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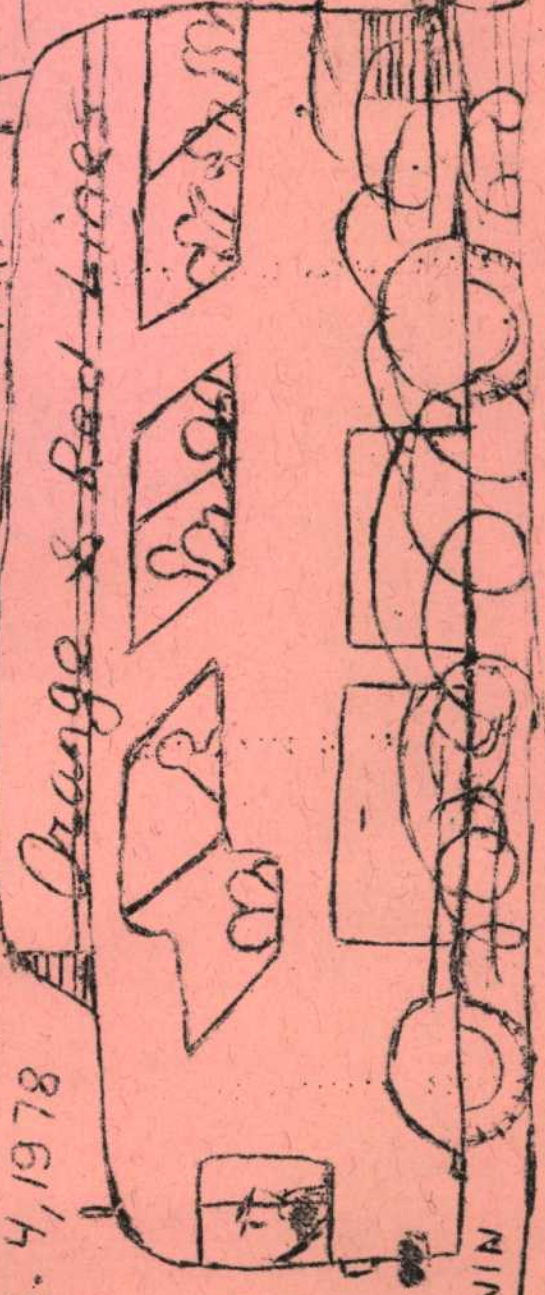
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NEWS OF THE WEEK

MORASHA BECOMES GHOST TOWN

Camp Morasha became a "ghost town" on Wednesday as the entire camp set out on trips. The Day Camp, Nitzanim, Shtilim, and Ilanot enjoyed Binghamton, N.Y. They had fun at the Jewish Community Center, Ross Park, the zoo, the bowling lanes, and and movies.

The trips for Alufim-Alufot and LTP lasted two days. Alufim-Alufot toured Philadelphia and enjoyed Great Adventures.

Mechina toured Toronto and Niagara Falls and Machon went to Mystic Seaport and Stratford, Connecticut.

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## SHTILIM JOIN MASMIJIM

The following boys of Shtilim have joined the MasmiJim Club of Morasha by learning each rest hour in the library. YASHER KOCHACHEM...

Avi Adler, Asher Epstein, Jeff Feder, Avi Goldberg, Ariel Greenberg, Elliot Heisler, Mark Klein, Avi Lauer, Mordecai Leifer, Laibi Oratz, Dovid Schiff, Yehuda Schoenfeld, Mark Shapiro, Benji Silver, Mordecai Simpson, and Gary Slachowsky.

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MISHNAYOS CONTEST UPDATE

This week Benny Adler came out of second place to tie Eitan Bellin for first place in the Mishnayos B'Al Peh contest. Meir Orlian is now in second place.

Karen Korn and Hope Polinsky still lead the girl's division.

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## ISRAEL LEADS IN SOLAR ENERGY USE

### HAIFA (JTA)

Israel is the largest per capita user of solar energy in the world, Technion reported. Almost 200,000 solar collectors line its rooftops.

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MORASHANICKS WIN T'NACH CONTEST

Meir Orlian of Bunk 11 placed second in the National Bible Contest finals held in New York. Having finished seventh grade at the Yeshiva of Flatbush, Meir competed in the Advanced Hebrew Elementary Division against boys and girls from all over the country.

Meir will now compete in the International Contest to be held in Yerushalayim on Yom Hoatzmout. He will have to know about 200 Parakim of T'nach.

David Zinberg also of Bunk 11 and Yeshiva of Flatbush placed third.

Previous winners who are in Morasha this summer are two Kollel members. David Horowitz of the YP Kollel and David Glatt of HS Kollel, both YUHS students, each placed first with perfect scores in the High School Division in previous years. David Glatt placed second in the world in 1976 and David Horowitz placed seventh in the 1977 competition.

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## BAR MITZVAH IN KHARTOUM

While walking in Khartoum one morning in March of last year, a New York Times reporter stumbled upon a bar mitzvah in progress in the humpy old shul. This was the first such ceremony in the Sudan in five years- the tallith was mouse-chewed - because there were only two Jewish families left in town and they hadn't had a minyan. They'd had no rabbi either, but now a man of some learning, an insurance lawyer, Maurice Aelion, had arrived, a refugee from Ethiopia's civil war. He and several English tourists whom the family took a liking to had wandered into town which solved the problem of a minyan.

At the party that evening, the Bar Mitzvah boy Daniel, in his white silk robe, held his mother's hand to show he thanked her. It was a happy party, with loads of home-cooked delicacies.

Twenty-one Jews "of all ages" were living in Khartoum. The key to the shul had been held by an old Christian hermit who had been living in the backroom writing down his vision of the Book of Revelations all these years in exchange for acting as caretaker.



# TORAH THOUGHTS

## THE GREAT COLD

BY: A.J. Berger

(continued from Issue 2)

To date: Reb David is explaining to the men in the Shtibel the reason for his unusually great Kavanah in saying Kaddish for his father. He is telling of a cold weather incident in his childhood when his father could not afford to pay tuition to his rebbe.

So I brought home the note, curious as to its message, but with the respect I had for my rebbe, I would of course not read it. When I came home I immediately gave my father the note.

As he read the note, my father had tears in his eyes and became as pale as a ghost. When I asked him what the problem was, he told me that the Rebbe could give me no more lessons if I don't pay him before the next one.

"I must find a way to pay him so you won't be losing any time for learning," said my father.

At this time my father Chaim Lev put on his coat and left for shul.

Reb David went on to explain that his father Chaim Lev didn't want him to accompany him to shul because of the terrible weather, but he followed his father wondering how he would be able to get any money. All he knew how to do was to lay bricks and work with a stone, and because of the snow, there was no way of getting supplies.

Just as the men were about to leave the shul, the landlord of the city burst through the door and demanded everybody's attention. All the Jews were trembling but silent to hear the landlord's words.

He stood on the Bimah and proclaimed, "My daughter is about to be married, and we must finish preparing her house. Due to the weather, we have not been able to get supplies. Now the only thing missing is a stove and fireplace to heat the house. I will pay a great sum of money to any man who can do this task within a day. The man who can accomplish this will indeed be forever wealthy. Is there anyone here who will do it?"

I asked my father why he wouldn't accept the job so that he could pay the rebbe.

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## THIS WEEK'S PARSHA- MATOT-MAASI

This week we read the longest parsha of the year, a total of 244 Pesukim. The Parsha begins with Mosheh teaching the leaders of Israel the laws pertaining to vows. We are taught to be very careful with what we say, because our words are binding.

Then Hashem commands B'nei Yisroel to avenge the Midinim and B'nei Yisroel conquers them. After the war, when Bnei Yisroel were ready to cross the Yarden and enter Eretz Yisroel, Bnei Reuven and Gad made a request to remain on the East Bank. Their request was granted on the condition that they help the others conquer Eretz Yisroel.

Then Parshas Maasei, the last Parsha in Sefer Bamidbar, describes the journeys of Bnei Yisroel since they left Egypt. Then the boundaries are delineated. It is interesting to note that the East Bank of the Jordan was included.

After defining the boundaries, Mosheh set aside cities for the Leviim who received no inheritance in the land. These cities were also cities of refuge for a person who killed accidentally. These cities protected the murderer from a close relative of the deceased who tried to avenge his death. At the conclusion of Bamidbar, the story of the Daughters of Zelaphad comes to an end. They got an inheritance and the land remained within the tribe.

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## THE NINE DAYS

The Nine Days is the period from Rosh Chodesh Av (this year on Friday, Aug. 4) until after Tisha B'Av. These are the saddest days in the Jewish calendar, and we mark them in a special way.

From the beginning of the month of Av, simcha is diminished. All forms of rejoicing are suspended.

These Nine Days have been replete with tragedy and misfortune throughout Jewish History and we relate to our people and these tragedies by observing the Nine Days through their prohibitions.



