

Shalhevet

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**Shana Tova!
See You
Next Summer!**

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What's New in Camp Morasha?

Color War 2002 was an incredibly exciting three days filled with *ruach*, sportsmanship and some intense competition from *Melech*, *Shofar* and *Zikaron*. Beginning with a fantastic *Hachnasat Sefer Torah* that had us all pumped up and ending with an outstanding performance at Shiriah, this was indeed a Color War we will never forget.

Thank you to the coordinating committee — Rabbi Storch, Adam Dachs, Miriam Kolb, Jen Kroll and Ruby Yarmush. To the assignment committee — Dr. Joyce Fruchter, Miriam Cohen, Rock Davis, Aaron Kaplan and Geri Mansdorf. And, to the scoring committee — Rabbi Wienerkur, Zeke Kreiter and Miriam Ross.

Who Won?

While we know that *Zikaron*, the WhiteTeam was the victor of Color War this year, there were many events at which many people worked very hard. Below are the winners of some of the events:

Bake Off: White
Brachos Bee: White
Camp Project: White
Cheer: White
Dance: Red
Dvar Torah: Blue
Macabiah: Blue
Shaltiel: Red
Shelet: White
Shiriah: White
Sports: White

This Week in Day Camp

By Tali, Bobby, Jamie, Yolly, Chevi, Elisheva and Penina

We had so much fun at the Carnival. We searched for candy and money, had our faces painted and tasted weird flavors of ice cream like, pizza and French toast. But our two favorite booths were making packages for soldiers in Israel and dumping buckets of water over our counselor's head.

The Overday was fun too. We went on a hike and pretended we were in the army. We ate hotdogs and hamburgers, got sticky from marshmallow fluff and even built tents! It was a great day and, whether we're in Day Camp or Nitzis, we can't wait to do it again next year!

Spectacular, Spectacular ... + it was! Anonymous Author

After a long, fun, hot summer sprinkled with the occasional ups and downs, the (staff) vaad wanted to top it all off with a special night to remember. Their fearless leader, Seth Anziska (somebody make him a general!...) came up with the great idea to hire People Pleasers and a carnival, themed spectacular, spectacular, was born.

With Seth and Yael W. at the helm, all the vaad members pitched in. Signs were designed, cool promo ads appeared all over camp and the kitchen started cooking. On Saturday night Girls Courts were transformed into an amusement park playland. Twinkling lights were strewn across and the whole place was decorated with festive balloons and crepe paper chains. Judah Rauch and Rivka Ross served as carnival coordinators and enlisted many people to run booths such as, candygrams, dress-up photo and cotton candy vendors. The Danny Shatzkes band played in between piped in "rockin'" music.

The waiters, under the direction of Geri and Yakov, all helped out with the outrageous food. Lasagna, calzones, knishes and grilled vegetables were only some of the amazing culinary creations Elly and Saadyah whipped up. They were followed by the cheesecakes with toppings by Moishe who really outdid himself.

The enthusiasm never dimmed even when the lights went out. The night concluded with various hilarious skits performed by different departments around camp and a moving slide show (thanks Elisheva and Danny). One staff member commented that this was a great night because she really felt like the staff was one unit. Morasha vaad: mission accomplished.

What's New in the Big Wide World?

An Israeli military court ordered the expulsion of Palestinian relatives of a Hamas militant known to have been involved in suicide bombings. On Tuesday the Supreme Court froze the expulsion order and said the military must submit arguments before a final decision is reached.

President Bush has vowed to make America a safer place for kids. He has called a special White House summit to discuss such topics as, the plight of missing and abused children, internet safety and ways that communities and government can work together to keep kids safe.

This week, the lights atop the Empire State Building were beaming yellow, the corporate color of Snapple Beverage Corporation. It's a reward for the company's bringing 700 employees to town and part of a plan to attract businesses to the city after September 11th.

Baseball players have announced that, they are holding back on setting a strike day. Citing progress and sensing an agreement could be close, they have agreed to give the negotiating process "every chance to succeed," said a senior member of the player's union board.

Weekend Weather Forecast

(as of Wednesday, August 14):

Friday: Mix of sun and clouds with highs in the high 80s and lows in the high 50s.

Saturday: Sunny with highs in the high 80s and lows in the high 50s.

Sunday: Mostly cloudy with highs in the mid 80s and lows in the high 50s.

Winning Color War Articles

As part of the Color War competition, each team was required to submit four articles to Shalhevet. The following are the winning articles:

Division: Nitzanim
Team: Shofar, Blue
By Aliza Leifer

Aliza: Moshe, thank you so much for sitting down with us today and taking time out from your busy schedule to do this interview.

Moshe: It's my pleasure.

Aliza: How did it feel when Paroh said that he wouldn't let the Jews out of Egypt?

Moshe: It was a big bummer, I had been hoping he'd say yes.

Aliza: How did it feel when the *Yam Suf* split?

Moshe: It was so cool. When the guy jumped into the sea, we saw the water go up to his face and we knew Hashem was going to make a miracle. Man, you had to see the looks on the Egyptians' faces.

Aliza: So, what was it like being on *Har Sinai* for 40 days and nights?

Moshe: It was great! I *shteiged* for 40 days and nights — a kollel boys dream!

Aliza: What would you like to see in the future for *Am Yisrael*?

Moshe: For the sound of the *shofar* calling all the Jews to move to Israel and build the *Beit Hamikdash* and learn Torah.

Aliza: How do you think we are going to achieve this goal?

Moshe: *Ahavat Yisrael* and for all Jews to do *mitzvot* properly.

Aliza: Thank you for coming, we hope you enjoyed this interview and I hope we can meet again in Israel during the times of the *Moshiach* — soon!

Division: Shtilim
Team Melech, Red
By Anonymous Author

In ten decrees the world was created. Hashem, who has the power to choose any way in which to create the world, chose to create it using ten decrees. Why didn't He just use one, why did He choose a method that takes more time and effort?

In using ten decrees Hashem is showing that He created the world with much love and affection toward his creations. Like a person who does something that he cares about very much and puts more effort into the details in order to achieve perfection, so too with Hashem's creation of the world. Each decree was another little detail — another addition to the complete product.

Another lesson Hashem is teaching by creating the world in ten decrees is that just as the world was created in a series of necessary stages that brought a perfect result, so too we must pay attention to details. We must realize that to achieve perfect results in life we must not skip over parts or stages of things. By skipping necessary parts, we may fall backward instead of moving forward.

May we all achieve the things we want out of life by learning from the *Maaseh Bereishit* how to love what we do and always do it in the best way possible.

Division: Ilanot
Team: Melech, Red
By Mickey Wagner

The majesty of any kingdom lies in its basic foundation. While a kingdom without a king is just "dom," any kingdom's greatest asset is its loyal subjects who serve their king. How much more does this apply to

the King of Kings — *Hakadosh Baruch Hu?*

Rashi draws a parallel between *Vayehi B'Yeshurun Melech B'Hitasef Rashei Am Yachad Shivtei Yisrael* and first *pasuk* in *Ki Tisa*, "*Ki Tisa Et Rosh Bnei Yisrael.*" When Moshe is commanded to count the Jews, Hashem uses the word, "*Rosh.*" This is strange because when the counting process is described in the next *pasuk* each man is asked to donate $1/2$ *shekel* to *tzedaka*. Why does it imply that only some of the Jews were counting and why were they counted by giving *tzedaka*? Rashi explains that the only people who were counted were those who were willing to be part of *Am Yisrael* by accepting *Oi Malchut Shamayim*. By giving *tzedaka*, each person demonstrated his commitment to Hashem and His *mitzvot*.

Ramban interprets "*Rashei Am*" differently. He brings a Midrash that states that "*L'Hitasef*" implies a gathering of leaders. While each one of the 12 tribes lives as one large family, together and unified, the gaps between the different tribes were great. From deciding which tribe head out to war first to assigning each tribe his inheritance in *Eretz Yisrael* — there was always something to disagree about. The Ramban learns from this Midrash about the importance of unity among the leaders of the tribes. Hashem's throne in *shamayim* is only established and maintained when there is a unified Israel working together to serve Hashem — "*Kiso Shel M'Busas L'Maalah B'Zman She Yisrael Asuiin Agudah Echad.*"

How applicable is this concept today, during Color War? More important than any race, meet, song or cheer, is the sportsmanship between the players. And, most importantly, as the Ramban points out, is that the leaders of each team realize that

it is only through working together that they will accomplish the true goal of Color War — stretching the limits, striving to excel, and most of all — *ruach* and fun for everyone!

It is only when we all stand united and work together as one nation, one team, that we can accomplish our true goal as a people. It is our unity that will allow us to pass on our *Morasha*, inheritance, of *Ol Malchut Shamayim*, *mitzvoth* and Torah to the generations to come.

"V'Haya Hashem L'Melech Al kol Haaretz, Bayom Hahu Y'heyeh Hashem Echad U'Shmo Echad."

Division: Alufim/fot
Team: Zikaron, White
By Rachel Grauer

The white team, *zikaron's* theme is the *Shalosh Regalim*. In the times of the Beit Hamikdash, on Sukot, Pesach and Shavuot, people would go up to Yerushalaim to bring *Korbanot* to Hashem. In *Devarim* it says, "*Shalosh Paamim Bashana Yeraeh / Kol Zechurecha Et P'Nei Hashem Elokecha BaMakom Asher Yivchar, B'Chag HaMatzot U'BChag HaShavuot U'BChag HaSukot, Lo Yireeh Et P'Nei Hashem Elokecha Reikam.*"

Rashi teaches that on the *Shalosh Regalim* we must bring three things to the Beit Hamikdash — *Aliya, Reeya and Shlachai Chagiga*.

In *Vayikra* the *Shalosh Regalim*, and the *halachot* that apply to them. In *Tishrei* we celebrate Sukkot. There are two main aspects of Sukkot — one is the time that it takes place and the other is the actual sukkot that we sit inside. On Sukkot we

bring the *Arbaa Minim* — *Etrog, Lulav, Hadassim and Aravot*. It is a time of *simcha* and we take the time to appreciate and to thank Hashem for everything that we have. We also start saying "*Mashiv HaRuach U'Morid HaGashem.*"

Parshat Emor then tells the laws of Pesach. In the times of the Beit Hamikdash we brought the *Korban Pesach* to remember Hashem taking us out of Egypt. Today, at the seder we do many other things to remember going out of Egypt. We act as free people and not as slaves and we try to do the *mitvot* of Pesach as best as we can. We do not eat *cha:netz* for seven days and we say *hallel* to Hashem for all the miracles he has done for us.

After Pesach we have *sefirat haomer* which connects Pesach to our final *regel*, Shavuot. Shavuot is the commemoration of *Matan Torah*. There are those who have a *minhag* to learn all night. It is the time that we remember the enthusiasm with which we originally said, "*Naaseh V'Nishma.*"

Today we are sad that we do not have the Beit Hamikdash. We celebrate Sukkot, Pesach and Shavuot, but we can not fully partake in the *mitzvoth* of these holidays. We hope that next year we will have the privilege being able to go up to Yerushalaim and bring *korbanot* to Hashem on all of the *Shalosh Regalim*.

Parsha: Ki Teitzei
Candle Lighting: 6:40
Shabbat Ends: 7:47
Pirkei Avos: 1st Perek