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SHALHEVET



This issue of Shalhevet is bittersweet. This past week was programmed to the max: One day Color War, Trips, the Nitzi play, overnights, -even a wedding! We are sad however, to see our friends go home for August - our bunks won't be the same without you! Don't forget to write to us, you know how much we love mail! We do look forward to meeting our new bunkmates and will do our best to make them feel warm and welcome.

SHABBAT WITH YACHAD:

This past Shabbat there was a חנוכה הבית - a celebration for moving into a new home, for the new Yachad bunks. When we got to the bunk we were overwhelmed by all the food they had

graciously set up for us. There was licorice, cookies, popcorn, fruit and soda. While we were eating our Nosh, we were able to hang out with our friends from Yachad. When we entered the Yachad bunk, we saw all the games that they set up for us to play. There was "Yachad-opoly", Guess -Who, Connect Four, and Mancala. We played for a while and then stopped to hear a D'var Torah. Tikvah, one of the Yachad members spoke about Pirkei Avot and how Aharon would always make peace between people when they were in a fight. To finish off the event, Morah Shulamit told an excellent story. We're so happy that they are here this summer. It was a lot of fun.

The Wise Men of Chelm:

By, Rebecca Lewinter & Aryana Bibi
Nitwits, noodlebrains, puddingheads ladies

and gentleman all came to the Nitzi production of the Wise Men Of Chelm. The people of Chelm weren't really wise, actually they were very foolish. The Chelm stories are old Jewish folk tales known all over the world for their foolishness. The story that the Nitzi's told was probably the funniest you have ever heard. You see the people of Chelm didn't know that they were foolish and one day a stranger came to town with a cow. For some peculiar reason the people of Chelm thought that this cow gave golden coins. The townspeople wanted to own this special cow so they all gave in their valuables and bought the cow.

Unfortunately, after a week went by with no gold in sight, the people wanted their money back. They sent Gimpel with the cow in

search of the stranger to get their valuables back. When Gimpel finally found the stranger, the stranger convinced him that the valuables were too heavy so he gave him feathers instead. Gimpel thought the feathers were too heavy so he said that the wind should carry them instead. The wind blew them away and the people of Chelm never got them. The people of Chelm took this as a sign that maybe because the feathers blew all over the world that maybe the people of Chelm should spread all over the world as well. So if you know someone foolish then maybe his or her great, great, grandparents were from Chelm.

MACHZOR ALEPH
ONE DAY COLOR
WAR:

The Cranberry and Gold teams battled it out on the sportsfields, they sang, danced, created Shlatim - the works! In the end, Gold defeated the red

team. But for your pleasure, the Shalhevet is happy to print the winning D'var Torah :

NEGEV-GOLD TEAM

By, Shayna Abramson
 Our team is Negev, our תהילים קכ"ו is from פסוק it reads:

"שובה ה' את שביתינו
 כאפיקים בנגב"

Return Hashem to our dwelling like springs in the South. The Metzudat David, a commentary on this *pasuk* says that it is really referring to the strong waters of the Negev. We learn from the סוכה in גמרה that just as water was scarce in the Negev, there was no spiritual water (torah) until the Avot and Imahot started the wells of torah in Be'er Shevah. Today, we are fortunate enough to have torah to quench our thirst, unlike Avraham's family who only had their idols made from stone because they felt that G-d was physical. We therefore should keep the flow of torah knowledge going strong like the wells of

Be'er'Shevah. This will prevent the torah from becoming scarce like the water in the Negev. We must keep the eternal flame in our hearts and let the torah be our guiding light.

It is brought down in the Gemara in Masechet Ta'anit that when Rav Nachman and Rav Yitzchak were to take leave of one another, Rav Nachman said to Rav Yitzchak: "may the master bless me". Rav Yitzchak said, I will tell you a Mashal to what this may be compared to. There was a man traveling in the desert and he was hungry, tired and thirsty. Then, he found a tree whose fruit was sweet, its shade was pleasant and a stream of water was flowing beneath it. He ate of its fruit, drank of its water and sat in its shade. When the man wanted to leave he said to the tree "how shall I bless you? Shall I say to you that your fruit shall be sweet? - it is already sweet. Shall I say that your shade shall be

pleasant? Your shade is already pleasant. Shall I say that a stream of water will flow beneath you? A stream of water already flows beneath you. Therefore it is my blessing to you that by the will of Hashem that all the shoots planted from you will be just like you". Rav Yitzchak said conclusively to Rav Nachman, "with what shall I bless you? Shall I bless you with the knowledge of Torah? You already have the knowledge of torah. Shall I give you wealth? You already have wealth. Shall I bless you with children? You already have children. Therefore this is my blessing: may it be the will of Hashem that your children will be like you". Just as our sages kept up a steady flow of torah like the stream of water from underneath the tree in the Mashal, so to the strength of the torah should grow stronger throughout our generations.

ALUFIM/FOT GO TO PHILLY:

By Elana Stein
"אשר נתן לשכוי בינה להבחין בין יום ובין לילה" was all the Alufim and Alufot could think of on the frosty morning of Monday, July 19th with the first rays of sunlight blinding our glazed eyeballs we boarded the buses headed for Philadelphia. After a very few hours of shuteye we reached the Franklin Institute, where all were enchanted by the Skybike, and none were enchanted by the IMAX movie EXTREME (although it did serve as an added opportunity for some much needed rest). Next stop: The ZOO! From face painting to the "swan lake", the Alufim/fot really got their feet wet!! We arrived at the Wyndham hotel in Cherry Hill, N.J at 5:00 PM and after the rooms were made up, all marveled at clean showers and beds without metal frames. Mincha was followed by a delicious chicken and rice dinner

catered by Greenwald catering. Then it was off to the movies - X-men or The Perfect Storm were the options, lights were out at 12:15. By 9:30 Tuesday morning, the real excitement began... we were on our way to Great Adventure. The atmosphere was charged with anticipation. The campers raced off the bus for 8 hours of amusement park adrenaline. As some Alufot put it, "The trip was awesome!" Some memorable moments of the trip include: Jessica Baum and Ariella Wruble's wheelchair rides through the park, the two boys who left their movie to go to "A Scary Movie" Oops-we mean the bathroom... the phone "messages of the day" courtesy of John Doe...and who could forget the little dip in the fountain?!? A special thanks to Chavie Rosenberg, Allison Gabe, and Yonina Berson for planning the trip

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Ruchie Goldberg WF
Elana Talit-Yachad G21
Sarina Schemo -Office
Hillel Goldstein B-17
Danielle Wald G-10
Rebecca Berman G-14
Arianna Mazurek G-20
Esther Goldstein G-13
Tzvi Ausubel B-15
Jessica Raab G-2
Danielle Shmuely G-12 Alex
Kestenbaum G-5

Aneinu 5760- By, Rabbi Neil Fleischman

Do we cry about not crying
Can we gain comfort from pain?

Do we struggle to move on
Or slide down old roads again?

Do we worry about content
Or only about form?

Do we truly believe
Or are we too forlorn

To be touched by this moment
To be moved to tears

To change the way things really are
Despite how they appear?

Can we take a day
And inscribe it on our heart

Or are we too weakened, tired
From being stretched apart?

As much as there's an I all
On a day like today

I sit and hope and pray
That we find some way

To find our way back home
To be together alone

To be the way G-d made us,
Kain Yehi Ratzon.

Thank-You:

To all of our dear friends in our
Morasha family, thank you so very
much for your wonderful wishes and
kind Brachot in celebration of Zevi's
Bar Mitzvah. The beautiful flowers we
received from all of you made our
Shabbat table complete. We look
forward to sharing many more
Smachot together in the future.

-The Wrubles

Two Kinds of Leaders

In Parshat Pinchas, we read about two different leaders who had two very different personalities. In the beginning of the parsha, we are introduced to Pinchas, a real superhero who thinks quick and stops a deadly plague by slaying two people. Clearly, Pinchas is a man of action, but many of Bnei Yisrael are not happy with Pinchas's impulsive behavior. In the end, Hashem must vouch for Pinchas, saying that his conduct was indeed correct.

The second leader we read about is Yehoshua, who in this parsha is named as Moshe's successor. Yehoshua is the very opposite of Pinchas: he is a spiritual man, or as the Torah says, "ish asher ruach bo." Throughout the Torah, Yehoshua is depicted as a man who serves Moshe faithfully, and who learns how to lead through Moshe's example. Moshe counts on Yehoshua a great deal, and chooses him to spy out Eretz Yisrael, knowing he will give a good report.

Rav Avraham Shtal in his book "Shabbat B'Shabbato" points out how remarkable it is that both Pinchas and Yehoshua are each given jobs that seem better suited for the other. Pinchas, the quick-thinking man of action, becomes a Kohen, a very lofty, spiritual position working in the Beit Hamikdash. Yehoshua, the spiritual man who spends his life emulating Moshe, is to be the next leader of the Jewish people, a very practical type of job which involves waging war and conquering land. Wouldn't it have been more logical to make Yehoshua the Kohen and Pinchas the warrior?

Perhaps this is a way of showing us that the best leadership is a combination of both traits. A good leader needs to be in touch with what Hashem expects, but must also be well-grounded in practical matters as well. By giving Pinchas and Yehoshua positions such as these, neither leader became too extreme, and both maintained a "shvil hazahav" - a middle-of-the-road approach.

Here at Camp Morasha, we have the opportunity to better ourselves physically and spiritually. Often it's easy to get wrapped up in one type of activity, to the exclusion of everything else. Sometimes the most difficult thing to do is stop to daven or go to shiur when we'd rather be boating or playing sports. We need to keep in mind, however, that the ideal is a combination of both the physical and the spiritual. Both are essential to our growth, and to our experience here at camp.

Yaffa Klugerman

ROVING REPORTER:

Q: What would you like your visitor to bring you on visiting day?

A: Machon Boys- lots of meat

Josh Gruenbaum B-15 – A big hug and kiss from mommy and daddy

Barbara Deutsch, Machon Supervisor- A scooped out whole wheat everything bagel with vegetable tuna and lettuce from Toddy's and a low fat mocha decaf without sugar from Starbucks.

Bob Deutsch, Barabara's Husband- Weight watcher's for my wife and a water gun.

High School Kolllel- A bear trap.

Sammy Solomon B-16- A new set of sheets for my bed.

Machon Girls Counselors- A new golf cart with a roof on it.

Noam Osband, Counselor B-14- A girl willing to date me.

Daniel Levy, Younger Shtilim D.H.- A horse to go with my cowboy boots.

Eli Schwartz, B-18- Tons of candy.

Stephanie Dienstag, Older Ilanot D.H.- An engagement ring.

Sasha Berk, G-6- A flurry from D.J's

Harold Rosengarten, Machon Dance Instructor – A new pair of dancing shoes.

Esti Ottensoser, G-19- A date with Harold.

Michael Morris, Machon Boys- LOVE.

Rebecca Arbisfeld, G-6- A TV.

Deena Klein, G-6- Nintendo 64.

Danielle Wald, G-10- A baby sister.

Erin Weireich, G-9- A dog.

Ariel Grun & Allison Leibman, G-13, 20- More Clothing!