

SHALHEVEI



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Names in the News
AMY & STEPHEN UNTERBERG

Camp Morasha is fortunate to have a wonderful new couple in camp this year. They are our new division heads of Nitzanim. They just got married in June and came to share their honeymoon with us. Are they having a great honeymoon? Well, they say, they've met alot of nice people. Their waiters are truely amazing! Good learning! Good Shabbos atmosphere. It's great spending Shabbos with friends. It's not bad not having to cook one meal the first three months of marriage. In fact, says Stephen, "the first home cooked meal I've had was when Amy prepared a peanut butter and jelly sandwich for me."

Stephen is responsible for the entire boys Shtillim division, that is four bunks which includes 52 kids. When asked, what he has to say about these campers Stephen answers "they're just one great bunch of kids!"

Amy heads the younger shtillim which includes twenty six girls. Amy says "the Shtillim girls were more homesick than the boys and it was difficult but I'm having a great time."

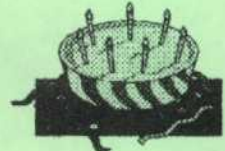
Stephen's from Brooklyn and Amy's from Texas. So nu... where did they meet? They met 1 and 1/2 years ago as advisors on an NCSY Shabbaton. It took a while till they started dating.

Amy spent time at Hebrew University, Kibbutz Saad and learned one year at Nishmat. Stephen was in Israel during the same period of time but had no idea Amy was there. He learned at Ohr Dovid and then the Kotel. Amy plays 700,000 instruments. Stephen loves to swim and is a computer WHIZ.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

We'd like to wish a happy birthday to the following people:

- 8/12 Jason Kollander
Chana Weiner
Jessica Feld
- 8/13 Rachel Friedman
Brian Poloner
- 8/15 Rebecca Galler
Noah Klein
Alexander Halpern
- 8/17 Moshe Lutwak
- 8/18 Joshua Posner
Karen Pelcovitz
Michal Forman



ATTENTION ALL
 STAFF AND MACHON:
 This Weeks Lecture will
 be given by:
**FRANKLYN SNITOW,
 ESQ**
 Please Join Us in the
 Pargod at a NEW time
 Friday Night, 10:00 P.M.

**D'var Torah by Eli Ozosowski
High School Kollel**

פרק ד, פסוק ל"ט, פרשת ואתחנן
"וידעת היום והשבות... אין עוד". And
you should know this day and take to
your heart that Hashem [He] is the G-d
in the heaven above and on the earth
below- there is no other." The Pasuk
teaches us that we should know and take
to heart that Hashem is the one and only
G-d. What do we learn from the words
"והשבות אל לבבך"? Wouldn't it have
been enough to say "And you should
know that Hashem is the one G-d?"
Rav Yisroel Salanter explains that the
Torah is telling us that it is not enough
just to know that Hashem is our G-d.
Rather, we must take this knowledge to
heart and let it affect our actions and our
attitude in serving Hashem. For
example, we should try to mention
Hashem during the day by saying השם
ברוך or the like the same way Yosef did
as head of Potiphar's house in
Mitzrayim. (see Rashi, Berashit 39:3).

We have a similar idea regarding
Limud Torah, as well. The Gemarah
Kidushin 40 concludes that learning
Torah is on a greater level than doing
mitzvot and maasim tovim because
learning is intrinsically beneficial and
also leads to doing mitvot. The message
is clear. It is not enough to just learn the
Torah; we must let it affect our
character and thus influence us to do
more mitzvot. In this fashion, אי"ה we
can all strive to serve Hashem in the best
way possible - through our ידיעה,
knowledge, as well as מעשים, actions.

תודה רבה מקרב לב לכל
"משפחת מורשה"
על השתתפותכם באבל.
ד.ר. מיכאל אורליאן

**New Tapes for
Library**

The library has just received
three albums of torah tapes by
Rabbi Berel Wein. They
include Pirkei Avos (22
tapes), and The House of
Rashi (8 tapes). Thanks to the
Zauderer and Rolinsky
families for this donation.

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

TORAH THOUGHTS

Mitzvot and Human Logic

by Rabbi Yaakov Haber, Ed Staff

"R. Chanina said ... but from my students [I have learned] the most." (Ta'anit 7a)

Parshat Va'Etchanan contains Moshe's retelling of the Aseret Hadibrot to Bnai Yisroel. Interestingly several significant differences exist between the descriptions of the Aseret Hadibrot in Parshat Yitro and in our Parsha.

One striking difference is the inclusion of the phrase "כַּאֲשֶׁר צִוְּךָ ה' אֱלֹהֶיךָ" - "as Hashem, your G-d, has commanded you" in the sections concerning Shabbat and Kibbud Av VaEim. This phrase does not appear in Parshat Yitro. The simplest explanation would be that in Yitro, Hashem was talking, whereas in VaEtchanan, Moshe is telling over what Hashem said, and he therefore started "as Hashem commanded you."

One of my students this summer, Josh Strauss, suggested the following novel answer. One might be tempted to keep Shabbat based on his own logic in order to simply have a day of rest from the work week-just as most Western societies have one or two days of rest from work. However, this attitude would certainly not lead to a complete observance of all of the intricate laws of Shabbat including abstaining from the 39 Milachot and would not fulfill the true purpose of Shabbat. Therefore Moshe states "as Hashem commanded you" to indicate that one should not keep Shabbat just as a day of rest but rather

a testimony of Hashem's creation of the world and of the Exodus from Egypt. Consequently, we must refrain from all forms of creative activity to attest to Hashem's "resting" after the creation, and in recognition of his complete dominion over the world as evidenced by the Exodus. (see Ramban)

Similarly, one might honor his parents because of his own sense of gratitude toward them for raising him. However, once again, this would not lead to a complete observance of all of the laws the Torah requires of the son or daughter in honoring his/her parents. The Torah even necessitates honoring one's parents after their death. This does not necessarily follow from human logic. Therefore, Moshe was careful to say "as Hashem commanded you" to include all of these additional laws in the Mizvah.

We, at Camp Morasha, should all use the occasion of the reading of the Aseret Hadibrot this Shabbat as an opportunity to reaffirm our commitment to all of the laws of Hashem's mitzvot. In this zechut, may we see the Nechamat Tzion speedily.

NITZANIM NEWS

Rave Reviews for Nitzi Night Activity

As members of the velcro club - Nitzanim girls authored and performed original skits dealing with proper midot and good behavior. We were treated to a delightful, creative, and funny evening. Many laughs, jokes and good times were shared. Though the girls themselves were the star attractions, we did catch a sneak preview of some up & coming talent. Morah's Cindy, Sharon, and Shulamit together with DH Amy staged "The OD and the Bunk." Many new and novel ideas were expressed and the girls learned some new "tricks of the trade". Order was restored by O.D. Witch who cast a spell on the "girls" and ended the naughty behavior. All vecro members joined in undoing the spell by exclaiming together "וואהבת לרעך כמוך". Certain cast members have been approached for an encore performance - our agents are busy negotiating!

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IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF
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THAN WEDNESDAY
MORNING. THE
SHALHEVET STAFF.

SHTILLIM NEWS

Younger Girls Shtillim Overnight

The Shtillim Girls had an overnight Monday night. At least that's what they were set out to do. They all packed their sleeping bags, etc and went off for their overnight. They first played Capture the Flag. Then the younger boys Shtillim came to join them for a cookout. There was plenty of hot dogs, hamburgers, beans and corn to be had. Then they roasted marshmallows. After dinner, the boys proceeded to daven Maariv and then left. The girls were on their own again. They sang around the campfire with music staff Daniel Henkins and Randy Sorscher. After the music staff left, the girls had fruit cocktails for desert and were ready to go to sleep when.... DH Geri Mansdorf asked the girls what they ideally would like to do. The girls responded with 1) let's go back to camp 2) let's go to sleep and 3) let Moshiah come.

Geri told the girls that they would go back to camp because Ronen Shalom and Moshe Atia who were leading the overnight were going to Toronto the

