

Shalhevet

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Erev Shabbat Parshat Pinchas

*The three
weeks begin...*

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This Week in Camp Rikudiah 2003

By Katie Nathan, G-23

On Sunday night the Mercazia resembled an enormous, girls-only sock hop as Girls' Campus performed Rikudiah. Under the direction of Dena Brilliant, each division wowed the audience with various types of dance. For the last part of the show, everyone was invited to get up and dance the popular steps that all of Girls' Campus learned these past weeks. We had a great time and we didn't miss the boys one bit!

The Israel Festival

By Sara Alt, G-15

On Thursday evening, July 10th, after a busy day of intercamp games with Mesorah, the Alufim/fot and the Mishlachat went to Camps Lavi and Ramah for the Israel Festival. The Israel Festival is a time when different camps join together to show their support for Israel. There was a total of 1600 people there, including people from camps Lavi, Ramah, Moshava, Neshet and Morasha.

It began with a barbeque at Camp Lavi. The different camps had a chance to socialize and eat before the Israeli vice counsel, who is based in Philadelphia, gave a brief speech.

After the barbeque, everyone walked over to Camp Ramah. Each camp was required to prepare three booths in advance, each of which represented a different place in Israel. We had an hour to walk around and visit each one. Morasha's booth was about Chevron, Tzfat, and Yerushalayim.

After the hour was over, everyone sat down with their camp on the grass. Each camp then performed an original song that was written and composed by that camp.

Morasha sang the song that the girls' campus performed at Shiriah, עד מתי.

After each camp performed, there was a concert by David Broza. He sang Israeli songs while we danced and listened.

Overall, the experience was a wonderful one and it was a very good opportunity for us to show our true feelings for Eretz Yisrael.

The Amazing Shtili Trip

By Sarit Klugerman, G-2

The Shtili trip was a success! We first went to the movies. The Older Shtili girls saw Legally Blonde 2, and the rest of the Shtilim saw Sinbad and the Seven Seas. Everybody had a good time!

The next thing we did was go to the mall. We bought a lot of stuff and got Baskin Robbins ice cream.

But the fair was the best, according to a lot of people. The rides were very scary and a lot of people didn't feel good after some.

"The 'Thriller' was very scary," said Melissa Appel in G-2.

At first we thought "Thriller" was fine. It looked just like the fun house, but then it got dark, we took another step and we started to move. The floor went back and forth, and it was really hard to walk. Then the floor started vibrating, and it hurt a lot! Then each block went down on a slant when we walked on it. After that it was up and down, and finally we reached outside!

People won prizes at games and had a good time. Dinner was buns and chicken with pickles, carrots, and tomatoes. The ride back was fine and the Shtili trip was a success!

This Week in Morasha Sports

By Elliot Weiselberg

As the Mesorah hockey team stepped onto the court Sunday, there were many high fives and greetings to go around. However, as soon as the ball dropped between Morasha's Yoni Kirschner and Mesorah's Moshe Hammer, it was all business between these two huge rivals.

Morasha jumped to an early lead with a goal by Dovid Blum, only to fall behind 2-1 on goals by Mesorah's Newman and Feigenbaum. As the first period rolled to a close, it looked as if Mesorah would take the momentum into the break. However, a heavily disputed goal by Moshe Rosenberg tied the game at 2-2. Mesorah argued that the ball went in through a hole in the side of the net, but, after a quick conference between referees Rabbi Storch and Mesorah's Avi Block, it was decided that the goal would stand.

In a thrilling second period, Morasha got on the board first with a goal by Howard Rosengarten. Being the tough team that they are, Mesorah came back as Zev Feigenbaum shot a laser past goalie Keevy Fried to tie the game up again. Two minutes later though, Blum put home what would prove to be the game winner. Moshe Rosenberg added two more goals to complete a hat trick. Mesorah would make a late push as Zev Feigenbaum tallied his third goal, but Fried held strong and Morasha earned its second victory of the year 6-4.

In a post-game interview, Coach Dan Leffel said, "I'm very happy that we broke Mesorah's winning streak against us, and that we did it in such a mentchlach fashion." Morasha's (2-1) next game will be at home

against a strong Seneca team Wednesday night at 9:00 PM. Come root for the best team in the Poconos!

This Week in Day Camp Day Camp Does a Mitzva

By Senior Girls Day Camp

Senior boys and girls were very busy toveling knives for the kitchen. Our shiur teachers taught us about the mitzva of toveling glass and metal that is used with food. A puppet show taught us that our lake is a kosher mikva (or mikimoo to Oscar the Grouch) that can be used to tovel things.

We walked down to the lake singing a mitzva song and said the bracha of *al tevilat keilim*. Every boy and girl in Senior Day Camp dropped a bunch of knives into the mikva water. Thank you to our shiur teachers for helping us do this mitzva.

Book Review - Molly's Pilgrim

By Senior Girls Day Camp

In the library, Senior Girls Day Camp has been reading a fantastic book called *Molly's Pilgrim*.

Molly's mother is an immigrant who came from Russia to find religious freedom. Molly had to do a project. There were three girls who teased Molly. Molly had to make a doll for Thanksgiving for a school project. Her Mom made a doll that looked like her in Russia as a child. Molly was nervous because the doll didn't look like the picture in her reading book.

You can find the book *Molly's Pilgrim* by Barbara Cohen in our Morasha Library. We took turns reading the book with Rock Davis, our librarian in Camp Morasha.

This Week in the World

A Good Time to See Mars

If you want to get a good look at Mars, now's the time. Scientists say that within the next few weeks the Earth will be closer to Mars than it has been in over 50,000 years! By late August, Mars will be three light-minutes away. That's about 35 million miles -- or 56 million kilometers. There will be seven more closer approaches between Earth and Mars in the coming thousand years. The next one closer than this year's will take place in the year 2287.

The best time to view Mars is right before dawn, but you can spot it anytime after midnight. Look to the southeast after midnight, and to the southwest closer to dawn. There's no mistaking it - it's a reddish starlike object that is brighter than all the others.

This Week's parsha: Pinchas

Light candles: 7:15

Shabbat ends: 8:22

Weather Forecast

(as of Wednesday, 7/16):

Friday: A chance of showers and thunderstorms until midday, then partly sunny. Highs in the upper 70s. Chance of rain 30 percent.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 50s.

Saturday: Partly cloudy. A chance of showers and thunderstorms during the night. Highs in the upper 70s.

Sunday: Mostly cloudy with a chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows near 60 and highs in the upper 70s.

From the Shalhevet Files...

Excerpt from Shalhevet 7/18/80:
Question for Day Camp: What do you want to be when you grow up?

Eli Storch: A sportscaster.

Ask the Rabbi

This week, Shalhevet asked Rabbi Mark Dratch to elaborate on some of the customs of the Three Weeks.

Is music permitted during the Three Weeks?

Singing and dancing as part of a celebration, such as a bar mitzva or wedding, is not permitted. But listening to music or singing just for the pleasure of the music is okay. Certainly in private, it's okay. And the bunks are considered private. On Shabbat, there's a mitzva to be extra happy and extra loud.

How about shaving and haircuts?

There are different customs with regards to haircuts and shaving. Sefardim have no restrictions during the Three Weeks.

How about new clothes?

You should not wear new clothes during the Three Weeks - and that refers to outer garments.

Can you get engaged during the Three Weeks?

Yes. It's a mitzva to get engaged as soon as possible, even if it's the Three Weeks. And that's especially if you find your *bashert* at Camp Morasha.

Anything else we should know?

Even though it's the Three Weeks, you still have to brush your teeth and wash behind your ears.

This Week in the Parsha: Pinchas

By Rabbi Ephy Greene

If you were asked which Pasuk in the Torah is the most important, which one would you choose? The Ein Yaakov relates the opinions of three Rabbis.

The first Rabbi says, "*Shema Yisrael Hashem Elokeinu Hashem Echad.*" Accepting the uniqueness of G-d, the foundation of monotheism, is a crucial fundamental of Judaism. It represents Bein Adam LaMakom.

The second Rabbi states, "*VeAhavta LeRayacha KaMocha.*" This we can also comprehend. Judaism believes in positive interpersonal relationships. Bein Adam LeChaveiro is another important aspect of Torah life.

The third rabbi is a shocker. He says, "*Et HaKeves HaEchad Taaseh Baboker Ve'es Hakeves HaSheini Taaseh Ben HaArbayim.*" "One lamb in the morning and one lamb in the evening." This is truly perplexing. It is difficult enough to understand the significance of sacrifices, it is certainly hard to understand why a verse on the daily sacrifice, the Karban Tamid, is the most fundamental idea in the Torah!

Perhaps we can understand this Pasuk with a Mashal. A man walks into a room and an angel shows him a huge table covered with food. He tells the man, "Your job is to eat all of this food!" The man is overwhelmed. He looks at all the trays of meat, chicken, salads, fish, cakes, cookies, fruit, etc. He says, "I can't eat all of that! It's impossible!" The angel tells him, "Of course you cannot eat all of it in one day, but all this is the food you eat meal by meal in your entire lifetime!"

The Torah is the same way. Sometimes when we think of all the Mitzvos and all the Torah

that there is to learn, we feel like it is so overwhelming, it will be impossible to achieve. However, if we take a little at a time, day by day, we can achieve great things in our lifetimes.

The third Rabbi's Pasuk, "*Et HaKeves Echad Taaseh Baboker Ve'es Hakeves HaSheini Taaseh Ben HaArbayim,*" "One lamb in the morning and one lamb in the evening," is teaching us this lesson. Yes, we learn Bein Adam LeMakom from "*Shema Yisrael*" and we learn Bein Adam LeChaveiro from "*VeAhavta LeRayacha Kamocha*" but the Pasuk from this week's Parsha, about the daily Korban Tamid, teaches us that in order to succeed at both, one must have a consistent commitment to serving Hashem, a little in the morning, a little at night.

Dvar Torah from Yachad

By Dovid Hyman

Pinchas killed Zimri. The question is, why did Pinchas kill Zimri? If so, then why didn't the other people kill Zimri instead of Pinchas? One reason is that Zimri did an aveirah, and that made Hashem angry. The other reason is that the people were too afraid to kill Zimri. That is the reason that Pinchas killed Zimri. The people missed the opportunity to do it, but Pinchas took the opportunity to kill Zimri.

Compare this to the mitzva of tzedaka. If someone who is too lazy to give tzedaka saw someone else doing it, he misses his chance to do the mitzva. Maybe the next time he won't have another opportunity to do a mitzva.

Be like Pinchas, who took the opportunity to do a mitzva. Don't be like the other people, who didn't take the opportunity, because you might not get another chance.