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NEWS OF THE WEEK

A SERIOUS CONTEST...

CAN YOU ANSWER ANN LANDERS ? ?

Ann Landers, the noted syndicated problem solver, in one of her recent columns, published a query from "Not Kosher Enough for Our Children in Texas". N.K.E. complained that her son and daughter-in-law recently "embraced the Orthodox Jewish religion" and were creating "serious problems and a lot of ill will." She admitted that she was happy that her children had found a religion that "gives them peace of mind", but "when a mother brings a piece of cake to her son's office and he tells her he can't eat it, it hurts. Am I crazy to feel that out?!"....

How would you reply?

An award and publication in SHALHEVET will be offered to the best response from our readers. Submit your answer to the H.C. or Shalhevet office before Tuesday morning.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

The starting time of the Cafe Night this ~~Sunday~~ night in the Pargod has been moved up to 10:30 P.M. Reservations must be made in advance with the Staff Vaad.

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MORASHIA '84 COMING TO AN END

As we go to press, Morashia '84 is coming to its end. New friendships have been formed, abilities discovered, and memories instilled. Although the Gold Team seems to be in the lead, who wins doesn't really matter. It's been a growing experience for us all.

Thanks to the generals Neil Adler, Norman and Naomi Saffra, and Rena Zelefsky of Emet, and Mark Landsman, Ari Stern, Shira Lookstein, and Dalia Wallach of Shalom for outstanding leadership, and to all the participants for being such excellent followers.

NEWSBRIEFS

As a result of last week's annual in-camp meeting of the Morasha Board of Directors, Girls' Campus is slated to get a new tennis court, the basketball court on Boys' Campus will be completed, and an additional building will be added to the Bondi Complex.

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Rabbi Abraham Wahrhaftig has been appointed Administrative Assistant to the Director of Camp Morasha. We wish him much Hatzlacha in his new position.

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This year's Blood Drive surpassed all previous records. One hundred and thirteen Morashniks offered blood and 99 pints were accepted, topping by four the record set two years ago. Many thanks to Shari Appleman, R.N. who served as co-chairman of the drive.

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It is not too late to participate in the Siyum Mishnayot dedicated to the Refuah Shlaymah of a young man who is dedicating his life to Torah study. You can still sign up to learn Mishnayot in the Library or contact Rabbi Allen Schwartz.

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The speaker for tonite's Staff Oneg Shabbat will be Rabbi Allen Schwartz, popular Camp Morasha lecturer and member of the Ed. Staff. The time is 10:15 in Bondi 3,4.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

Counselors and campers are notified that Wednesday, Aug. 22nd will be the last opportunity to use canteen cards this summer. Campers may order on that day for Thursday and Friday as well, provided the order form is legibly written.

Several items will be offered at very reduced prices. Contact Joe Berlin.

Raisins and Winkies will each be 5¢.

TORAH THOUGHTS

PARSHAT EKEV

By Avrohom Rothman, H.S. Koilel

After Moshe rebuked B'nei Yisroel for the sins they had committed in the desert, he then told B'nei Yisroel that Hashem had forgiven them. However there was one request that Hashem asked of B'nei Yisroel. This request is stated in this week's Parsha, Ekev, Perek 10, Posuk 12:

"וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה מִן הַיּוֹם אֲלִיךָ שָׂאֵל מֵעַתָּה כֹּה לֵיָרֵא אֶת ה' אֱלֹהֶיךָ"
"All Hashem asks of you Yisroel, is only to fear Hashem."

The Gemora in Brochos raises the obvious question. What does the Torah mean 'only to fear Hashem'. Is fear of Hashem such an easy thing? The Kesef Nivchar gives the following answer: Moshe knew that a person will do whatever he can to gain from his actions, even if physical strain is involved. A person won't look upon this act as a burden, but rather he will do the act with ease because of profit he will gain in the end. The same is true with the commandment of Yiras Shamayim. Moshe told B'nei Yisroel that there would be a great reward for fearing Hashem. Therefore, B'nei Yisroel would be eager to perform the mitzvah of Yiras Shamayim because of its great reward.

Why is Yiras Shamayim so important that there is such a great reward for observing this mitzvah? An answer given is that from Yiras Shamayim comes all the mitzvos that one will do to serve Hashem and the mitzvos will have meaning to the person who does them. Without this yirah, all the mitzvos that one does are useless. As the Gemora says: If one learns all day, but has no Yiras Shamayim, he receives no credit for his learning, and it is better that he had not been created because he doesn't understand the message of the Torah.

Perhaps this is what Shlomo Hamelech meant when he said in Koheles: "The conclusion of the matter is to fear Hashem." And once a person has this yirah then he can fulfill the end of the posuk: "and to fulfill Hashem's commandments."

Shabbat Shalom.

Thinking about Color War...

EMET and SHALOM

By Michael Berger, Ed. Staff

Emet and Shalom are midot that have always been considered inseparable. The Zohar deems them eternally connected:
אמת ושלום קשיר דא ברא (זוהר ויקרא)

"Truth and Peace are linked one to the other."

Moshe led B'nei Yisroel with Aharon and in Jerusalem the Beit Hamelech and in Bayit Sheni the Sanhedrin itself was situated next to the Beit Hamikdash. Yet the question begs: Why are these two attributes so crucial to Israel's character?

If we recall B'riat Haolam (Creation), we are all familiar with the famous change in the G-d's name between the first and second chapters. Whereas Hashem sought to create the world only with Midat Hadin as expressed by the name Elokim, Rashi points out that Hashem found it necessary to found the earth with both Midot hadin and midat Harachemim- both justice and mercy. Without entering the philosophical implications of this, suffice it to say that the world-kind- needed both. Without Rachamim he could not last a moment- without Din, there would be total chaos.

We, who are created in Tzelem Elokim, must by our very own nature, mimic these two middot. If we do not live up to these qualities, we deny our own identity. At all levels of Jewish society, from king to layman, we are obligated to be truthful and just in all of our dealings. But if we do not temper this sometimes harsh reality with compassion and peace, we cease to imitate G-d and begin judging others.

While it is true that B'nei Yisroel as Ma'or Lagoyim must exhibit these G-d like qualities, we should also remember the universal overtones of Emet V'Shalom- they are demanded of all men in their relationships with one another.

...."You should love truth and peace"...

Zecharia

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Shalhevet Features

STAFFER OF THE ISSUE....

DR. ANDREW KLEIN

Eleven years after he left as a counselor for the youngest Nitzanim boys, Andrew Klein has returned to Morasha as an M.D. to fill the position of camp physician for August.

Unlike other Morashamiks, Dr. Klein found his Basherte at Mt. Sinai Medical School (Couple No. 1). His wife Alma is also a pediatrician. "As a matter of fact, she filled in for me yesterday." In the fall they plan to open up a practice on Long Island.

Their children are Yoni, 3 1/2, a day camper, and Ari who celebrated his first birthday with a party in camp the other day.

The Doctors Klein live in New York where Dr. Andrew graduated from Yeshiva College. He follows his brothers Doctors Howie and Norman who had both been camp physicians at Morasha.

When asked to contrast Morasha then and now, Dr. Klein commented everything is as good as always, "only a little older."

He was happy to report that there were no war casualties this week and advised all of us "not to switch hats" or braving rebuttal from the athletic department, "Don't play hockey- it's not safe."

As this reporter was leaving the infirmary, two of the doctor's staff offered additional advice. "Every doctor should go to nursing school to learn the ins and outs of day to day patient care," said Jane Kolb, R.N. in surgery at Maimonides Hospital, and "It's the nurses' aides who check for lice, check the cards, and check the thermometers," informed one of the nurses' aides, Esther Gershon, a pre-pharmacy major at U. of Md.

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THE COLOR GU-RD

By Yosef Yeshayahu

It was a great idea! Novel! Have a COLOR PEACE!!! No marching. No in-bunk fighting. No hard feelings. No chance of it happening.

Monday evening people started showing their true colors. Capped in red, blue, and yellow, a group of con artists took to the stage, and sang a color war break-out. Audience reaction: "GIVE ME A BREAK!!! Now the singers were red-faced. Next thing you know they'll condone a break-in!

Tuesday morning's breakfast brought the first protest. Golden delicious scrambled eggs. Fowl play! And golden-yellow chilled orange juice. Not fair!

By mid-day, everyone was speculating as to why the splurge on hats for everyone. There's no truth to the rumor that the canteen is simply adding the cost to your tab.

At first, the committee suggested a team color for Emes that was only visible under special ultra-violet lights. After all, they postulated, the truth is often hard to find, especially in times of war. A battery-operated UV light was to be attached to each Emes member's hat. Everybody liked the idea at first, especially since the lamps could be rented and the canteen was over-supplied with batteries. Shalom then asked that Raisin Bran be served for breakfast to symbolize how two different species could live together in peace and harmony.

The war got underway and concluded without incident. Soon, peace settled upon the Poconos, and the hillside began its wait for trip day. Color it serene.

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INTERBUNK

The Champion in last week's CHAMPIONSHIP contest was Boys' Bunk 16, the frontrunner in year's Interbunk Contest.

For the last contest of the season: See how many words of five letters you can find in DELIGHTFUL. There are at least 39. Submit entries by Monday at 10 A.M.

Morashia

SHALOM- TO EMULATE AHARON HAKOHEN

By Michal Chesir and Jackie Samuels, SDP Shalom

"Be like the Talmidim of Aharon: Love peace, pursue peace, love mankind, and bring them close to Torah"

Aharon is well known for his pursuing of peace amongst the people of Israel. He saw human relations as one of the most important factors in Judaism. He was aware that if Shalom is apparent within the nation, it will be all the harder for the other nations of the world to break us down.

Aharon did not however only passively wait for peace to come to the Jews, but rather sought after it. The mannerisms by which Aharon achieved his goal of peace helped to build this reputation. In the famous story of the two men who were arguing, Aharon went to each man individually and said that the other wanted to apologize. In this way both men were ready to accept the other man. Had it not been for the concern of Aharon for Shalom, the two men might never have reunited as friends.

We cannot all be on the same level as Aharon, although it is definitely a goal to strive towards. We should try to learn his ways and emulate his approach.

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SHALOM POEM

By Sheera Thurm & Zahava Wietschner
Shtilis

- C- Color War is here this week
- O- On Tuesday was the start.
- L- Later it will reach its peak
- O- On Thursday it will be taken to heart
- R- Remeber always to keep a friend.
- W- Whether you win or lose in the end.
- A- Ahava is important all the time.
- R- Ruach will help us finish this rhyme.

ONE OF MAN'S GREATEST PURSUITS

By Ari Berman, Shalom Ilanot

Shalom! One of man's greatest pursuits. As Dovid Hamelech said:

סור מרע ועסה טוב בקט שלום ורדפהו
Depart from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it." So it was with Aharon Hakohen who the Gemara calls 'Ohaiv Shalom V'Rodaph Shalom.' Hillel used to say "Be of the disciples of Aharon- loving and pursuing Shalom, loving mankind and attracting them to Torah."

It says in Yisro, Perek 17, posuk 2 in reference to the giving of the Torah:

וַיִּתֵּן שָׁם יִשְׂרָאֵל נֶגֶד הַהָר.

So, why doesn't it say וַיִּתֵּן ? Since there was Shalom, Am Yisroel was considered like one. Since Am Yisroel was considered like one, Hashem gave the Torah. So because of Shalom, Hashem gave the Torah.

Let us compare this to our time. If Israel and all Jews had Shalom, and because of Shalom they learned Torah, maybe, just maybe, Moshiach would come.

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COLOR WAR

By Avi Kwitel, Emet Nitzanim

Color War seems to me like fun. In Color War we do all the sports you can think of.

In Color War even though we're fighting against others' teams, those kids on that team are still our friends. Also the kids on the other team have good traits.

In this camp I think we have the best Color War.

I would like my team to win.