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News of the Week

ALUFIM/OT COMPETE IN COLOR WAR

By Chani Fruchter

This past Tuesday, Alufot/im had a one day Colorwar. A fun filled day of sports and special activities was planned by coordinators Yael Hochberg, Danny Sheer, and Channi Fruchter. The theme of the program was Kibbutz Goliot. Each team represented a country where Jewish communities had once flourished. The countries were Russia (Black) Poland (White), France (Blue) and Spain (Red).

The captains Becky Gruen, Warren Cinnamon, Deborah Shor, Ari Bruger, Shoshana Bruck, Hillel Olshin, Meryl Rosenfeld, and Jonathan Levy fulfilled their responsibilities by organizing their teams. After all the sports had been played, and the song, skit, and banner had been presented, Blue won. There was a surprising change in white's status as it pulled from last to second.

Throughout the day's excitement, friendships were formed and much was learned. The judges, Jeff Braverman, Aliza Herzberg, and Rachel Mohl did a great job in choosing the team with the best skit, banner, and cheer. The Alufim-ot would like to give a special thanks to Duvie Shepotofsky for his great planning.

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HAZEL TOV TO MARNINA ALLIS
AND FAMILY ON HER BAT MITZ-
VAH CELEBRATION THIS SHABBAT.

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MORASHA PREPARES FOR MORASHIA '88

The midnight oil has started to burn and top secret information is being processed as Morasha prepares for MORASHIA '88.

The Coordinating Committee, chaired by Rabbi Tully Besser, includes Ahuva Epstein, Michelle Sarasohn, and this year's newcomer Michael Raskas.

Chaya Orlian, Rabbi Mati Helfgott, and newcomer Shulamith Cohn compose the Assignment Committee which is already matching up judges with events. Get ready..Get set.....

MORASHA CELEBRATES 25th ANNIVERSARY

"I've been looking forward to this moment for 25 years," said Director Zvi Reich at Sunday's 25th Anniversary program on the Girls' Campus Tennis courts. Mr. Reich voiced appreciation to all -staff and campers- for their part in the success of Morasha over the years.

Two and even three generation Morashaniks enjoyed a beautiful musical performance by Ilanot, Alufot, Machon, and Avi Moche and Yaacov Wahrhaftig (a third generationer).

Members of the Board of Directors were also in attendance prior to their annual meeting which was held Tues-Wed. here at camp.

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NITZANIM PRESENT FIRST MUSICAL OF SUMMER

By Elisheva Berezin, Machon

On Tuesday and Wednesday nights the Nitzanim presented the summer's first musical, "Stone Soup" directed by Ricki Zibitt. The production, staged in the Pargod, depicted the tale of three hungry forlorn soldiers who passed by a small village and begged for food.

Narrators were Suri Heszkkel, Naftali Balsam, Linda Strauss, Ari Motechin, Mechal Tesser, Benjamin Staimen, Melanie Hirsch, and Avi Newmark.

Other characters were Benjy Epstein, Ari Raskas, Jonathan Stein, Danielle Wasserman, Shira Resnick, Shana Sultanik, Yael Wahrhaftig, Sara Zauamer, Gilad Kalter, Yossie Cohn, and Yaron Shapiro.

Townsppeople were Rena Cohn, Sharon Wiederkehr, Risa Bench, Ronit Frenkel, Tamar Bruger, Rachel Deutsch, Avital Cohen, Malka Kleiner, Miriam Weiss, Mark Feniġ, Pinchas Becker, Ari Ellenberg, Daniel Feiner, Jonathan Quinn, Menachem Schechter, and Yechiel Septimus.

The play was enhanced by the Nitzanim's beautiful voices and Doni Segal's delightful scenery.

FOAM THOUGHTS



OUR FACULTY WRITES.....

DON'T HUNGER FOR SPIRITUAL FOOD- KEEP EATING

ON PARSHAT EKEV

By C.J. Berman, High School Kollel

By Mrs. Rookie Billet

Parshat Ekev is the continuation of Moshe Rabenu's final address to the Jewish people. He is reviewing some of the events that took place in the desert- the miracle of the "man", the fact that clothing and shoes lasted in tact for forty years. Moshe also reminds the people that there were difficult tests- Nisyanot- that challenged the Jewish people. Hashem tests and tries his people like a father tests and tries his son.

Why does Moshe use this example, that of a parent and child, to teach us about Hashem's relationship to the Jewish people?

The Maggid MiMezrich gives a beautiful moshel. Sometimes it seems when Hashem tests good people that He is hiding Himself from them. But have you ever seen parents teaching a toddler to walk? The parents stand the child on his own two feet, and then retreat a few yards, holding out their hands outstretched so the toddler will walk to the beloved parent. As the child gets closer, the parent steps back, again, and again. The child gains the strength in the legs and the confidence in his heart and mind to steady himself and get even closer to the target- the loving parent. In the same way, the Maggid concludes, when Hashem gives us Esurim, and seems to be retreating from us, He is really teaching us, like a loving parent, to strengthen our resolve to walk even more proudly and even more strongly toward Him, closer to Him.

Whether we find ourselves troubled by Esurim, chas v'sna'om, or sailing calmly through life, may our knowledge of Hashem's love for us, and our desire to walk proudly toward Him and His Torah, grow stronger every day.

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ROSH CHODESH ELUL COMING UP

Tomorrow we bench Rosh Chodesh Ellul. Our Sages tell us that although Tshuvah is good at all times, the month of Ellul is choicest for doing T'shuvah.

Starting January 18, 1273 B.C.E. Moshe told Bnai Yisrael all that Hashem had commanded him. Included in what Moshe said was the observance of Mitzvos. The Midrash relates this observance of Mizvos to our stay in Galus. Although Hashem will exile the Jewish people from Eretz Yisroel, they should continue to observe the Mitzvos so that when Bnai Yisroel return to the land, the Mitzvos will not seem new and awkward to them. The Torah says the Jews will be lost from the land (11:17) and then Hashem tells us to place His words upon our hearts (11:18). The Jews will be put into Galus where they will have to keep the Mitzvos. When Bnai Yisroel return they will not have forgotten the Mitzvos.

However, if one distances himself from Torah and stops learning, his soul will weaken. It will be hungry for spiritual food. There is a Posuk: "if you leave Me for one day, I will leave you for two days." As many steps as you take away from Hashem, He will move that far away from you. Once separated from Torah and its Mitzvos, a person might not want to return to them because it is twice as hard to recover the ground lost in the process.

The Midrash has a three-way Machlokes. What is the one posuk that encompasses the entire Torah? Two answers suggested were: "Ze Sefer Toldos HaAdom" and "VeAhavta le' Reyacha Kamocho." As logical as these appear, the third suggestion is a posuk which states that the Korban Tamid was brought twice a day, every single day. We see that the most important K'lal in the Torah is Tamidus, consistency. One must serve Hashem always, in good times and bad.

Rabbi Yitzchok gives the example of a sink. You cannot turn on boiling water and freezing water at the same time. On, Off. On, Off. We left school for the summer. We cannot turn off what we did this summer. We cannot turn off what we did in school this year just as this coming year we cannot turn off what we did this summer. It is crucial that we keep our connection with Hashem through the learning that we do, and always continue doing.

Our soul has an appetite for spiritual things- Keep feeding it!

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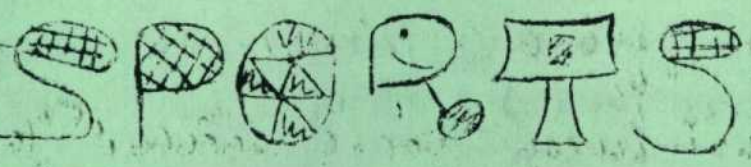
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Megillot :

1. Song of Songs _____ א
2. Koheleth _____ ב
3. Esther _____ ג
4. Lamentations _____ ד
5. Ruth _____ ה

Humashim :

6. Genesis _____ ו
7. Exodus _____ ז
8. Numbers _____ ח
9. Leviticus _____ ט
10. Deuteronomy _____ י



MORASHA MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM BEAT LAVI, LOSES TO RAMAH; WOMEN'S TEAM IMPROVES

Morasha's Men's Staff Basketball Team proved over the past week to be one of the best teams in the mountains. On Sunday Morasha came back from a 14 point deficit in the last minute and thirty seconds to cut the lead to one, but they could not pull out the victory and lost in a valiant effort 63-61 to Ramah.

That heartbreaking loss was not enough to hold Morasha down against the powerful Lavi team. After going down 7-0 early in the first half, Morasha's offense clicked. Barry Finkelstein led the first half charge with his pinpoint outside shooting.

Midway through the first half Morasha took the lead 15-14 on Elisha Rothman's sweet jumper from the corner. It seemed that Lavi had contained most of Morasha's offensive punch as Morasha only clung to a 28-25 lead at halftime.

Morasha was looking for an offensive spark which it found in a most unexpected place. Jeremy Bandler of Nachon scored on a fast break layup and then hit an incredible double pump shot from the free throw line providing the necessary impetus to catapult Morasha to a 14 point lead. Lazer Borgen's phenomenal rebounding and Barry Finkelstein's offensive consistency assured the victory for Morasha.

The huge margin of victory was provided by the guys going to Israel for the year as Daniel Loskove, Daniel Goldberg, Avi Steinlauf, and Moshe Oppenheim closed off the basketball season. Morasha 69 - Lavi 41.

In the Girl's Staff game that could be termed "frustrating", Morasha squandered an early 7-2 lead after discovering that Lavi had an operational water fountain. After our second loss to Lavi (22-13) Morasha came to the conclusion that Lavi must feed former Morashaniks better or at least give them more to drink.

The Girls' Team has greatly improved and is gearing up for an upcoming game against the Staff at Camp HASC. Let's hope the luck of '82 (See page 6) will resume.

KOLLEL TRIUMPHS OVER MOGEN AV

Coming off an extra-inning victory over the Waiters, the YP Kollel handed Mogen Av its second defeat in their home and home softball series. The game, played on Kollel campus, saw Kollel jump out to an early 1-0 lead. Trailing 3-1 in the fifth, Kollel rallied for 4 runs, taking a 5-3 lead.

Dani Rapp, as in the game at Mogen Av, mystified both teams with a remarkable "fielding gem". With Mogen Av batting in the seventh, Rapp "robbed" Mogen Av with a bare-handed catch to end the game with Kollel on top, 5-3.

In other Kollel sports news! the second Annual Kollel Volleyball Tourney was held on Kollel campus. After two weeks of tournament play, Team C edged Team B in a 2 out of 3 final.

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SPORTS DILLIES

STAFF INTRAMURAL BKB SEASON WINDING DOWN

The staff intramural BKB League surpassed all expectations as its very successful season comes to an end with this week's playoffs. Some very exciting play has kept each of the six teams very close in a bid for a playoff berth. The championship game is set for 9:30 Shabbas night in the Mercazia. Team 3 is in the lead with a record of 5-0, followed by Team 2 with 3-2.

STAFF VOLLEYBALL SOARS

After straightening out some V's and W's the staff finally found the way to the VB courts between a few rain drops. Despite rain cancellations and a few distracting guests the staff realized that such a night activity can be fun even without full team representation. For the next games Zush promised to bring his own rule book.

INTERCAMP PARTICIPATION CONSISTENT

After a curtailed socially oriented intercamp with Raleigh Morasha attempted to salvage intercamp games with Lavi, but again Mother Nature interfered. She promised a heat wave for intercamp day with Hillel. Morasha weathered the challenge and really shined as it showed its true blue colors.