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NEWS



POLISH STAFF MEMBER GIVES LIBRARY BOOK

A MEMBER OF MORASHA'S CAMP AMERICA STAFF FROM POLAND has contributed a fascinating book about Jewish cemeteries and tombstones in Poland to the Morasha library.

Michael Pagowoski, of the kitchen staff, found A TRIBE OF STONES in a bookstore in Warsaw and thought we at Morasha would like it, according to Rabbi Dr. M. Orlian, Camp Librarian.

The book includes beautiful photographs and interesting history and is available to all in the library.

ONEG SHABBAT

Tonite's speaker will be Rabbi Abraham Cooper, former Machon Counselor and now Associate Director of the Simon Wiesenthal Center in L.A. His topic: "From Bonn to Beijing: Different Perspectives on Nachamu" at 10:30.

Two Morashaniks Win Top Places in National Bible Contest

Both the first and second place winners in the National Bible Contest are spending their summer in Morasha. Yehuda Chaneles, B 8, placed first and will be going to Israel for the International Competition. Yehuda is a student at Moriah.

Second place winner is Rachel Mansdorf of G 12. Rachel studies at HALB. Both second generation Morashaniks, Yehuda and Rachel competed in the 6-8th grade Hebrew division of the contest.

In the tradition of Morasha Bible contest Winners, Deborah Kaplan of Machon was in the International High School Competition last year. Anyone who would like to obtain the syllabus for the event should see Dr. Orlian, National Co-ordinator, in the camp library.

MAZEL TOV

Mazel Tov to Josh Levinger, B 8, and family on his Bar Mitzvah.

A LETTER TO THE DIRECTOR.

Tuesday night

Dear Rabbi Wahrhaftig,

Today's observance of Tisha B'Av demonstrated the special willingness and help of people in camp which I'd like to share with you.

Ahuva Epstein spent a great deal of time preparing a booklet of stories that were handed out to the Nitzanim during Kinot. It was so wonderful that the other divisions also asked for it.

Then there was Naomi Nadata who opened the Arts & Crafts room so that the Nitzanim could make bookmarks for our Siddurim. She spent much time helping us. And Jenny Sarasohn so willingly took the time to get us all the sports equipment that we needed. Then Rabbi Joel Cohn made burying SHEMOT very meaningful.

Rabbi Berman spoke so eloquently this morning and truly made KINOT special. Rookie Billet, Shulamis Cohn, Lisa Nusbacher and Ahuva delivered superb SICHOT and the girls gained a great deal from them.

I haven't even mentioned the procession which was so well organized.

As we're about to end Tisha B'Av, I feel really gratified. I can attest to the fact that it was a meaningful day for the Nitzanim girls. And we owe that to the people who went out of their way to make a difference. Too often we take too much for granted.

Thanks for listening.

Rock
Rachael (Rock) Davis
Nitzanim Division Head

WELCOME

MORASHA EXTENDS A CORDIAL WELCOME TO ALL OF THE GUESTS WHO WILL VISIT CAMP ON SUNDAY IN COMMEMORATION OF THE ANNUAL VISITOR'S DAY RITUAL. In honor of the occasion a listing of couples who found their Basherts in Morasha over the past 30 years is included on page 5. Let us know if your relatives are included or should be added.

Torah Thoughts

OUR FACULTY WRITES. . .

ON PARSHAT VAETCHANAN BY RABBI DOVID WADLER, ED STAFF

The Parsha of וַאֲחַזְנֵן is linked to Shabbat נחמו in that it is the first Parsha read during the seven weeks of comfort, שבועה דנחמא. Although this Shabbat gets its name from the הפטורה, none the less, one would expect to find some message of comfort, נחמה, in the Parsha itself. Instead, we find משה pleading with ה' for the chance to enter ארץ ישראל, only to be denied.

The פסוק כ"ז on, מדרש רבה - ארץ ישראל entry into משה ה' - "כי לא חעבר את הירדן הזה" tells the following משל in the name of Rabbi Levi. A man lost some small coins on the floor in a dark place. He thought to himself, "If I call out to people to bring me a light to help me pick up my coins, no one will care." What did he do? He took out a gold coin and threw it among the others. He then called out "Bring me a light in order to find my gold coin", and then, as he picked up the gold one, he retrieved the others as well. Because of the one gold coin, all his smaller coins were collected as well.

Now we can understand the message of נחמה in the Parsha. ה' purposely left משה in the desert with the rest of the דור המדבר to insure that they would be remembered along with משה at the time of משיח.

The lesson for us is clear. Having just experienced חטאה באב it would be easy to lose faith and fall into despair. Instead, we must realize the love that ה' has for us. That even when ה' says NO He has our best interests in mind.

May we all be זוכה to have ה' gather all of כלל ישראל together, and rebuild the המקדש, now, במהרה, בימינו.

A D'VAR TORAH. . .

ON TU B'AV

By RAPHAEL WILLIG, College Kollel

On Monday of this coming week, we will celebrate "TU B'AV", the Fifteenth of Av. The Mishna in Ta'anit (26b) states: There are no holidays that equal the Fifteenth of Av and Yom Kippur.

This Mishna seems puzzling for two reasons. First, why are those two holidays considered superior to all other holidays? Second, what is the connection between TU B'AV and YOM KIPPUR?

The SHEN MISHMUEL explains that each and every holiday is a time to come closer to Hashem, and provides us with an opportunity to fortify our commitment to Torah. The tragedies of Tisha B'Av seem to illustrate that Hashem is hiding from us, and before Yom Kippur we yearn for His closeness. Thus the opportunities for closeness that Tu B'Av and Yom Kippur offer us is so much more valuable.

This theme is expressed in the posuk, "Merachok Hashem Nirah Lipi" - G-d is visible when one is far away. It is after Klal Yisrael has gone through a period of soul searching and/or collective mourning that it can truly gain a renewed closeness with Hashem.

The posuk in Eicha states, "Kumi roni balaila". Chazal explain that at this time of year, when the nights are getting longer, we must arise in the night and study Torah. This renewed closeness to Hashem that we have hopefully gained over the course of these few weeks should be expressed in a renewed commitment to Torah and Mitzvos.

May we all be Zocheh to the end of that same Mishna in Ta'anit: "B'yom Simchas Lebo- Zo Binyan Bais Hamikdash Bimheira Biyameinu."

Shabbat Shalom.

עמוד עברי

תשבץ "ישראל"

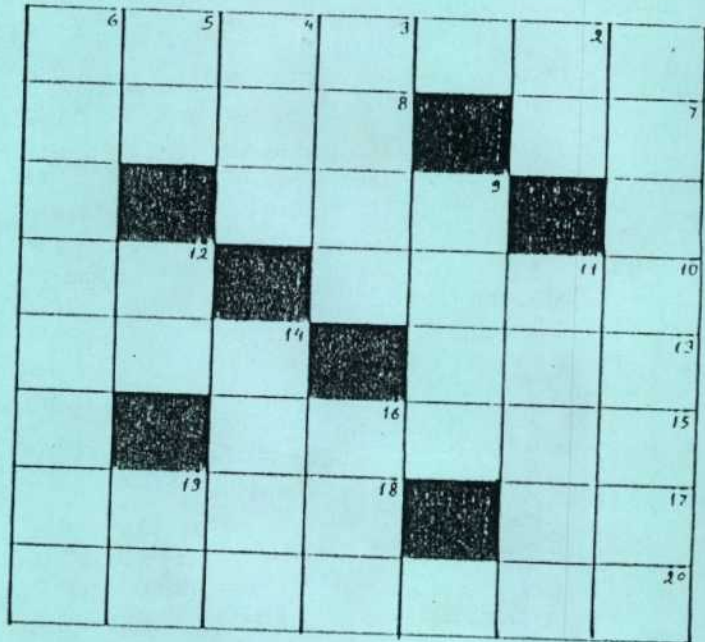


הוא לא יצא

אמא כעסה על שאול ואמרה לו: „אסור לך לצאת החוצה!“
 היה שאול עצוב, כי רצה לצאת ולשחק. פתאם מצא עצה; הוא הלך
 אל הדלת ואמר:
 „אמא אני נכנס החוצה.“

למה ללכת?

דני שואל: „מה את עושה, אמא?“
 אמא עונה: „אני מלמדת את אחיך הקטן ללכת.“
 „אבל מדוע?“ שואל דני. „הלא יש לנו מכונת“.



ממיון לשמאל: 1. עיר הבירה של ישראל; 7. זוחל הנושא את ביתו על הגב; 8. מי שלומד הרבה; 9. האם של קו והכל; 10. לא כבדים; 12. האשה של האב; 13. נהר קטן; 14. העץ plane; 15. שם ראה יעקב אבינו את החלום שלו (שתי מלים); 17. אוויר; 18. הנהר אשר בו נתנה התורה לבני ישראל; 20. שם קפר ומוקד חנוכי בקרי ירושלים (שתי מלים).

מלמטה למטה: 1. נשיא מדינת ישראל; 2. איש תורה; 3. סוף המלחמה; 4. מדוע; 5. בה אנו כותבים ועובדים; 6. ראש ממשלת ישראל; 9. נערה המשרחת בצקא; 11. הלחיים שלו; 12. אלהים; 14. הדללים (buckets) שלי; 16. בו אביה מלך ירושלים; 19. נזכר למעלה (בראשי חבות).

