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News of the Week

MEDINA WINS IN 25th ANNUAL MORASHIA

The Blue Team- MEDINA - was proclaimed victorious Wednesday night in culmination of a three day series of games, fun, learning, writing, painting, and more in Morasha's 25th Annual Morashia. Scoring committee chairman, Rabbi-Richie Auman announced the score.

Under the leadership of Generals Jeff Kobrin and Amy Geller and Lieutenants Michael Schreiber and Ellie Schoffman, Team Medina's win in Shiriah determined the final outcome.

Team Kehuna (Gold) was led by Generals Michael Appel and Robin Landsman and Lieutenants Seth Gordon and Jedi Bruck. Noam Wasserman and Karen Muth directed Team Malchut (Red) followed in command by Daniel Chesir and Gila Fuld.

The Day Camp, donning purple hats, also participated in closing night festivities, m.c.'d by Rabbi Naftali Besser, Chairman of the Color War Co-ordinating Committee. Ahuva Epstein led the audience in a super musical presentation about Morasha touching on the running water (or lack of it) and Rabbi Berman's bears.

Zvi Reich, Camp Director, for "the finest Color War we ever had" presented the four members of the Coordinating Committee Tully, Anuta, Michelle Sarasohn, and Michael Raskas with gifts of "The Rav Speaks."

Generals and Lieutenants of all teams were presented with "I survived Morashia '88- in general" t-shirts before they led opposing teams in unified singing of "Mehayra" soloed by Yaacov Wahrhaftig, and Anu Denay Morasha".

Beautifully designed window artwork by Morasha's Chagallians of each team were judged and will be affixed to the new Dinigg Room annex. In addition, Rabbi Saul Berman outlined several of the Ches-Aid projects proposed by each team. Medina (Dana Goldschmidt), to help Italianians, suggested a pen-pal exchange. Malchut's Faygle Friedman proposed setting up a center for Ethiopians in Israel, and Kehuna (Rachel Felnerman) propped a carnival to benefit Soviet Jewry and send letters to Borbachev.

Morashia '88 will go down into Morasha history as an outstanding, memorable event.

MUSICOLE TO PORTRAY 40 YEARS OF ISRAEL

The Annual Morasha Musicole, a production of the dance and music departments headed by Shayne Schwed and Gilad Lerer will be held tomorrow night, Motzei Bhabbat in the Mercazia at 9:00 P.M.

The theme, with narration written by Rookie Billet of the Ed Staff, will be a journey through 40 years of Israeli statehood.

Every division of camp will be represented from Day Camp to Staff. Machon Boys and Waterfront Staff will be featured in a special presentation.

The Musicole will climax presentations of the Road Shows of the Music/Dance Departments which have been taking place this summer. Appearances at Camp Block and the New Jersey Y Camp for Senior citizens were exceptionally well received and enjoyed by both generations singing and dancing in harmony.

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MAZEL TOV

SHALHEVET, on behalf of all Morashaniks, extends a very hearty
MAZEL TOV

to

*Our Camp Director and Office Manager
Zvi and Chava Reich
on the birth of a grandson

to

*Jay Hershkowitz (Machon Kitchen)
and parents Marv (Sports) and Mimi
(Dining Room) on his aufruf in the Pargod
and to

*Meir Orlian (Kollel) and parents
Rabbi Dr. Mitchell (Library) and
Chaya (Girls' Camp Mother) on his
Aufruf in the Baïs Hamedrash
May all of the Bealei Simchot derive
much Nachas and celebrate many more
Simchot with our extended Morasha family

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WEST SIDE STORY TO BE PRESENTED BY STAFF

West Side Story will be this year's Staff/Machon production Sunday night in the gym. Stars are I. Burian, J. Braverman, K. Sadinoff, 2. Shulie Rubin, and Sharona Isaacs.

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A D'VAR TORAH...

OUR FACULTY WRITE.....

ON PARSHAT SHOFTIM

ON ELUL AND THE END OF CAMP

By Tzvi Hebel, High School Kollel

By Rabbi Daniel Rhein, Director of Ed.

The Torah tells us that before B'nei Yisroel would go out to war, the appointed kohain would approach and address the people as follows: "Hear, Yisroel, you are approaching this day for war against your enemies; your heart should not be faint, do not fear, do not tremble, and don't be terrified of them. Hashem Elokecha is the One going with you to fight against your enemies for you to save you."

Ani L'Dodi V'Dodi Li - ELUL- A time for serious thought and reflection...The last week of camp - a time for serious thought and reflection. When they arrive together how much moreso a time for

The Mishna is Sotah (8:1) explains what the verse refers to: "Your heart shall not be faint" - from the neighing of war horses and from the waving of swords; "do not hear" - the banging of the shields and the trampling of the soldiers' shoes; "do not tremble" - from the sound of horns; "do not be terrified" of the sound of shouting; "for Hashem Elokechem is going with you" - they are relying on the strength of people, and you are relying on the strength of Hashem.

The summer is drawing to a close and the Yomim Norayim are fast approaching. A review of the past few weeks is called for and a kabbalah and commitment for the New Year is necessary.

This idea applies not only to the war against enemies, but to everyone's personal war against the Yetzer Hara, for the Yetzer Hara uses the same strategies against a Jew as the enemies of B'nai Yisroel use against them. Their enemies try to instill fear into their hearts with the sound of horses and the swaying of swords, in order that they will fearfully give up and submit themselves. The Yetzer Hara does the same thing: It uses people as his agents to try to sway others from the Torah. Such people proclaim that one need not observe the Torah, and many follow their opinion. These people are merely instruments of the Yetzer Hara, whose whole purpose is to instill fear into the hearts of those who cling to the Torah. Many times, such people will threaten and disgrace those who observe Torah, in order to discourage them into submitting to their heretical ideas.

We have been able to do chessed with our bunkmates and others, to learn "Ishma" in Shiurim and other times, be it with our counselors, before or after T'filah, or before going to sleep. We've learned new songs and zemirot to enhance our Shabbat. We've made Tsevakah a daily experience and helped other people less fortunate than us and hopefully become more sensitive and caring people through our summer experience. The friends we've made will im yertza Hashem be lifelong ones, and we'll all gain from each other.

If we take these ideas and ideals home with us and build on them we can be assured that our T'filot will be answered, our year at Yehiva and at home will be enhanced and sanctified, and we'll be zocheh to continue growing in Torah and Mitzvot.

Have a K'tivah V'chatima Tova and Im Yertza Hashem, we'll see the coming of Moshiach and Geulat Yisroel Bimhayrah V'yameinu. (We will be Nismach after Tismach)

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A WORD ON.... 'V'AHAVTA L'RAYACHA

The Baal Shem Tov used to say "Love your fellow man as yourself". You know that you have many faults, nevertheless, you still love yourself. That is how you should feel towards your friends. Love him, despite his faults!"

....from SHALHEVET contribution by
Danny Feinberg, Alufim, Blue

However, we must remember that the Posuk tells us that we must not be afraid, for Hashem is fighting for us. Whenever tempted by others, even friends, to commit an Avera or to forsake Torah study, we must not fear or give in, but we must remember that if we cling to the Torah, Hashem will grant us great reward.

MORASHIA

TRIUMPH I I

By Elisheva Reich, G 2, Shtilim Gold

As I stepped up to the plate, I felt as if all eyes were fixed on me. Although there were only two more weeks left till the summer was over, I still couldn't hit the ball. I was always getting the team out and I felt so bad. The rolling of eyes and gritting of teeth as I walk by my bunkmates doesn't make it any better. So here I was, the second to the last week of camp and I was still a big loser. Now, back to this particular event.

There were still a few seconds before I approached the plate. As I watched in terror as the pitcher warmed up, I tried to psyche myself out. "Look," I told myself, "face it, you're not good, you're everything but an asset to the team." Then I told myself, "But this time you've got to do it." Make it seem like in those books where people get a sudden rush of inspiration and become heroes. Then, it hit me! This wasn't a book, this was the real thing!

Suddenly I heard my coach's deep voice. "Come on Daniel, you can do it!" I wondered why he was cheering me on. Then I realized that I was standing perfectly still, because I had come to a halt during my train of thought. Then as I clenched my fists and glanced up at the clear blue sky wishing I could fly away and never come back, my eye caught sight of the score sheet resting in my counselor's lap. The score was 7-4 theirs and we had two outs. So that's why the coach is so enthusiastic, I thought sadly. The bases were loaded and I could tell everyone was thinking: There goes a grand slam. Well, I'd show 'em but, what's the use? Everyone knows I'm no good. I suddenly realized what was going on around me.

My team was in the bleachers cheering me on. I was standing with my arms drooping helplessly clutching the bat. I saw the pitcher revving up, his right knee slightly bent raising itself higher and higher into the air as his arm started winding up for the pitch. Before I realized what was happening I saw the ball whizzing straight at me and it seemed as if it was going to hit me square in the nose. I swung the bat to protect my face. The ball flew way out into the field and I started running. I ran and ran and within seconds I found myself sliding onto home plate. Then I realized I had done it. I had hit my first grand slam!

GOLDEN EXPECTATIONS

By Ari Eilenberg, B 19, Nitzanim Gold

Hi! My name is Ari Eilenberg. I am 9 years old and this is my second year in Moshava. I am lying in bed extremely tired and I would like to share with you why I am so tired.

It all started on Sunday night. My counselor yelled "lights out!" While some went to sleep, I waited impatiently for the big moment. I wasn't able to go to sleep. I knew it was happening and I wanted to be up for every minute of it.

Time passed so slowly. I tried to read comics, or listen to my Walkman, but all I could think of was "When, when, I can't wait!" As Sunday turned to Monday I felt it happening. As soon as I heard the siren I jumped out of bed screaming, "IT'S HERE - IT'S ABOUT TIME!"

Well, now I'm on the Gold Team and I have to get some sleep- for a big day tomorrow.

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TZITZIS

By Zev Rosenzweig, Shtilim Red

I never thought about tzitzis as fully as I should have - until Color War. Nobody would dare walk around without a yarmulka. But you never feel the same about Tzitzis. I know. I never thought about tzitzis being as equal in importance as a yarmulka- until now, that is.

Some people wear a yarmulka so they won't get in trouble because a yarmulka is noticeable, and tzitzis are the opposite. People reason that they're afraid of (the reactions of) other people, but not G-d. If you are not afraid of G-d, who are you afraid of?

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FRIENDSHIP AND SPORTSMANSHIP

By Suri, Linda, Stephanie, & Elana
Nitzanim Blue

.....Being separated from your friends means you should look forward to making new friends. People are excited because they have their friends on their team, and were maybe a little upset if some were separated. Don't just keep your best friends. Make new ones.