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Yellow Wins!

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News of the Week

COLOR WAR BREAKS OUT SUNDAY NIGHT

By Chedva Adler
Shtilim- Emes

August 12, 1991- Color War broke out Sunday night August 11th. The entire camp was divided into three teams: **Emes**, **Din**, and **Shalom**. These names were based on a posuk in Avot, perek one:

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Both campers and staff were chosen to head these teams. For Yellow- Shalom- the generals^{who} are trying to "peace together" a sure win are Yoni Epstein and Nina Leibowitz with Noam Novick and Debbie Meskin^{their} lieutenant generals. Daniel Adler and Aimee Taub are captains and lieutenants are Yonaton Bendheim and Rina Goldberg.

Shalom Rosner and Erica Weissman strive for "the truth" in leading team Emes to victory with Shalom Motechin and Ilana Breslau the lieutenant generals. Daniel Woll and Aliza Katz are captains and Jon Schachter and Marnina Allis are the lieutenants.

Finally, in an attempt for "justice" Avi Baitner and Cheryl Stein head team Din. The lieutenant generals are Avi Zibbitt and Elizabeth Rothstein. Michael Fruchter and Rebecca Boim are captains and Jonathan Teitelbaum and Rachel Boim are lieutenants.

Each of these fantastic leaders are trying to lead their teams to victory, but we know that no matter who wins, everyone is having an incredible time.

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Although each team excelled in a different area, the Yellow Team- Shalom- was declared the official winner of Morashia, 1991.

"The cooperation was excellent on all fronts, the direction professional, the decisions of the judges readily accepted- all in all a positive for all Morashaniks," said Chaya Orlian, Chairperson of the Assignment Committee.

STAFF AND MACHON TAKE STAGE IN "RUMORS"

Staff and Machoniks will take the stage in the next Morasha Dramatic production- "Rumors", a Neil Simon comedy. Cast in leading roles are Michael Ehrenhaus, Josh Rapps, Neil Bromberg, and Nate Jesselson with Dani Greenblatt and Matti Novick on the male side. Female leads are Tamar David, Sarah Fink, Shira Winkler, and Dassi Billet.

According to director Michal Goldberg, the play shows what can happen when people assume a situation. Neil Bromberg is assisting in direction and Toby Klerer is in charge of sets.

The production will take place Motzei Shabbat and Sunday.

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Morasha will become a Ghost. Town on Monday as campers in all divisions celebrate Trip Day.

Machon will depart for a two-day excursion to Niagara Falls and Toronto, Alufim/ot for two days in Philadelphia and Hershey, Nitzanim Boys to Scranton and Girls to Binghamton, Shtilim Boys and Girls to Scranton, Ilanot Boys and Girls to Binghamton, and the Day Camp to Kennedy Park and Scranton.

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To Ari Motechin and parents Head Counselor Rabbi Zush and Assistant Head Counselor Matti on his Bar Mitzvah this Shabbat.

* * * * * Tzaischem L'Shalom

To Rabbi and Mrs. Heshie Billet and family on their year stay in Israel.

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ONEG SPEAKER TONIGHT will be Rabbi Mordecai Willig on "Rabbinic Authority: Compliance or Defiance."



TORAH THOUGHTS



OUR FACULTY WRITES. . .

A D'VAR TORAH ON THE PARSHA

ON PARSHAS SHOFTIM

THE RIGHT LEADER

By Rabbi Pesach Oratz

By Leah Schacter, Midreshet

There are many complex Mitzvos in the Torah dealing with the entire range of human activity and experience. However, it is a relatively simple and straightforward phrase in Parshas Shoftim that serves as a directive for our entire existence.

After the numerous and powerful prohibitions against idolatry, the Torah states simply: **Tomim ti'hiyu im hashem elokecha**- You should be whole with the Eternal, your G-d." How does one go about being whole with G-d? How is this to be carried out? What is meant by wholeness?

Rabbi Zevin z"l responds to these questions in a clear and fundamental manner. There are several dimensions in which Man has to achieve Unity, Integrity, and Wholeness: In space, in time, and in himself. However, there is a discrepancy between the holiness one finds in a place of worship and that which exists in the world at large. The level of sanctity experienced on a Shabbos or Festival is not manifest in the rest of the year. Nor is man's Intellectual and spiritual existence always carried over into his mundane activities. We evidently operate on a level that is fragmented, not whole?

The Torah Directive **Tomim T'hiyu** requires that Man not set up polar opposites in his place, time, person, spheres of being. He must at least assure that there be carry-over from the shul to the workplace, that the exalted spirit of the Shabbos affect the weekday, and his intellect and heart centers of his Torah and religious experience dominate and direct his every physical activity. It is then that Man will achieve **Tomim T'hiyu** to be a wholly integrated person with G-d.

B'nei Yisroel are told in this week's Parsha, **Shoftim**, that after they settle Eretz Yisroel, they are to appoint a king. However, in the time of Shmuel when the Jews approached him and requested a king, Shmuel was aggravated. Distressed he went to daven to Hashem. Hashem confirmed that indeed B'nei Yisroel had done wrong in requesting a king, but He nevertheless told Shmuel to fulfill their request explaining that they had not rejected Shmuel, but Hashem Himself.

The question arises as to why Hashem and Shmuel considered their request evil. Were they not commanded by Hashem upon settling the land to appoint a king? There may be several answers to this question.

The first is that by requesting another king at the same time that Shmuel was alive during which Hashem performed **nisim gelumim** (open miracles) for them, they were rejecting their supernatural life which they greatly enjoyed. Secondly, their request was not for the purpose of fulfilling the **mitzvah**, but rooted from the desire to be like the other nations, thereby violating the principle of **Lo talchu b'chukat haumim**. Lastly, according to our **chachamim**, only the ignorant among B'nei Yisroel had sinful intentions while the **z'kainim** had the intent of fulfilling the **mitzvah**. It was to those unlearned ones that Shmuel was expressing his anger.

Finding any leader is not easy, especially a king. His task is to lead the nation, to fortify the Torah so that Bnei Yisroel will lead a life of Halacha, to spread righteousness and justice to the world, to subdue the wicked, and to judge Bnei Yisroel. He is meant to hold his position **l'shem shomayim**- to perform all of his functions for the sake of Hashem.

We all think of ourselves as potential leaders. It doesn't take much to have people follow your orders and to make important decisions. Right? Wrong. It is very difficult to lead **L'shem Shomayim**. The next time YOU are a leader, try to remember to lead in the way Hashem would want you to, not the way you want to. In that **z'chut**, may we all be **zocheh** to **bias hamoshiach binhayrah v'yomainu**. Amen.

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