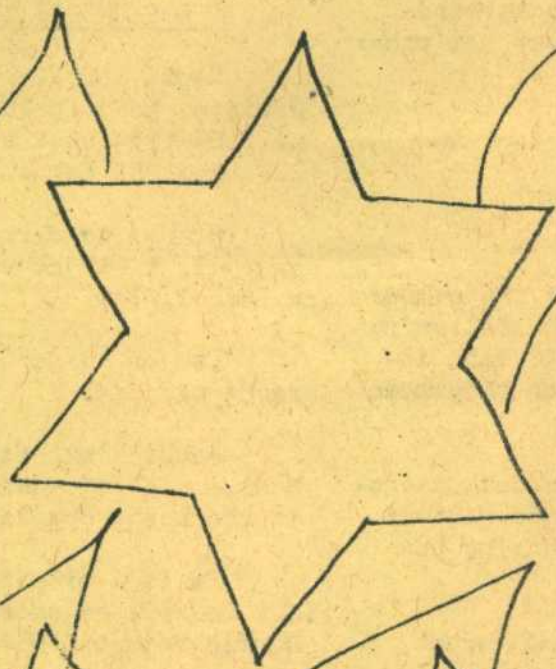




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News of the Week

MORASHA LTP HOSTS B'NAI B'RITH TEENAGERS
AT MEANINGFUL DAY OF ACTIVITY

By Rebecca and Judi, LTP

Morasha LTP hosted teenagers from Camp Bnai Brith last Sunday in one of the most outstanding events of the summer.

After an interesting orientation by Rabbi Benjamin Blech on the theme of the day - the Jewish Family - Morasha and Bnai Brith Campers divided into 10 groups to discuss various issues on the theme.

Discussions were followed by sports, informal get-togethers, and supper. A creative arts program in which LTP sang and Bnai Brith followed with a dance and songs beautifully climaxed the day.

LTP unanimously agrees that Bnai Brith day is a worthwhile experience which makes us all appreciate our Yeshiva backgrounds and families even more when we see how other Jews live.

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B'NEI TORAH OF KOLLELIM HOST
SIYUMIM FOR MORASHANICKS

The entire staff and all of the campers of Camp Morasha wish to thank the following members of the Kollelim for their kind invitations to attend Siyumim which they made Tuesday and Thursday.

In the Z'chus of these Talmidei Chachomim, we all participated in Seudot Mitzvot and were permitted to eat meat during the Nine Days.

Thanks to Yehuda Sussman and Boruch Simon of the High School, Arnie Kanarek, David Laks, and Heshie Lowenstern of YP, and Yaakov Blinder, JSS Kolliel Assistant.

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BOYS SHELATIM WINNERS ANNOUNCED

Nitzanim- Bunk 9 - OFRA

Counselors Yaakov Kessler and S. Mehler

Shtilim- Bunk 1- ARIEL

Counselors: Monnie Mandel & K. Rhine

ALUFIM-ALUFOT PRESENT "THE DIARY OF ANNE
FRANK"

Presented so that the players and their audience participate in the Mitzvah of Remembering Amalek and join in prayer and hope that Mo shiach will soon redeem us, The Diary of Anne Frank was featured in the Morasha Playhouse last night.

The Senior Campus will see the play by Alufim-Alufot tomorrow night. Under the direction of Joseph I. Berlin, Naomi Kupchik plays Anne Frank. Saul Bienenfeld and Laura Morgenstern portray her parents.

Others in the cast were Eibsi Koppel, Rachel Brody, Adam Benson, Miriam Eckstein, Adam Kanefsky, Tzippy Singer, and Tamar Epstein.

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TWO GUEST SPEAKERS FEATURED
FOR ONEGEI SHABBAT

Naomi Gottlieb Hochstein, a Morasha Division Head in 1964 when the camp opened, will be the guest speaker tonight at the LTP Oneg Shabbat in the Pargod.

Naomi is currently an Israeli lawyer and will talk about the influence of Halacha on Israeli law.

Two of her children are currently Morasha campers.

Rabbi Alex Weisfogel of Springfield, Mass. will address the Staff at the Oneg in the Bondi Complex.

He is a prominent member of the Rabbinical Council of America and the father of Debbie Yarmush, Girl's Waterfront Head.

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SHOOKIE SOLVES SHRUB STORY

Shookie Hurewitz, Morasha Landscaper and Gardener, has solved the mystery of the missing shrubs in front of Girl's Waterfront.

Shookie has informed Shalhevet that beavers cut them down to build a dam, but assures us that by next summer, the shrubs will grow back thicker than ever before.

Tisha

B'AV

MOURNING- SYMECL OF HOPE

A little story from the life of a Godol.

Someone once asked Reb Yoseif Dov of B risk, "Tell me, Rabbi, what is the use of the mourning and sadness between Shiva Asar B 'Tamuz and Tisha B'Av?"

The rabbi answered, "Let me give you an example. Once there was a fire that destroyed many homes. Some of the homeless people search the ruins to find things that may have escaped destruction. Others don't bother looking! Those who look are the ones who expect to rebuild their homes. The others don't bother looking because they have probably given up and don't even want to make the effort.

"Our mourning is the same way. We remind ourselves of the destruction of the Beis Hamikdash because we haven't given up. We are looking forward to the coming of Moshdach."

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A BIT OF CHRONOLOGY

On the seventh of Av the enemy entered the Bait 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.

Also on Tisha B'Av:

It was decreed that the Jews who left Egypt would not enter the Land of Israel and that the day would be one of perpetual mourning for the Jewish people because the Meraglim spoke against the Land of Israel.

TO USE JUST ONCE

A little story from the life of a Godol.

Rabbi Abraham Kamai of Mir once went to buy a Book of Kinot for Tisha B'Av. He argued that the price was too high and bargained over every penny. The book seller was surprised because Rabbi Kamai was a good customer who never complained about the price of anything. The rabbi explained,

"When I buy seforim, I don't mind paying the regular price because I will be using the seforim for years; for all that use they are worth the money. But Kinot? By next year Moshiach will be here! Why should I overpay for a sefer that I will only use for one day?"

(Adapted from Olomeinu magazine)

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TISHA B'AV TO BE OBSERVED ON TUESDAY

Tisha B'Av, which will be observed Monday night and Tuesday, 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 does not eat or drink. Those who do not have to fast should not eat more than necessary.

We do not shower or wash past the knuckles (except to remove dirt) wear shoes that are made from even a little bit of leather, or use oils, cosmetics, lotions (except deodorants if necessary), or brush one's teeth.

Since studying Torah makes us happy, we only learn those parts of Torah that are relevant to Tisha B'Av and those parts of the Gemara that deal with the Churban Bayit.

One does not greet another on Tisha B'Av. If one does not know the law, however, and says hello to you, you may answer him softly. Until noon we sit on a low stool or the ground.