

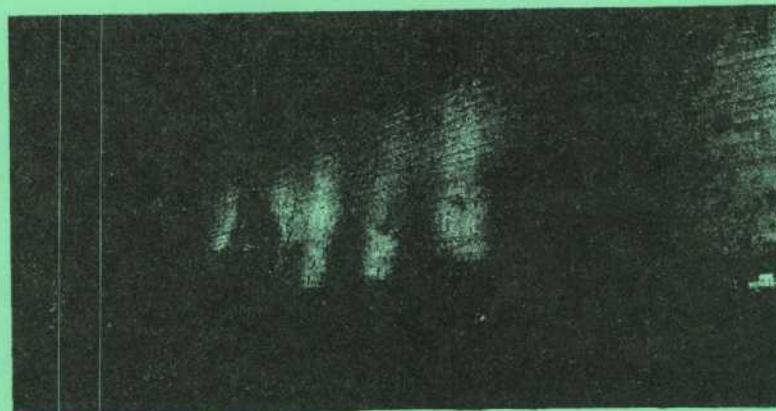
Shalhevet

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Erev Shabbat Nachamu

Parshat Vaetchanan



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What's New In Camp Morasha?

Theater Review By Chavi Pineles and Elana Stavsky, G19

On Tuesday night all of Machzor Bet went up to the Mercazia to see the performance of *The Letters of Yonatan Netanyahu*. The performance was done by the Alufim/Alufot. We came into the Mercazia thinking that Yoni's only accomplishment was his famous raid on Entebbe. But, as the play went on, we soon realized that he had accomplished much more.

Not only was Yoni a great soldier and officer but, he was a great person who cared about every individual. Everyday Yoni would wake up with more energy and would go out to train. Sometimes there was very harsh weather, but still he was determined to serve his country. Through the performance we were able to see Yoni's many qualities.

The performance brought us to realize that history repeats itself. Just like in Yoni's time it was difficult and we had to work hard to get through, so it is true now in Israel. We were able to relate to those difficulties. We must pray to Hashem for peace — *L'Shana Habaa B'Yerushalayim!*

Fim/Fot Color War By Devora Stechler, G14

This year's Alufim/Alufot color war was a great success. Being that it was during the nine days, the theme of each team focused on ways in which to become a bet-

ter person. The themes were based on a *mishna* in *pirkei avos*.

The blue team explained that a strong person is one who overcomes his *yetzer hara*. The orange team's purpose was to show that a rich person is one who is happy with what he has. The green team explored the idea of respecting others. The red team dealt with a wise man being a person who learns from everyone.

Even though it was only a one day color war, the sports were very intense. The Alufim and the Alufot played hard, gave it their all and sweat a lot. Each team decorated a cake and put on a funny skit portraying their theme. In the end, the red team won and everyone had a great time.

Better Late than Never — Older Ilanot Trip Day By Leah Weixelbaum, G17

Trip day was awesome! We went ice skating with icy air. Our cheeks froze, but it was a lot of fun. We hopped back onto the busses and went to the mall. We got to go from store to store while our wallets got lighter and lighter and our bags got heavier and heavier. After the mall we headed to the movie theater to see *Minority Report*. The movie was good . . . if you understood. Next, we went to Walmart to do some food shopping (yum, yum). Then we came back to camp and color war was broken out — what a great trip day!

**Special thanks to the Krolls
for all their help with this
week's Shalhevet!**

TICHIYAT HAMETIM ! BOYS CELEBRATE SHABBAT IN STYLE !

By The Mystery Reporter

The Boys Campus, led by their vibrant and Ruachdic counselors brought their section of the dining room to life in a fabulous display of self propelled Shabbat spirit during all three Shabbat meals. This reporter asked Michael Berl, Director of Fine Arts for his comments. " It was glorious – mamesh yimot hamashiach! I've waited 5 years for such a great Shabbat of Zmirot. The Men's Staff did a super job. I hope that they keep it up."

Until now, the Girls Campus had a commanding lead in the "Zmirot" category, with fabulous singing led by Alufot girls. The same "singing" formula was transmitted via Alufim boys and their counselors to the boys campus – with wonderful results. We hope that Shabbat Nachamu brings with it continued ruach and great fun in the dining room. Shabbat Shalom.

**MAZAL TOV!!!
To
Drs. Joyce and Yankie
Fruchter
on the birth of their new
grandson
And To
Shmaryahu, Henna and
Hillel Storch
on the birth of their new
sister**

What's New In the Big Wide World?

A skull discovered in central Africa may belong to the earliest known member of the human family. At almost seven million years old, the skull is, according to scientists, the oldest example of a pre-human ancestor that walked upright.

In a strong speech made Tuesday in New York, the President said, "At this moment, America's greatest economic need is higher ethical standards, enforced by strict laws and upheld by responsible business leaders."

The public got a glimpse of what the World Trade Center site may look like when it's rebuilt. All six ideas for the site include memorials to the people killed there Sept. 11. They also include tall buildings, though none that would rise as high as the vanished 110-story towers.

Electric utility companies fear that a movie might encourage kids to play with high-voltage power lines just like Mike. Many electric utility companies are warning parents that their kids could be electrocuted if they act out the dangerous scenes from the movie.

Weekend Weather Forcast (as of Wednesday, July 17):

Friday : Partly cloudy, chance of a thunderstorm. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the upper 50s.

Saturday: Partly cloudy. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the mid 50s.

Sunday: Partial sunshine. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the upper 50s.

PARSHA PAGE

D'var Torah By Rabbi Joel Cohn

This Shabbat we read of the pleas of *Moshe Rabbeinu* to Hashem to allow him to enter *Eretz Yisrael*. We are all familiar with the *Chazal* that explains that Moshe wanted to enter *Eretz Yisrael* in order to fulfill those *mitzvot* that can only be done there. Yet, Hashem refused the request and Moshe was only allowed to see the Land of Israel from atop *Har Nevo*.

Rav Soloveitchik, z'tl, pointed out that the word "*va'etchanan*" is written in the singular — "and I pleaded." The Rav remarked that part of the tragedy of *Moshe Rabbeinu* was that he was the only one who *davened* on his behalf. There were no mass *tefila* gatherings, no one else lifted their head skyward to beg for Hashem — it was Moshe alone.

We can assume that the *kahal* felt unworthy to pray for Moshe, that if Moshe's *tefila* went unheeded, certainly their's would as well. Who knows what Hashem's reaction might have been had He seen all of *Klal Yisrael* joining Moshe in his *davening*.

As we seek *nechama* and the building of the third *Beit Hamikdash*, we must join all of *Klal Yisrael* in *tefila*. Every voice counts, every word counts. Perhaps this will be the year in which Hashem sees us all joined together in prayer and can no longer refuse our request.

Sedra Stats

- 45th of the 54 sedras
- 2nd of 11 in D'varim
- Written on 249 lines in a Sefer Torah — 7th most in the Torah
- 122 p'sukim — 17th most in the Torah, 2nd most in Devarim
- 1878 words — 10th most in the Torah, 2nd most in Devarim
- 7343 letters — 10th most in the Torah, 2nd most in Devarim
- Contains 12 of the 613 mitzvot, 8 positive and 4 prohibitions (Note: Many other mitzvot besides the 12 counted, are found in *Va'etchanan*, but they are counted elsewhere in the Torah.)

Torah Trivia

1. When did the *Arei Miklat* east of the Jordan River begin to shelter murderers?
2. Which other *parsha* in the Torah contains the 10 Commandments?
3. What did Hashem command about the seven nations living in *Eretz Canaan*?
4. How many words are there in the three *parshiyot* of *Shema*?
5. Who had already been buried in *Eretz Canaan*?

Parsha: Vaetchanan
Candle Lighting: 7:11
Shabbos Ends: 8:18
Pirkei Avos: 3rd perek

Ideas on Israel

The *Meshech Chochma*, in his commentary on *Parshat Bechukotai*, comments that a pattern exists throughout Jewish history and that exists in a three-part cycle. First, Jewish pioneers build a strong Jewish establishment and pour their sweat and blood into a land. These pioneers erect communal structures and work hard to secure their children's future. The second generation begins to forget about the toils of their parents and begins to become complacent. The third generation is totally destroyed and the survivors are left to begin the cycle anew. Interestingly, the *Meshech Chochma* wrote this before the Holocaust and said then that the next destruction would be in Berlin.

Editorial By Ari Schlossel, Machon Boys

We are in the midst of this cycle today in *Eretz Yisrael*. Our ancestors toiled endlessly to establish the Jewish nation in Israel. However, *Medinat Yisrael* was handed to our generation on a silver platter. We often take Israel for granted; it has always been there, so we don't doubt that it always will be. But, we cannot be passive and we cannot be complacent. It is up to us to make sure that this cycle is our last and that the third *Beit Hamikdash* will be rebuilt for eternity — before we are once again destroyed.

You may ask, hey, what can I do here at Camp Morasha, thousands of miles from Israel? There is a lot that each of us can — and should — do. We can make Hebrew signs, hang up flags, and fill our camp with a love for Israel. Instead of keeping our loose change from the soda machine, we can give it straight to *tzedaka* to help *Magen David Adom*. We can educate ourselves and others about Israel's history and about its current events. And there is so much more that we can do. If anyone has any ideas or would like to help out, please come find me. We are at a turning point in history; "Carpei Deim," — seize the day!

And now test your knowledge of Israel's history ...

1. After which war was the city of Jerusalem reunited with the State of Israel?
A) The Yom Kippur War B) The War for Israeli Independence C) The Six-Day War
2. Which king made Jerusalem the capital of Israel?
A) King Solomon B) King David C) King Saul
3. Who was first asked to be Israel's first President?
A) David Ben-Gurion B) Chaim Weizmann C) Albert Einstein
4. Which country do most new Israeli's emigrate from?
A) United States B) Ethiopia C) Russia
5. Who is the current President of Israel?
A) Binyamin Netanyahu B) Ezer Weizman C) Shimon Peres
6. Which State is the approximate size of Israel?
A) California B) Massachusetts C) New Jersey
7. What is the approximate population of Israel?
A) 7.1 million B) 12.3 million C) 5.8 million
8. On which symbols is the design of the Israeli flag based?
A) None B) One of the stars in Joseph's dream C) The tallit and the Magen David
9. Which of the following is NOT a religious quarter in Old Jerusalem?
A) Turkish Quarter B) Armenian Quarter C) Jewish Quarter
10. Which British Prime Minister who pled support for a "Jewish home in Palestine"?
A) Neville Chamberlain B) Theodore Herzl C) Arthur Balfour