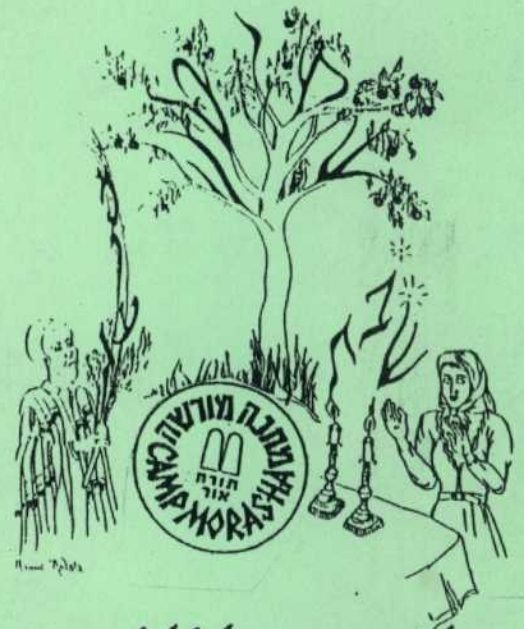


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SHMITA WINS!



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NEWS



SHMITA WINS OVER SHABBOS AND MOED, BUT ALL COME OUT AHEAD

SHMITA won over SHABBOS and MOED, but everyone- campers and staffers alike- came out ahead in Morasha's 30th Annual Morashia.

"The kids had a ball," reported Debbie Meskin, Assistant to the Coordinating Committee, "and even knishes were on the menu at the generals' meeting.

Morashaniks demonstrated top talent and creativity in Torah, music, sports, art, dance, writing, and drama for three consecutive days. The washing stations in the Main Dining Room were beautified through projects by each of the teams. Ruach filled the Mercazia Wednesday night as SHIRIAH climaxed the major event of the season.

In closing ceremonies, Rabbi Abraham Wahrhaftig, Camp Director, expressed special appreciation to the Machon ("the best one we've ever had") and to the Program Director Rabbi Mordecai Besser who headed the Coordinating Committee for Morashia. Rabbi Besser pointed out that much effort from all departments went into making MORASHIA successful.

Special recognition went to the Generals Ari Rockoff and Aimee Taub, Shmita; Adam Loskove and Ayala Shapiro, Moed; and Hillel Cohen and Lauren Weiner, Shabbos; and to Lieutenant Generals Aron Allen and Tami Finkelstein; Reuven Mohl and Meredith Deutsch; and Uriel Lubetski and Aliza Katz.

Both campuses were rewarded with a previously unheard of TWO-HOUR Late Day to recuperate from MORASHIA and get ready for a week full of activities to come.

TRIP DAY SET FOR MONDAY, TUESDAY

Anticipating an extended leave next week, Morashniks will depart on Monday for Trip Day destinations.

In a change from tradition, Machon will not leave the country, but head instead for Washington and the Holocaust Museum. The Alufim/ot will make their annual overnight pilgrimage to Hersheytown. Younger divisions will return to camp by Monday at nightfall.

MACHON STEPS ON STAGE

Machon will step on the Mercazia stage in front of all divisions on Sunday night. They will present a Musical Review directed by Michal Goldberg and the drama staff. A combination of numbers from different shows will be featured.

RABBI BENJAMIN BLECH RETURNS

RABBI BENJAMIN BLECH, former educational director of Camp Morasha, will return to speak at tonight's Oneg Shabbat. His topic will be "Secrets of Hebrew Words- Insights and Predictions." The Oneg will start at 10:15 in the Pargod.

MORASHA'S ENGAGING STAFF

MAZEL TOV to AVI SPÄISER of Morasha's Canteen and Infirmary Escort SHARONA NAGLER who became engaged this week. In spite of the long Bashert list, this is the first couple since Rabbi Heshie and Rookie Billet to become engaged right here at camp.

TZEISCHEM L'SHALOM

Hatzlacha Rabbah to all Morashaniks leaving early en route to a year of learning in Eretz Yisroel, especially Deborah Gottesman and Gila Sandhaus of the Office Staff.

Torah Thoughts

A D'VAR TORAH. . .

ON PARSHAT RE'EH

By Shmuel Schwartz, H.S. Kellel

One of the most intriguing topics in this week's Parsha is that of the NOVI SHEKER- a false prophet that Hashem sends us to test us, in order to make sure that we love Him.

This seems to be one of the most difficult tests one can encounter, as we are commanded not to believe this NOVI even if his signs and predictions come true. Through logical reasoning it is not possible to understand how one can overcome this test, as miracles are happening for a person we are commanded not to listen to.

The answer to this question is brought down from the Michtav M'Eliyahu by the Lekach Tov. He says that through the love we must show for Hashem, it is possible to verify something which appears nonsensical through an intellectual approach. Thus, Hashem expects us to pass this test and not listen to the NOVI SHEKER, using our love for Hashem as a guide.

However, the love and emotion that we must show and feel for Hashem cannot be started on its own. It must be predicated by intellectual realization.

One of the worst types of Aiverot is that performed because one feels like doing an action, while not actually thinking about what he is doing. Thus, one whose life is controlled simply by reflex actions is not in consonance with the Torah. We therefore need SECHEL not only to get us to have love for Hashem, but also to control our lives and give us guidance.

This idea is applicable to us especially now as we bench Rosh Chodesh Elul since the purpose of Elul is to do proper T'shuvah. T'shuvah must employ both emotion and reasoning. We must not only intellectually realize that we may have done wrong, but we must also feel bad about it. We must have true CHARATAH through AHAVAH and SECHEL, and through this may all our T'SHUVAH be accepted.

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OUR FACULTY WRITES. . .

PASS THE SALAD ?

BY RABBI YOSEF NUSBACHER

In this week's Parsha we read about the removal of the prohibition to eat B'SAR TA'AVAH, meat for pleasure. As the Gemora in Chulin (16b) explains (according to Rabbi Yishmael) the Jews in the desert were forbidden to eat meat simply for pleasure, rather they had to bring the animal as a Korban Shlamim and only then could they eat the remainder for pleasure. Now, the Torah permitted them to eat meat without bringing the animal as a sacrifice.

The question that arises among the commentators is whether eating meat is desirable or only a "heter bedieved", a concession to man's base instincts. Rav Saadia Gaon (not to be confused with the one in the kitchen) believes that our Parsha is very much in favor of meat and that there is even a mitzvah to eat meat!

The Abarbanel, Baal Haturim, and recently Rav Kook read this whole passage in an opposite way, as a bedieved. They believe that man should not be so involved in gluttonous eating and shouldn't teach himself violent habits. According to their view, Jews should really be vegetarians.

The mainstream interpretation is that eating meat is neither a mitzvah nor a bedieved, but rather is left to a person's discretion. In this context it is important to note that these Psukim also contain the words "and you shall slaughter it..as I have commanded", the source in the Torah for the rules of Shechita. At the same time that the Torah removes the obligation to only eat meat of the Korban Shlamim and permits "casual meat eating" it attempts to infuse our physical enjoyment of meat with holiness by commanding us to "shecht" our meat before we eat it. Regardless of how you view eating meat, all of the commentators would agree, the goal must not be to merely have a pleasurable physical experience, but to transform it into a spiritual experience through the laws of BRACHOT, SEUDAH, and SHECHITA.

עבודת צדקה

הכרזים בין שבת ויום טוב

By: Yochiel Pomer
Amir Shavit
Moshé Haas

יזמן וזמנה הכרזים בין שבת ויום טוב. אבל ישנו הבדל עיקרי בין שבת ויום טוב. השבת אנו מקבלים במידת הכנסת ומצמיחים את ה' לביקורו. אנו מוותרים בקפילת קבלת שבת לזה דידי' ביטול להבלין את שבת המעלה. אנו מקנהים כאלו ישלנו אורחים השבת. אנו מקבלים כנבוא, אורחים אולם טוב, ומקנהים לה' ידוק. עולות את הקדושה של ביקורו. ה' ישיג גרמה שונה של קדושה. הכנסת השבוע, פשוטא, ונאמר. שלם מצמים בענה יראה כל צדוק את בני ה' אלקים במקום אשר עתה כח המצות כח המסירות ומה הסוכות ולא יראה את פני ה' חכם. יוק צ מצמים בשנה ה' מצמיח אונתו לביקורו. אנו מחכים כל השנה בשביל צ המצמים האלה. ה' נאמר נאמר מצות זה לראות מן המקדש שנאמר ומקדש תראו ישיג נקודה עיקרית של צדקה בעיניו הנקדש. איסור לן עלות בתוך בית המקדש אם מקדש, אם נעלים, אם למעלה כל ה' ישיג. אדם חייב להקדש כנבוא כשם הוא נכנס לביקור המקדש. וישיג פתח איראה.

מאליך
ה' נאמר כוקה, ולא מן המקדש אחר ירא אלה ממי שזה עם צדקו. אנו חייבים להזק כפחה וביראה מן ה' לענק ביום טוב את עצמינו יש הבדל עקרי בין שבת ויום טוב חייבים יראה. אנו מצמיח את עצמינו לערמה יותר יראה. אמר אנו נעשה את המצות ה' וניעם כפוחיו נעשה כעלנו ליושר.

- המורה בימינו אמר.

MORASHIA

TEAM THEME

BY ROMY GARDENSWARTZ
ILANOT-SHABBOS

Once a week
There's a special day for all Jews
There are thirty-nine don'ts
And many dos

SHOMOR and ZOCHOR
Remember and keep
SHABBOS is the day we're
Supposed to sleep

KIDDUSH and SHOLOM ALEICHEM
On Friday night
While the SHABBOS candles
Shimmer so bright

SHABBOS is observed
In every time and place
In concentration camps
And when enemies we face

Respect SHABBOS
For it is the holiest day
But also enjoy it
Relax, learn, and play

Spend your day well
Because it goes very fast
And before you know it
Another SHABBOS has passed.

A LETTER HOME

By ARIELLA EISENBERG, Nitzanim- Moed

Dear Mommy and Daddy,

Guess what! Color War broke out.
This is how it happened: We went to the
gym for a second night activity which
was I WANT YOUR JOB. When we came
back there was a sign on our door. It
said, "Go back to the gym." Then Guess
what? MORASHIA '93.

So far we played Newcomb,
Machanayim, and kickball. It's a lot of
fun. Bye for now,

Love,
Ariella

GREEN WILL WIN !

By JONATHAN LAUER & SHLOMO WEG
Nitzanim- Shmita

GREEN, YELLOW, and RED are
The teams of Morasha Color War
As you know GREEN will win once more

Color War breakout was a lot of fun
We had a fake-out which made us all
run

At all the games GREEN stands tall
Winning hockey, baseball, and basketball

SHMITA will never fall
WE will win it all !

WHO WAS AHARON KAHKOHEN ?

By ELI COHN, Shtilim- Moed

We all know AHARON as the Kohen
Godol and a man who cared about B'nei
Yisrael. The Torah tells us that when
Elezer walked out in Aharon's clothing
and everyone realized that Aharon died,
they cried. Why? BECAUSE Aharon used
to chase peace and try as hard as he
could to settle all arguments. Aharon
was always friendly with everybody,
even with people who hate.

Aharon also always obeyed the
10th commandment that one should
never be jealous. After the incident of
the Burning Bush, Moshe told Aharon
what happened. The Torah says that
Aharon was happy in his heart, not only
on the outside.

As we participate in Color War we
could learn a lot from Aharon- not to
argue with our friends and never to be
jealous of our friends. And we should
try to chase peace and make peace so
we could see the rebuilding of the Beit
Hamikdash, Bimhayra B'yamenu Amin.



Love, Jonathan & Shlomo