

Three Weeks Begin Sunday

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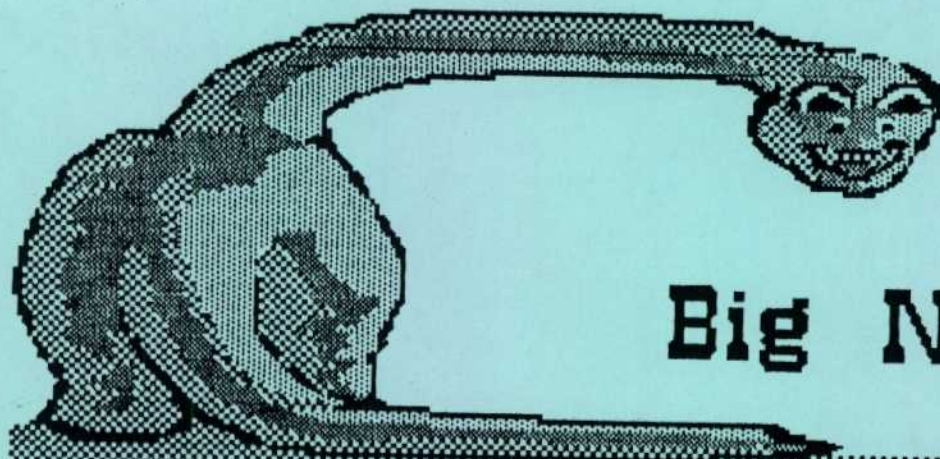
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Big News



ALUFIM OBSERVE DIVISION SHABBATON

With AHAVAS CHINAM as the theme, Alufim/ot will participate in a special Shabbat program this week. Under the direction of Rabbi Tully Besser of the Ed Staff and the Division Heads, Alufim/ot will deliver Divrei Torah, daven, lein, sing, and dance as a divisional experience capped by an Intergenerational Discussion with parents of campers who are here on staff.

Meanwhile, future Alufim, the Older Ilanot, numbered forty as they set out with counselors and the Division Head on a canoe trip this week. Twenty younger ones went on Thursday.

ONEG SHABBAT

Tonight's speaker for the Staff Oneg Shabbat is Rabbi Moshe Rosenberg. His topic: HALACHA AND NEVAH- SHALL THE TWIN EVER MEET. The time: 10:15 in the Pargod.

Watch Staff Schedules for weekly Shiurim by Rabbis Berman, Schwartz, and Willig.

MAZEL TOV

To Yocheved (nurse) and Judah Rusubel on the Bat Mitzvah of Ilana, G 6 and to the Orlian Family.

MORASHA RECYCLES STAFF

The Morasha Staff for this season includes Old Timers and former counselors who are now in administrative positions.

Chaya Lamm Warburg, of the original Morasha family, is now head of Girls' Waterfront. Rock Davis, Nitzi Division Head, is back after a long absence. Shulamis Motechin Felsenthal is on staff as a scenes and set person.

On Boys' Campus Yoni Epstein, David Saffra, Avi Beitner, and Sholom Motechin have moved up from counselors to division heads and Steven Felsenthal moved from D.H. to Assistant Boys' HC.

HAKORAT HATOV

Revolutions may be taking place in Europe, but in Morasha, Europeans show appreciation to their hosts. Members of Camp America, a group of European college students who work with the Morasha kitchen and sanitation crew, presented a book on Jewish Prague to our camp library as a token of friendship. The book was inscribed by Martin.

RAV WILLIG PUBLISHES

Rabbi Mordecai Willig, the longstanding Rosh Kollof of the College Kollof, has just published a sefer in memory of his mother, a.h. The book is entitled AIM MORDECHAI and encompasses various insights of Mesechet Brachot and an addendum about Aveilus. The sefer is available through Kenny Schwartz or Daniel Feldman in the Kollof.

TORAH THOUGHTS

Our Faculty Writes.....

ON PARSHAT BALAK By Shulamith Cohn Ed Staff

The story is a familiar one, a scene repeated many a time in history. Our enemies seek a way to destroy the Jewish people. In this Parsha, it is Balak, the King of Moav, seeking the counsel of the wise men of Midyon in an effort to ruin Bnei Yisroel. Though Moav and Midyon are actually arch enemies. They are united in their hatred of Bnei Yisroel.

Rashi comments that the advice given by Midyon is :EIN KOCHO ELAH B'PIV- their strength lies in their mouth. Rashi is referring to the KOACH HADIBBUR of the TEFILLAH of AM YISROEL. It is the way we speak to one another and the way we speak to Hashem that allows us to earn the protection provided by the ANNENI KOVOD of Hashem. The sounds of the BATEI MEDRASH- people engrossed in the learning of Torah and the sounds of all our Minyanim beautifully expressing their Tefillot are music to Hashem. It is also the harmonious sounds of BNEI YISROEL NOHAGIM KOVOD ZEH B'ZEH that speaks well of us as a people and enable us to be provided with the protection of Hashem.

As we approach Shiva Osor B'Tamuz, we have the Three Weeks to contemplate the reasons of CHURBAN BAIS HAMIKDASH. We are deeply saddened by our history of SINAT CHINAM and not exhibiting kindness and respect to one another. Yet we can seize the opportunity and turn these Three Weeks into a time of AHAVAT SINAM.

Through our kind actions and kind words to one another may we be ZOCHEH to see SHIBOOD turn into GEULAH, BIMHAYRAH U'YAMENUAMAIN.

MEZUZOT AVAILABLE

If anyone needs a Mezuzah or noticed a place in camp needing one, please contact Rabbi Joel Cohn by leaving a note in his mail box.

A D'VAR TORAH By Uri Orlian High School Kollel

In Parshat BEHAALOSCHA we find that HASHEM has endowed ELDAD and MEIDAD with RUACH HASHEM. The TORAH continues to say that they " prophesized in the camp." RASHI explains the prophecy of ELDAD and MEIDAD by saying that MOSHE will die, and YEHOASHUA will be the one who leads the Jews into the land. The MIDRASH on these PASUKIM quotes a mysterious and vague proverb relating to this incident:

א"ל א"ל שתיקוהו וישקוהו א"ל

The simple understanding of these words would be " a word for a dollar, but silence for two." Why did the MIDRASH place this seemingly irrelevant proverb into this INYAN ?

ELDAD and MEIDAD were given the ability to see what the Seventy Elders were not given. They knew that HASHEM would not allow MOSHE into ERETZ YISROEL after forty years in the desert.

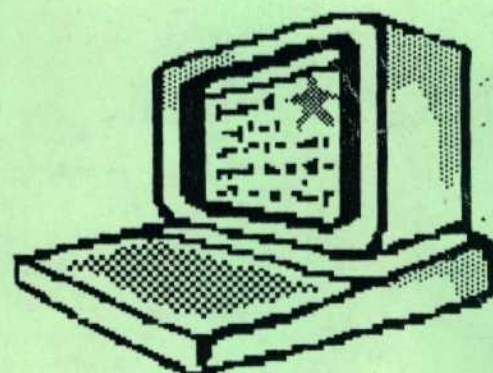
The reason G-D did not permit MOSHE to enter the land was his sin at MEI MERIVAH. This is found in PARSHAT CHUKAT which we read this past SHABBAT. HASHEM commanded MOSHE that in order to procure water for the Jewish people after the Well of Miriam was no longer available, MOSHE should speak to the stone. But, MOSHE hit the stone, without speaking to it as he had been commanded, and for this he was punished and was not permitted to enter ERETZ YISROEL.

Perhaps now we can understand the meaning of the mysterious MIDRASH. The word "SELAH" has a dual meaning. The way we first understood it, was that a "SELAH" is a unit of money. But the word "SELAH" also means a stone. So when the MIDRASH on the prophecy of ELDAD and MEIDAD said,

א"ל א"ל שתיקוהו וישקוהו א"ל
it did not mean " word for a dollar but silence for two." Rather it meant that if MOSHE spoke " a word to the stone- א"ל א"ל " the two, meaning ELDAD and MEIDAD, would have been silenced because if MOSHE spoke to the stone without hitting it he would not have been punished and the two prophets would have had nothing to say.

DIVISION DATA

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ALUFIM'S WEEK IN REVIEW by Elisheva Reich, G 15

July 13. The Binghamton Shopping Mall was swarmed by a sudden deluge of Morashaniks. The first brigade launched a takeover of Friendly's Ice Cream Store. The invasion began at approximately twelve o'clock and the campers emerged at 3:00 with spoils galore- bags of all shapes and sizes containing everything from GAP clothing to mouthwash. Afterwards, the busses were boarded and the hordes of campers attacked the next symbol of civilization- Sunset Bowling Lanes. With scores raging from 23 to 190, a fabulous time was enjoyed by all. Finally, the campers piled into busses, heading for an evening at the movies; a relaxing end to an exciting day. All in all, Trip Day was a huge success.

When we got back to camp even more excitement awaited us- Alufim/ot One Day Color War was broken out. The theme- Yerushalayim, the teams- red/David, purple/Shlomo, yellow/Ezra, and white/Eliyahu. A day of basketball, volleyball, art, and music was in store for us. All the varied talents of the division were put to work for an entire day of bustling, mingling, competition, and good old-fashioned fun, culminating with a chidon, banner, song, and other presentations. The White Team- Eliyahu- emerged victorious, but all teams had a blast.

On Thursday we visited Camp Mashava for a fun-filled day of intercamps, including sports, dancing, and singing. Tune in next week: "When the rain stops"

MACHON MUSINGS by Danny Adams

The Machon work week started as usual on Sunday this week, with the various members of Machon getting up early to leave for their jobs. After the workday the men and women of Machon returned to BBYO (TCBY) for part two of their program. Sports, singing, and dancing brought the participants closer to spiritual unity.

Monday was trip day as Camp Morasha made its annual contribution to the Binghamton Mall, after which Machon went to see "A League of their Own". It was very poignant and led to many tears.

Returning to camp, the Girls found that the Machon Lounge had to be used as an infirmary- Refuah Shlaymah to all.

A plan had been suggested to use Estee's fish as bait for the bear, but did not prove necessary since the bear was caught.

Otherwise, it was a quiet second work week for Machon. No golf carts were stolen, or court lights turned on, or boats set off of the docks or anything like that.

SHABBAT SHOLOM FROM MACHON !!!

P.S. Happy Birthday to Julie Ackerman and Dana Wolf!

ARE YOU COVERED ?

Each Division is encouraged to write news of your activities for SHALHEVET. Leave articles in H.C.