

שבת

Vol. IV No. 2 Shabbat Parshat Pinchas



In Parshat Pinchas we read about the counting of the Jewish people in preparation for the division of Eretz Yisrael.

The Torah relates to us the story of the בנות צלפחד who had died leaving no sons and his daughters wanted to be entitled to a portion of the land. They came to Moshe who didn't know the halacha and asked "וְיִצְרָח" what to do.

משה אהרן מלפני ה' "Rashi is bothered by the fact that Moshe didn't know the halacha. Didn't he learn all the halachot at Mt. Sinai? To answer this question, Rashi quotes a Gemara in Sanhedrin:  
"בְּתַעֲלֻמָּה הוֹלֵכֶה מִמֶּנּוּ וְכָאן נִפְרַע עַל שֶׁנֶּטַל עֲשָׂה לִמְדוֹ (דְּבָרִים א') וְחִזְקוּ אֲנִי יִקְרָא מִמֶּנּוּ תְּקַיְינוּ אֵלַי."

The halacha was kept from him because he took honor for himself. When he was speaking to the judges and told them that they should ask him any question that they found too difficult to answer.

Reading this gemara we are faced with an obvious question. Was Moshe boasting when he said that they should ask him anything that was too difficult? Surely Moshe, the most humble person ever to live didn't seek to prove his superiority by telling the judges to ask him. But he shouldn't have even said those words, since they could be taken out of context as a boast.

We can learn two important lessons from this. The first is that no matter how good you are at something there is always room for improvement. Even Moshe, the most humble of all people was punished by G-d for not being humble enough. The same thing applies in many areas. Even the best ballplayers must constantly try to improve themselves in order to stay on top. It applies to learning as well. One can never say that he has learned enough. The wisest person is called a talmid Chacham, a wise student.

The other lesson to be learned is that a person should always be careful in what he says even if he thinks that he isn't saying anything wrong. We must be very careful not to speak Lashon Hara because the consequences may be very great. If we all try to do this it will help us have a nicer summer.

This is the first in a series of profiles of the Morasha kitchen personalities - the rest will be brought to you in the following weeks.

The Commander-in-Chief of our kitchen crew is Eli Benzaken (Ben Zak, Dr. Eli) is a vet of many years in the kitchen service. After leaving the caves of Morocco Ben Zak spent numerous years in Torah study at Gateshead in Jolly Old England (where he met his lovely wife, Leah, of the Machon kitchen) during which time he mastered painting and carpentry. Upon receiving his degree he came over to the U.S. of A. to develop his culinary skills. Dr. Eli has developed the theoretical principles of "from the bottom" (your waiter will explain) and southern fried salami. Benzaken's entire philosophy can be expressed in the phrase "I teach - you learn".

Upcoming events will feature an Eggroll/Knish rolling contest for some divisions, the details of which will be forthcoming - Hold Tight!

---V.S., D.G., M.M., R.T.

A Thought for the Day: There are some people who make a Bracha to eat and some people who eat to make a Bracha. In which category are you?

Yerushalaim -- Ya'el Schuck, Michelle Repp, and Lisa Preiss

Yerushalaim - What a beautiful city

Because the city is so pretty

When the Arabs take it, it's a real pity

In Yerushalaim there are many holy places. The very holy place is the Kotel.

At the Kotel many people daven to in

They especially go there to be closer to in

ירושלים -- Michelle Engelman

ירושלים עיר של אהבה

ירושלים עיר של קרבות

ממנו שם בוך אותה.

המחזיקים בה אהבה מקדש הרמטון

והמחזיקים אחריהם אותה / המחזיקים בה

אם היה המקדש הטוב בירושלים והרמטון

החזיקו אותה.

עכשו אנו מחזיקים שמיים יבא וכלנו נבא

לירושלים ונבנה את בית המקדש השלישי



# The Power of Lashon Hara

---Suri Goldstein

The Chafetz Chaim used to travel from village to village in Europe with his cart of wares. When he arrived in the center of the village he would attract the attention of the entire town by shouting that he was selling the magic potion for long life. When the people flocked around him, begging eagerly for the potion, he would give them a slip of paper on which he had written: "Who is the man that desires life? ... 'Guard your tongue from evil'." Lashon Hara kills three people - the speaker, the listener, and the subject.

The subject of Lashon Hara is one which people tend to avoid. It is a rare person who is not guilty of this sin. One might say that it is better for a person to sin without realizing it, than to sin and know that he is sinning (Shabbat 148b). However, this principle does not apply to mitzvot that are explicitly mentioned in the Torah. How can we forget the punishment Miriam received for speaking Lashon Hara? Lashon Hara and שנאת חינם destroyed the Second Bet HaMikdash. Evil speech is the cause of hatred, disputes, and even bloodshed. Until we correct the evil, we will not be worthy of redemption.

Before speaking Lashon Hara we should consider the consequences. When in doubt (if its gossip) leave it out. Remember, if we listen to Lashon Hara we are just as guilty as the one speaking it. We should not resent someone who informs us that we are talking Lashon Hara - they are really doing us a favor. Especially now, since its the Three Weeks, at time to look back on our actions and do Tshuva, we should make a resolution to watch what we say.

I highly recommend the book Guard Your Tongue, a practical guide to the laws of Lashon Hara, based on the סמירת הלשון of the Chafetz Chaim, and in turn, the basis for this article. It is a book everyone should read and constantly review.

## Some Common Excuses of a Lashon Hara Addict

1. "But it's true" (The fact that it's true defines it as Lashon Hara. Otherwise it would be classified as Motzi Shem Ra).
2. "I didn't actually say anything bad about the fellow" (when you have hinted at a fault).

3. "I did the same thing myself."
4. "Everybody knows it."
5. "I'd say it even if he (she) were here."
6. "I was only joking."
7. "He'll never know about it."
8. "I wouldn't mind if someone said that about me."
9. "We're close friends so he won't mind."

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## The Three Weeks

---Suri Goldstein

The twenty-one days between the seventeenth of Tamuz and the ninth of Av are called בין המצרים - "Between the Fences," as it is written in Eichah, "All her pursuers caught her between the fences." The חמשים say these are the days of affliction (a play of words מצרים - צרה). On these days many tragedies occurred to the Jewish people. Both the first and the second Bet HaMikdash were destroyed. During these weeks, one does not recite the blessing of שמחה on a new fruit or on new clothes. (except on Shabbat). Marriages are not held, rejoicing is limited, and we refrain from hair cutting. On the Shabbatot of the Three Weeks, we read פסוקי דשירה. In these, the prophet predicts destruction if the Jewish people do not improve their ways and do Tshuva.

(Based on the Book of our Heritage by Kitov)  
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## ירושלים ---גיסה גלמן

כאשר אני באתי לירושלים העיר היתה מלאה אור. אני בטעתי לירושלים לבר מצוה ואני חשבתי שבר מצוה זה בר מצוה אבל כאשר הבן דוד שלי חבט את התפילין זה ה' עם אור, וזה ה' בר מצוה צוין.

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## Kibbutz Galuyot

On Tuesday, July 5th, the LTP had a one day Kibbutz Galuyot. The four teams, Mizrach, Kadmon, Dovid, and Shalom represented four different time periods and aspects in the history of Yerushalaim. You'll notice that the initials of the four teams spell out the word MikDaSh, the central focal point of the city and of our history. Turn the page for two of the team songs. Mizrach Team were the grand winners.



LTP Kibbutz Galuyot - Team Dovid  
To the tune of: "לא עליך"

ממלכת דוד מטלה על יהודה  
לפני אלפי שנים  
כבוד, אחדות, יראה, ואמונה  
היו עקרי החיים

באו אויבים וטרפו ציון ומקדשיו  
פזרו אותנו בגלות  
אסור, בבל, אדום, רומא, עינו את  
נפשותינו  
עכסונוכה בהתרגשות

סיבנה בית המקדש סיבנה  
במהרה בימינו סיבנה

We fought for our homeland throughout the  
years

Israel is now in our hands \*

ביאת משיח בן דוד היא תקותינו  
מקצות תבל נגאל

\* Blood was spilled, we shed our tears  
To regain our promised land.

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### Baseball Standings

(As of Tuesday, July 5, 1977)

#### American League

##### Eastern Division

|           | W. | L. | %    | GB |
|-----------|----|----|------|----|
| New York  | 45 | 35 | .563 | -  |
| Boston    | 42 | 34 | .553 | 1  |
| Baltimore | 44 | 36 | .550 | 1  |
| Cleveland | 37 | 38 | .493 | 5½ |
| Milwaukee | 38 | 40 | .487 | 6  |
| Detroit   | 36 | 42 | .462 | 8  |
| Toronto   | 30 | 48 | .385 | 14 |

##### Western Division

|             | W. | L. | %    | GB |
|-------------|----|----|------|----|
| Chicago     | 45 | 32 | .584 | -  |
| Minnesota   | 43 | 36 | .544 | 3  |
| Kansas City | 41 | 36 | .532 | 4  |
| California  | 38 | 37 | .507 | 6  |
| Texas       | 37 | 40 | .481 | 8  |
| Oakland     | 34 | 43 | .442 | 11 |
| Seattle     | 35 | 48 | .422 | 13 |

#### National League

##### Eastern Division

|              | W. | L. | %    | GB  |
|--------------|----|----|------|-----|
| Chicago      | 48 | 29 | .623 | -   |
| Philadelphia | 44 | 32 | .579 | 3½  |
| St. Louis    | 43 | 36 | .544 | 6   |
| Pittsburgh   | 41 | 37 | .526 | 7½  |
| Montreal     | 37 | 32 | .468 | 12  |
| New York     | 31 | 47 | .397 | 17½ |

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LTP Kibbutz Galuyot - Team Mizrach  
To the tune of: "Blowin in the Wind"

How many years must the Jews be dispersed  
In every country and land  
And for how many years must we be insecure  
Until as a people we stand  
Yes, and how many times must we fight with  
our foes  
Before we can put down our guns

The answer my friend lies BaMizrach  
The answer lies BaMizrach

How many wars must Israel fight  
'Till the Arabs leave her alone  
And how many years must we give her support  
Until she can stand on her own  
How many young men must we lose  
And how many widows must cry

The answer...

How many times must we look to the East  
Although we remain in the West  
Through how many wars must we anxiously wait  
To hear that our land is at rest

איכה אטלם נדרי ואטרי  
אם ציון בחבל אדום

The answer...

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#### Western Division

|               | W. | L. | %    | GB  |
|---------------|----|----|------|-----|
| Los Angeles   | 54 | 26 | .675 | -   |
| Cincinnati    | 42 | 35 | .545 | 10½ |
| Houston       | 36 | 44 | .450 | 18  |
| San Francisco | 34 | 47 | .420 | 20½ |
| San Diego     | 33 | 49 | .402 | 22  |
| Atlanta       | 30 | 49 | .380 | 23½ |

These baseball standings were taken from  
the New York Times.

We're much more interested, however, in  
the sports at Camp Morasha. Please write  
for the Shalhevet and let us know what's  
happening on your campus or in your divi-  
sion. We'd like to be able to devote the  
back page of every issue to Sports News.

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#### Classified

GIRLS WATERFRONT BEATS BOYS WATERFRONT TO  
THE DELEWARE!







Brain Tickler

This is a quiz to test your knowledge of some interesting subjects. Please submit your answers to the Shalhevet office or your counselor by midnight Monday. Prizes will be awarded to all who receive perfect scores. Answers will be published in next week's issue.

1. Brass is composed of:
  - a. copper and iron
  - b. copper and zinc
  - c. iron and tin
2. Lucy Stone became famous for advocating that:
  - a. women retain their maiden names
  - b. women go into business
  - c. women propose to men
3. "The Star Spangled Banner" was written in:
  - a. 1776
  - b. 1812
  - c. 1814
4. G.I., an American soldier, is short for:
  - a. General Issue
  - b. Grand Infantryman
  - c. Government Institution
5. The earth's surface is covered with what percentage of water?
  - a. 20%
  - b. 40%
  - c. 70%
6. The president shown on the \$20 bill is:
  - a. Thomas Jefferson
  - b. Andrew Jackson
  - c. Abraham Lincoln
7. The first man to invent a thermometer:
  - a. Galileo
  - b. Fahrenheit
  - c. Lister
8. A Portugese man-of-war is:
  - a. a boastful commander
  - b. a stinging jellyfish
  - c. an Iberian destroyer
9. Ann Rutledge is famous as:
  - a. a famous nurse
  - b. the first suffragette
  - c. Lincoln's sweetheart
10. Stars and Bars is:
  - a. candy bar
  - b. 19th century operetta
  - c. Confederate Flag

Morasha Mystery by A.T.

Readers - Contrary to common belief, all previous stories I have written have been original. If I would have taken any ideas from other sources I would have stated so as I am doing now. This is my version of a story by Alfred Hitchcock.

The battered figure lay stretched out on the hospital bed. Detective Howell asked again and again, "Who did it? Who did it?" But all the man could say was, "Law..., Law..." obviously trying to name the attacker. The man was Ira Marshall, partner of a large business corporation. He was hosting a business meeting at his home. His business partner, Lawrence Waulk found Marshall beaten badly in the hallway of his home and brought him to the hospital.

Howell arrived at Marshall's home and consulted the sergeant. "Who else besides Marshall was at the meeting and where were they at the time of the attack?" asked Howell. The sergeant answered: "Besides the maid and the butler who were both in the room with Waulk at the time of the assault, there was a Sarah Davis who was Marshall's secretary, who said she was upstairs at the time. Besides Johnny Rhoades, Marshall's attorney, who said he was in the kitchen at the time, there were Bert Lawrenson, Marshall's accountant, Steven D. Klein and Jaque E. Fadnt who are top executives in Marshall's firm. Out of those only Bert Lawrenson is accounted for," Howell concluded.

"Thank you, Sergeant. With your information I have just ruled out my two primary suspects. I don't think we have too much of a problem here. The assailant, obviously, is \_\_\_\_\_?"

Put on your Sherlock Holmes hats and submit your answer to the Shalhevet office. The mystery will be solved in our next issue.

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Useful Information

חשבון שבת מנוח

הדלקת נרות: 7:20

סוף זמן קריאת שמע: 8:20

הבדלה: 8:28



# Inter Bunk Contest

This week's puzzle might seem easy but the trick is to find non-easy answers. Each box should be filled with a word beginning with the letter on the left of that column. We gave you an example with the letter 'B'.

The more unusual your answer, the better. If your bunk is the only one with that response - its worth 10 points. Two bunks with the same answer - 5 points apiece. Three or more - two points each. The bunk with the highest score will receive a WATERMELON. Good Luck! Deadline: Monday midnight

|       | Biblical        |              | European    | Brand      |
|-------|-----------------|--------------|-------------|------------|
| ..... | Characters..... | Authors..... | Cities..... | Names..... |
| B     | Benjamin        | Byron        | Brussels    | Buick      |
| M     |                 |              |             |            |
| O     |                 |              |             |            |
| R     |                 |              |             |            |
| A     |                 |              |             |            |
| S     |                 |              |             |            |
| H     |                 |              |             |            |
| A     | GOOD LUCK       | GOOD LUCK    | GOOD LUCK   | GOOD LUCK  |

## Answer to Last Week's Contest

Well, folks, we didn't do too well last week. Maybe the puzzle was too hard or the instructions too complicated. I'm sure you'll agree that this week's puzzle is much easier. So please try again.

Bunk B18 deserves honorable mention for a good try but they did it all wrong. The letters THW had to be in that order with no letters in between. For example, 'thwart' is an acceptable answer, but 'throw' is not. Here are the answers that we came up with:

|            |               |            |
|------------|---------------|------------|
| deathwatch | mouthwatering | southward  |
| forthwith  | northward     | southwest  |
| lengthwise | northwest     | thwack     |
| mouthwash  | pathway       | worthwhile |

## Upcoming Events

Motzei Shabbat: LTP vs. Educational Staff Basketball

Sunday 7/10: Machzor Alef: Alufim - Alufot present: 'The Wizard of Oz'

Monday 7/11: Machzor Bet: 'Wizard of Oz'

Tuesday 7/12: LTP and B'nai Brith - joint program

Wednesday 7/13: LTP vs. Oren (away)

Thursday 7/14: Camp Photographer SHIRIAH



# Crossword Puzzle

This puzzle was taken from the New York Times of July 5, 1977. For the answers please see the Shalhevet editors. HAVE FUN!

## Across

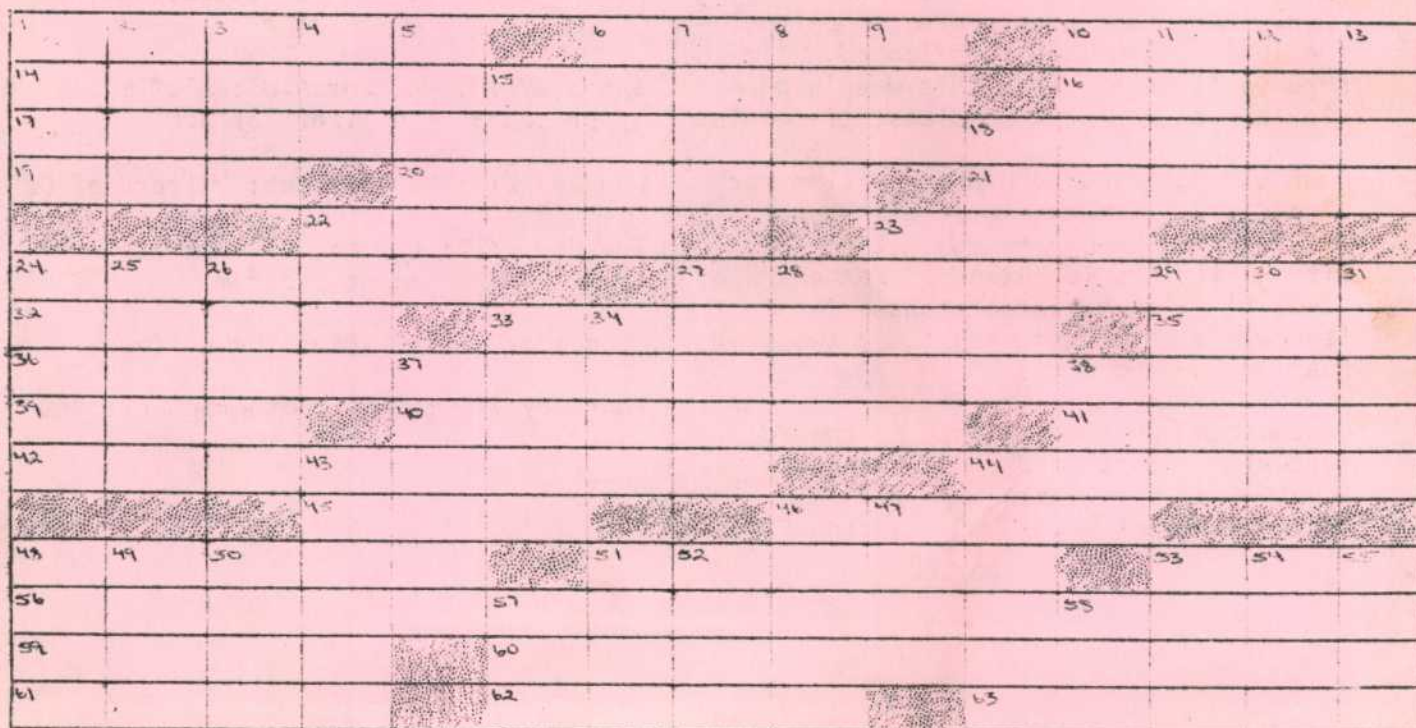
1. Great amount
6. Rescue
10. Arf or woof
14. Decorative
16. Relative of a yucca
17. Never? Well almost
19. C or F, e.g.
20. Souvenir
21. Mill product
22. \_\_\_\_\_ majesty
23. Wind direction: Abbr.
24. Where a Venus was found
27. Constellation
32. Brainchild
33. Pennsylvania city
35. Haggard novel
36. A playground pair
39. Bolivian export
40. Prefaces
41. Term in knitting
42. Offerings on a Florida menu
44. Grazes on the lea
45. Curtain support
46. Qualified
48. Elder statesmen

51. "Saki" was his pen name
53. Cave dweller
56. Cheap production?
59. "\_\_\_\_\_ Old Cowhand"
60. Retinue group
61. C.S.A. troops
62. "\_\_\_\_\_ Sorry Now?"
63. Satiny

## Down

1. Swindle
2. Lake in Ireland
3. Suffix with buoy and exult
4. Miss West
5. Strikes sharply
6. Kind of dance
7. Salt tree
8. Conceited
9. Sprite
10. Bombard
11. "I cannot tell \_\_\_\_\_"
12. City once saved by geese
13. Boat-bottom timber
15. Grandson of Adam
18. Dead Sea monastic
22. What slugabeds do
23. Facing a glacier

24. Gloves for Bench
25. Booth or Newman
26. Met soprano Mitchell
27. Burnt residue
28. Part of a goblet
29. Offspring
30. Piece of pottery
31. Whimpers
33. Made a mistake
34. Agent: Suffix
37. Resist
38. Fencing gear
43. Dolls up
44. Headline-makers in spring
46. Bancroft and Boleyn
47. \_\_\_\_\_ Mawr
48. Budge
49. "O, woe!"
50. Snatch
51. Mode of procedure: Abbr.
52. Golden-rule preposition
53. Part of N.B.
54. Comedian Johnson
55. Chore
57. Rover's offering
58. Crony





KKK: Dave, does the job ever get to you?

D.C.: To be honest, the work is not too difficult, but Morrie and Lennie are always finding ridiculous things for me to do like sorting out the chef's laundry, cleaning can openers, and helping Josh.

KKK: Josh, don't you play for the staff basketball team?

J.R.: You bet, I'm fantastic only I wish Paul Merlis would realize that. Maybe 'Tamar'row, I'll get my big break!

KKK: Dave, you're active in YU affairs. What do you do?

D.C.: I advise President Lamm on the budget and other important matters and try to make YU a better place for all of us. Excuse me, I've got to do my polar patrol now.

The Morasha meals just wouldn't be the same without dishes and silver--Their cleaning is done by Jay Lang and Jay Bloom.

KKK: Lang, it must be hot working the dish washing machine. How do you stand it?

JL: Well, I pretend I'm Rabbi Riskin and since he's "cool" there's no problem. However, when I'm Rabbi Blech, I get a bit hot under the collar from all the verbiage going through my mind. When I'm going through my "Messiah" complex, the dishes start flying and that's bad because Mr. Reich gets upset when I practice Kabala on his expensive melmac dishes.

KKK: Bloom, have you figured out a way to beat the heavy work load?

JB: Yea, get Vago to take my place, heel Heel

KKK: Lang, have you any advice for future dishwashers?

JL: I would tell the child of not more than three that he should wear waterproof pants, don Tephillin at age thirteen, learn about water pressure, not be a girl, and sneak paper stuff on the tables when S.R. is not looking!

KKK: What about you, Bloom?

J.B: Yea, get Vago to take his place,,heel Heel!

When the kitchen floor is dirty its like ice and the porters are life savers in maintaining dry floors as well as dry "Behinds" The KKK salutes Bobbo Gittleman and Dov Rapps.

KKK: Dov, pushing that mop must be tough, how do you do it?

DR: I let Bobbo do it. I need my energy for staying up all night eating with the fellas. At around eleven o'clock at night, I take a break because I get stomach aches and have to go to the infirmary.

KKK: How did you get a name like Bobbo?

BG: Mr. Eli gave it to me with a medal for being the best worker in the kitchen.

KKK: Dov, you came late in the season, why?

DR: Well, I love this place. I love the counselors, the kids, the "Administration," the food...

KKK: Let's not get carried away! Bobbo, what are your plans after camp?

BG: I'm gonna take my "van" and make a mark for myself in the world. "Mr. Bobbo" will be known everywhere.

KKK: Pity, the jobs gotten to both of them!

The next two kitchen personalities are rotators. Their job is to substitute for the regulars on their days off.

Dave Foster - Dave our "Token Jew" hails from Detroit, Michigan. A rotator for the chefs, he has developed expertise with a blintze as well as a hamburger. Known for his "Main Man Upstairs" speech, he serves as an inspiration for all of us. The KKK is proud to have Dave with us.

Steve Vago - No one is sure what he does in the kitchen. Rumor has it that whatever it is, he managed to get out of doing it. Officially, Steve is the kitchen mailman. When he's not busy doing nothing, he can be seen "hannah"ing around girls campus. Don't worry, Steve. Before the summer's up, we'll find something for you to do.

I guess it's time you readers meet the writer of these absurd articles. Josh Rapps was king enough to come up with something.



## Kitchen Korner

At last readers, you are reading the final KKK installment. This week, we pay tribute to the kitchen specialty staff. Their jobs help supplement the chefs' work and enable Morasha meals to be well balanced and complete.

It's time we meet Zev Carrey, MDB's assistant.

KKK: Zev, as the baker's assistant, you must have made alot of dough?

Z.C.: If youre talking about money, forget it! Yes, I've had my share of ups and downs with the mixes. I learned alot like braiding challahs, getting days off, making rolls getting days off, putting the chips in chocaiate chip cookies, and getting days off.

KKK: Moshe DA Baker is a good man to get along with; have you learned anything from him?

Z.C.: I've learned how to laugh at Moishe's jokes. MDB gets along with everyone; however, one must be careful not to take advantage of his generosity. He enjoys giving his cake away, and I too learn to give and never hoard the stuff in the hotboxes. After all, I wouldn't dream of leaving sheets of cake to get stale or just sit in the fridge.

KKK: Without giving a minette by minute account of your working week, what do you enjoy the most about baking?

Z.C.: Moishe's harem, Eric Herman's job, and more days off!

Though Seth Schwartz is the head of the salad dept, he is; nonetheless assisted by Howard (Crow) Slochowsky and Steve (coopy) Kupietzsky.

KKK: Crow, whats the hardest salad to make?

H.S.: First of all, I want to announce that I'm the best looking guy on Boy's Campus, and its about time everyone realized that every Machon and Machina girl wants to go out with me. And...

KKK: I'm interested in your salad life not social life! Now please answer the question!

H.S.: Sorry! To be honest, the hardest part is working let alone trying to make the hardest salad. They're all hard-----they're all a pain. I'd rather be playing ball or talking to my fans on girl's campus. Well, I have to run and make reservations for the gazebo tonight!

KKK: Steve, you seem more conscientious than Crow--maybe you can tell me about the intricate art of salad making?

S.K.: Are you kidding! I'm to busy playing the piano. I can play hundreds of songs and with my voice, I'll be a star!

KKK: Can't you tell me anything about salads? Please!!

S.K.: If you insist, just ask Seth. Geez, you guys are all alike. I put in a half-hours worth of work, and you expect perfection! Sorry I can't stay; I've got a voice lesson now!

You've heard of earning your "bread and butter", here are the guys responsible for your bread and butter, Joey Willig and Sammy Zimmerman.

KKK: Sammy, what's difficult about being in charge of bread and butter?

S.Z.: The fact that Joey is never around to help me can be very annoying. Its a pretty soft job on the whole. What's the big deal about slicing pre-sliced bread, and cutting gov't surplus butter.

KKK: Don't you handle desserts as well?

S.Z.: Hey Joey, come over here and do some work! Excuse me, yes, we go wild doing chocolate pudding. But the peaches and cream bit is rather boring.

KKK: Have any hobbies?

S.Z.: Morrie, I can't find Joey. I swear, I'm gonna throw him in the soup! Excuse me, I'd like to see if I can sing an octave higher than Bugsy, then everyone will scream my name when I sing "Goodnight Irene"! Joey, make the orange juice before I turn the meat chefs on you!

I'm sure everyone notices the big trucks coming to deliver their their goods to the kitchen; the two guys responsible for unloading them are Josh Rapps and Dave Cherna. They have just been defrosted, so the KKK managed to get a few words from them.

KKK: Josh, what's your secret for surviving the truck to freezer route?

J.R.: Dave and I had anti-freeze injected into blood or else we'd be goners by now.