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AVODAH WINS

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פרשת שופטים

MORASHA 1994

The wild and crazy performance by Sam Max in the Merkazia on Sunday night generated a mood of high energy throughout the entire campus. This energy was then channeled into three days of Color War. During this time Morashaniks demonstrated top talent and creativity in Torah, music, sports, art, dance, writing, and drama. The area over the canteen was beautified by camp projects by each of the teams. Ruach filled the Merkazia Wednesday night as Shiriah climaxed the major event of the season.

Special recognition went to the Generals Elie Berger and Rivka Dear Chesed, Chaim Schiff and Penny Klein Avoda and Andrew Wurzberger and Mimi Samter Torah. Also special thanks to their Lieutenant Generals Jonathan Altmark and Debra Teicher Chesed, Raphi Wisebrod and Laurie Rothstein Avoda and Carl Hochhauser and Rachel Tawil Torah.

ALUFIM/ALUFOT WRITE

Dear Readers,
As I glanced at my official Morasha calendar the other day, I was amazed when I realized how fast this summer has flown by. Before we know it the summer will be but a memory. Highlights of the past few weeks include Catskill Funland, where the name correctly describes the time we had. Next we traveled to Seneca Lake and rocked their world in a game of basketball. The other major highlight was Alufim/Alufot one day color war which was a huge success. The teams were A Time For Peace, A Time For War, A Time To Speak and A Time To Be Silent, A Time To Laugh and A Time To Cry and finally A Time To Hate. When all was said and done, A Time To Laugh and A Time To Cry had the Last Laugh. Everyone was very involved and it will surely go down in the Morasha Annals as a one day Color War to remember. Special thanks to the coordinators Jason Botnick, Irit Goldberg and Ahuva Wimpfheimer. As we look forward to Philly/Hershey trip and color war we can hardly wait.

All the best,
Daniel

MORASHA PLAYHOUSE

This past Sunday night the entire campus was treated to an excellent performance of The Matchmaker by the Ilanot. Under the expert direction of Esther Schwartz and Aimee Taub everyone in the cast did an outstanding job. Special thanks go to Shira Moskowitz for creating a wonderful set and costumes. Thanks also to the technical assistants Yosef Rothstein, Meir Volk, Akiva Berman and Adina Weinstein.

COLOR WAR BY THE TAN TEAM ALUFOT

Color war is off to an excellent start. The generals are second to none. The campers have exhibited excellent sportsmanship. This Color War will go down in history as the best. The Alufim/Machon Macabia was a smashing success. The most exciting event was jumping over the toilet paper. This event was won by Ari R. The Rabbaton was especially special since it was a fun learning experience. The tan team cheer to the tune of Dror Yikrah was the best.

COLOR WAR ITS HISTORY

by Noam Osband Torah
What are the origins of color war? Was it created hundreds of years ago by Native Americans? No, for color war is even older than the Torah. It was started by the cavemen. Of course, the only sports event was the rock throwing contest and the singing was who could sing "ooga booga" better, but it was color war. Our story picks up with Egyptians who had won the Middle East Color Games 20 years in a row until the up-start Cananite Jews won. Hence began the Jewish involvement in Egypt. The Native Americans many years later had their own color games. This began the great rivalries between the various tribes. So, next, time you are in a color war, remember that it's not a three day event, but a sacred contest started thousands of years ago. REALLY!!!!!!

GREEN TEAM REPRESENTS CHESED

by Sara Rosenberg & Lani Bryk
The green team represents a very important theme - it's chesed. The reason chesed is so important is because in order to be able to have a good time, you need to have lots of sportsmanship. Sportsmanship is very important to be done to your fellow team mates and opponents. For example picture yourself on a baseball field. There are 2 outs and the other team is up by 2. The whole game depends on you. You are up at bat - the pitcher pitches the ball - you swing and before you could blink your eyes it was strike 2, now the team is really cheering. You're getting really nervous. The pitcher pitches a curve ball then the Umpire calls strike 3 - the game ends. Which would you like better all your team mates come over and yell at you because you lost the game for them and yourself, or would you prefer them to come over to you and comfort you. Think about it and act the same way to your friends as you would want to be done to you.

MORASHIA

CHESED BY SHIRA BILLET

Chesed, kindness is one of the most important things in life. Without kindness the world would be a horrible place to live in. Several different sections in the Torah and Davening talk about chesed. The Tefillah "ברוך ה' אלהינו" talks about several mitzvot which involve chesed. Hachnasat Kallah is an example of chesed. We send or give money to people who have less than us to help them prepare for a wedding. Bikur Cholim is also a chesed. We take time out to visit someone who is sick. Hachnosat Orchim is a chesed which we learn from Avraham Avenu. He had doors on all sides of his ohel to welcome guests.

The Torah explains that our world stands on three things: Torah, Avodah, and Gemilut Chasadim. Each in its own way involves chesed. Torah is kind to the Jewish people and Hashem. It teaches us how to live our lives and how to respect Hashem. Within it are Avodat Beit Hamikdash and Tefillah. Gemilut Chasadim has different opinions. Some say it is only *לענין* and *לענין*. Others think it is both *לענין* and *לענין*. I personally think it is both.

Chesed is a very important middah and a very important mitzvah to make the world a better place to live in.

AVODAH

The Mishnah in Pirkei Avot states: *אין עולם דברים כאלו לא יעשה אלא שיהיה אדם עובד את ה' ויחזיק את עצמו בטהרה*. Avodah, the service of G-d, originally referred to the bringing of korbanot in the Beit HaMikdash. Although we can no longer bring korbanot to Hashem, we can continue to serve him through prayer and the observance of his mitzvot.

Color War is an intense and competitive time. However, we must always keep our ultimate goal in mind: serving God to the best of our ability. Whether in victory or in defeat, we must always continue to be *אדם*. Today our only connection to Hashem is through Tefillah. We hold on to this thin thread, hoping that through our Avodah, we can build up to the ultimate Avodah, korbanot in the Beit HaMikdash.

by: Ilana Greenwald & Amanda Sussman

TORAH by Jordana Rosenberg
The word Torah means many things to many people. Torah means life and observance of mitzvot. Torah means a way of life, the laws given to the Jews from Sinai with which we should live our lives. Torah is the history of Judaism which will bring us closer to Hashem. Torah is a blueprint for the Jewish way of life.

These are thoughts of what many people in this camp have about the meaning of the Torah. Many people have different thoughts about the Torah as a whole, but one common thought that they all shared was that the Torah leads our life for us as Jews. We must all come together as Torah observant Jews to bring the coming of Moshiach. There is a story of Bruriah's father who was sentenced to be killed with a Sefer Torah wrapped around him and a piece of cotton soaked in alcohol around his heart to make his death slower. Bruriah asked her father, "Abba, aren't you afraid?" He replied by saying that he would be afraid, but he has the Sefer Torah with him, so he is not dying alone. This story shows how much the Torah means to us as Jews, and how much we need the Torah to live our daily lives.

DETAILS ABOUT THE BEIT HAMIKDASH

By Nitzanim Banot Team Avodah
The Beit HaMikdash was originally built by King Shlomo, the son of King David. It was first destroyed by the Babylonians in 586 B.C.E., and the Jews were sent in exile to Babylonia at that time. Rebuilt after the exile in 516 B.C.E., and enlarged by Herod in 17 B.C.E. It was again destroyed by the Romans in 70 C.E.

IMPORTANT INGREDIENTS FOR COLOR WAR

by Orah Zucker & Miriam Lipsk
The first ingredient, chesed, kindness is what we need for Color War. The second ingredient is good sportsmanship, especially on the courts. Nice try is what to say when someone misses a ball. Nobody is perfect. If someone is playing the wrong way, what good will screaming do? Politely show them what was wrong. Don't be mad at the other team just because they won. Go shake their hands and make them feel proud. The last ingredient is doing your best