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Names in the News

Rabbi Zush Motechin

Everyone in Camp Morasha knows Zush. After all, he's our Associate Program Coordinator. He works closely with Aviva Adler and Rabbi Wahrhaftig to create all the wonderful programs we have all enjoyed this summer.

Zush came to Camp Morasha 22 years ago. After two years as division head for Nitzanim and Shtillim, he became the assistant boys head counselor and held onto that position for nine years. But he never got tired of those boys. He then spent ten years as head counselor for boys. Imagine all those years on boys campus. How could he be spending his days, well most of his day, in an airconditioned office working behind a computer and producing many of those memos you see all over camp, after all those years on boys campus? Asked what he missed most about being on boys campus, his answer was making the kids smile by trying to solve all their needs.

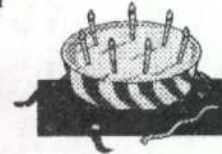
His wife is Matie, who everyone on girls' campus at Morasha knows and loves. She's Assistant Head Counselor for girls. They have four wonderful children: Ari who is in Machon, just turned seventeen this summer, Avrumie, 20 currently attends Queens College after spending two years in Israel, Shulamit who's married to Steven Felsenthal and is giving them tremendous nachas with their wonderful first grandchild, Nachi, and Yitzchok, married to Sharon will give Zush and Matie the honor of being a grandparent for the second time soon *ט"ן*.

Zush teaches social studies for the Board of Education of New York and is the Principal of New Springville Jewish Center Talmud Torah in Staten Island, N.Y.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

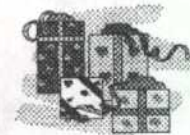
We'd like to wish a happy birthday to the following people:

- 8/19 Danielle Kestenbaum
Ariel Rosenzweig
- 8/20 Shira Hecht
Simmi Grunspan



Some Forgotten Birthdays

- 7/29 Shlomo Rydzinski
Yaacov Rydzinski
- 7/30 Elisha Nusbaum
Eli Herman
- 7/31 Elana Zelman
- 8/1 Lynn Weiss
Lisi Stahler
- 8/3 Steven Kessler



ATTENTION ALL
STAFF AND MACHON:
This Weeks' Lecture will
be given by
Rabbi Ezra Bick of
Yeshivat Gush Etzion.
Please Join Us in the
Pargod at Friday Night at
10:15 P.M.

THE MAGGID SPEAKS

Heavy LOAD?

A dealer in precious stones once went out of town on business. He had with him a valise filled with his wares—diamonds, rubles, emeralds- to show to potential buyers.

When he came to his hotel, he was assigned a room on the fourth floor. The hotel clerk summoned a porter and asked that he carry the businessman's valise up to his room. When the businessman came to his fourth floor room, he found the porter there waiting for him, huffing and puffing from exhaustion. "That was one heavy suitcase!" the porter complained. "I'm collapsing! What do you have in there, rocks?"

"If you are tired," said the diamond dealer, "you must have taken the wrong valise. mine is filled with diamonds and precious stones which are lightweight; they wouldn't tire anyone out. You probably took someone else's valise, and that is why you're so tired."

"This," said the Dubno Maggid, is how to understand(in Isaiah 43:22)"The burden of observing My Torah and doing My mitzvot is a light one to carry. If you find it heavy-then you are probably carrying the wrong load.' Torah study and the performance of Mitzvot are a pleasures to carry, for they make a Jew's life complete and happy." May we carry home our pleasures of Torah study and Mitzvot which we have learned to enjoy and continue the Morasha spirit throughout the year.

A Special Thank You

I want to thank the following people for helping with this month's SHALHEVET. First of all thanks to Wendy Gertelman, Giela Nussbaum, and Miriam Orlow for producing all the hundreds of copies. A special thank you to Rabbi Joel Cohen, Rabbi Abraham Wahrhaftig, Ari Farkas, Debbie Jacobson, and Martin Tollinsky for all their technical assistance. A very special thanks to Satch Sanders, who was there for me whenever I had a problem with the computer.

Last, but not least, I'd like to thank Tzippy Zaltz for watching Akiva.

Chani Rosenzweig
Shalhevet Editor

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

TORAH THOUGHTS

by Ari Schulman, College Kollel

In this week's פרשה, we are commanded in the Mitzvah of Chinuch. The פסוק tells us :

"ולמדתם את בניכם לדבר בם

בשבתך בביתך ובלכתך בדרך"

"You shall teach your children to discuss them while you sit in your home, and while you walk on the way"

We read this פסוק in Shema twice everyday. If you look carefully, however, you should be bothered by an obvious problem. Why does the פסוק start in לשון רבים (plural) and end in לשון יחיד (singular). The פסוק should say "you shall teach your children to discuss in them while they sit in their homes and while they walk on their ways" The דודאי ראובן deals with this problem. He says that this פסוק is teaching us an important message in חינוך. It is not enough when you are teaching your children, to tell them what to do. You must also teach by example. You must demonstrate to them how to live a life of Torah both "while you sit in your home, and while you walk on your way". The פסוק uses the singular לשון to show it is instructing the father on how to best teach his children.

The lesson applies to us as well. If you see a friend behaving improperly, it is not enough to tell him what he is doing wrong. You must show him by example how to best handle the situation.

by J. B. Cohen, High School kollel

In Parshat Eikev It says::

"ואמרת בלבבך כחי

ועצם ידי עשה לי את החיל הזה"

"And you will say in your heart, it is my strength and power of my hand that did this valorous deed."(8:17)

B'nei Yisroel were nearing their destination of Eretz Yisroel and Moshe took this opportunity to warn them of possible emotions that they may feel. Perhaps they will believe that it was actually their own strength and military prowess that defeated their enemies. They might forget that G-d had long ago promised that these events would occur, and that only through His Divine assistance could it be possible.

How is it possible that this nation that was enlightened by so many miracles in the desert could make such a mistake? Of course, it was all from the hand of HASHEM! We see that one's inclination could force one to deny even the most clear and obvious miracles. This lengthy and harsh warning is given in order to baffle the possible reaction of our yetzer hara.

In our last few days in Morasha, we should think to ourselves of how much we have gained in all areas especially in Shmiras Hamitzvos and how to act like real B'nei Torah. We owe a tremendous הכרת הטוב to our Directors, Rebbeim, Counselors, and Staff for all they have taught us and for making this summer a most meaningful summer. May we continue to maintain throughout the year that which we have learned, and see the rebuilding of the Beis HaMikdash B'Karov, Amen.

