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MORASHA DEFEATS SENECA IN FINAL GAME

In the final basketball game of the season Morasha defeated Seneca 53-58. Through the first half, Morasha, despite being short-handed, held on to a slim lead, only to fall behind 53-40 in the third quarter.

However, with Moshe Orlian and Bruce Wenger controlling the boards and Eli Weber leading the fast break, Morasha tied it at 53 and went on to the victory.

Eli Weber led Morasha with 31 points, and Moshe Orlian and Gary Beitler added 13 and 12 respectively.

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MUSICOLE FEATURES DANCING AND SINGING

Last night's Musicole was a combined production of the dance and music departments, headed by Shayne Schwed and Sandy Sudberg.

With dances and songs tying in with the theme of the summer "Hashomer Ochi Anochi" incorporated into Kibbutz Galiyot at the Kotel, girls from all divisions participated.

Solo and group singing from both campuses rounded out the program.

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FOUR MORASHANIKS AMONG BIBLE FINALISTS

Four Morashaniks were among the finalists in the International Bible Contest in Yerushalayim on Yom Haatzmaut this year.

Eliakim Koenigsberg of High School Kollel won the Diaspora Championship. Noa Jesselson of Ilanot, Shiga Radinsky of Machon, and Etan Orlian of Kollel competed after winning their respective divisions in the United States.

How's that for a sample of the calibre of camper Morasha attracts !!

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ONEG SHABBAT LECTURE

Speaker: Rabbi Saul Berman, 10:20 Pargod

DRAMATIC FINALE TO BE STAFF PLAY

Guys and Dolls, directed by Ricki Zibicki will be the finale of this year's dramatic productions. Set for Sunday night in the Mercazia, the play will be presented by the Morasha staff.

Cast in starring roles are Aubrey Sharfman, Judy Stern, Shayne Schwed, and Maish Yarmush. Other participants include Annette Kwitel, Denjy Last, Dina Farkas, Roz Unger, Steven Teicher, Mark Saks, Chaim Weitzner, Pauline Arnold, Adam Berger, Ahuva Epstein, Debby Yarmush, and Kenny Jungreis.

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YOUNGER SHTILI GIRLS FINISH SEFER YONAH

The younger Shtili girls, taught by Mrs. Shulamith Cohn, have successfully completed the study of Sefer Yonah. In addition to preparing Divrei Torah for a Siyum which they will celebrate, they are adding to the festivities by issuing a publication. Entitled "A Whale of a Story", it is a collection of original poems and songs by the members of the class. The critics are raving and a possible Pulitzer Prize may be in the offing.

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CAMPER WINS MALINSKY MEMORIAL MARATHON

For the first time in Morasha Marathon history, a camper has been declared the first place winner. Jeremy Bandier of Ilanot set a record of 19 minutes and 33 seconds. Jeremy bypassed staffers in the run around the lake.

Elisha Rothman of Alufim came in second. Mark Saks, third place winner, was the first staff member in. Rabbi Joel Cohn was the first member of the Ed Staff to reach the finish line. Dara Kanefsky of Machon was the first woman in.

Maish Yarmush coordinated the Marathon.

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MAZEL TOV TO ALL OF THE GABBOYIM, EARLY MORNING HISHNAYOT LEARNERS, MACHONIKS, AND OUTSTANDING STUDENTS ON THEIR AWARDS.

Torah Thoughts

PARSHAT SHOFTIM

By Dsvld Wasserman, J.S.S. Kollel

It is related that the Chofetz Chaim once arrived a few minutes late at a train station. He had wanted to send some books on the train that was about to depart, but it was past the time when parcels could be processed for that train. The clerk in charge who greatly respected the Chofetz Chaim offered to place the parcels in the freight train for free. The Chofetz Chaim, however, refused. Recognizing the importance of justice he stated, "Only the owner of the train company has a right to forego payment. Since a clerk is merely an employee, it would be considered robbing not to pay the proper amount."

Indeed, the importance of justice is a central theme of this week's Sedra, Parshat Shoftim. G-d tells B'nei Yisroel, "Judges and officers shall you make to you in all your gates."

On this verse Rav Moshe Feinstein, shlitza comments: It appears that the Torah here is referring to each individual and is instructing him to constantly judge himself on his own actions, making sure he only does what's right. The Torah, by stating in the next verse, "You shall not bend judgement or respect one over the other at a time of judgement," is again instructing each individual not to be deceived by his own good character into thinking whatever he does is right, but he must always pursue a course of introspection to guarantee that everyone of his actions is proper.

Such advice is especially relevant to us now that we are in the month of Elul, approaching the Yomim Noraim. Each morning we must not merely listen to the blowing of the Shofar. Rather, we must heed its cry and strive to do T'shuva. Only then can we truly come closer to Hashem.

K'tiva V'chatima Tova !

ENDS AND MEANS

By Rookie Billet, Ed. Staff

Parshat Shoftim begins with the Mitzvah to set up courts and judges in the cities of Israel. In several places in the Torah, instructions are given to the judges that are designed to make sure that all cases will be judged fairly, and that neither party to a dispute will enjoy an unfair advantage.

One posuk sums up these instructions handily: Tzedek, Tzedek Tirdof- Justice, justice you shall pursue." Our meforshim ask: Why did the Torah say Tzedek twice? Isn't the Torah extra careful about unnecessary words? A so, wouldn't it have been enough to say Tzedek, Tzedek Tishpot- justly you shall judge? Why did the Torah imply we had to run after justice?

Among the many answers to these questions, one can serve as a message we can take home from camp. The Torah had to say Tzedek twice because one posuk means - Tzedek, Tzedek Tirdof - Justice with justice, justice through justice- you shall pursue. Not only must we set noble goals for ourselves, but we must also pursue these noble goals through righteousness. A noble goal doesn't justify using underhanded, dishonest, or unfair means to achieve it.

It is interesting that the end of camp almost always coincides with the beginning of Elul, the time of year when we take stock of our actions.

This year let's pay attention to setting the highest goals for ourselves, and to really chasing after these goals with energy and enthusiasm, through noble and righteous words and deeds.

And in that Z'chut may we all enjoy a wonderful year filled with the very best of everything.

L'shana Tova Tikatevu V'Tachatemu !

פעבוד פעבוד

דמעות של רפואה



ב חצר השלטון (המלך) כקריד היו רופי אים אחרים. אך הרמכ"ם (רבי משה בן מימון) היה הגדול כולם והשלטן כבד אותו מאוד. קנאו הרופאים הרמכ"ם ודברו עליו רעות באוני השלטן.

שמע השלטן את דברי הרופאים ואמר להם: "אתם אומרים שגדולים אתם כחכמת הרפואה מן הרמכ"ם. חנו לי אוח (סימן) — ואדע שדבריתם אמת". למחרת הביאו הרופאים איש אחד לפני השלטן ואמרו: "האיש הזה טלד עור. אנחנו יכולים לסקח (לפתח) את עיניו — והוא יראה אור". "אי-אפשר הדבר", קרא הרמכ"ם. "איש שטלד עור לא יוכל לראות לעולם". "יזקבל זאח", עט הרופאים. "אנחנו יכולים לעשות את הנס הזה".

רופא אחד נגש (הלך) אל העור ושם משחה על עיניו. עברו רבעים אחרים — והאיש פקח (פתח) את עיניו וקרא בשמחה: "אני רואה! אני רואה!". כראע ההוא נגש הרמכ"ם אל האיש. שם לקניו מטפחה אדמה, ושאל אותו: "היכול אתה לומר לי מה הצבע...". "כוראני", ענה האיש. "אם כן", קרא הרמכ"ם. "שקר בפי הרופאים. האיש הזה לא טלד עור. איש שטלד עור אינו יכול להכיר (לדעת) צבעים".

מן היום ההוא כבד השלטן את הרמכ"ם עוד יותר. משורר רבי אברהם אבן-עזרא היה ידידו (חברו) של הרמכ"ם. פעם אחת חלה אבן-עזרא בעיניו. הוא שאל כעצת רופאים רבים. אך מחלתו לא סרה ממנו (לא עזבה אותו). יום אחד אמר המשורר כלבו: "אלך אל ידיד הרופא. רבי משה בן מימון. אולי ימצא תרופה (רפואה) לעיני". אמר — ועשה.

והנה כאשר בא אברהם אבן-עזרא אל בית הרמכ"ם, קרה דבר מוזק מאד: ידידו הטוב, הרמכ"ם, לא כך אתו לשלום... אך הכיט הרמכ"ם בקני החולה. צוה מיד על עבדיו: "שימו את האיש הזה כדיר הבהמות (כרפת)!".

העבדים עשו כדבריו. ישב אבן-עזרא כל הלילה כדיר הבהמות וקכה. דמעות רבות ירדו מעיניו. איך זה לא יככה — וידידו הטוב כנר בו?

כבקר נפתחה דלת הדיר — והרמכ"ם נכנס. "שלום לך, ידיד הזקן. רבי אברהם!" קרא הרמכ"ם בשמחה וחבק את אבן-עזרא באהבה רבה. "עכשו אתה כריא, כרוך השם. סרה מחלת עיניך מפני הרמעות. אך הכטתי אתמול בעיניך — וידעתי שאין תרופה לעיניך אלא דמעות..."

על פי אלתון אינולמן. ירבו משה בן מימון. הוציא ההסתירות העברית כאמריקה ונער החטך היהודי בני-יוזק. חשיד

Shalhevet Features



STAFFERS OF THE ISSUE.....

RABBI ZUSH AND MATIE MOTECHIN

After marking his 40th birthday with a flag raising ceremony, Rabbi Zush Motechin, Head Counselor, together with his wife Matie, Assistant Head Counselor of the Girls, was interviewed in the executive offices of Boys' Campus.

"I never really anticipated enjoying the job as much as I did this summer," Zush revealed. "It was an awesome responsibility and extremely exhausting, but I loved it."

"There are wonderful people in camp to appreciate and emulate. Take advantage and learn from them," Matie suggested.

When asked if she could offer advice to the girls so that they can stand on their own two feet, Matie replied, "Stay off the volleyball court."

Zush and Matie are completing their 12th summer in Morasha. Matie came as an Israeli dance instructor and had served on the Ed staff prior to her present position. Zush started as a Nitzi D.H., then worked his way up. In the city both teach for the Board of Ed. Rabbi Motechin is also Principal of the Young Israel of Staten Island Talmud Torah. Matie is "an ideal wife and mother" admitted Zush. Both have M.A. degrees from Brooklyn College. Rabbi Motechin achieved Semicha from Rabbi Gershuni. Matie studied at Central and

Their children are Yitzchok in Machon, Shulamith in Aiufot, Avrumie, a Nitzi, and Ari in Day Camp.

What new plan would he like to institute? "An 11 P.M. curfew for staff- so I can get to sleep on time," he said. Is there any special significance to his Cowboy Hat? "I don't know why I wear it, but I do."

Matie's greatest challenge is "AOD on Boys. The best part of her job: being able to put my foot up on three pillows."

The Motechin advice to our readers: "Be happy and keep smiling."

SHALHEVET SPOTLIGHTS....

RABBI DANNY AND TOVA LERNER RHEIN Unnumbered Morasha Couple

If Rabbi Danny and Tova Rhein would have been in Morasha at the same time before they were married, they certainly would have found each other here (especially since Tova was a Machon counselor).

Rabbi Rhein is completing his second year as Head of the Morasha Educational Staff. Tova is the Division Head of Nitzanim and served as advisor to the Colorwar Coordinating Committee.

They are accompanied in camp by Dassie who is a senkor in day camp but attends Nitzanim shiurim and loves it, Daycampers Alisa, 5, and Shmuel, 3, and baby Noam, 6 months old.

In the city Rabbi Rhein is the Principal of Mesivta Ohr Torah in Forest Hills. Tova, temporarily retired from an official position, has taught at Stern College, assisted at the Holocaust Center in Brooklyn, and has been involved in youth and community work.

The Rheins came to Morasha as a couple in 1974. Besides being Division Head of SDP and Nitzis, Tova has also been editor of SHALHEVET. Rabbi Rhein has consistently served on the Ed. Staff.

Question to Rabbi Rhein: Everyone knows that kids need avacation from studies. As Educational Director would you care to comment? "They need a vacation from tests and pressure, but camp gives an opportunity to learn and love it! Summer offers a time to practice easy Nitzvot like B'rochot and Tzitzit and T'filah B'Tzibur with Kavanah.

Tova's secret for juggling Nitzis, family, and Color War: "You lose a lot of sleep, and even when you juggle, you drop some balls. Would she like to do it again: "Nitzis and family, definitely. Color War, no."

Their advice to our readers: "At home you can't put everything on the canteen bill. An account of Mitzvot is also kept."