is not going to sing with us because he's a chazav and not a chazan...oh yea. Natan found the remote! Two very important people in the Fim division left this week...O...& Josh. It was Leonardo DiVinci's b-day this week and he was never ____ by Jamie! It's a lie!! We'll miss Rotty's and Heubert's Leo wakeups..."Leo, time to get up and brush your stinky" or "Leo, time to get up and say modeh ani and wash negel vasser and daven to Hashem". Rotty's two most fun & 2 annoying campers were Ari L. and Leonardo. Zach K. had a very "meaningful" shemonah esrai, especially elokei nitzav. Avery was spotted texting while Ganz was spotted talking to Fot. Rotty knows that Ben is in the building. Andrew & Kirschner will go to couples therapy to work out their issues. Thank you Jeremy, Natan & those that helped plan our amazing week! We know it was hard but we had an amazing week we'll never forget. Thank you to Jeremy Jo & to all counselors for respecting Rule#1. Thanks for an unbelievable week.

ROVING REPORTER | QUESTION. MANY ANSWERS.

Team Melacha asked Camp Morasha

“What colors would you like to see at Color War 2011?”

1. “green & purple” - Max Parness - B1 & Alex Gross - B9

2. “gold & silver” - Gilad Bodner - B5 & Rachel Feinberg - G13 & Lily Ottensoser and Ally Margulies - G19

3. “white & purple” - Alison K. - G7

4. “pink & black” - Alex Haims - B11

5. “maroon & turquoise” - Jono Weitschner - B13

6. “black & green” - Stevie Paul - B4

7. “purple & yellow” - Sarah Auerbach - Fot DH & Emily Berger - G7 & Aviva Bock - staff & Caroline Altman - G5 & Eliana Bock - G7

8. “purple & blue” - Eliana Lubofsky - G8

9. “black & white” - Kayla Leifer - G12 & Rachel Litton - G21

10. “purple & turquoise” - Emily Klein - G12

11. “black & patterned” - Shoshana Mehlman - G12

12. “purple & pink” - Leana Thurm - G10 & Leora Wolkoff - G10

13. “yellow & green” - Emily Cohen - G5 & Eden Garber - G2 & Charolotte L. - G8

14. “chartreuse & turquoise” - Aby Yudin - G14

Team Menucha asked Camp Morasha to fill in the following sentence starter:

“Shani Norman is...”

1. “funny” - Meira Cohen - G2

2. “positive” - Shira Stavsky - G8c

3. “excited” - Abby Rosenberg - G11

4. “creative” Deena Motechin - G7

5. “dramatic” - Molly Ottensoser - G6

6. “out of her mind” - Gideon Gilko - B12

7. “awesome” - Josh Appel - B7

8. “energetic” - Lilly Ottensoser - G19

9. “great” - Elizabeth Mandelbaum & Ally Margulies - G19

10. “finally NOT dje, dje, dje, dje” - R' Aryeh Yudin

11. “amazing artist” - Sammy Wietschner - B5

12. “cool mom” - Anna Cappel - G20

13. “good teacher” - Betty - G14

14. “her son, Norman” - Andrew Israeli

15. “absolutely wonderful” - Peter Feher

16. “nice” - Shmuel Berger

17. “enthusiastic” - Judith Schwartz - G7c

18. “someone I'd like to clone” - R' Gotch Yudin - Camp Morasha director

19. “the happiest person on earth” - Ruthie Yudin - aerobics director

20. “the most talented, caring, kind, incredible person in camp ...and she's also annoying about the Shalhevet” - Natan Farber - Alufim DH



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