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News of the Week



VISITORS AWAIT ANNUAL RITUAL

Visitors will be waiting at the gate by 10 AM Sunday morning for the annual Camp Morasha ritual.

Head Counselors, Division Heads, and Counselors, as well as faculty will all be available to meet and greet parents of campers.

A special meeting with parents of Alufim-ot is set for 1:30 at Bondi 3, 4. Parents and teachers will meet from 12:30 - 1:30. Mincha will be at 2 PM in the Boys Shul.

Guests will not be permitted in the Dining Room, but Camper's lunch is at noon.

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B'RACHOT OLYMPICS WINNERS NAMED

The first winners in the Brachot Olympics were announced this week. Nitzi Bunkis and Shtili Bunks 3 and 4 received Ice Juices arranged by Ahuvah Epstein, Co-ordinator.

This week's contest is to memorize the Aseret Hadibrot from this week's Parsha V'Etchanan.

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HAZEL TOV TO MAIRAV GRALLA
AAND FAMILY ON HER BAT MITZ-
VAH THIS SHABBAT.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Tonite: Oneg Shabbat Lecture: Rabbi H. Billet Nachamu, Nachamu, 10 PM, Pargod

Motzei Shabbat: Staff Melaveh Malkah, 11 PM, Dining Room

Mon., Tues., Nites: Shtili Play: The King and I, Playhouse

Tuesday from 11:45 : Blood Drive, Mercazia

Mon., Wed.: Alufim, SDP Canoe Trips

ONE DAY COLOR WAR BRINGS EXCITEMENT

By Sheva Berezin, G 10

This past Tuesday was an exciting day for the Hanot. Beginning with davening in the Canteen to the announcement of Yom Achvah by Rabbi Cohn it was indeed a period of tension.

There were six teams each containing themes of Achvah- love for a fellow Jew. They were Yirai Hadin, M'samchay Sukkot, Koray M'gilah, M'chanchay Menorah, Orchay Haseder, and Ohavay M'dinot.

Each played sports in the morning which included a Co-ed volleyball game. At night each theme was presented in a number of ways- through the studying of relating topics for Chidon, with banners, and with a short skit.

...And the winner is Ohavay Medinot. Nevertheless, everyone had a wonderful time, and it ended off the summer with a Bang for the first wonthers.

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MORASHNIKS OBSERVE TISHA B'AV WITH APPROPRIATE ACTIVITY

Inkeeping with the mood of Tisha B'Av, Morashniks participated in various appropriate activities to add extra mitzvot to the day.

Preceded by words of explanation from Rabbi Saul Berman, Camp Rabbi, boys and girls of both Nachzor Aleph and Bet buried Shamot on Morasha grounds. Rabbi Richie Auman, A.A. arranged transportation for the project.

Under Rabbis Cohn, Grumet, and Lerner, over fifty boys participated in a Tzitzit Making Project. Shtilim, Hanot, and Alufot and Counselors made their own in a special session on Boys' Campus.

"The enthusiasm of the campers in making their own tzitzitot was just overwhelming," remarked Rabbi Grumet.

Yeyasher Kochachen to R. Billet, S. Cohn, and A. Epstein for the pageant preceding the reading of Eichah.

Torah



Thoughts

PARSHAT V'ETCHANAN

By Doniel Schreiber, H.S.Kollel

In this week's Sedra, Parshat V'etchanan, Mosheh, in preparing B'nei Yisroel for entering into Israel, warns them to carefully keep Hashem's statutes and edicts in order that they may live and go into Eretz Yisroel. As part of his appeal to B'nei Yisroel Moshe tells them:

"You shall not add to the word which I command you, nor shall you diminish from it, that you may keep the commandments of Hashem."

One might ask that while the prohibition of "nor shall you diminish" seems rational, why can't you add to the commandments of Hashem and make yourself a better Jew?"

The Maggid of Dubno answers with the following parable:

There once was a man who was in the habit of borrowing various inexpensive items from his neighbor. Whenever it came time for him to return the object he would give back two of the same. The lender would accept both objects without asking any questions. Eventually, though, the lender's curiosity got the better of him and he asked the borrower why he gave back two identical objects. The borrower replied straight-facedly that at night the object that he had borrowed had given birth, and therefore he was returning what was rightfully the owner's.

One day the borrower asked his neighbor if he could use his silver candlesticks in honor of a family simcha. The neighbor agreed thinking that on the morrow he would receive two pairs of candlesticks. The next day, however, the borrower came back empty-handed and said mournfully that candlesticks had died in the middle of the night. The neighbor became angry and said, "Candlesticks don't die!" The borrower replied, "If you believe that objects can give birth, you must also believe that they can die."

Similarly, the Maggid of Dubno said, one should not add to the Torah since once one accepts additions to the Torah, in the end he will come to accept detractions as well.

Nowadays, as we are faced with various movements in Judaism, the prohibition of "don't add or detract" must always be heeded.

TORAH TALK

By Rabbi S. Zimmerman, Ed. Staff

A manager of a last-place baseball team, looking as his team's standing in its division, remarks optimistically, "At least we can't get any worse than we already are." Indeed, B'nei Yisroel must feel the same way as they reflect upon their state at Tisha B'Av. Our capital destroyed, our settlement in our own homeland dispersed, we feel nothing but loneliness, abandoned and deserted by our G-d.

And, indeed, things do not get worse, but rather better. A bright light is visible for K'lial Yisroel as we enter this period of the Sheva D'chemta. We are told Nachamu, nachamu Ami- to be comforted in our loss. Certainly the Beit Hamikdash has not yet been restored, nor the Jewish settlement in Israel fully yet restored. However, the message of these few weeks is "Even though things are not the same as they were before, and something is indeed missing- our lives as a Jewish people continue nevertheless even after the comfort. Because we are joined together, unified by the Torah which transcends even the destruction of the Churban- we can and do, continue to exist as a people.

The mitzvah of Nichum Avaylim- comforting a mourner, relays the message of the haftorah of nechama on a personal level. This important mitzvah, which this week some of our campers had the difficult task of performing, conveys an important message to the bereaved, those left behind after the loss of their relative. We tell them, "No, indeed it is true that he or she in no way can be replaced. That would be impossible. Yet, despite the loneliness we feel- life does continue. We go on to new happy times, continue to have cause to celebrate brises, Bar/Bat Mitzvas and weddings." We do this through a spirit of unity, joining with the mourner at his lowest, loneliest point.

We express to him the idea eloquently stated by Yeshaya in this week's Haftorah:

Physical things, be it human bodies or even the walls of the Beit Hamikdash, fall and can even disintegrate. However, the spirit of Hashem- both of the Mikdash and within the human body- live forever.

INTERBUNK

MORASHA MATH....

GEMATRIA PROVIDES INTERESTING INSIGHTS INTO CAMP MORASHA EXPERIENCE

One of the most overlooked tools or techniques of Jewish scholarship in modern times is the ancient practice of Gematria- the process of textual interpretation through numerical equivalencies. For example, because of the near equivalence of עָוֹן meaning "sin" and אֵץ וְקֵץ meaning "nut", we customarily do not eat nuts on Rosh Hashanah.

Another example: the Hebrew for "Camp Morasha" is מַחֲנֵה מוֹרָשָׁה , whose numerical equivalent is 654. Interestingly enough, the same numerical equivalent is found in the Hebrew phrase שְׁנַיִם חֳדָיִם or "the summer exile". Thus, it follows that one who experiences Camp Morasha experiences two months in exile, two months in "golus." Since the Talmud, in Tractate Sanhedrin, informs us that $\text{שְׁנַיִם חֳדָיִם מְכַפְּרִים}$, or, "exile is an atonement for sins," and since exile is identified with going to camp, one can easily see the reason that many sages permit one to eat nuts, and perhaps even to act nuts, in camp, as a result of the eradication of the association of sins through the atoning intervention of the camping experience.

While musing on the subject, I noticed that the transliteration of the word "rodent" in Hebrew, רֹדֵנִית is also 654, the same as מַחֲנֵה מוֹרָשָׁה . Perhaps this accounts for the mice in Morasha.

One numerical equivalence I have not been able to figure out. Perhaps you can help. The Hebrew transliteration of the words "golf cart" is קָרְט גֹּלֵף , which has the numerical value attributable to the words רֵשָׁע כָּלֵף , or "complete villain." I personally don't see the connection.

Maybe it has something to do with nuts.

.....G.E.

INTERBUNK

In last week's Interbunk Contest, making words out of ORANGE, the contest was close. Top winners were YP Kolliel (c/o Avi P.) and JSS Kolliel (c/o Reuven & Yigal) each with 13 acceptable words, G-5A had 16, Boys' Bunk 6 and Boys' HC office had 15, and the Office Staff had 14. B 6 and G 5A were inadvertently omitted as winners in Interbunk No. 11. Sorry.

This week's will be a different type of contest. All of the words defined below contain the letters O R in the indicated positions. Fill in the missing letters. Submit answers to HC by Monday at 10 A.M.

1. OR _ _ _ A circular path
2. OR _ _ _ Deliver a speech
3. OR _ _ _ Lowest deck of a warship
4. _ OR _ _ _ Regretful, apologetic
5. _ OR _ _ _ Hard sea substance used in jewelry
6. _ _ OR _ The pen is mightier than this
7. _ _ OR _ Seed of an oak tree
8. _ _ _ OR Scheme of ornamentation
9. _ _ _ OR Courage
10. O _ _ _ R External; at the edges

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SHALHEVET SPOTLIGHTS....

RABBI JOEL AND SHULAMITH COHN MORASHA COUPLE NO. 54

The most favorable position in camp from which to find a Bashert is a Machon counselor according to experts Rabbi Joel and Shulamith Cohn, Morasha Couple Number 54. "Bring a Scrabble Set, some New York Times Crossword Puzzles, and arrange your days off beneficially, and never give up," they advise.

Rabbi Cohn has been in camp for 13 years and Shulamith for 9. Joel started in Mechina and was a J.C. and counselor for two years before he became Machon counselor. Shulamith was here as a Nitzi and then returned to be a Mechina counselor. Now, both are members of the ed. staff.

Rabbi Cohn is Assistant Principal of S.A.R. Yeshiva in Riverdale. He achieved SEMicha at RIETS. Shulamith, who attended Michlalla and T.I., takes graduate courses in Jewish education at Y.U.'s Azrieli school and is proud to be a professional mother to Yossi and Rena of Older Day Camp, Eli in the younger division, and Leora of the B Building Pre Day Camp.

Besides the excitement of the mice races, Shulamith finds the best part of camp as not having to cook or shop for food. Joel likes best not having to deal with adults - "everyone in camp is a "child at heart."

"Keep swimming," they advise, "You're sure to find a fish in the sea, or at least bump into a boat. The opportunities are here. Make the most of them."

(For rates to obtain a position as Machon counselor for next year, contact Tully Besser. Jobs go to the highest bidders.)

----R.S.

LAST WEEK'S ZEMIROT WERE TERRIFIC! CAN YOU IMAGINE HOW GREAT THEY'LL BE FOR NACHAMU!

STAFFERS OF THE ISSUE *****

***** DR. GEDDY AND NURSE RENEE KRUL *****

After a month as the "week-end doctor" and the "nurse's husband", Dr. Geddy Krul has now settled in as the official Camp Morasha physician. SHALHEVET welcomes Doctor and Nurse Krul to the Morasha family.

A senior pediatric resident at Beth Israel Hospital in Newark, N.J., Dr. Krul is a graduate of J.E.C. in Elizabeth and Yeshiva University where he studied Jewish sociology with Zvi Reich and Nach with Rabbi Dr. Orlan.

A native of Union, N.J., Renee studied at Stern while enrolled in the nursing program. "I always knew I was going to be a nurse," explained Renee. All of my dolls had band-aids on them." A specialist in Intensive Care and Emergency Room nursing at Alchian Brothers Hospital in Elizabeth, Renee has been practicing for nine years. Her summer work is directly connected with her year round nursing since, "The Morasha Infirmary is a mini-emergency room," she offered.

Parents of Elana, almost two, and Steven, a day camper, Renee and Geddy "just love it here." "The kids and staff are great and the atmosphere is really heimish."

Never having been to camp before, Dr. Krul accepted the position only after being assured that there were no bears anywhere near the infirmary.

For our doctor-nurse team, working together professionally is a new experience. "At home our working schedules never jive, but here I get a lot of Nachas watching and working with Geddy," Renee revealed.

Our medical team has two bits of advice for our readers: 1. "Any guy or gal who wants to marry a doctor should wait until the training's been completed, and 2. "Use No.15 sun block when you go on canoe trips, and keep your hockey sticks on the ground and off of you."