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- News of the Week -

GREEN/NEVIIM TEAM WINS COLOR WAR; FINALE IS MEMORABLE

After a memorable finale including presentation of camp (Mechitzat Pargod) and Art Projects, the Day Camp Show, the new Comedy Song, and of course Shiriah, Morashia 1987 concluded with the announcement of the Green/Neviim Team as the winner by six points.

Rabbi Tully Besser, Chairman of the Coordinating Committee, in full form, m.c.'d the proceedings, which also included a presentation by the Coordinating Committee led by Ahuva Epstein ("Because we survived the Color War") and words of appreciation to all who were involved. (Almost every one)

Innovations in this year's Color War included competition in Mishnayot Beal Peh and a Matman Sefer (Information Hunt) besides a comedy song. (All teams reminded us of chicken pox and intercamps-or lack of them-and the advantages of nights at the library). Divrei Torah and Ches-Aid continued from last year as well as the traditional sports, banner, and Shalhevet matches.

All the Generals David Sheer and Elissa Schwartz, K'tuyim; Yitzchok Motechin and Aidel Newman, Neviim, and Jeff Meuhlgay and Rena Rivkin, Torah; their Lieutenant Generals David Glatt and Rachel Mohl, Josh Zauderer and Susan Reisler, and Noam Wasserman and Judy Koppelman, and their teams- all the campers in Morasha- were lauded for outstanding achievement, camaraderie, and a job well done.

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ILANOT BOYS SANDWICH ICE CREAM AND CHESD

Ilanot Boys raised \$ 50 for Tzedakah this summer while enjoying treats from D.J.'s. Barry Finkelstein, an Ilanot counselor, biked to the Ice cream outlet daily to pick up the goodies. Each customer added 20¢ to the price of his order as a contribution to Tzedakah.

The ice cream may have melted, but the Tzedakah and Mitzvot remain. Yeyasher Koach to Barry and the bunk coordinators.

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IMPORTANT: CANDLE LIGHTING TIME IN LAKE COMO TODAY IS 6:33 P.M. camp time. Be ready.....

SHMITAID WINS CHES-AID COMPETITION; RUNNERS - UP ALSO EXCELL

SHMITAID was the winner in the Ches-Aid project of Morashia competition. Submitted by Simone Rudoff and Elisheva Pomeranze of the Torah/White Team, this idea would raise funds to subsidize Israeli farmers observing Shmitta through a concert tour in America.

The concert would feature Jewish music stars (m.c.'d by Stretch) who would donate their time and talent in New York, Chicago, and Los Angeles. The girls suggested the sale of Shmitaid t-shirts and kippot for added income at the concert. Thus American Jewry would be enjoying themselves while aiding their Israeli brethren observe a Mitzva that is Tolui B'Aretz.

The Ches-Aid competition was introduced to Morashia last year by Rabbi Saul Berman. Its purpose is to suggest a project that develops from the team theme which can be implemented in the community.

Runners-up in the competition were Jason Finkelstein, Green, Nitzanim, who would set up a system of volunteers to help widows erev Shabbas and Yom Tov particularly erev Pesach. The system would operate through a telephone hotline.

Tamar Raskas and Shana Feiner, Blue, Machzor Bet, suggested that we collect wrappers from all Israeli products, submit them to the companies who would then donate a percentage of the profits as financial aid to people who want to make Aliya.

Shoshana Rudinsky of White's Machzor Aleph suggested that we in camp add on 1/10 of whatever we spend in the canteen and donate to a fund to help farmers during the Shmita year.

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BOYS WATERFRONT CONDUCTS BIATHALON

Boys' Waterfront conducted a Biathalon in which the competitors had to swim from Boys' to Machon, then run back to Boys. Winners were Elan Grobman of Ilanot, first; Hertzl Askarinan of J.S.S. Kollel, second, and Jeff Silverman, Ilanot, third.

FOUND: MAN'S WATCH NEAR CANTEEN. SEE RABBI Z.

TORAH thoughts

PARSHAT RE'EH

By Simcha Axelrod, H.S. Kolliel

In this week's Parsha, we find the prohibition of eating milk and meat together. The posuk states, "For Thou are a holy nation unto Hashem, your G-d; thou shalt not see the a kid in its mother's milk." The obvious question raised is, what is the connection between the first half of the posuk and the second half? After all, how are we by abstaining from eating milk and meat a holy nation?

The first answer comes from a medrash in the Yalkut Reuvani. When Moshe went up to Hashem to receive the Torah for Bnei Yisroel, the angels tried to hold Moshe back. Hashem then changed the face of Moshe to the image of Avrohom and He said to them; "Bnei Yisroel do not eat milk and meat together, but you angels ate milk and meat together when you went to visit Avraham, therefore you will not receive the Torah." Had it not been for the prohibition of milk and meat, the angels would have received the Torah. But now, B'nei Yisroel, by separating milk and meat are the holy nation. That's why the posuk states, "for thou are a holy nation" - thou, and not the angels.

A deeper interpretation was given by the Ramban. The Ramban writes that although milk and meat is not an abhorrent food combination (since one can eat milk and meat separately), Hashem prohibited it because we are a holy nation and have to act accordingly. Hashem does not want us to be a cruel people who do not feel it is wrong to milk a mother and cook its offspring in the milk. Therefore, the connection between the first phrase and the second is clearly seen.

As this is the last week of camp, we should all go home with a message from this week's parsha: that we are a holy nation and thus we have to act, dress, speak, and behave in a unique manner - through the observance of the Torah. And with that observance may we merit to the building of the Beis Hamikdash Bimhayrah v'yemaynu, amain.

Shabbat Shalom.

D'VAR TORAH ON THE PARSHA- RE'EH

BY Jonathan Zimbalist, Machon - Green

This week's Parsha, Parshat Re'eh teaches us the important Jewish trait of Tzedakah.

Parshat Re'eh teaches us that any loans that have not been paid back by Shmittah year become annulled. Because of this commandment people feared giving charitable loans to the poor. When a creditor knew that the money he was giving out would never be paid back because of the Shmitta year, he would be reluctant to give out loans, even charitable ones.

Therefore, the Torah states, "Watch yourself, that you should not have in your heart any thought not to give Tzedakah to the poor because the Shmitta year is coming (if you don't give Tzedakah because of this reason) and the poor man cries out to Hashem because of lack of money, then you have sinned."

By the Torah stressing the importance of Tzedaka even during Shmita year when the loaner does not have constant income, how much more so today we should give Tzedakah when our businesses are not affected by the Shmitta laws.

Finally Hashem comforts us that if we give Tzedakah to the poor we will be rewarded with a long life and prosperity.

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D'VAR TORAH ON PARSHAT RE'EH

By Akiva Willig, Nitzanim - Blue

In Parshat Re'eh the Torah says: V'yerash-tem otah v'yeshavtem bo... From here we learn that living in Eretz Yisroel is equal to all the Mitzvot of the Torah. How is this possible?

The Ramban explains that the real place for Mitzvot is only in Eretz Yisroel. We keep Mitzvot in Golus so that we shouldn't forget how to do them. He gives the following example: A king got angry at his wife and threw her out of his palace. He told her to wear jewelry so that when he invites her back to the palace she should not forget how to be beautiful. So too Hashem threw us out of Israel, but told us to keep Mitzvot so we will remember how to do them when we come back.

