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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

7/15- *Jeremy Tannenbaum, Yehuda Halper, Joey Kalinsky*

7/16- *Micheal Weiss*

7/17- *Hindi Silber, Danielle Peyser,*

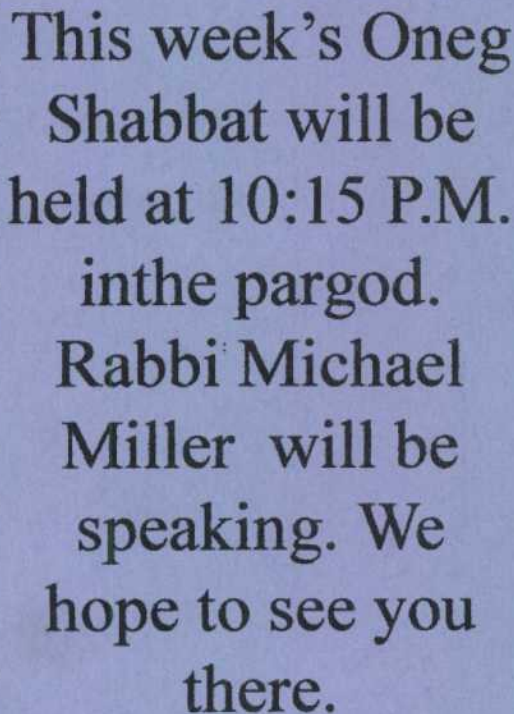
7/18- *Abigail Zausmer*

7/20- *Joshua Lovinger, David Hochhauser, Aliza Boim, Aliza Katz, Avery Katz, Zehava Singer*

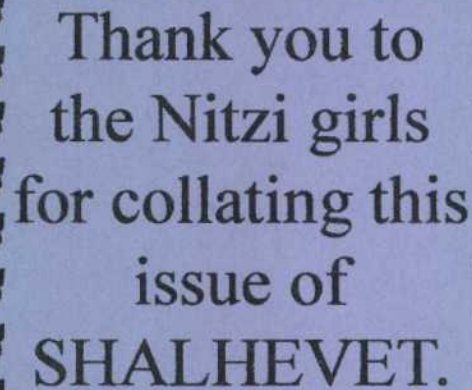
7/21- *Michael Wiener,*

Rachel Goldberg,

Dahlia Eisenberg



This week's Oneg Shabbat will be held at 10:15 P.M. in the pargod. Rabbi Michael Miller will be speaking. We hope to see you there.



Thank you to the Nitzi girls for collating this issue of SHALHEVET.

Once again the staff of SHALHEVET invites everyone to participate in this newspaper. If you would like to contribute anything, please contact our staff.

The Three Weeks

CHECK THE KASHRUS Rabbi Elia Chaim Meisels of Lodz paid special attention to the needs of children from poor families. He established for them a yeshiva where they would have their meals and he arranged for the townspeople to provide food and clothing. One year the crops were bad and the food was very expensive. To make matters worse, the Yeshiva found it difficult to raise money for food and the other expenses. The committee that was in charge decided that they would save money by cutting out meat during the nine days. Reb Elia Chaim heard about it and was upset. Here in the U.S. enough nourishing food is available so that the children can be well even without meat. In Europe many years ago nutrition was a serious problem. Reb Elia Chaim sent for the head of the Yeshiva committee and said:
"I want you to know the food being given to the children is against the Torah law."
"Don't worry, Rabbi," arrogantly answered the chairman, "we are giving no meat at all during the Nine Days."
"That's exactly what I mean," said Reb Elia Chaim, "it is forbidden to give dairy meals to children from poor families. Their health is not good and they must be given meat every day."
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MOURNING-SYMBOL OF HOPE-

Someone once asked Reb Yoseif Dov of Brisk, "Tell me, Rabbi, what is the use of all this mourning and sadness between Shiva Asar B'Tammuz and Tisha B'Av? Couldn't we do just as well without it? The rabbi answered, "Let me give you an example. Once there was a fire that destroyed many homes. Some of the homeless people search the ruins to find things that may have escaped destruction. Others don't bother looking! Those who look are the ones who expect to rebuild their homes. The others have probably given up and don't want to even make an effort.

"Our mourning is the same way.. We remind ourselves of the destruction of the Bais Hamikdash because we didn't give up. We are looking forward to the coming of Mashiach.

ONLY THE TRUTH-Rabbi Levi

Yitzchak of Berditchav was famous and beloved for always finding good things to say about Jews no matter how bad they may have seemed. Once on Tisha B'Av, he saw a Jew openly eating and drinking. The Rabbi said,
"My son, you must have forgotten it is Tisha B'Av."

"No, Rabbi. I know what day it is."

"Then you don't know it is forbidden to eat."

"No, Rabbi. I know that too."

"No doubt you are in poor health and unable to fast."

"Wrong again, Rabbi. I wish all Jews were as healthy as I."

Reb Levi Yitzchak looked up towards heaven and said, "Rebono Shel Olam, see how honest your children are. This man would rather admit he is a sinner than tell a lie!"

Pinchas

D'var Torah By:
Yaakov Shraga Thaler-H.S. Kollie
Counselor

Parshas Balak concludes with an anonymous Jew acting in a way unbecoming of Torah Jews. The Torah, however, does not reveal to us who this wicked Jew is until the beginning of Parshas Pinchas says "The name of the man who was killed was Zimri ben Salu a prince of the fathers house among the Simeonites." This seems very strange. Why does the Torah go out of its way to hide the identity of the rasha and then only after his death tell us who he is?

R. Moshe Feinstein Zatzal answers this question by saying that when a person does an aveirah it automatically impacts on those who see it. If the sinner is a respectable leader in the community it has that much more of an affect on the witnesses. While Zimri is sinning the Torah does not want us to know that he is a prince of Israel, lest we be influenced by his despicable behavior. Only after the prince is degraded and harpooned like a whale and there is no longer a fear of his influence can the Torah reveal his identity. In addition to now knowing who Pinchas killed teaches us an important lesson. Pinchas was not intimidated by the status of the sinner but treated him as he would any other sinner.

The attitude of the Torah teaches us that we are not only affected by our surroundings but that we affect all those who we come in contact with. All of our actions influence those around us. We, therefore, have the opportunity to be the good influence that each of us is capable of being or G-d forbid a bad influence. Regardless of who we are there are people that look up to us. If we are staff members, our campers look up to us. If we are campers, our friends and siblings look up to us. It is therefore extremely important that we not only dress like Bnei and Bnos Torah but that all of our actions throughout the entire day be consistent with Torah values. In this way we can be positive influences and role models to all the people we come in contact with and together we can all strive to reach our potential in the service of Hashem.

D'var Torah By:
Avraham Willig

The Best Counselor

In a moving scene, Hashem tells Moshe to prepare for death. He will never enter Eretz Yisroel. Incredibly, Moshe's response expresses no disappointment, but is rather an emotional appeal: "Please appoint a proper leader...so that Bnei Yisroel will not be left as a flock of sheep without a shephard."

The Midrash Tanchuma explains that what concerned Moshe was the broad spectrum of the human personality. Moshe understood that just as no two people have the same facial features, their are none with identical minds and feelings. He knew that, in order to encourage their growth, a good leader must be able to relate to each of his followers, and that such leaders are hard to come by. Therefore, Moshe begs Hashem, "You know that everybody is different. When I am gone, please appoint a leader who can deal with all people according to their individuality."

That Moshe himself possessed this phenomenal attitude of caring for each individual is not new to us. The famous Midrash tells the story of how Moshe the shepherd was chosen as the leader of Klal Yisroel due to his extraordinary sensitivity in leading his flock. Now, as Moshe steps down, it seems that we hear echoes of his initial clinching characteristic of leadership, as he refers to Bnei Yisroel as "the flock".

Moshe leaves us with a with a marvelous teaching concerning how we must approach other people. Only by relating to each person as an individual can we help them develop their unique potential. We find ourselves in a period in which the importance of Bein Adam Lichaveiro is stressed. Let's keep in mind the lesson of Moshe our teacher, and attempt to show appropriate concern for other campers, friends and all who look to learn from us.

Good shabbos !!!

All Around Camp

SHIRIAH

Shirah is one of Camp Morasha's most anticipated events. On both boys and girls campuses, voices and harmony have been heard rehearsing for this great event. Our music staff, headed by Gershon Veroba and Daniel Henkin have done a wonderful job putting together a professional show. Special thanks to Ruchi Winkler for all her time and effort. No matter who won, Shiriah was a smashing success.

SPECIAL
FAREWELL TO
ALL JULY
CAMPERS. WE
WILL MISS YOU!

MAKE SURE
YOU KEEP IN
TOUCH!!!!
BRUCHIM
HABAIM TO
CAMP
MORASHA'S
BOARD OF
DIRECTORS. WE
HOPE YOU
ENJOY YOUR
STAY!!!

HIGHLIGHTS
FOR NEXT
WEEK;

*Nitzanim
present: *Seven
Golden Buttons*
*Machzor Aleph
Girls Carnival
*Change Over
Day
*Athletic
Tournament Part
Two with Camp
Seneca Lake

TRIP DAY

Tuesday, July 19 was Trip Day in Camp Morasha. A great time was had by all! The Day Camp spent their day in Scranton at The Discovery Zone. After jumping, climbing and having a fun time, the day camp was treated to ice cream. The Nitzanim spend the first part of their day at The Catskill Funland. After a few exciting rides, they headed off to see Pocohontas. Younger Shtilim spent the first part of their day skating, golfing, and playing video games. They were then off to see Indian in the Cupboard before finishing off at Oakdale Mall. Older Shtilim started with a movie and then ended up at Rings Homestead where they jogged the rope course before finishing with a camp fire. Younger Ilanot began at Midway Bowling, then found their way to Skate Estate. After some fun, they too were off to Oakdale Mall where they had some ice cream before going to see Apollo 13. Older Ilanot spend the day at Indigo Stables where they went horseback riding and walking through the mud. Dinner was accompanied by a bonfire and singing. Similarly, Alufim spent the day at Oakdale Mall and Skate Estate. Their grand finale was a great water slide. Our hard working Machoniks spend an afternoon of rest and relaxation in Binghamton. Even the kollel took a few hours from their learning to go bowling. Special thanks to our administration for planning such great trips!!.