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News of the Week

TISHA B'AV TO BE OBSERVED ON THURSDAY

Tisha B'Av, which will be observed this Wednesday night and Thursday, is the saddest day of the Jewish calendar. On that day we are all considered mourners and observe certain prohibitions. Everyone who can and is old enough abstains from eating and drinking. Even those who are not required to fast should not eat more than is necessary.

In addition, on Tisha B'av we do not bathe or shower or wash past the knuckles (except to remove dirt), wear leather shoes or even shoes that are partly leather, use oils, cosmetics, lotions (except deodorants if necessary) or brush one's teeth.

Since the heart rejoices from the study of Torah, we only learn those parts of Torah that are relevant to Tisha B'Av (Eichah, Kinot, Hilchot Tisha B'Av and those parts of the Gemara that deal with the Churban Habayit).

One does not greet people on Tisha B'Av, even to say "Good Morning". However, if one does not greet you, you may answer him softly. Also, until noon we sit on the ground or a low stool, rather than a chair. Finally, one should not walk for enjoyment and should be generally careful in spending his time so as not to come to levity on Tisha B'Av.

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FORMER COUNSELOR RETURNS AS DOCTOR

SHALHEVET welcomes Dr. Norman Klein, a former counselor (remember Wendy Markowitz, Eric Herman, Sho'om Lamm) to the Morasha Staff. Dr. Klein is married and the father of two and a half year old twin sons. He comes from Bayswater, Far Rockaway and is the brother of last year's doctor, Howie Klein. **MAY WE MEET HIM ONLY ON SOCIAL OCCASIONS!!!**

GHOSTS ON GIRLS' CAMPUS

Four ghosts were seen fading into the dark girls' campus. Were they souvenirs from Trip Day, or Ilanot enroute to their night activity. Will we ever know for sure???

VISITOR BEATS GAS SHORTAGE, BICYCLES FROM CONNECTICUT

The nationwide shortage of gasoline did not seem to affect the hundreds of motorists who drove into Camp Morasha last Sunday. Nor did it affect the visitor who cycled into camp on Tuesday after a three day trip from New Haven, Connecticut.

Adean Zabinsky, former Morasha waterfront head and staff classical play director amazed everyone with his cycling garb and travel tales. His head protected by a helmet and his rear view vision provided by a tiny mirror braced unto his glasses, Adean traveled an average of ten miles per hour.

"I thought it would be fun, but it was brutal," concluded the cyclist in reference to his trip. "It's the thought of going up the three mile hill that I came down that convinced me to look for a car ride to go back."

Equipment attached to the bike in a
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NITZANIM STAR IN EXCELLENT PRODUCTION

Yoni Liefer as Ming Lee and Hadassah Colton as the Tiger led a starring cast in the Nitzanim Production of Ming Lee and the Magic Tree this week in the Morasha Playhouse.

That a happy person is one who knows what he can do and does it the best way he can was the lesson the Nitzanim taught.

Directed by Sheryl Handelsman, Division Head, the play was excellently performed.

YEHUDI HASBOA WIN LTP KIBUTZ GALIYOT

Yehudi Hasboa was declared the winner in a four way competition among the LTP in a one day color war this week. winning captains were B. Hochbaum, D. Raab, R. Stern, 2 and I. Zucker.

Tisha

PARSHAT DEVORIM- SHABBAT HAZONE

BY Yosef Kanefsky
H.S. Kolliel

This Shabbat, Shabbat Hazone, we will read Parshat Devorim. Thus, we will begin reading the speech of Tochocho and Hazoro that Moshe delivered to B'nei Yisroel before he died and they entered Eretz Yisroel respectively. The first parok, as Rashi explains, mentions all the places at which B'nei Yisroel had sinned. Moshe is reminding B'nei Yisroel of their sins at this time for a specific reason. The previous generation was condemned to wander in the Midbar for forty years instead of entering Eretz Yisroel as had been planned, because of their sins. In order to assure that B'nei Yisroel does not repeat these Avrot and will indeed enter Eretz Yisroel, he reminded them of the fatal mistakes that their fathers had made.

As the Ramban says in Hilchot T'shuva, one of the first steps of T'shuva is recognizing the Chet and making a Kabala not to repeat it.

Among the Chatoim that Moshe recounts is the Chet Hamaranlim (Spies). As the Gemara calculates, the night that the Meraglim returned from Eretz Yisroel with their misleading report and the night that the Jews cried as a result of this report was Tisha B'Av. At that time Hashem said that since B'nei Yisroel had cried for no reason on that Tisha B'Av, in the future He will give them a reason to cry on that date. This reason is obviously the two Churbani: Batei Hamikdash. And since we know that in every generation in which the Beit Hamikdash is not rebuilt, it is as if it were destroyed in that generation, we see that thus far, the Chatoim which caused the destruction of the Beit Hamikdash are still with us today.

However, if we take an example from Moshe and B'nei Yisroel and well look back at our Chatoim and try not to be ensnared in them again, perhaps we can be Zocheh to be the Dor of "Bo'u Urshu et Haaretz" through B'as Hagoel and Binyan Beis Hamikdash.

B'Av

ABOUT A SIYUM

We abstain from eating meat and drinking wine during the Nine Days for two reasons. One, a person experiences simcha by eating meat and drinking wine. In addition, we recall sacrifices of the meat and wine which were suspended because of the destruction of the Beis Hamikdash.

However, eating meat and drinking wine is permitted on Shabbat, and at a Seudat Mitzvah. A banquet made in honor of learning a complete Mesechta of the Talmud or of a Seder of the Mishna is called a Siyum.

Not only may the person who completed the Mesechta or other work, his family and the waiters eat meat, but even relatives and friends, and since at Morasha, all of us are friends, especially of the Talmidei Chachamim, we are all included.

This year Siyumim will be made by Zvi Reich, Larry Wachsmann, David Laks on Thursday and by Neil Maron, Danny Wolf, and Avi Baron on Monday.

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A BIT OF CHRONOLOGY

On the Seventh of Av the enemy entered the Beit Hamikdash. They ate, drank, and defiled it on the seventh and eighth. On the ninth, they set fire and it continued burning until sunset of the tenth.

The reason that the fast was not designated the tenth of Av- even though most of the Beit Hamikdash was burnt then- is that the beginning of the catastrophe is considered to be more tragic.

Because the burning continued until the 10th of Av, all the laws of the Nine Days continue until midday on the tenth.

However, when Tisha B'Av falls on Thursday, so that the tenth of Av is Erev Shabbat, haircuts and washing clothes are permitted Thursday night in honor of Shabbat.

Shalhevet Features

STAFF PERSON OF THE WEEK
*****Larry Wachsmann

By Judy Landau in the H.C.

In a camp as big as this it is totally impossible to make friends with everyone. Sometimes it's even difficult to be friends with everyone in your bunk. By virtue of this fact a system is created. This system is called "cliques."

A clique is a group of boys or girls, not many in number, who do everything together, sometimes think and dress alike to the exclusion of everybody else. It isn't even that they find it totally impossible to make friends with others; they make a concerted effort not to let anyone else be their friend.

Cliques can serve a positive purpose. If you set certain standards for yourself and don't want to lower them just to please others, then Kol Makovod. If you feel that you need security and permanence in your life then it is understandable to want to keep your same friends and not change.

But why limit yourself? The world is full of interesting people whom you can share with and learn from. Why seclude yourself from tasting a new flavor or listening to a new song? Many times the only reason cliques develop is because the group members on the outside feel superior to everyone else, but on the inside use their clique as a defense mechanism against change and the outside world.

And what about the poor kid who tries so hard to be part of "their" clique? Why does he feel that being part of "them" will make him special? Why doesn't he realize that sometimes it is more lonely in a crowd than by yourself? What about his hurt feeling of being rejected?

Just remember - enough people on the outside hate the Jews. We can't afford to be petty; we should try to open our hearts to all Jews and make them our friends.

by David Schapiro

The best golf cart driver in camp Morasha is Head counselor Larry Wachsmann. Wachsmann is a twelve year veteran of Camp Morasha and comes to us with many different and interesting experiences.

The Head Counselor graduated BTA High School and then attended Yeshiva College where he received his B.A. in math. He later went to receive his M.S. in the field of math teaching from Y.U.

Mr. Wachsmann has taught math at MTA and is the registrar at RIETS. Wachsmann is also the assistant registrar for Yeshiva University. This past year, he was the registrar for Yeshiva University in Israel where he assisted many of the Y.U. students studying in Israel.

Larry stated that his role as H.C. has been primarily as an overseer to the general programming of the campus. Included in this, he must interview all staff members and extensively check their references. Program planning is an essential part of his job. Wachsmann commented that most of camp planning is done before the summer. Personal attention is received by many of the campers on the campus. Evaluations of the campers is also a part of the Head Counselors job. Besides his official job as Head Counselor, he also has had experience in the maintenance of the camp. This is something which he feels should not be part of the Head Counselors job.

The Head Counselor has seen many changes in the camp. The camp has grown in geometric proportions; the number of campers has increased in size as well as in the quality of the counselors, which has improved. Physically the camp has grown also. Since 1967 the camp has added an infirmary and a library. The mercazia, the canteen, and the rec. have also been added. All these changes have added to the success of Camp Morasha.

Larry commented that the administration of the camp believes in what it is doing. The strict standards and what might appear to be over-concern has led to the success of this camp.

From Our Readers

MEDSPEAK

by Joseph Frager
LTP Counselor

(We apologize for the omission of this column in last week's Shalhevet)

In addition to swimmer's ear and ankle sprains heat stroke and heat exhaustion are common occurrences in the summer months. (Ask Label Carl, waterfront, for confirmation.)

Heat stroke or sunstroke occur on warm or stifling hot days ("heat wave"), especially after prolonged strenuous exercise. Onset may be quite sudden and often is heralded by weakness, headache, light-headedness and nausea. The camper may have fainted. His skin will often look red and feel hot and dry (sweat may be present). His pulse will be rapid and weak. His temperature will be elevated often to 105-106. Most authorities recommend rapid cooling to 100-101 then slower further cooling. Crushed ice over wet towels applied to chest and abdomen, blanket soaked in cold water spread over patient or immersion in a tub of cool water may be helpful. Of course, he should be treated in the infirmary.

Heat exhaustion or heat prostration is often difficult to distinguish from the above except for the following characteristic differences. Pulse is usually about 100. Temperature is normal, and the face looks ashen and sweaty. Heat exhaustion is secondary to loss of fluid (an average runner or ballplayer lose about a half gallon of fluid in sweat per hour) and unless the individual is accustomed to this he can easily succumb to heat exhaustion. This applies even to well-trained athletes. Treatment is aimed at the replacement of fluids with water and even mild salt solutions. Patient should be laid flat in a cool room.

Prevention is still the best medicine for the above two conditions. Avoid tre-
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YENTYL

by Joe Berlin

It is incredible that in mid-20th century America, Isaac Bashevis Singer's subject of writing is the shehtl of Poland. So powerfully does he bring it into being that one soon comes to believe that our world is a fantastic vision.

So wrote a critic of the works of Singer. Yet in "Yentyl, the Yeshiva Boy" though translated from the original Yiddish, we greet a problem still real to many Jews in 20th century America: What should be the scope of Jewish education for females? Many have found comfortable compromises to live with. At Morasha, sheurim are extensive in scope and depth for all banot. But it wasn't always that way.

Thus arose the problem of Yentyl who desired Torah study and Talmud study on the most complex levels, and surely was an equal adversary to any male in legal argument and halacha.

Yentyl took matters into her own hands. On Monday and Tuesday Alufim/Alufot will offer their augmented version of "Yentyl, the Yeshiva Boy" in the Morasha Playhouse.

Don't miss it!!

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HOW I FEEL ABOUT BEING IN A PLAY:

ETAN ORLIAN, B5, SNOW WHITE: "I had a nice, fun time being Sir Dandiprat Bombas, a clutz, tripping and falling over the stage. It took a lot of practice and I missed a lot of activities, but I still think it was worth it. In my costume I really felt stupid (just as I was supposed to).

After our second performance we had a cast party consisting of pretzels, potato chips, soda, and nuts. Partly for that reason I will try out for the play next year 5. and I hope you will too!