



MORASHIA
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NEWS OF THE WEEK

Z'MAN WINS COLOR WAR BY SEVEN POINTS

By an amazingly slim margin of seven points, the Red Team- Z'man won Morashia '86 in what was rated one of the best color wars in Morasha history.

Led by Generals Barry Sklar and Beth Sirota, Lieutenant Generals Ronnie Morris and Meira Shulman, Captains Lawrence Burian and Miriam Kwalwasser, and Lieutenants Hillel Scheinfeld and Shoshana Twersky, the team's success came about through combined abilities in all types of activities.

Coordinating Committee Chairman, Rabbi Tully Besser, in closing ceremonies, marvelled at the camaraderie among all the teams and their leaders and the fantastic results of their endeavors.

Blue Team Generals Alan Sorscher and Rachel Landau and Lieutenant Generals Eli Sanders and Rebecca Teicher and White Team's Yossie Hecht and Phyllis Witkin and David Dessau and Karen Zomick as well as all campers were lauded for outstanding and middah-filled performance.

Wednesday's finale also included special performances by the infamous Black Team of Shoftim-Shotrim and the loveable Day Campers.

Everyone in Morasha- Administration, Staff, and Campers was a winner just to have participated in Morashia '86.

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WINDING DOWN.....

Fri. Nite: Speaker: Rabbi Benjamin Blech,
"Israel Is Not Perfect: So What?"
10:15, Pargod

Motzai Shabbat: The Best of Morasha- High-
lights of the Past Five Years in Song
and Dance

Motzai Shabbat: Staff Saturday Night Live

Monday, 10:30 A.M.....L'HITRAOT

M * A * S * H TO BE DRAMATICS FINALE

M*A*S*H, adapted from the movie and directed by Ricki Zibitt, 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.

An ensemble production, the comedy will star Mark Hyman, David Zimbalist, Phyllis Witkin, Jonathan Stochel, Aryen Weiner, Mark Klein, Bonnie Soskin, Terry Simckes, Dara Kanevsky, Michal Chesir, and Maier Nordlicht.

Also Moshe Wertenteil, Eli Sanders, Zisi Rappaport, Atara Mednick, Lee Loewenstein, Eve Loewenstein, Miriam Simpson, Sheri Kinek, and Yitz Motechin.

Props and sets are by Chaim Zeitz and Jeff Cohen who will master sound, lighting, and special effects.

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"CHES AID" ADDED TO COLORWAR COMPETITION PRACTICAL PROGRAMS RECOMMENDED

As an innovation in this year's Color War, "Ches-Aid" competition was instituted. Each team submitted two ideas for practical chesed projects which their community could offer.

The first place entry, submitted by Aviva Fried and Ailiza Katz of Z'man, suggested instituting a "Jewish Holiday Hotline." In this service a hotline would be made available to call for information concerning halacha about specific holidays.

Other ideas were (White Team) a letter writing campaign to children in Russia to let them know we are trying to free them and a (Blue Team) "self agricultural improvement plan" in which American children would sell Jaffa oranges and flowers imported from Israel and send the profits back to Israel for agricultural needs. "This will beautify the K'dushah of Eretz Yisroel to make it look like Gan Eden," suggested Yaakov Ottensosser, B 14

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NITZAN IM PRESENT "MY ROBOT BUDDY"

Thirty-plus Nitzis staged "My Robot Buddy" last night in the Mercazia directed by Richie Saffron, Nicole Schreiber, and Rebecca Teicher. Ricki Zibitt, Dramatics Head, supervised.

TORAH THOUGHTS

A D'VAR TORAH ON

OUR FACULTY WRITES ON....

PARSHAT EKEV

By Danny Mann, Y.P. Kollel

Throughout the Torah there are countless lessons we can learn about the proper behavior and attitudes we should have. Both fortunately, most of the lessons can be uncovered only if we search for them, with the help of Chazal and various commentaries.

In Sefer Dvarim, Moshe presents B'nei Yisrael with his final instructions and offers them straightforward musar. We can understand Moshe's inspiring words if we pay close attention to the reading of the Torah in shul or read an English translation. It is very important to take advantage of this opportunity. Of course, closer investigation will uncover additional insight.

This week's parsha contains a message especially significant for us at the end of the camp season. In Perek 8 Moshe warns B'nei Yisrael about the dangers of becoming so used to luxuries that they stop appreciating how fortunate they are. This would cause them to forget that Hashem's kindness is the source of their good fortune and ultimately lead them to sin.

We should learn from Moshe's warning and appreciate what Hashem has done for all of us. But we should also be thankful to His messengers whom we are likely to overlook. In camp there are many people who provide us with the good that Hashem has prescribed. Before we leave camp we should think about all the people who helped us and thank our counselors, sheurim teachers, waiters, division head, etc. for making our summer enjoyable and meaningful. We could even thank our bunkmates (or co-workers, as the case may be) for doing us favors and putting up with us.

This is also the time to remember and thank those who take care of us all year long. We owe a great deal to our parents who provide us with all of our needs, from food and clothing to sending us to Morasha and everything in between. After being away for the summer, it may be a little easier to notice what we took for granted during the year. When we consider how fortunate we are and how much we owe to Hashem and people, we'll be better Jews and happier people.

PARSHAT EKEV

By Rabbi Daniel Rhein
Educational Director

In this week's Parsha of Ekev, Moshe speaks to B'nei Yisroel and encourages them saying: If B'nei Yisroel will listen to these laws and mitzvot, then Hashem will fulfill his promises to our Avot. We will have everything good and will have no need to fear the nations around us. If you'll wonder how can we inherit the powerful nations, don't worry. Hashem has already showed us his might and greatness during Metzivat Mitzrayim and will do so again.

This theme of "Keeping the commitment" has been dramatically demonstrated to us again and again. But in return Hashem asks us to keep his mitzvot. Rashi says this refers to the "simple" ones that people who aren't sensitive would ignore.

We have so many opportunities to do easy mitzvot daily- be it B'rochos, Tzitzit, Tzedakah, Talmud Torah, Kibud Av V'Aim, or Ahavat Chaverim. If we are diligent in observing these easy mitzvot, Hashem's promises will be fulfilled.

As camp draws to a close, let's continue doing the good things we did daily in camp. Remember that the summer is the time to prepare ourselves for the rest of the year.

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D'VAR TORAH ON PARSHAT EKEV

By Yosef Nussbacher, Machon

Through the doing of Mitzvot Kalot, we show that we are devoting all of our time to the doing of Hashem's will. If we can all observe and attach the appropriate importance to the doing of mitzvot kalot, hopefully we will be zocheh to see the kiyum of the second half of the posuk, "U'shmor Hashem Elokechah l'chah et habrit" Bimhayrah b'yamenu. -----Team Tevah

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by Tdana Goldberg

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זמית המפקדים והלכנו בחזקת אשש הקנים ואמרו
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מורשיה התעלה וישיגה מעל טוב אלם לבגדיו

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COLORWAR BREAKOUT

By Tzipi Wasserman, Ilanot, Blue

Everyone suspected that it was a color-war breakout, but no one knew for sure. The whole camp was squished into the Marcazia waiting for the "Harlem Wizards" to appear. After an hour of waiting, they finally arrived.

First they showed us some of their tricks. After a few minutes of entertainment, Text, the "Wizard", showed the Morasha Team how to play the game.

Machzor Aleph was supposed to leave after half-time, but Stretch and Mark put up a fight with Zush and the Nitzis and Shtilis got to stay for "Only a little while longer."

The Wizards, with a wide lead, decided that they were bored of basketball, and they started to play baseball. After a hard game of baseball, two of the wizards started fighting over a drink of water. A cup of water was thrown into the bleachers, and the rest of the wizards marched out with red, white, and blue balloons.

The generals were called up by Tova and Zush and they were given their hats.

When everyone was back in their bunks, they were given their booklets and hats.

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THE BLUE TEAM THEME

By Sharon Fischer, Machon

The theme of our team Tevah is the holiness in nature. It is our obligation in life to make nature holy. Therefore, daily occurrences such as wasting food and ruining nature are prohibited. Through observing these prohibitions as well as other related Mitzvot such as Shmita and Yovel we prove our awareness that G-d created the world.

Holiness in nature, time, and the human being is what makes the Jew a special and unique person. Hopefully, the time will come when every Jew embodies holiness and fulfills his ultimate purpose.

NEVER EMBARASS PEOPLE

By Yossie Oratz, Nitzanim, White

Let's say the white team plays the blue team, and white wins. The white team shouldn't say that the blue team is not good at sports. Like if a person makes a party and invites this man and he doesn't come and by accident this other man comes, he shouldn't throw him out like Kamtza and Bar Kamtza when BarKamtza made a party and by accident Kamtza came.

Bar Kamtza said to his servants, "Who is that man? Go over to him and ask him to leave."

"Please let me stay. I'll pay for the party."

"You have to go."

"Please let me stay."

The guard threw out Kamtza. So Kamtza went to Rome. Then he said to the emperor, "The Jews hate you."

"I don't believe it," said the emperor.

"So send a sacrifice, and you'll see they won't take it."

The emperor sent a sheep to the Jews. Secretly Kamtza took out a knife and scraped the sheep. The Jews sent back the animal. The emperor started war. It shows never to embarrass people.

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D'VAR TORAH ON PARSHAT EKEV

By Meredith Deutsch, Shtilim, Red

It says in Parshat Ekev, "Ki Tomar Bilvovecha" Why does it say "Ki", "If"? Rashi answers, maybe you will say in your heart, because they are so large you will not be able to dispose of your enemies. Don't say that.

Rashi continues by saying that in the next posuk, it says "Lo Tirah Mikem". Do not be afraid of them. It says this as if to answer the posuk before. Don't say we will not be able to dispose of them. Just believe in Hashem and there is nothing to fear from your enemies.

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IT DOESN'T MATTER

If you are not on the same team as your best friend, it doesn't matter....T.Wadler, Red N.