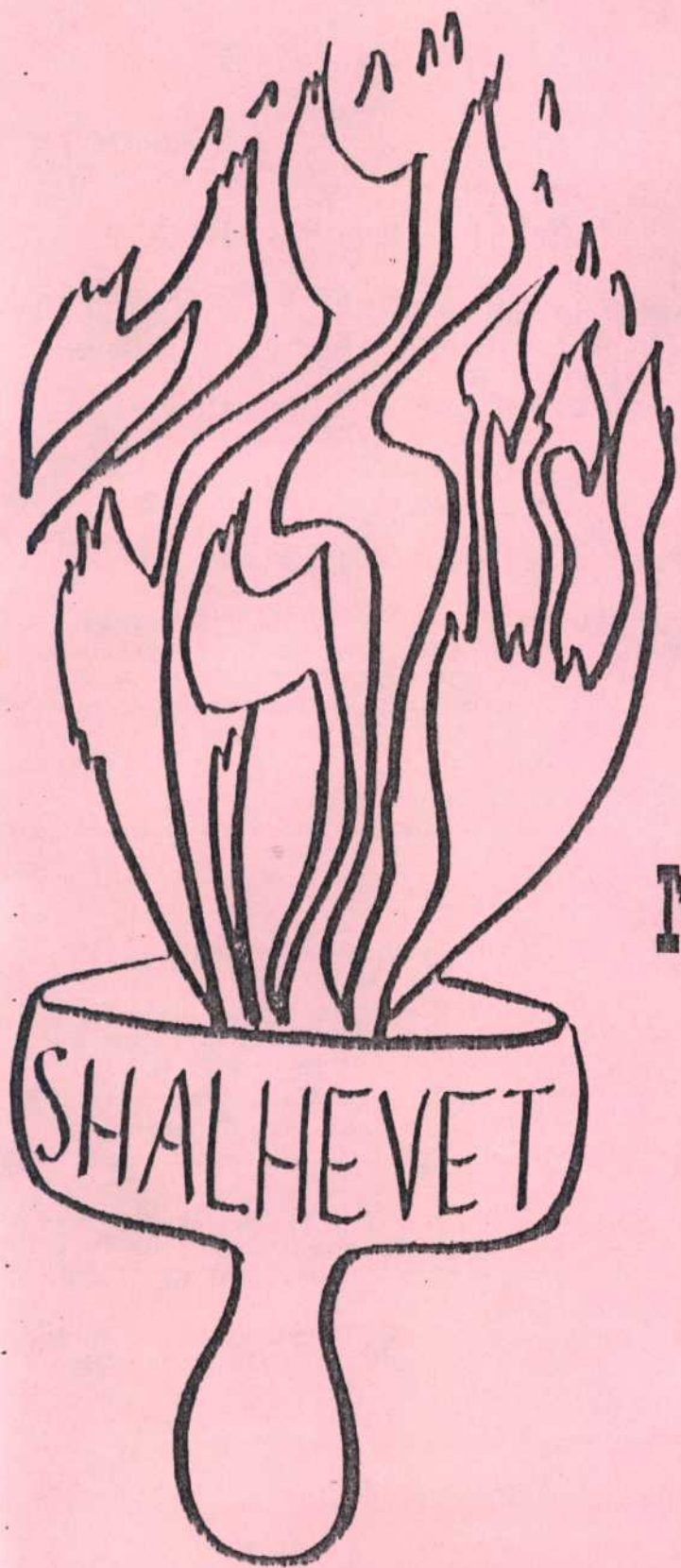


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NINE DAYS BEGIN



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News of the Week

MORASHANIKS FIGHT LOSHON HORAH IN NATIONWIDE CAMPAIGN

Morashaniks are joining thousands of Jews all over the country in the fight against Loshon Horah reports Rabbi Joel Cohn, Educational Director. The all out Shmiras Haloshon Campaign, Machson L'fi, is slated to benefit all of K'lal Yisroel.

The project will last for nine days—from today Rosh Chodesh Av until Tisha B'Av. Participants, which is hoped will include Morasha campers and staffers both, will refrain from loshon horah every day at least from noon to 2 PM.



Since Loshon Harah helped cause **churban bayis sheni**, it is believed that with the correction of our speech will come the rebuilding of the Third Bais Hamaikdash—bimahayrah v'yamenu.

ONEG SHABBAT SPECIAL SPEAKER

RABBI MICHAEL MILLER, Morasha Alumnus, who is now executive director of the JCRC will speak on : The Road To The White House: Will Israel Be Left Behind?

Time: 10:15PM, Place: The Pargod

ANNUAL BLOOD DRIVE TODAY !! CALL 41.

LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION AS ILANOT PRESENT THE EDUCATION OF H*Y*M*A*N K*A*P*L*A*N

By R. Mansdorf & D. Goldschmiedt

Ilanot presented "The Education of H*Y*M*A*N K*A*P*L*A*N under the direction of Michal Goldberg on Tuesday and Wednesday nights in the Mercazia. All of their work definitely paid off as this comical presentation made a big hit.

Judy and Shulamit are to thank for the spectacular sets, and Martin and Josh for the lighting, music, and technical work.

Benji Epstein and Danielle Wasserman portray the two main characters, two European immigrants attempting to become U.S. citizens. The many obstacles they meet on the way, both romantic and grammatical, give the play its comical twist.

Yeyasher Koachem to the cast and director!

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MOOD SETTING PROGRAMS TO BE HELD THIS WEEK

A series of special programs will be held this week in observance of the Nine Days, the saddest period in the Jewish calendar. Today, as Rosh Chodesh Av, ushers in these days culminating with Tisha B'Av, to be observed this year on Sunday, August 9.

To set the mood, a presentation for staff will take place on Tuesday night in the Pargod under the direction of Rabbi Tully Besser. Alufim will hold a similar program on Monday and Shtilim on Thursday. Performing in each session will be Machoniks and Stiffers who participated in the "March of the Living" through Holocaust Europe last spring.

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SHALHEVET EXTENDS A WARM WELCOME TO MEMBERS OF THE CAMP COMMITTEE WHO HAVE COME TO SPEND *far* WITH US.

Torah Thoughts

OUR FACULTY WRITES. . .

A D'VAR TORAH ON

WHAT PARSHAT MATOT TEACHES US

By Ahuva Epstein, Ed Staff

The Torah records at the conclusion of Parshat Matot the episode involving the tribes of Reuven and Gad who sought to settle outside Eretz Yisroel in the land of Gilad in the fertile Jordan Valley. Their request displeased Moshe. Was it conceivable that they would abandon and dishearten their brothers and sisters who would fight and die to build a Jewish state in the Land of Israel?

"No," answered the tribes. "We will build sheepfolds for our cattle in this land and cities for our children. But we will lead B'nei Yisroel until they have reached their place. Then we will return to our cities."

But even then Moshe was displeased. Why had they first spoken of their cattle and only then of their children? Moshe agreed to their conditions, but he changes their priorities. "Build cities for your children; and folds for your sheep."

Those of us who live outside Eretz Yisrael can learn two very important lessons from this episode. First, we must understand that our brethren who live and die in Eretz Yisrael have a special claim to our allegiance. We must never abandon them. Second, we must never adopt the priorities of the material world. We must remember to put religion and family first, and material wealth second.

Shabbat Shalom ! !

THIS WEEK'S PARSHIOT

By Ely Pinto, Kolliel

It is stated in this week's double parsha of Matos-Maasei that 1000 soldiers were sent from every tribe. Rashi explains that the word "every" is necessary in order to include the tribe of Levi, which might be expected not to have taken part in the war. Why is it then, that only 12,000 soldiers fought?

The Mahaaral explains that the tribe of Levi did not really fight. Rather, they went along only to carry the ark.

Another possible explanation is as follows: Bnei Yisroel refused to go to war even at the command of Hashem because they knew that Moshe was to die immediately afterwards.

When the posuk says "Vayimasru" this means they were forced. Due to their love of Hashem, as demonstrated when they killed all those who took part in the sin of the Golden Calf, they went of their own accord.

A WORD ON FLATTERY

It is forbidden to flatter someone in order to take advantage of him (Orchos Tzadikim, 24). Although insincere flattery is wrong, it is important that we praise others for their benefit. Appreciative words help a person realize his inherent worth and will encourage him to utilize his attributes to the best of his ability.

.....from LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR, Pliskin

SHALHEVET SPECIAL FOR THE THREE WEEKS

"איכה יצ'ה האלו"

Rav Shimon Biron was born 32 years ago in England. He began his life as Shimon Birnbaum until his Aliyah to Israel in 1970. After learning in Yeshiva Bnei Akiva/Netanya, he joined the Yeshivas Hesder-Shalvim where religious young men study Torah while completing their army service. He was injured in Lebanon in 1982 where he served in the Tank Corps. Though he was accepted to study dentistry, he returned to the Yeshiva and studied for the rabbinate.

He joined a group who revitalized a Jewish settlement called Kfar Darom in the Gaza Strip. The chevra welcomed him as their Rav, teacher, leader, and friend.

He worked at the Machon Hatorah V'HaAretz, researching Mitzvot connected with Eretz Yisroel. His family grew in Kfar Darom to include Michal and four children under age 7.

On the 24th of Iyar, Rav Biron crossed the road of the Machon and was attacked from behind by an Arab terrorist who stabbed him to his death. His loss shook the entire religious Zionist community.

Two years ago, Rav Biron Z"TL published the following article about the period of the Three Weeks. How appropriate it is that we learn from his words and pay a loving and respectful tribute to his memory.

.....Yoel Geal-Dor, Kitchen Staff

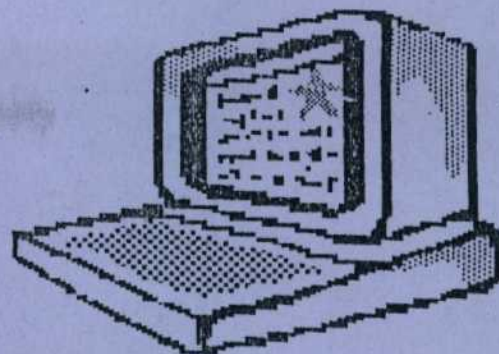


שבוש שחל הו'ט האב האו שבוש של ינוה, זקב'ל, הסונקלות
כניאת וחשבון נפש. איכה קורים לנו דברים לא נעימים, איכה
יש לתקן את הטעון שיפור.

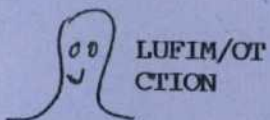
אנחת האיכה מהדהדת בשבוע זה מקריאתו של משה רבינו בפירושנו:
איכה אשא לבדי טרדכמ, משאכמ ורדכמ, וזד לקינות הנוראות של ימאנו
ממילה שבולה "איכה". ניתן להבחין בחוט מחבר בניהם, הרי לעולם קולאים
פכרשת דברים, בשבת שלפני ט' באב, שהיא מתוכחתו של משה (הה"ל סימן תכ"א)
הבציות הנוראות שורשיות ואינן משתנות מתקופה לתקופה הן:
כפיות הטובה כלפי המיטיב לנו וחוסר הערכה ליד האלהות המושטת
לנו לסיוע. וכך מסביר רש"י את כוונת משה בטענתו על "משאכמ" -
"מאמא שהיו אפיקורסים. הקדים משה לצאת, אמרו: מה ראה בן עמרם לצאת?
שלא אינו שפוי בתוך ביתו? איחר לצאת, אמרו: מה ראה בן עמרם שלא לצאת?
מה אתם סבורים? יושב ויוצא? זליכמ עצות רעות וחובה עליכם מנושבות".
איצו חשדנות ואיבה מתגלה כלפי אדם אשר הקריב את כל חייו הפיזיים והציוניים
למען אורנו עם כלפי בחיר הנביאים.

אנחה זו זולה שוב ביתר שאת בחורבן הגדול שם מתברר שכפיות הטובה זכה
כל גבול ומפנית עכשיו כלפי הקב"ה בעצמו. אמר המדרש במגילה: "משל למלך שהיה
או בן, בכה-ונתנו על ארכבותיו; בכה-ונתנו על צרוצותיו; בכה-והרניבן על כתפו,
טינף עליו". האב האלה המטפל במסירות ובנאמנות בפניו, מתיא מהארץ ומקפיהו
לאט לאט עד לרוא המעלה, התנדב של הבן הנו-טינף. אביו.
אם כן, חוט אחד שזר בשבוע זה -אנחת זקב'ל על כפיות הטובה של עם ישראל.
תגובת הקב"ה אגיהמה בפסוק עליו מבוסס המדרש "איכה יצ'ה באפלו...". תשליך מקלמים
אין תפארת ישראל" מיד השליכו (את הבן) לארץ -כעשון המדרש
בימים שאני אבאים על חורבן שהיה. נזכור להודות ולהעריך את הבניין שה' בונה לנו עתה,
נתפאל לעצת להבחין בצרוצותיו המרימות אלתנו אט אט מעפר בדרכ לבנין הבית השלישי
ברב שמעון בירן -כפר דבולא.

DIVISION DATA



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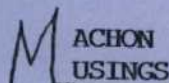


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By Elisheva Reich

We kicked off the week with Visiting Day- the parent/child reunions were so joyous, that we barely noticed the mid-day downpour... (the day ended with one last preparation for our performance at Block; despite the black-out.)

On Monday, Alufot visited the Block-Hexter Senior Citizens Vacation Center. We began the day with some informal mingling, followed by a joint give and take discussion, question-answer form, comparing and contrasting our lifestyles, growing up, to theirs. Afterwards we sang and danced- recycled- in the spirit of the times; songs from Shiriah and a dance from the opening night girls' show. We'd like to thank Shayne Schwed and Shani Strauch for their dance work and Sandy Sudberg for her usual music contributions and on the spot extemporaneous improvisations due to some minor technical difficulties. Special guest soloist was Dr. Maish Yarmish. The rest of the day was spent bonding with Blockniks. The weather was magnificent, and they showed us around their campus, treating us to ice cream, and taking us back to their rooms. Dassi Tropper added a D'var Torah and other Alufot orations speckled the afternoon. We were so pleased with the results that we decided to take our show on the road- this time to the Jersey Y where some Alufim joined us for an evening with the same basic program. A big **Yasherkoach** to all the coordinators and everyone who participated, especially Rabbi Tully Besser. The week came to an exciting close with the HASC basketball game and Hillel intercampus. Enjoy a well-deserved Shabbat!



By Dina Helfand

The week began with the first major clean-up of the summer. Machoniks spent the beginning of a long Saturday night attempting to create order out of chaotic bunks. After inspection, we made sundaes in the Pargod.

Sunday, Visiting Day, was a productive day for all. The refrigerator is full. The rain, although expected, did put a damper on the festivities. The wet clothes are still hanging from the rafters. Sunday night's blackout cancelled the Machon movie program. Instead, Machon went batty from spending yet another night confined to the bunk.

Monday night, after a hard working day, all Machon members of both staff teams headed out to the Mercazia to face Lavi. Congratulations to the girls on their first victory. After the game Machon girls were entertained by a visitor; we now have a mouse living in the bunk.

The campfire on Tuesday night for staff and Machon was successful. The food and fire was followed by the Kollel vs. HASC game.

Thursday was Hillel Intercamps. Congratulations to all the successful Machon coaches. We're glad that everyone had an opportunity to see their friends.

Shabbat Shalom !!

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