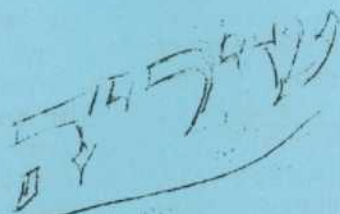
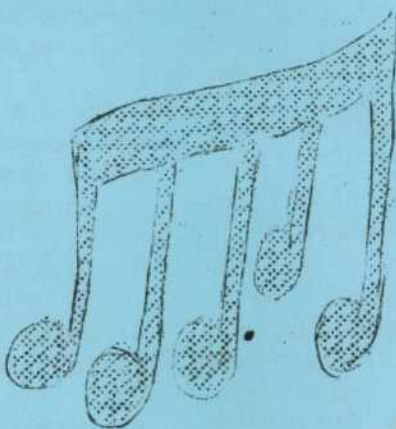


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Parshat Hashavua

In Parshat Matot G-d tells Moshe נקם נקמת בני ישראל מאת המדינים אחר תאסף.

"Avenge b'nai yisrael against the Midyanim and after that you will die." The very next verse tells us that Moshe went out to the Jewish people and asked them for an army to fight against Midyan. On this Rashi comments "אף על פי ששמע שמיתנו תלוי בדבר עשה בטמחה ולא איחר."

"Even though Moshe heard that his death depended on the taking of revenge he did G-d's command with joy and did not delay."

From this we can clearly see the high level of love and devotion that the leaders of Israel had for G-d. The purpose of living is to fulfill the will of G-d as much as possible. When Moshe had the opportunity to obey the command of G-d, he did so willingly and with enthusiasm even though he knew that his stay in Olam Hazeh was coming to an end.

If we take a closer look at the two sentences in the Parsha we find a strange thing. G-d told Moshe to avenge b'nai yisrael against the Midyanim. But when Moshe spoke to the people he said: לתת נקמת ה' במדין - take G-d's revenge. Why did Moshe change the words of G-d?

To answer this question we must realize that the Midyanim sinned against G-d since they caused the Jews to sin. But they also sinned against the Jews since they caused the loss of 24,000 people in the ordeal. G-d said to Moshe: מוחל אני על כבודי, אולם על אשר עשו לבני ישראל איני יכול למחול.

"I'm not concerned with my honor, but I cannot forgive what they have done to b'nai yisrael. When Moshe heard that he would die after the battle, he was worried that perhaps the people too would say that they were מוחל on their כבוד because of their desire to keep him alive. Therefore Moshe spoke to them of G-d's honor which is something that the people could not disregard. Moshe did G-d's will, aware that his death would follow, eagerly. By changing the words of the command he made sure that its intention would be fulfilled.

The Wizard of Oz --- Rachel Maizes (G-6)

The house lights dimmed, the audience waited expectantly, behind the curtain, "Shut up and deal", was heard. The second theatrical performance of Frank Baum's The Wizard of Oz was about to be staged.

Being a member of the cast I can't submit an objective review of the show. Instead I thought the readers might enjoy a behind-the-scenes account of the production.

Sitting on the apron wearing full costume and makeup, minutes before the audience would come trampling in, the cast waited for final instructions.

"If the play goes as well as it did last night you'll be a hit," praised Joe Berlin, director and traffic manager. "I spoke to certain actors this morning about slowing down their speech, and to others about concentrating on their hand motions. Oh, and one more thing I was pleasantly surprised at how quiet and cooperative the cast behind stage was last night." Tension was broken for a moment as smiles and laughter presented itself on the face of everyone from the littlest munchkin to the great Oz (hats off) himself. Or as Uncle Henry (more commonly known to his friends as A.J.) put it, "Are ya sure y'all didn't have yer ears stuffed with cotton?"

Dorothy (Suzy Greenman) the Scarecrow (Simmy Weber), the Lion (Tova Reiner), and the Tin Man (Miriam Ramsfelder) paced nervously backstage. Although it was not their first performance it was undoubtedly the more crucial and difficult one. Having seen the play numerous times and no longer, they claim, frightened by the witch (Laya Davidowitz), though several shivered on her first magnificent entrance, the audience would be watching the actors rather than following the plot. For the Munchkins and the Gnerals life was easy. Each was convinced that if they should miss a cue or forget a line, either a fellow actor would cover for them or it wouldn't be noticed. The total confidence experienced by these actors manifested itself in sounds like, "You didn't even mix the cards." and "Spin the dice already."

Jerusalem Quiz

The answers to last week's quiz are as follows:

1. David, 1000 B.C.E.
2. Yevusi
3. 586 B.C.E. , Nevuchadnezer of Bavel
4. Har Zion
5. Yad Vashem
6. Rockerfeller Museum
7. Shrine of the Book - Heichal HaSefer
8. Hiram of Tyre(Zor)
9. Josephus
10. Turks

Here are the questions for this week.
Please don't forget to submit your answers to be eligible for the grand prize.

1. After Babylonia was conquered by the Persians, what king allowed the Jews to return to Jerusalem and rebuild the Temple?
2. Who was Zerubabel?
3. When Jews returned from Babylon, who challenged their right to re-establish their sovereignty?
4. In what year was the Second Temple built?
5. Why was a street in Jerusalem named Marcus?
6. For about 250 years after Ezra and Nehemiah, Jewish life flourished in Jerusalem. Who was the Syrian king who desecrated the Bet HaMikdash at the end of that time?
7. What city in Europe was known as the Jerusalem of Lithuania?
8. Who was Lord Arthur James Balfour?
9. Who was Sir Orde Wingate?
10. What is Yom Yerushalaim? What is the exact date on the Hebrew calendar?

שיטת את ירושלים
גילו בה

Block Vacation Center --- David Lunzer

Last Thursday a delegation of ten LTP members visited a camp for senior citizens known as Block Vacation Center. It is a camp where older people who are self-sustaining can go for a two week stay and enjoy various activities such as boating, swimming, camping, folk dancing, arts and crafts. They can participate as well in lectures on various topics including animal behavior, yiddish poetry, and psychology.

We went with the impression that all the people there would be feeble and almost senile and on the way there we were acting out stereotype characteristics of older people. We were all very wrong. From the time we arrived we were warmly greeted by the 'campers.' The entire time we were there they presented themselves of sound mind and body.

It was truly a rewarding experience, a good lesson to boot, and we had a fantastic time. There was no generation gap that day at the Block Vacation Center.

Wizard of Oz --- Suri Miller and Debbie Seife

This past week has been very hectic for both Alufim and Alufot. Many hours were spent practicing for the play, The Wizard of Oz. It was a good experience because we got to meet each other and really got to be good friends with people we never knew. Everyone behaved pretty well but Joe Berlin had to raise his voice every so often. Joe casted the parts well and everyone really portrayed their part. Comedy was included in this play which the audience seemed to enjoy very much. Even though we missed many activities, it was worthit and the play was a great success.

Classified

Found: One watch in the new gym. If its yours and you can identify it, please contact Danny Behar.

And Lost: One canoe. Finder please contact Meir Grosser.

Wanted: Coach for the Educational Staff Basketball Team. Apply Box 613 Shalhevet office.

Public Announcements

1. All those who want to sign up for boat races and/or swim meet, please call ext. 59
2. Maariv Minyan, every weekday evening
9:15 - A Building 10:00- Library

Inter - Bunk Contest

Below you'll find seventeen expressions, phrases or names. Each one of these should remind you of an expression which contains the word JACK. Fill in the blanks and submit your answers to the Shalhevet office or your division head by midnight Monday. The most correct solution, submitted first, will be declared the winner and the bunk will receive a WATERMELON.

1. Handman.....
2. Toy with a springing lid.....
3. Famous fairy-tale.....
4. British flag.....
5. Nursery rhyme character.....
6. Pumpkin.....
7. Buzzing insect.....
8. Pocket instrument.....
9. Personification of cold weather.....
10. English arch murderer.....
11. The grand prize.....
12. Garment.....
13. Surprise candy.....
14. Wild dog.....
15. Florida city.....
16. U.S. President.....
17. Pancake.....

GOOD LUCK!

The winner of last week's contest and of a watermelon is the High School Kollel with a grand total of 215 points. Honorable Mention goes to Boys Bunks 16 and 18 and to the Mechina girls whose scores were very close. A sample of possible answers follows:

Biblical Characters	Authors	European Cities	Brand Names
Micha	Milton	Milan	Maytag
Og	O Henry	Odessa	Oreo
Rachav	Rand	Rome	RCA
Ahav	Anderson	Antwerp	Arnold's
Shimon	Shelly	Stockholm	Samsonite
Haman	Hemingway	Helsinki	Hoover

Brain Tickler

Though noone received a perfect score in last week's puzzle, credit must go to Jeff Schoenfeld of Bunk 9 and Moshe Fuchs of Bunk 10 for a good try. The answers follow:

1. Brass is composed of copper and zinc.
2. Lucy Stone became famous for advocating that women retain their maiden names.
3. "The Star Spangled Banner" was written in 1814.
4. G.I., an American soldier, is short for General Issue or Government Issue.
5. The earth's surface is covered with 70% water.
6. The president shown on the \$20 bill is Andrew Jackson.
7. The first man to invent a thermometer was Galileo.
8. A Portugese man-of-war is a stinging jellyfish.
9. Ann Rutledge is famous as Lincoln's sweethart.
10. Stars and Bars is the Confederate Flag.

Word Find - submitted by Judi Adler G-14

Find the following words in the letters below. They can be written in any direction - horizontal, vertical, diagonal, backwards, and forwards.

Q R E V L I S M	coal	ore
G U Z L Y S U D	copper	quartz
C T A I E I M N	diamond	sand
L O R R N A U O	gold	silver
C O P A T C D M	iron	tin
N R R P E Z N A	lead	uranium
I U T E E I A I	lye	zinc
T G O L D R S D	mud	

Useful Information

שבת פרשת מטות-מסעי
 ראש חודש מנחם אב
 הדלקת נרות: 7:17
 סוף זמן קריאת שמע בבקר: 8:23
 הבדלה: 8:24

Shabbat in Our Day --- Suri Goldstein

"כל שומר שבת מחללו ומחזיקם בברית"
 Shabbat is the יסוד אמונה, the
 foundation of our religion as it shows our
 faith in G-d. Shabbat is an eternal sign
 which declares that Hashem created the
 universe in six days and rested on the
 seventh. We let it be known that G-d is
 master over everything and we are His
 servants. Shabbat is also a tangible sign
 of the everlasting brit between Hashem
 and the Jewish people. לדעת כי אני
מקדישכם. G-d gave us the Shab-
 bat because we are holy to Him.

Today many Jews fail to realize the true
 meaning of Shabbat and in turn part of the
 beauty is lost. They 'observe' Shabbat
 because it is what they have been brought
 up to do. Shabbat is interpreted to mean
 a day of rest and nothing more, instead of
 time to be spent on learning.

Many children raised in observant homes
 come to observe Shabbat as well as other
 Jewish laws out of fear of their parents'
 and neighbors' reaction if they would not,
 and also out of habit. Judaism then turns
 into a social way of life. These children
 do not observe the halachot with the inten-
 tions of becoming moral through them and
 perfecting themselves. Yet we are lucky
 if they do not turn totally away from
 Judaism. They are only following in their
 parents footsteps and often they are pre-
 occupied with themselves and with some of
 the warped values of society.

I realize that it is easy to find fault so
 before I conclude I would like to make one
 point clear. There are many levels at
 which a mitzvah can be fulfilled. A mitz-
 vah can be performed as a הדור מצוה
 and it can also be performed at the lowest
 level which is without any כוננה
 at all. But we must have the attitude of
 "מתוך שלא לשמה, בא לשמה."

For example, in many homes Shabbat is not
 kept to the fullest extent and it has a
 lesser degree of kedusha than if the
 meaning were not forgotten. Nevertheless
 Shabbat is being observed and we must hope
 that we will be able to restore its pro-
 per meaning and significance.

SHABBAT SHALOM !

Morasha Mystery

An important executive hired a night watch-
 man to guard his offices and promised to
 pay him \$200.00 a week. There were many
 important documents there that had to re-
 main hidden from the competition.

One day, several weeks later, as the exe-
 cutive was preparing for an overseas
 business trip, the watchman ran into his
 office. "Don't go, don't go. I dreamt
 last night that your plane is going to
 crash." On the following evening's news
 there was a report of a terrible air dis-
 aster. The executive called the watchman
 to his office, gave him a \$1000 bonus
 for saving his life and fired him. Why??

Submit your answer to the Shalhevet office.
 The mystery will be solved in the next
 issue.

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Here is the solution to last week's mystery

Marshall said "Law...". He was trying to
 say lawyer. The obvious suspects were
 both accounted for (Lawrence and Lawrenson)
 This leaves the only possible suspect -
 Johnny Rhoades, Marshall's attorney.

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Baseball Standings (July 12, 1977)

<u>National League</u>	W	L	%	GB
<u>Eastern Division</u>				
Chicago	52	31	.627	-
Philadelphia	47	36	.566	5
Pittsburgh	46	39	.541	7
St. Louis	46	40	.535	7½
Montreal	39	45	.464	13½
New York	33	51	.393	19½
<u>Western Division</u>				
Los Angeles	56	30	.651	-
Cincinnati	46	37	.554	8½
San Francisco	40	43	.455	17
Houston	39	48	.448	17½
San Diego	38	52	.422	20
Atlanta	30	55	.353	25½
<u>American League</u>				
<u>Eastern Division</u>				
Boston	48	35	.578	-
Baltimore	49	37	.570	-
New York	48	38	.558	-
Cleveland	39	42	.481	-
Milwaukee	39	45	.464	-
Detroit	38	46	.452	-
Toronto	31	53	.369	-