



TISHA B'AV
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ON TUESDAY

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פ' דברים - שבת תזון

News of the Week

ALUFIM/ALUFOT PRESENT SHAYNA MAIDEL SHABBOS NIGHT IN MERCAZIA

Alufim/Alufot will get their chance on the Morasha Stage Motzei Shabbos with the presentation of SHAYNA MAIDEL. Appropriate for the Nine Days, the play is a character study dealing with the relationships of family members trying to piece together what was left after the Holocaust.

Directed by Michal Goldberg with her assistant Alan Braverman and technical director Stewie Goldberg, the cast includes Shani Fenigstein, Yossi Faber, Joanna Steinlauf, Josh Epstein, Joelle Tollinsky, Yael Sudberg, Miriam ^{Warshaviak} Randi Sorscher, and Joel Segal.

Tamar Alpert and Tamara Edelstein are in charge of props and scenic design. Josh Sultanik and Martin Tollinsky the set construction and tech crew. The make-up crew includes Shulamit Motechin, Martin Tollinsky, Laurie Steckler, Suri Ehrman, Yehudit Beylus, and Shira Winkler. Lynn Brandsdorfer is in charge of costumes.

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W E L C O M E B A C K

SHALHEVET welcomes back Zvi and Chaya Reich from their trip to Israel where they delivered 85 SULUMNIKS safely and soundly.

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HAVE YOU NOTICED ?

The Girls' Basketball Court has been done over with the Morasha Logo in the middle. Look carefully as you pass by.

ONEG SHABBAT SPEAKER: Rabbi H. Billet

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TISHA B'AV, the culmination of the Nine Days, will be observed Monday night and Tuesday as the saddest day in the Jewish calendar year. Fasting, T'shuva, and mourning for the loss of the Beis Hamikdash, each according to his ability, comprise the day's activities. To set the mood, Ruchie Winkler, Shtilim Division Head, will conduct a program for staff Sunday night at 10:15 in the Pargod.

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B'NEI TORAH CONDUCT SIYUMIM

Yeyasher Koachem to the B'nei Torah who concluded portions of the Torah in their studies and invited the entire camp to Siyumim last Monday and Wednesday. They are Rabbi Morrie Wruble of the Kitchen's Administrative Staff, and Eli Kwestel, Reuven Taragin, Avraham Rothman, Jason Schwartz, and Dovid Silverberg of the Kollel

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MUSIC NOTES

Sounds are starting to come forth from Morasha's beautiful, brand new MUSIC CENTER. Details will be forthcoming after Tisha B'Av

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W E L C O M E

WELCOME to Dr. Edith Bondi who is here on her Annual Pilgrimage and to the Board of Directors who will come this week for their Annual Meeting.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Morasha's Annual BLOOD DRIVE on Thursday 11 - 4

INTERCAMPS with Raleigh on Sunday



TORAH THOUGHTS



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A D'VAR TORAH ON

EICHAH and PARSHAT DEVORIM

P A R S H A S D E V O R I M

"Eichah eseh..."(Devorim 1:12)

By Hillel Weiner, High School Kollel

This posuk, accustomed to be read in the tune of Megilat Eichah, uses the same introductory term as used by Yishayahu and Yirmiyahu-Eichah. Moshe Rabenu questioned: "How can I carry by myself all of your bothersomeness, and your burden, and your quarrels" at a time when B'nei Yisroel had attained a spiritual high. Yishayahu used this terminology when he saw the nation's wantonness, and Yirmiyahu asked "Eichah" when they were in disgrace.

Thus, Moshe was in fact foreshadowing with his words the decline of Am Yisroel- leading to the destruction of the Beit Hamikdash and their exile into foreign lands. He does not merely prophecy what will happen but why it will happen as well. If one looks at the posukim preceding and following Moshe Rabenu's bemoaning statement, three reasons for the churban bayit are alluded to. In Posuk tet Moshe states: "I will not be able to ...Hashem will multiply you as..."

Afikei Yehuda explains that Yisroel is compared to both dust and stars. The nature of dust/sand is that one grain is always accompanied by another. It is extremely difficult to separate one from the others. Stars, on the other hand, are separated by many miles and light years- each stands alone. At times when B'nei Yisroel are united and concerned for one another (like particles of dust), they can be handled and tolerated and are indeed praiseworthy. When they separate, however, and disassociate themselves from their fellow Jews, they become burdensome. Moshe thereby exclaims: "I cannot handle them alone because today they are like stars- distanced from one another." He therefore continues with "Eichah" in the next posuk- alluding to the fact that Sinat Chinam and disunity will precipitate a churban.

Sefer Devarim opens with rebuke which was not only addressed to our ancestors in the midbar. If we heed Moshe's warnings, we will merit the return to Tzion and the rebuilding of the Beit Hamikdash binhayra v'yamaynu.

In this week's Parsha (Devorim 1: 41-42) we see B'nei Yisroel admitting that they have sinned and Hashem not accepting their repentance by telling them not to fight since He is not in their midst. One can ask on these Pesukim, if B'nei Yisroel said Vidui, if they repented, why did Hashem not accept their T'shuvah? An answer is given by Rabbi Shlomo Kluger in his sefer, Imrei Shofar. He says that B'nei Yisroel did not do T'shuvah with a full heart, they merely told Moshe they were sorry, they did not tell Hashem, therefore, Hashem did not accept their T'shuvah.

It is not a coincidence that the reading of Parshas D'varim occurs during the Three Weeks, since the theme of Tshuvah is so essential to the days before Tisha B'Av

In last week's Parshat Matos we also find the same theme of T'shuvah. The parsha of Hagolas Kailim, the purification of defiled vessels, begins with the words "Zos chukas hatorah which literally means this is the law of the Torah. While we are not in a position to evaluate the importance of one mitzvah compared to another, analyzed Rav Moshe Feinstein, Tz'l, it does seem strange such a technical law is designated as the chok of the Torah. Rav Moshe answers that Hagolas Kailim is an analogy for T'shuvah. Just as the vessels are once defiled and subsequently purified, so too is a person who sins- capable of subsequent purification through T'shuvah.

Rav Moshe goes on to explain that by using the analogy further, we see that just as the posuk tells us that vessels made tomay through fire can only be made tohor by fire, while vessels made tomay in some other manner can only be purified by water alone, so too are there different levels of T'shuvah. That is, the more severe the crime, the higher level of T'shuvah that is needed. These fundamentals of T'shuvah can be labelled as the law of the Torah.

Now in the midst of The Nine Days before Tisha B'Av, a time set aside for T'shuvah, it is important that T'shuvah have a recurring role in the Parshiot that we read. Thus, hopefully we will be moved to do T'shuvah and bring about the golah.

עבדי עברי

לפועם יתפלל אדם בבית-הקנסת. שמקום קדוש הוא. שנאמר:
 . בכל המקום אשר אנפיר את שמי אבוא אליה וברכתיה .
 כבומינו שבארץ-ישראל דרשו: אלו בתי-קנסיות .
 גדולה קדשת בתי-קנסיות. שבמקום בית-המקדש הם.
 שמרב בעוונות. וכן אומר הנביא: . ואהי להם למקדש מעט . .
 דרשו כבומינו שבקבל: אלו בתי-קנסיות . וכל מה שאתה
 מוצא בבית-המקדש. אפה מוצא דוגמא להם בבית-הקנסת.

ועכשיו שאמרנו בית-הקנסת דומה לבית-המקדש —
 מיב אדם לנהג כבוד יתר בבית-הקנסת. לא יקל שם ראשו.
 לא ידבר דברים בטלים. כל שפן שלא ירדם ולא יאכל שם
 אפלו אכילת ארצי לא יעשן ולא ירקו קל וחמר שאסור
 להקנס אליו בראש מגלה. אף לא יגלה שם שוק או ירף.
 אף עומד או יושב בעונה וקירצת הכבוד. בעומד בחצר
 בית-המקדש.

אמרו: מי שלא ראה את בית-המקדש בתפארתו — לא
 ראה בגן נאה מימיו . אף אנו מצוים ליפות את בית-הקנסת
 ולהוסיף לו נוי וקדר. שנאמר: . זה אלי ואנוהו . דרשו
 חכמינו: . התנאה לפניו במצוות . . לפיכך שומרים על נקינותו
 ומקשטים אותו. ורוקמים ציצים ופרחים על מציץ ספר-התורה
 ושמים אטרות על גליליו. אלו שנקראים . עצי חיים . בית
 הקנסת — בונים אותו בנדקה של ציר. ומקרה שלה גבוהה מכל
 הבתים. (כעכה. טעם - הכחות בית הכנסת)

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SHALHEVET FEATURES

SPOTLIGHT ON . . .

DR. MAISH YARMUSH
SPORTS DIRECTOR

Vying to equal the number of staff members in the Educational Department, battling the Music Department for the Number 2 spot in camp, but never intending to replace the number one activity - eating-, DR. MAISH YARMUSH (M.D. and PhD) directs the Sports Department in a full slate of activities.

Maish entered Morasha in 1968 as a Mechina (predecessor of Sulam, locale: Lake Como) person. By 1973 he had worked himself up from tennis counselor to assistant sports head when he took a break until his return in 1980 as the top sports man. He was educated at Yeshiva College, Rockefeller Institute, N.I.H., Yale, MIT, and Harvard. Dr. Yamush recommends that everyone stay in Yeshiva until finishing undergraduate work. "Ivy League education can wait. A formal Yeshiva education on the college level is a necessity," guides our sports head/professor.

During the year Maish is a Professor of Biochemical Engineering and Biochemistry at Rutgers University and Adjunct Professor of Surgery at Harvard Medical School. His wife Debby (waterskiing staff) is a dentist. Their two sons Ruby, 7, and Gabriel, 5, are Day Campers. They live in Sharon, Mass.

Maish, the originator of Morasha's "Stretch and Kvetch" and the Annual Marathon, has seen 'incredible' changes in Morasha through the years. The Sports Staff has grown from three to ten and facilities from two clay basketball and tennis courts and one baseball court on each campus to today's impressive numbers. Tennis at one time was the rage at Morasha. Today basketball and hockey are on top.

Dr. Yamush's advice to SHALHEVET readers: "Develop a sense of excellence and quality in whatever you do- sports or anything else."

WRITE FOR SHALHEVET.

Submit articles to H.C. or Main Office by Tuesday.

CAMPERS
LOSE UPS

Six Morashaniks seen CLOSE-UP this week outside the Dinig Room are all aspiring to be lawyers.

JONATHAN REISS , B 16, lives in Lawrence and is going into Grade 4 at the Yeshiva of Belle Harbor. His favorite activity is baseball.

ARI KALTON , B 17, is from Flushing. He is in Grade 4 at the Yeshiva of Central Queens also likes baseball best at camp.

BINYAMIN ROSENSTOCK of Bunk 5 is going into Grade 7 at the Yeshiva of Flatbush. A resident of Brooklyn, his favorite camp activity is tennis.

MENACHEM SCHECTER (Bunk 5) lives in Queens where he'll enter Grade 7 at YCQ. He likes hockey best.

JENNIFER PINELES of G 3 will attend Grade 6 at the JEC of Elizabeth, New Jersey. A resident of West Orange, she cites newcomb as her favorite camp activity.

YONATAN REICH (B 17) will be in Grade 5 at the Yeshiva of Flatbush near where he lives. He likes hockey best in camp.

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