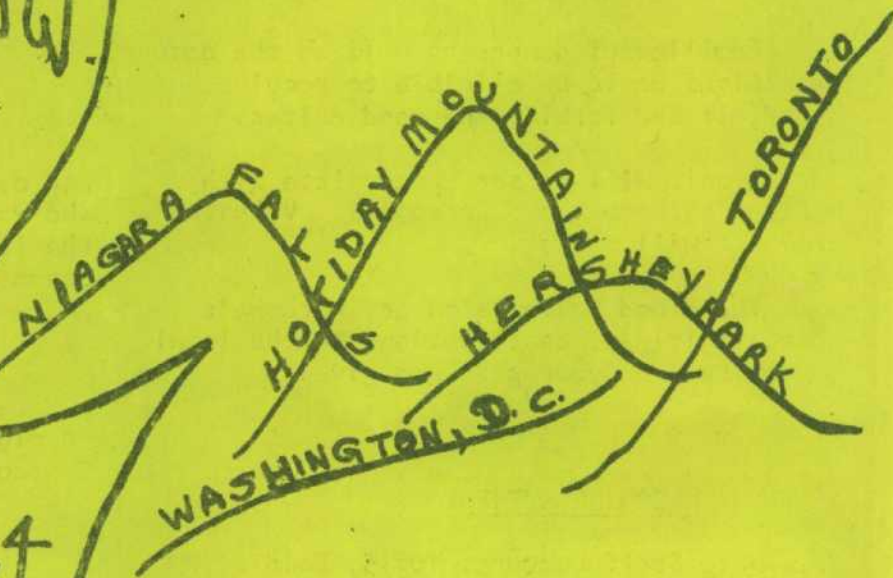




Shalhevet



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פרשת שופטים

The News of The Week

BLOOD DRIVE PRESENTS RARE CHANCE FOR MITZVAH

As a rare opportunity for Kiddush Hashem in Lake Como, Camp Morasha will conduct a drive for blood on Monday from 11:45 to 4:45 in the Gym. All staff members 17 years old and older are urged to donate. Call Rabbi Mordy Besser at 41 right now to make an appointment.

This year Morashniks will try to top last year's record of 95 pints contributed. A plaque from the local chapter of the American Red Cross now hangs in the Morasha office in recognition of the record.

Families of donors as well as the donors themselves would be eligible to receive blood, if G-d forbid, the need arises.

A unit will be set up complete with medical equipment and personnel. Volunteers from LTP will assist.

The Blood Drive is one of Morasha's most significant contributions to the local community. Do your part and give!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Fri. Nite Staff Lecture: 10:15, Bondi:
Rookie Billet: "When Bad Things Happen To Good People".
LTP Lectures: Fri. nite, Larry Wachsmen;
Shabbat afternoon, Rabbi Mordecai Reich
Sunday: Morasha 20th Anniversary Celebration
Tues., Wed., Trip Days
Thursday evening: Nitzi Play: Charlotte's Web

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MAZEL TOV TO ZVI FEINER ON HIS BAR
MITZVAH MONDAY. WELCOME TO HIS FAMILY
WHO WILL JOIN IN THE SHABBAT CELE-
BRATION.

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SHECHITA LECTURE SET

A lecture and demonstration on Shechita will be given on Monday, Aug. 15, at 2:00 on Machon Campus by Ari Zivotofsky.

CAMPERS TO TRAVEL IN MANY DIRECTIONS

Tuesday will be Trip Day for Morashniks as campers branch out in all directions. Day Campers, Nitzanim, and Shtilim will have fun at Holiday Mountain Amusement Park. Besides the amusement park, shopping at Jamestown Mall is on the agenda for the Ilanot trip.

The older campers will be away for two days as Alufim/ot head for Philadelphia and Hershey Park, and Sulamers go to Niagara Falls and Toronto. Ohed will tour Washington, D.C. and Kings Dominion, Va.

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MORASHIA 1983 NOW HISTORY

Now Morashia, 1983, is past history and everyone knows there were two teams. Who won is not important. Yashar Koach to the leaders of both teams and all of their teammates for outstanding effort.

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NOTICE

A digital watch has been found in the gym. Contact the drivers (58) for details.

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INTERBUNK CONTEST

Three prizes were awarded this week for outstanding entries in the ALPHABET contest. Yashar Koach to Girls of Bunk 1 and to Mechina Boys and the High School Kollel, each of which has won for the past four weeks.

This week's contest is an ORE game. Fill in the missing letters and submit by Monday at 10 AM.

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| 1. _ _ _ _ ORE | Beseech |
| 2. _ _ _ ORE | Place to buy goods. |
| 3. _ _ _ ORE | Plentiful, abundant |
| 4. _ _ _ _ ORE | Hitherto |
| 5. _ ORE _ _ | Fixed customs of a group. |
| 6. _ _ _ ORE | Investigate |
| 7. _ _ ORE | Minute reproductive body of a plant. |

Torah Thoughts

A word about....

D'VAR TORAH ON....

REB MENACHEM ZIEMBA

PARSHAT SHOFTIM

By Rabbi Moshe Yarmish, Ed. Staff

By Avrohom Rothman, H.S. Kolliel

Reb Menachem Ziemba (1883-1943) was, in the opinion of all the Gedolim of Europe in the last generation, himself a Godol. He learned from his grandfather and then studied alone for over twenty years. He did not accept a rabbinical position until late in his life, but instead continued the hardware business he inherited from his father-in-law. A Chasid of the Gerer Rebbe (and he allowed himself to be eclipsed by him), he was truly a Gaon in his own right.

During the Warsaw Ghetto uprising, he ruled that the Nazi oppression was not like previous oppressions. During previous oppressions, when one could save oneself by converting, Kiddush Hashem was to sacrifice one's life. But during the Nazi oppression when eradication of the Jewish nation was the goal, Kiddush Hashem was staying alive - by fleeing if one could, or by fighting back.

Reb Ziemba upheld Torah and Mitzvot throughout the Ghetto. When he received news that the Catholic Church was willing to save him, he refused to go, but instead chose to stay and by his presence in the Ghetto give the other Jews more strength to carry on their battle. This act was truly one of Chesed Shel Emes - a chesed for which one never expects to be repaid. For after all, whenever one does a favor, there is always in one's mind the possibility that he will be repaid in kind. Furthermore, when one helps another, and helps him stand on his feet and become successful and independent, the satisfaction of seeing the results of his help itself is some payment. But helping downtrodden people, with whom one never expects ultimate success, this truly is chesed shel emes.

From this we should learn the importance of helping the most needy, from whom we do not expect any ultimate independence, such as the elderly or elderly sick. According to the Gemara in Schtedrin, Moshiach sits among the poor, sick, wretched people. Through Chesed to such people may we be zocheh to the Geula Binheyra B'yamenu Amain.

In this week's Parsha, Shoftim, we are told of the laws pertaining to war. We are told that even though we are going out to war, nevertheless the posuk says: "When you go out against a city to fight, you shall proclaim peace onto it." The obvious question is raised. Why should we ask for Shalom from our enemies, what have they done to deserve it? We learn from this that shalom is so great that we must even ask for shalom from our enemies.

The greatness of shalom can be shown from a statement by Reb Eleazer Hakapor - "Look at the strength of shalom, that even when B'nei Yisroel are worshipping idols, as long as they are at peace with one another the judgement of Hashem cannot touch them. As it says in Hosea:

חבור עטפיהם אפרים חסו לו

"Efrayim is joined to idols, let him alone." However, when B'nei Yisroel are divided then the judgement of Hashem can touch them. As it also says in Hosea -

חלק לבם עתה יאשמו

Their heart is divided, now they shall be found guilty."

The Torah itself shows the lengths to which we should go to achieve shalom. When Sarah was told she would have a child she said, "but my master (Avrohom) is so old." But when Hashem repeated the words to Avrohom, Hashem changed her words to "but I (Sarah) am so old." In order to keep Shalom Bayis.

If the Torah went to such extents for Shalom, how can we not strive for shalom. Now as we enter the month of Ellul, the month of T'shuva, we should forget about the "wars" in camp and when we come home we should forget about the quarrels with our brothers and sisters. If we are able to achieve Shalom, we will be zocheh with the everlasting shalom speedily in our time. Amain.

Shabbat Shalom ! !

עמוד עברי

אזרחות

אנשי קהל חברים אבות שמעולם לא רבו. היה להם שפה משותפת, בו
 יצאו יחד תבואה. כל אחד גר בקצה. הואר של השדה
 האחד היה אצל נשיא בנין, ואחריו- אין לשפחה. הם סוף שנה הם
 חילקו את התבואה שנה גשורה.

עשרה אחד שנה אחד האחים באים ופשיט. אין אלא יוצים ומהרי לשפחה
 גדולה. לכן אקום בארץ ואתן לו חוד תבואה. הפני- עם פלא לא יסן!
 ימי יש לשפחה אחרת אין כלום אלא התבואה"- כך חשב בקיבו.
 קמו שנים מאותם, כל אחד ניקט אחרת התבואה שאלו אקום חלק
 אחד והלך אחרת של חרו. באמצע הדרך רבשו לערב. הבינו
 החברים את שקרה, ומקרו אצל את חברו.
 אין יבוי חכמה אמתית.

(אפי האקצב).

שאלנו את בנות לעתים איבן חבר טוב. הנה כמעט אהבתם שאלנו
צביה נבני! החכו הסוג הוא אי שמקשים זכר צרותי.
 הוא בשומה איתי, וגם בדצב.
 הוא לא בורח ממני עם השנה כזה
 חכמי הוא איננו בדלים.

שנה קינר: החבר הסוג שלי הוא סכר סוג. אבא ואילו כשאלו דצוקר אמר כשאלו
 ישו דסקס: החבר שלי הוא הסיצור. אנתנו אלהבא זהפלאם בו.
 גרוב נוסף!

"כך אלו אדם הקקרה! בני, איך אלו לקקש אדם? אין אדם אלו
 שנתנו אלהים זה את זה ומפיו מקצוים זה את זה"
 אמר רבי עקיבא: "ואהבת לרעך כמוך" זה כלל גדול בתורה.

SHALHEVET FEATURES

STAFFERS OF THE ISSUE.....

SHALHEVET SPOTLIGHTS.....

SHOSHANA AND YECHIEL SCHLESINGER

By Rita Siff

"There's no equivalent to Morasha in all of Israel," acknowledged Shoshie and Yechiel Schlesinger, two very special members of the Camp Morasha staff. Yechiel, formerly nature counselor, is now assistant director of Maccaron/Mechina boys. Shoshie, a member of the educational staff, also produces the SHALHEVET Amud Ivri (Hebrew Page).

"Israeli kids don't have the privilege of attending summer camp for more than one week, if at all," the Schlessingers explained. They find that American young people are more pampered than Israelis, and more open as well. Americans are more likely to show their emotions. Israelis are harder, they observe.

Yechiel is a fourth year medical student at Hadassah Hospital Medical School. He has already completed the program at Yeshivat Keren B'Yavneh where he served in the army during the course of learning. Shoshie is pursuing a Master's Program at Hebrew University in educating youth from the Golan who come to study in Israel. As her Sherut L'Am, she had worked with children in a development town.

Having originally come to Morasha four years ago through a Jewish Agency program to lend Israeli Ruach to an American camp, Yechiel finds his work with LTP boys challenging. "The guys don't like to get up or clean up," he reports.

Shoshie's classes include boys and girls from Nitzanim through Ilanot.

Residents of Givat Mordecai in Yerushalayim, Shoshie and Yechiel extend an open invitation to Morashaniks to visit them at their home. "And then, come and live with us in Israel," they suggest.

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IMPORTANT

LOST: A pair of T'fillin in a Blue T'fillin Bag in a clear plastic bag. Contact Shalom Golombeck, Bunk 4.

***** BARRY BENDER *****

His latest act of Chesed at Morasha is to collect empty soda cans so they can be recycled in conjunction with a local Muscular Dystrophy Campaign. A Lubavitch sympathizer, NCSJ advisor, and cult deprogrammer, Barry Bender has been in camp for the past ten years.

Now he is a driver and maintenance man. Before that he was a kitchen worker and meat chef. Barry celebrated his Bar Mitzvah in Morasha, although he doesn't remember if that was before or after Shigella. He started here as a Skitill and came up through the ranks.

Although he is a senior at Y.U. with a major in accounting, computers, and pre-Semicha, Barry deprograms victims of cults and mind deceit. This summer at Morasha Barry has talked about his work in conjunction with the film, "Ticket to Heaven." His deprogramming started four years ago with a course in Israel on the New Testament in which he was taught to combat missionaries. Barry is eager to make all Morashniks aware of the cultist recruitment methods so that he can recognize them and stay away.

Even though he is not a Cohen, Barry learned in the Yeshivat Torat Kohanim where practical laws relating to the building of the Beit Hamikdash are emphasized. One of very few permitted, Barry worked on restoring a model of a Beit Hamikdash in a religious structure in Israel.

Barry enjoys working at Morasha under Moshe Weingarten. "He sticks up for us." Barry would like all campers to learn a lesson in friendship from the camp drivers. "We all operate as a single unit."

"The best part of being a driver is that you get to know what people are really like," reveals Barry. As Eilul begins, Barry asked if through SHALHEVET, he could ask Mechilah from anyone he might have wronged and wish everyone a good year.

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