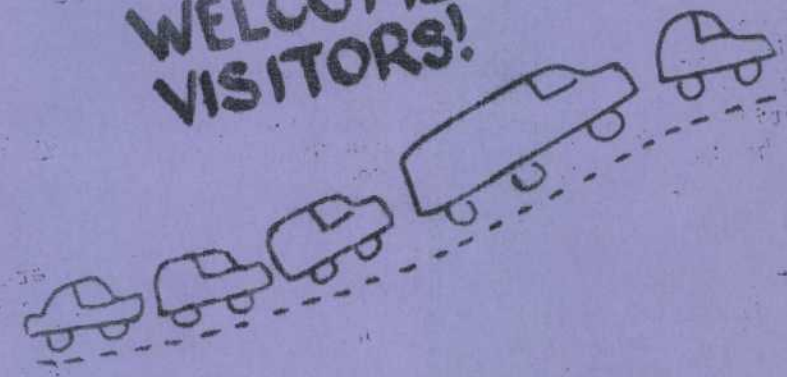




WELCOME VISITORS!



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News of the Week

MORASHA PREPARES FOR 25th ANNUAL VISITING DAY FOR CAMPERs, PARENTS, & FORMER STAFF

Newly affixed signs and the unique scent of freshly mowed lawns abound as Morasha prepares for its 25th Annual Visiting Day which will take place on Sunday. (Actually our count may be off a little since in the early years there were two Visiting Days each season.)

Former staff have been invited to join the festivities along with campers and their guests. A buffet lunch will be served in the Dining Room at 12:30.

In honor of the occasion a special musical program will be presented in the Mercazia at 2 P.M. (Camp Time) Alufot, Machon, and other campers will perform.

Morashaniks who are children of former campers and staffers will be invited to sign the Offspring Tally sheet.

Enjoy your guests- don't eat too much !!
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SHTILI GIRLS "ESCAPE FROM RUSSIA" IN MOVING NIGHT ACTIVITY

In a moving night activity Wednesday at Bondi, Shtilim Girls learned some hard facts of life as they set up an "Escape From Russia" program.

With Counselors Sharon Friedman and Yael Shmidman in charge, the Bondis were transformed into offices of Russian bureaucrats and the Shtilis were forced to go from one to another having to think up excuses for their valid release.

Counselors and some specialty staff played the role of KGB'ers and other Bureaucrats to simulate the "frustration of bureaucracy" which an escape entails.

Tears were seen in the eyes of some of the Shtilis who couldn't stand to see the mean manner in which the Jews were treated.

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ONEG SHABBAT

Speaker: Rabbi Mordecai Willig, 10:15 Pargod

MORASHANIKS RAISE \$1500 IN UNPRECEDENTED TREE DRIVE

To offset the wanton Churban of trees in Israel by our enemies during the past several months, Morashaniks, in a most fitting response, have raised \$1500 to purchase new trees through the Keren Kayemet L'Yisrael.

An appeal was launched in all divisions on Tisha B'Av. The response by campers and staff has exceeded all expectations. Three hundred trees will be purchased.

In conjunction with our drive here, Sulam in Israel is actually planting some of the trees with our donations in mind besides their own.

If you would like to join the Morasha effort, let your counselor know. Staff can contact Michelle Sarasohn or Mimi Hershkowitz.

Everyone- campers, staff, and administration at Morasha deserve a hearty Yeyasher Koach for this outpouring expression of solidarity with Am Yisroel and Eretz Yisroel.

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WELCOME

SHALHEVET EXTENDS A WARM WELCOME TO DR. EDITH BONDI OF OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON HER ANNUAL MORASHA VISIT.

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KOL TORAH GROWS LOUDER IN MORASHA

The Kol Torah in Morasha is gaining volume as voluntary extra Shiurim meet with increased attendance.

Besides the early morning learning with Dovid and Yitz of Waterfront, Nitzi and Shitli boys can opt for Mishnayot Senhedrin with Rabbi Zev Leibowitz 20 minutes before Mincha. Many counselors of Nachzor Bet conduct learning sessions with campers for 10 minutes after davening. All are invited.

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HAZEL TOV ON THEIR BAR MITZVAHS

to
ARYEH MANDEL and family

and
NICOLAS MUZIN and family.

TORAH

THOUGHTS

OUR FACULTY WRITES...

A DIVAR TORAH ON.....

ON PARSHAT V'ETCHANAN

PARSHAT V'ETCHANAN

By Rabbi David Wadler

By Avraham Rothman, Y.P. Kolliel

Parshat V'Etchanan begins with Moshe Rabbeinu pleading with Hashem to allow him to enter Eretz Yisrael. Hashem's answer as told by Moshe was: "Hashem turned angrily against me because of you." It would seem that Hashem did not allow Moshe to enter Eretz Yisrael because of B'nei Yisrael.

If you examine the episode in Parshat Chukat (20:12) a different reason is given. The Torah tells us that Moshe hit the stone to bring forth water, and his punishment is: "Because you had no confidence in me to sanctify me in the eyes of the Children of Israel therefore you shall not bring this congregation to the land which I had given them."

It is clear that Moshe was punished for hitting the stone. How then can Moshe blame Bnei Yisrael for his faults?

A possible explanation for Moshe's reasoning is as follows (as heard from Rabbi M. Savitsky): Moshe Rabbeinu's main task as the leader of B'nei Yisrael was to raise them to a high level of Emunat Hashem. A test of Bnei Yisrael's faith was to see if they were worthy of seeing the great miracle of the rock bringing forth water by merely talking to it. When it became obvious that Bnei Yisrael were not worthy, Moshe resorted to hitting the stone, which was a much smaller miracle. Moshe is punished not for hitting the stone, but for not bringing Bnei Yisrael to a higher madraigah of Emunat Hashem.

We can now understand why Moshe is correct when he blames Bnei Yisrael for his not being allowed into Eretz Yisrael. Had they followed his teaching and worked harder they would have been worthy to see the miracle of Moshe speaking to the rock to bring forth water, and Moshe would have been shown as a successful leader.

Our lesson from this Divar Torah is simple. Here in camp, and at Yeshiva, we are taught how to follow the laws of the Torah. It is our job to listen, learn, and work hard to reach the heights of Shmirat Hamitzvos and Emunat Hashem that we were taught.

Shabbat Shalom.
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JOIN AN EARLY MORNING LEARNING GROUP ! ! !

In this week's Parsha, Moshe relates to Bnei Yisrael the episode of Matan Torah and repeats the Aseres Hadibros. Subtle, albeit significant differences exist between the wording of the Dibros in Yisro and in our Parsha. One addition is the words "K'asher Tzvicha Hashem" in the Dibros of Shabbos and Kibbud Av V'Aim. Why are these words present in our Parsha, yet absent in Yisro? Furthermore, why with regard to these two Mitzvos did B'nei Yisrael need to be reminded, "as Hashem commanded?"

The Chasam Sofer offers the following explanation. Shabbos and Kibbud Av V'Aim can be classified as "logical Mitzvos." One would encounter little difficulty in convincing an individual of the need for a "week-end". Similarly, few would deny the need to honor and serve one's parents, to in some way "reimburse" them for their concern and care. However, in the Midbar, Bnei Yisrael did not "put in a week at the office" to require a "week-end". Likewise, they did not necessarily "owe" their parents, as their needs were provided directly by Hashem. Their food (i.e. the "Man") was provided daily from Heaven. The Annanei Hakovod served as their "dry cleaners", and they lacked a need for "Bloomingdale's and Macy's" as their clothes simply grew with them (Rashi - Ekev 8:4). Hence, the Dor Hamidbar (addressed in Yisro) kept these two mitzvos simply "because Hashem commanded", and did not require the reminder of "K'asher Tzvicha". However, the second generation of Bnei Yisrael (addressed in our Parsha) would soon be leaving the Midbar and entering Eretz Yisrael where, they may keep these mitzvos out of common sense. Moshe needed to remind them to continue keeping those Mitzvos "K'asher Tzvicha."

As this Sunday passes, many in camp may find good reason to honor their parents as "payment" for the delicacies, etc. so graciously delivered to camp. If we, however, still keep this Mitzvah of Kibbud Av V'Aim "K'asher Tzvicha" we will have helped rectify one of the causes of the Churban, and bring us one step closer to the Geulah Sheleimah - Bimheira B'yameinu.

עמוד עבר

תשנ"ז "ישראל"

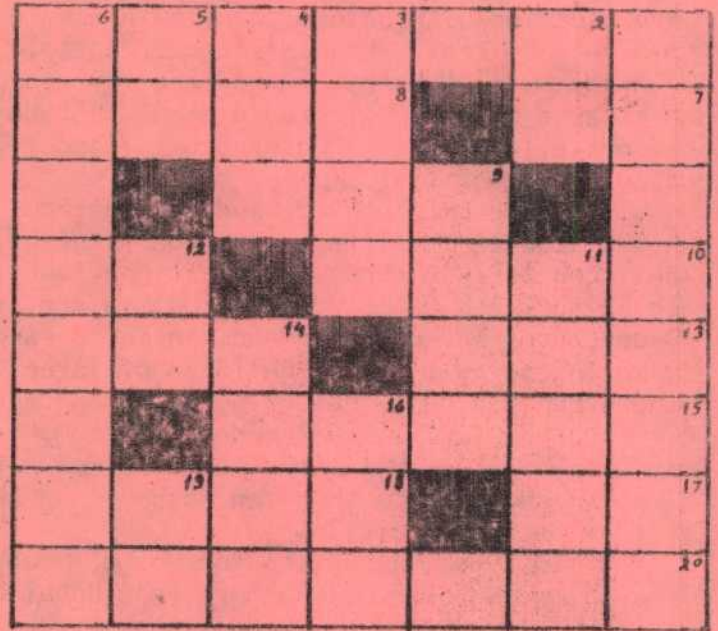


הוא לא יצא

אמא בעסה על שאול ואמרה לו: „אסור לך לצאת החוצה!“
 היה שאול עצוב, כי רצה לצאת ולשחק. פתאם מצא עצה: הוא
 אל הדלת ואמר:
 „אמא אני זכנָס החוצה.“

למה ללכת?

דני שואל: „מה את עושה אמא?“
 אמא עונה: „אני מלמדת את אחיך הקטן ללכת.“
 „אבל מדוע?“ שואל דני. „הלא יש לנו מכונת...“



ממיו לשמאל: 1. עיר-הבירה של ישראל; 7. זוחל הנושא את ביתו של הגב; 8. מי שלומד תרבה; 9. האם של מזו וקבל; 10. לא קבדים; 12. האשה של האב; 13. נהר קטן; 14. העץ plane; 15. שם רצה יעקב אבינו את החלום שלו (שתי מלים); 17. אויו; 18. הנהר אשר בו נחנה התורה לבני ישראל; 20. שם קטן ומסוד מנוכי בקרי ירושלים (שתי מלים).

מלמעלה למטה: 1. נשיא מדינת ישראל; 2. איש תורה; 3. סוף המלחמה; 4. מדוע; 5. קה אנו נוהבים ועובדים; 6. ראש ממשלה ישראל; 9. נצרה המשרתת בעבאו; 11. הלתיים שלו; 12. אלהים; 14. הדליים (buckets) שלו; 16. גו אביה מלך ירושלים; 19. גוסר למעלה (בראשי תיבות).



Shalhevet Features

STAFFER OF THE ISSUE

ILAN GEAL-DOR

Morasha's Overnight Camping program is seeing the dawn of revitalized activity this summer thanks to the expertise and leadership of department head, ILAN GEAL-DOR.

Under Ilan's guidance, "EVEN MORASHA KIDS ENJOY AN OVERNIGHT." His goal of getting Morashaniks to develop a positive attitude towards (1) going to the outdoors, and (2) to liking Israel and Israelis is quickly being attained as he leads all divisions to the woods.

Ilan has served for 4 1/2 years in the Israeli army where he was a medic and did four months of service in Lebanon. He has completed the Hesder program in Karnei Shomron.

Last summer ilan was the Israeli counselor of Morasha's Sulam program. He really enjoys Morasha and Morashaniks. Ilan's mother is English and his father Dutch, so if ice cream were part of the overnight's menu, he could have some just one hour after finishing his hot dog.

There is no camp program in Israel to compare with Morasha's according to Ilan. There the campers spend all of their time in the outdoors- usually for a stint of nine days.

True to his Chesed personality, Ilan extends an invitation to Morashaniks to come to Israel and "visit me at home." "My home is open to all of you."

When we come, at least we'll know how to set up camp.

Welcome to the Morasha family, Ilan. It's a privilege to have you with us.

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CAMPER CLOSE-UPS

The campers of this week's Close-UP column were interviewed en route to the Dining Room.

ADAM MELZER is 14 years old, lives in Lawrence, and attends HAFTR. Following family tradition- his brother Eric is on the Morasha sports staff- his favorite activity is basketball. Adam's career ambition is to go into real estate.

DAVID RUDITSKY and ERIC GOLDBERG also consider basketball their favorite Morasha activity. David, age 14, comes from Teaneck where he attends Moriah Academy. What does he want to do in the future: "Get rich!"

ERIC lives in Kew Garden Hills and attends the Yeshiva of Central Queens. He has a brother here in Shtilim. Eric told us he wants to be a pilot when he grows up.

LISI BENOVITZ (G 9) is 13 and comes from Riverdale where she's going into the eighth grade at SAR. Lisi's favorite activity: Shiurim. Her ambition: to be a psychologist. Although Lisi has no siblings in Morasha now, her parents were on the stage here before she was born.

JENNIFER SANDEL is 12 and comes to camp from another country. She lives in Toronto where she attends Etz Chaim Yeshiva. She has a brother in Nitzanim and her favorite activity is BBK. As we go to press, her future is still undecided.

RENA GOLDBERG, 11 1/2, comes from Brooklyn where she's a student at the Yeshiva of Flatbush. The twins in Nachon are her siblings. Rena enjoys Rest Hour in camp while she's getting ready to become a lawyer.

SORA CARMEL, 13, lives in Englewood and attends Yavneh Academy. Although her favorite camp activity is sleeping, she does want to dance away her future as a choreographer.

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LOOK - OUT

BE ON THE LOOK-OUT FOR THE LIBRARY BOOK SALE WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE SOON.....