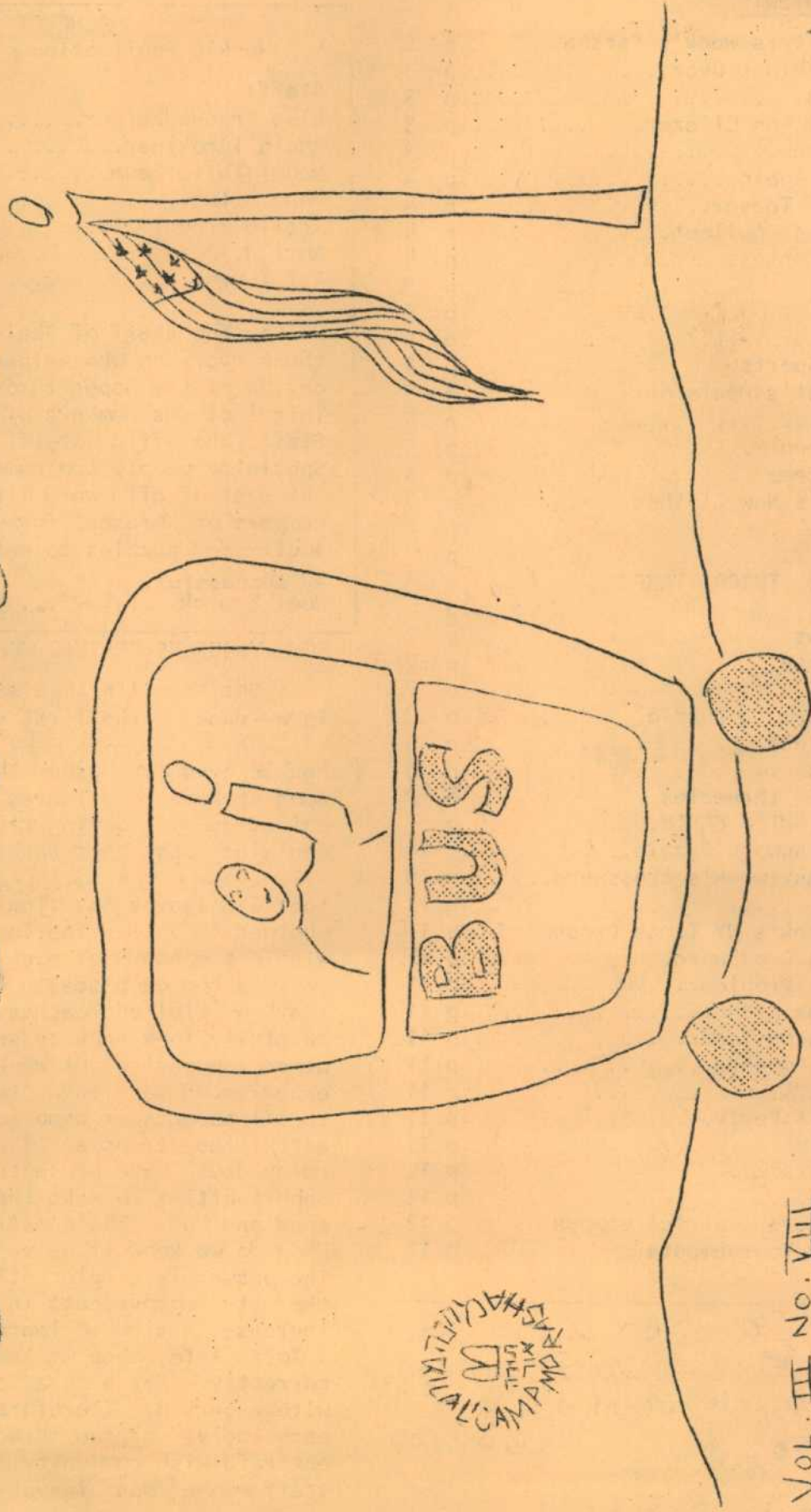


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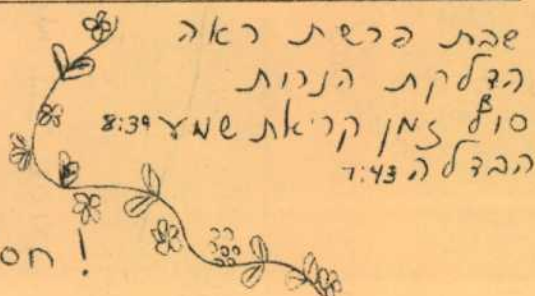
SOME THOUGHTS ON THIS WEEK'S PARSHA: RE'EH

One theme in this week's Parsha, Re'eh, is evident in the first verse, *רָאָה אֲנִי נָתַן לְפָנֶיךָ בְּרִיבָה וְקִשְׁפָה*.
 Man is given by Hashem the right to choose good or bad. G-d leaves man with the privilege of choosing right or wrong in all man's actions. Our Rabbis tell us that *הַבַּחֵל גִּבּוֹר גִּבּוֹר מִיּוֹם הַיּוֹם מִיּוֹם הַיּוֹם* that G-d leaves the final choice of action, whether to be G-d fearing or not G-d fearing, within the hands of man.

As the camp season closes and the month of Elul approaches, everyone must carefully look back to see what has transpired the past eight weeks. We have experienced many and interesting situations in all aspects of camp activities. Sheurim, activities, trips and Shabbat, as well as rainy days, have presented us with many opportunities to make the choice between good and bad. The question arises, then, "How do we know if we've chosen the 'Bracha?'" The answer is simple. If we take back to the city improvements in our character and increased desire to learn Torah and to lead a Torah life, then we know we have chosen correctly. For a 'Bracha' is meant to last with a person. Therefore, to make camp for each individual the 'Bracha' it is for the entire Jewish community, every camper and staff member must leave *מֵעִתָּה מוֹרָשָׁה* with

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See
 you
 at
 reunion!



Let's talk things over...

Adapted from The Book Of Our Heritage

Elul is the sixth month counting from the month of Nisan, which is designated by the Torah as the first month of the Jewish National year. In the general calendar year of Jewish tradition, however, Tishrei is the first of the months, and Elul is hence the last of the months.

The name Elul was adopted, like those of the other months, by the returnees from the first Babylonian exile, as our sages have stated, "The names of the months came up from Babylon."

Rosh Chodesh Elul always consists of two days, with the first day of Rosh Chodesh serving simultaneously as the 30th day of the month of Av; whereas the month of Elul always consists of 29 days.

Since Elul is the last month of the year and directly precedes Rosh Hashana, it is therefore observed in repentance and with the traditional penitential prayers.

From ancient days these have been days of reconciliation between G-d and Israel. When the Israelites committed the sin of the Golden Calf and the Tablets were broken, Moshe ascended the mountain and pleaded for Divine mercy and forgiveness. G-d was reconciled to him and said, "Hew out two tablets of stone like the first ones." Moshe ascended the mountain on Rosh Chodesh Elul and stayed there forty days till the tenth of Tishrei. On the tenth of Tishrei he brought down the second Tablets which G-d had given to Israel as a mark of renewed Divine compassion.

The period is marked by the recitation of numerous Selichot. The Ashkenazi custom is to recite Selichot beginning with the first day of the week in which Rosh Hashana falls, provided that four days are left before Rosh Hashana.

ELUL CUSTOMS

Beginning with the second day of Rosh Chodesh Elul till Erev Rosh Hashana four Shofar sounds are blown daily after Shacharit. From the second day of Rosh Chodesh Elul till Hoshana Raba (inclusive), Ashkenazi communities daily recite - after Shacharit and Maariv - Tehillim 27.

When writing a letter to a friend, one should add a note of prayer - either at the beginning or at the end - in behalf of the friend's wellbeing for the coming year.

It is customary to examine Tefillin and Mezuzot during this month, in order to rectify any defect found in them.

by Lisa

THIS MONTH IN JEWISH HISTORY: Freudenberger

Rabbi Israel Ben Eliezer

BA'AL SHEM TOV

The eighteenth of Elul is the birthday of Rabbi Israel Ben Eliezer, known by the initials Besh't - Ba'al Shem Tov. He was the founder and the first leader of Hasidism in Eastern Europe. He was orphaned as a small child and had to work as an assistant in a school.

According to tradition, in his twenties Rabbi Israel Ben Eliezer went into hiding in the Carpathian Mountains in preparation for his future tasks. By the mid-1730's he revealed himself as a healer and a leader. As years passed his magnetism grew and so did his followers. Many of his dreams and visions are related to actual problems and sufferings of Jews in his generation. He taught that devotional joy was the proper attitude of the Jew during every moment of his life - particularly in prayer. He exemplified his teachings through his life and prayers. His admirers spoke about the light and fire they imagined emanating from his personality and his fiery way of davening.

The Ba'al Shem Tov did not put any of his teachings into writing and didn't let others do so either. Yet twenty years after his death a student of his, Jacob Joseph, presented in his works a lot of sermons and teachings from the Ba'al Shem Tov. At the end of the book there is a collection of the Ba'al Shem Tov's sayings.

He died in 1760 at the age of sixty.

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From The Jewish Calendar, 5736 -

ON REPENTANCE (Teshuvah)

All the month of Elul before eating and sleeping let every man sit and look into his soul, and search his deeds, that he may make confession. Maharil

Return, O Israel, unto the L-rd your G-d, for you have stumbled in your iniquity. Take with you words, and return unto the L-rd. Hosea 14:2-3

A king had a son who had gone astray from his father a journey of a hundred days. His friends said to him, "Return to your father." He said, "I cannot." Then his father sent to say, "Return as far as you can and I will come to you the rest of the way." So G-d says, "Return to me, and I will return to you."

JOE STRIKES AGAIN

... and boy, was it a homerun!

TRYOUTS FOR THE ILANOT PLAY

Already! Oh my gosh! Forget it, I'll never make it. My nerves seemed to have been turning cartwheels. At the rtryout it looked like all the Ilanots were there trying out for three parts. My turn came to read the words just wouldn't come out! When they finally did push their way out they were so shaky and unsteady that I thought "Forget it." But to make a long story short, after many insomniatic nights, Nami (my "darling" division head) announced the news. I had gotten the lead as "Aunt Abbey" in Arsenic and Old Lace. WOW! My heart was doing a foxtrot in my heart.

Now comes the hard part - I had to act. First, I thought it would be strange acting with my brother (Joshua Kupchik, who played Officer Besser). On the contrary, it was comforting to see a familiar face with a reassuring smile. Oh.....brotherly love.

Don't get me wrong. Acting isn't only a bowl of cherries - there are plenty of pits, too. There were forty one (1) pages to memorize. I must have driven my bunk crazy. Then there were all those rehearsals - and giving up all your favorite rehearsals for it.

We finally graduated from using the script to working with props and moving around on stage minus a script. There was lots of shouting, screaming, and instructive criticism, but we endured it all.

We were then introduced to our costumes. Make-up? Uh oh! Who got us into this mess, anyway? We endured that, too. (You want to know a secret? We even enjoyed it!)

Dress rehearsal - it seemed as though the day would never end. It looked like we had forgotten everything!

And then the play - It was a real GRAND SLAM HOMER!

All in all, I'll never forget: There's no business like show business!

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Paul Merlis, Sports Director, gave us this brain teaser to ponder:

You are given a jar of amoebas and are told that the amoebas double in volume every minute. After 40 minutes, the jar of amoebas is full. QUESTION: After how many minutes is the jar half full?

IF YOU CAN'T GUESS, SEE THE ANSWER PAGE. - 4 -

THE DELICIOUS CHULLENT

(The author has dedicated this story to the Morasha kitchen staff).

The Baal Shem Tov was invited to a Siyyum and of course, he was the special guest. The host of the party was a very wealthy man. In those days, it was a custom to let the honored guest serve the meal to the other guests. After a short speech, it was time for the meal.

A huge pot of chullent, hot and steaming, was brought out and given to the Baal Shem Tov for distribution. He sniffed it, tasted it, and smiled a smile of approval. Then he filled a plate and ate it. Then he took another and ate it, and another, until he alone had finished the whole pot! Everyone was amazed at the gluttony actions of the Rabbi. Then the Baal Shem Tov got up and asked if there were any more left. The astonished host exclaimed, "Yes, we have some for doubles."

"Then bring it out!" answered the Baal Shem Tov. The servants brought out the last pot and again it was consumed by the Rabbi. No one said anything, and they continued the meal without the delicious chullent.

After the party, some of the Baal Shem Tov's students asked him why he ate all the chullent. He answered, "Oil is used in chullent, and by error the cook put in vinegar instead, which made it taste terrible. So as not to embarass the host or get the cook fired, I ate it so no one would know."

M O R A S H A

LOOK ALIKE CONTEST I

Many people have been commenting about look-alikes in Morasha this summer. Can you match up the people in Column A with their "twins" in column B?

No answers given for this one, folks. It would just get us into trouble!

COLUMN A

COLUMN B

Larry Wachsmen

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