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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Chaya Lipton Machon
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Jonathan Reiss (Machon)
Elana Sokolow G17
Avi Srulowitz B12
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Rabbi Allen Schwartz
Riki Hamlet (Machon)
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Steven Bresler B9
Chana Weiner G15
Jessica Feld G19
Rachel Friedman G16
Alyssa Apfel G17
Michael Ribalt B5
Lauren Genachowski G10

*Mazel Tov On Your
Bar Mitzvah
Steven Bresler B-9*

**Shabbat Times:
Latest
Candlelighting:
6:52 P.M.
Kabbalat
Shabbat:
7:00 P.M.**

Thank you Rachel Deutsch - Machon
and Monica Glickman - Arts & Crafts
for making the new Birchonim holders.


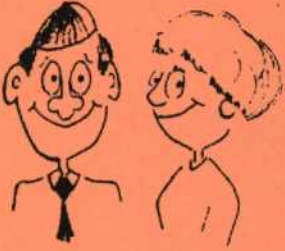








Friday night speaker
Rabbi Mordechai Willig
10:30 P.M. -Pargod
Hope to see you there!

Fast of Tisha B'Av begins
Monday August 11
at 7:08 P.M.
Fast ends Tuesday August 12
at 7:48 P.M.

MIDAH OF THE WEEK - שמירת הלשון

Loshon Hora from a Normally Reliable Source

It is forbidden to accept Loshon Hora, even if you heard it from a source that is usually trustworthy. Therefore, you may not believe Loshon Hora even if you heard it from...

<p>a trustworthy person,</p> 	<p>your parents,</p> 	<p>close family,</p> 	<p>husband / wife,</p> 
<p>reputable publications,</p> 	<p>"common Knowledge,"</p> 		<p>casual conversation,</p> 
<p>two witnesses,</p> 	<p>or a speaker who says he also did it—</p> 	<p>even if the person spoken about is there and does not deny it.</p> 	<p>Even where the speaker clearly had no reason to lie, you still may not accept Loshon Hora as fact.</p>

TORAH THOUGHTS

The Sefer of Devarim, which we begin this Shabbat, stands out in its style from the other books of the Torah. In Sefer Bamidbar, Moshe speaks in the first person, whereas in Shemot, Vayikra, and Bamidbar he does not. The phrase, "God spoke to Moshe saying..." which appears so often in the other books of the Torah, is entirely absent from Sefer Devarim. In Devarim Moshe speaks directly to Bnei Yisrael.

In Sefer Devarim, Moshe recounts the stories of our short history not simply to remind Bnei Yisrael of what happened to their parents, but to warn them not to fall prey to the same problems. There is an element of *musar* common to all the stories in Sefer Devarim. Moshe wants the people to be aware of their part in the sins that were committed.

The most striking example of the way Moshe introduces *musar* elements into his retelling of the stories may be seen in the episode of the מרגלים. In Sefer Bamidbar, it is God who instructed Moshe to send the spies. In Sefer Devarim, it is the people who approach Moshe and are ultimately responsible for the fiasco. Sefer Bamidbar stresses the misleading and sinful talk of the spies. Sefer Devarim places the blame at the doorsteps of all the people.

One of the many things that Moshe wanted to impress upon the people was to look inward first when searching for the root of a problem and its ultimate solution. This message remains as important today as it was then. The Nine Days are an ideal time to refocus our thinking and concentrate on self-introspection.

Rabbi Raymond Harari

TEHILIM FOR ISRAEL

After the recent bombing in Machane Yehuda, eleven camps have joined together to recite Tehilim for the situation in Israel. On the first day all the camps recited Tehilim at the exact same time. For the remainder of the summer, each camp will recite certain פרקים of Tehilim each day so that the entire Sefer of Tehilim will be completed on a daily basis. Yasher koach to Rabbi Allen Schwartz for organizing this. May the recitation of our Tehilim help the situation in Israel.

WHEN WILL YOU CALL?

The poison of the Spies:
The lying tongue that feeds the eyes
to see what the mouth predicts.

The Hill of the House is patrolled by foxes,
gold fillings and watches gassed in boxes
but the trains now run on time.
To the east.

The flowers that grow in blood
of seven years of souls.
The garden that Rome Planted.

Don Isaac leads the band.
The march of thousands who couldn't dance to the
tunes of Izavel and Ferdinand.

When will we see Your name is called on us?
When will You call on us?
When will You call?

9th of Av The Spies speak evil about the Land of Israel

9th of Av Destruction of the first Temple

9th of Av Destruction of the second Temple

9th of Av The massacre of the Jews at Betar

9th of Av Jerusalem is plowed over

9th of Av The expulsion of Spanish Jewry

9th of Av The onset of the First World War

9th of Av The first train transport of Jews to Auschwitz

This poem was taken off the Or Samayach Internet

STAFF CLOSEUP

New to Camp Morasha this summer are Rabbi Avraham and Margaret Benhamu. Avraham is the Alufim Division Head and Margaret is on the Ed Staff. During the year the Benhamus live in Flatbush with their adorable daughter Evvy, who is thirteen months old.

Avraham is Moroccan and was born in London, England. He has also lived in Columbia, Panama and in Florida where his parents now live. During the year Avraham teaches grade six, seven and eight at the Yeshiva of Flatbush. He has semicha from YU and is also a Shochet and a Mohel. Rabbi Benhamu has performed milah on many Russian adults in Israel. Avraham is enjoying his job at camp and is trying to share some of his Sephardic culture with the campers. He has taught them some great Sephardic zemirot.

Margaret just finished college and is now working on her masters degree in education and psychology. When she is not in school, Margaret is at home taking care of her daughter Evvy. Before Evvy was born, Margaret taught high school seniors at Yeshiva of Flatbush and first graders at Magen David. In camp, Margaret is enjoying getting to know the kids in her classes and spending the afternoons with Evvy.

All the Benhamus are enjoying their stay at camp, but Evvy is having the best time of all.

Attention All Staff:
Perek Near the Library
Rabbi Elly Storch
Shabbos Afternoon 5:30 PM

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תזכו למצות!