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News Of The Week

SHAYMOT BURIED, KAYLIM TOVELED IN MORASHA MITZVOT MAASEYOT CAMPAIGN

"It was sad that there were so many books that had to be buried, but a happy experience because we were involved in doing an important Mitzvah on a Yom Tzom," summed up four Shtili girls - Sheva Goldman, Michelle Nathanson, Elishava Pomrenze, and Zahava Wietschner - about the most recent Morasha Mitzvot Maasayot project.

On Shiva Asar B'Tamuz, the girls, Nitza-nim boys, SDP, and the Ed Staff helped to bury many s'forim near the Tisha B'Av site. Most of the books were sent from the warehouse of Goldman's Book Store in New York. Before the burial, campers were invited to choose those books which they wanted to keep.

Miriam Rothman of the Ilanot Girls described the T'vilat Kaylim procedure in which campers participated this week. "We put the cutlery into sock bags and near girls' dock, said the b'racha, dipped the bags into the water so that each piece was immersed, and then took them out. It was an extremely educational experience and I learned what to do when I'm in my own home."

Affixing Mezuzot on the bunks was another project in the Mitzvot Maasayot series. On the drawing board are plans for tzitzit making.

KOLLEL SWEEPS IN HOCKEY

Within a period of five days the High School Kollel defeated two of Morasha's best hockey teams.

In the first game Kollel, down 2-1 in the last period, scored three unanswered goals to achieve a 4-2 victory over Mechina. Kollel goals were scored by David Kupchik, David Schiff, and David Glatt (2). Mechina goals were scored by Meir Nordlicht and Shmuel Mosenkis.

In the second game, down 1-0, Kollel once again overcame a deficit with goals by David Schiff and David Glatt to defeat a much stronger and experienced Machon team, 2-1. Moshe Adler scored the Machon goal.

Other stars in both games for Kollel were captain R. Kahane and goalie David "No Pads" Nowosiolski.

STAFF TEAMS TAKE TWO OUT OF THREE

Tuesday night saw the staff team face its intercamp rival, the Kollel. The staff opened an early ten point lead and appeared headed for an easy victory. However, this was not to be. Behind an awesome shooting performance by Charles Rudansky the Kollel closed the gap to four points midway through the second half but this was as close as they would come as the superior depth of the staff team stopped the momentum of the Kollel team and increased its lead to the final score total of 64-53.

The next night the staff boys' and girls' teams played a double header against Camp Raleigh. In the opener, the girls extended what is now the longest winning streak in organized sports to eight years. There were some who felt that with Karen Green sidelined due to injury the streak might be in jeopardy, but the team showed that it has heart as well as talent. Led by the excellent play of Lisa Witkin and Stephanie Schechter, and the super-human inside play of Ora Nordlicht, the girls team came away with an exciting 25-20 victory.

The boys' game was a see-saw battle with neither team being able to open up a sizeable lead. However, in the fourth quarter Raleigh's obvious height advantage proved too much for Morasha to contend with and the staff team suffered its first loss of the season.

NEXT DRAMA PRODUCTION FEATURES ILANOT

The next production of the Morasha Stage will feature the Ilanot next Wednesday and Thursday in "The Importance of Being Earnest"

Directed by Ricki Zibbitt, leads will include Jeffrey Kupietsky, Avi Steinlauf, Elie Landau, Ari Blech, and Jed Bergman for the boys and Joy Weinstein, Nechama Zibbitt, Shulie Rubin, and Sara Fruchter for the girls.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tonite: 10:15 P.M. Staff Lecture, Guest Speaker: Ms. Marcia Kirshblum Bondi
Monday, 12:30 P.M. Lubavitch Bookmobile
August 19: Staff Cafe Night

PARSHAT MAATOT

By David Kupchik
High School Kollel

The very first posuk in this week's Parsha says:

וידבר משה אל ראשי המטות.
The obvious question raised is, why does Mosheh tell this parsha specifically to the "heads of the tribes"- in most of the Torah Mosheh speaks to the entire B'nei Yisroel? Rashi says simply that the reason is because Mosheh wanted to give special respect to the leaders of the tribes and then it would be taught to the rest of B'nei Yisroel.

Ramban interprets the posuk more deeply: Mosheh is talking only to the "Roshei Hamatot" because if the entire parsha of Hatarat N'dorim- nullifying your vows- would be told to B'nei Yisroel, they would not treat this law very seriously. The result would be that everyone will be making vows constantly and would not be fearful of the consequences of violating them. Therefore, Mosheh talks only to the "Yochid Mumchah"- people who have s'micha from Mosheh Rabbenu, who are wise enough to realize that even though the Torah allows for Hatarat N'dorim, they are careful enough to watch their Lashon.

From this explanation by the Ramban we clearly see the importance of our Shmirat Halashon- Guarding our tongues.

The Chofetz Chaim once saw a person speaking Lashon Harah together with a person writing a telegram. The Chafetz Chaim told the person speaking Lashon Harah that he should learn from his friend who is writing the telegram: "Just as he is careful with every word he writes because the more words written, the higher the cost- you, too, should refrain from any improper speech because it could lead to a transgression of a negative commandment."

How much we have to learn from the Chafetz Chaim!

Shabbat Shalom!

MIDDAH OF THE WEEK...

KIBBUD AV V'AIM

By Rabbi Allen Schwartz
Educational Staff

Our Rabbis of Blessed Memory show how the Torah explains how close our relationship with our parents is to our relationship with Hashem. Indeed, we can almost say that just as Hashem created Adam and Chava, our parents created us. For when Chava gave birth to her first son, she exclaimed "I have acquired a male child from Hashem," as if to say in the language of Chazal,

שלשה שותפין הן באדם: הקב"ה, אביו ואמו

And just as the Torah commands us to honor and fear Hashem, the Torah tells us also to honor and fear our parents. The Gemara in Kiddushin tells stories of Rabbis who fulfilled this Mitzvah to great extremes, and then concludes that none of them honored their parents to the full extent. In light of this Shimon bar Yochai calls Kibbud Av V'Aim the hardest of all mitzvot.

Regarding the reward for Kibud Av V'Aim, Philo of Alexandria asks a question: Why does the Torah say to perform these mitzvot so that we can live a long life? Shouldn't we perform this mitzvah so that our parents should live a long life?

The answer is that when our children see us honoring our parents and treating them properly in their old age our children will treat us in the same way, Im Yertza Hashem, in our old age.

In this way, when we honor our parents, it is for the purpose that they should have a long and fulfilling life. And when our children see us behaving in such a way, they will in turn honor us, which will, as the Torah says, serve to lengthen our own days.

....These are the things for which man eats the fruits in this world and reaps the benefits in the world to come: Kibud Av V'Aim...
Mishnah Pe'ah

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STAFFER OF THE ISSUE...

AN INTERVIEW WITH OUR WAITER.....

RABBI SAUL BERMAN

KEITH RHINE

By Rita Siff

By Sheva Berezin, G 7

Head of the Jewish Studies Department at Stern College for the past thirteen years and newly appointed Spiritual Leader of the Lincoln Square Synagogue, Rabbi Saul Berman is the official "Camp Rabbi" of Morasha for the month of July.

In his position here Rabbi Berman is responsible to paskan Shaylot (decide questions of Jewish law) related to the camp kitchen and general camp policy such as the character of programming during the Three Weeks. He also teaches a full load of Sheurim for Morasha staff, male and female, on ethical and practical topics.

In addition, Rabbi Berman is very much involved in directing the various Mitzvot Maasayot projects this summer. Much enthusiasm had been generated by T'vilat Kailim, Affixing Mezuzot, and Burying Shaymot as camp experiences.

"Interacting with an extraordinary staff of people who are remarkably religiously intense" is the most interesting part of Rabbi Berman's work in camp.

His second year in Morasha, our camp rabbi is joined by his wife Shelly and children Shama, 9½, a traveler, Efrath, 6½, and Akiva, 3, in Day Camp, and Esther Golda, 10 months, at home on Boys' Campus.

"Use this opportunity at Morasha to learn as much as possible," Rabbi Berman advises our readers.

Rabbi Berman will leave Morasha at the end of the first month to take up his new position at Lincoln Square. We wish him continued Hatzlacha in all of his many endeavors.

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Q. Where do you come from?

A. I live in Brooklyn

Q. What do you do during the year?

A. I will be starting law school at the end of August.

Q. What made you decide to be a waiter?

A. I have to leave camp early and couldn't take a full summer job.

Q. How many years have you been in Morasha?

A. This is my fifth year on staff.

Q. Do you ever get tired of waiting on the same tables?

A. NEVER, I love all of the people at my tables.

Q. What's your favorite meal to serve?

A. Breakfast- choice of eggs.

Q. Which tables do you wait on?

A. I serve three Ed Staff and Shtili Girls first shift and Ilanot and SDP Girls the second shift.

Q. What have you learned from the Ilanot Girls?

A. I learned how to be young again.

Q. What time do you get up in the morning?

A. At 6:30 A.M.

Q. Which meal do you most enjoy eating?

A. Steak and French Fries.

Q. What is your advice to our readers?

A. Don't ever become a waiter!!!

CANTEEN SPECIALS OF THIS WEEK

TROPICAL PUNCH ICE JUICEE !!!

New Tangy Taste.....30 ¢

WINKIES.....only 10¢ a pack

FRUIT CHEWS.....Yummy 5¢

AA BATTERIES AND CROCHETING HOOKS ON ORDER.

FROM OUR READERS

POINT OF VIEW...

SHIRIAH SUPPLIES EXCITEMENT; BOYS WIN THIRD TIME IN SUCCESSION

B'NAI B'RITH DAY PROVIDES IMPETUS FOR LEARNING AND YEARNING

By Sheva Berezin, G 7

By Mark N. Klein

In Camp B'nai B'rith, on Thursday, July 12, a group of two hundred friends spent the day together. They came from various parts of North America, and although they share the same likes, dislikes, trends and fads, were as diverse as the spectrum in their outlooks. Their ideas and beliefs may have clashed in respect to religious practice, but the common denominator captivated the day. We are one.

We all have the same goals in life. To marry, raise a Jewish family, and strengthen and preserve Judaism. There are different approaches by which these goals can be achieved, and believe me, each one will be utilized by this group of two hundred friends.

We may come from different upbringings and environments, yet we were each other's peers and contemporaries. We all knew what it means to have questions and doubts, and we tried to help each other deal with them.

In this we both succeeded and failed. But this day was magical. Even our failures were successes. They helped to break down the walls and dispel the stereotypes that existed before the day started. It's been said that Jews identify with each other out of necessity. On magical Thursday we identified with each other out of choice.

We argued and agreed with the same purpose: To be the best Jews that we are able. We went there to learn. To learn why we believe and how we practice. When the day was over, we continued to learn and think. For a while, I believe, we will be learning and yearning for questions and answers that will help us fully understand ourselves. I would like to thank everyone involved for making B'nai B'rith - Morasha Day the phenomenal success that it was.

(Mark Klein, together with Aviva Appleman, were the Morasha SDP Co-ordinators for the event.)

Sunday night - a most exciting evening - Morasha's annual Shiriah took place. For the third year in a row the boys were the winners. Their songs were Boruch Hu Elokenu and Verushalayim, unanimously favored by the judges, and Adon Olam.

The girls sang Shabbichi favored by the judges and L'yehudim and Modim. Modim was composed by our very own Maish Yarmush.

We were also privileged to hear beautiful selections from the Day Camp (who deserved to win), and the SDP.

All in all, it was a very exciting and beautiful evening.

I N T E R B U N K

All Bunk winners in last week's JUMBLED contest were second timers: Girls 8, 10, Boys 7, 15, 16. A new winner was the Sports Staff and a nameless entry. The Office Staff, Machon Boys, JSS Kolliel, and G 5 each missed by one.

Each of the words defined below contain TAR in the position indicated. Submit answers by Sunday at 10 AM.

1. T A R _ _ _ _ Late
2. _ _ _ _ T A R Folk singer's instrument
3. _ T A R _ _ _ Deprive of food
4. _ _ _ _ T A R Building material
5. _ _ _ _ T A R _ _ Pudding dessert
6. _ _ _ _ _ T A R _ Person holding high office
7. _ _ _ _ _ T A R _ Beginning, basic
8. T A R _ _ _ _ _ Waterproof canvas.

Wrap - Ups

ROVING REPORTER...ROVING REPORTER... ROVING REPORTER...ROVING REPORTER...ROVING REPORTER..

QUESTION: WHAT'S THE BEST PART OF TRIP DAY?

ANSWERS:

- Michelle Greenberg, G 3: Going back to civilization.
- Debbi Ulreich, G 3: Themovies.
- Gary Wallin, Technician: Staying with the Black Team.
- Leah Friedman, G 3, and Ilana Gordon, G 3: No Shiurim.
- Michal Wahrhaftig, G 2: We get to swim in a pool.
- Jody Rochtwarger, G 2: You could buy an air conditioner if you had the money.
- Ruth Raskas, G 2: We get to go shopping.
- Tamar Raskas, G 2: You can spend as much money as you please.
- Jeffrey Feder, Machon: There are no Nitzies to take care of.
- Debra Shor, G 3: It's something different.
- David Boim, B 11: Being almost free.
- Eytan Feiner, B 14: Being able to buy my own food.
- Hillel Scheinfeld, B 14: Buying more comics.
- Seth Gribetz, B2: Spending a lot of money.
- Jeffrey Mann, B 17: The air conditioning indoors.
- Jeremy Ives, B 1: It let's us forget all about school.
- Howie Polonetsky, JC, B 4: Being off.
- Ari Sandberg, B 4: We don't have to sit around camp.
- Leora Adler, Machon: The mall.
- David Bistricher, B 1: Seeing a good movie.
- Meryl Rosenfeld, G 3: We get up late.
- Shana Feiner, G 2: Finally get a day off.
- Sara Klein, G 2: You get to hug your friend through a scary movie.
- Lori Turkel, G 3: We get a change for the better.
- Aviva Kallus, G 1: Leaving camp.
- Rivka Carmel, G 1: No regular activities.
- Rachel Kronish, JC, G4: Being out of camp.
- Dena Press, JC, G 2: The hot showers in the JCC
- Danny Feinberg, B 5: Coming back and going to sleep in my own bed.
- Jonathan Schwartz, B 4: Sleeping on the bus.
- Ophie Kutner, B 18: Playing video games.
- Moshe Willig, B 17: Knocking off Zush's cowboy hat.
- Elie Paul, B 4: Not getting yelled at by the counselors.
- Jeffrey Berger, B 4: No activities.
- Israel Wallach, B 17: I don't know.
- Shirley Storch, Office: Camp is so nice and quiet.
- Rena Cohn, Day Camp: Bumping up to the ceiling of the bus.
- Sharon Pfeiffer, JC ,G 18: I didn't go.
- Yael Wahrhaftig, Day Camp: My Mommy and Daddy picked me up and bought me things