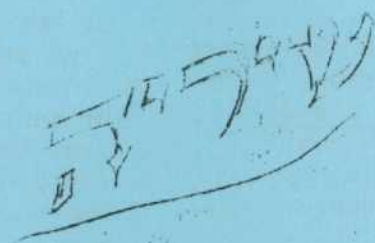
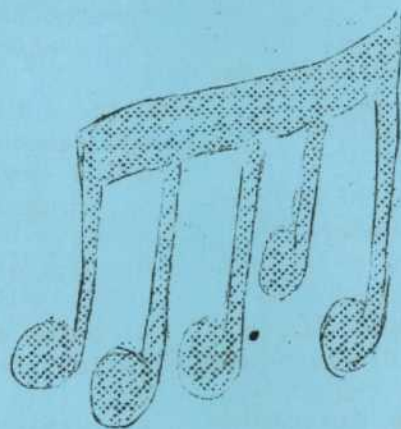


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## Parshat Hashavua

In Parshat Matot G-d tells Moshe נָקֵם נִקְמָתִי בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל מֵאֵת הַמִּדְיָנִים אַחֲרֵי תֹאסֶף.

"Avenge b'nai yisrael against the Midyanim and after that you will die." The very next verse tells us that Moshe went out to the Jewish people and asked them for an army to fight against Midyan. On this Rashi comments "אף על פי ששמע שמיתנו תלוי בדבר עשה בטמחה ולא איחר."

"Even though Moshe heard that his death depended on the taking of revenge he did G-d's command with joy and did not delay."

From this we can clearly see the high level of love and devotion that the leaders of Israel had for G-d. The purpose of living is to fulfill the will of G-d as much as possible. When Moshe had the opportunity to obey the command of G-d, he did so willingly and with enthusiasm even though he knew that his stay in Olam Hazeh was coming to an end.

If we take a closer look at the two sentences in the Parsha we find a strange thing. G-d told Moshe to avenge b'nai yisrael against the Midyanim. But when Moshe spoke to the people he said: לִתֵּת נִקְמָתָהּ בְּמִדְיָן - take G-d's revenge. Why did Moshe change the words of G-d?

To answer this question we must realize that the Midyanim sinned against G-d since they caused the Jews to sin. But they also sinned against the Jews since they caused the loss of 24,000 people in the ordeal. G-d said to Moshe: מִוֹחַל אֲנִי עַל כְּבוֹדִי, אֲוִלֵּם עַל אֲשֶׁר עָשׂוֹ לְבְנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל אֵינִי יָכוֹל לִמְחֹל.

"I'm not concerned with my honor, but I cannot forgive what they have done to b'nai yisrael. When Moshe heard that he would die after the battle, he was worried that perhaps the people too would say that they were מוֹחַל on their כְּבוֹד because of their desire to keep him alive. Therefore Moshe spoke to them of G-d's honor which is something that the people could not disregard. Moshe did G-d's will, aware that his death would follow, eagerly. By changing the words of the command he made sure that its intention would be fulfilled.

## The Wizard of Oz --- Rachel Maizes (G-6)

The house lights dimmed, the audience waited expectantly, behind the curtain, "Shut up and deal", was heard. The second theatrical performance of Frank Baum's The Wizard of Oz was about to be staged.

Being a member of the cast I can't submit an objective review of the show. Instead I thought the readers might enjoy a behind-the-scenes account of the production.

Sitting on the apron wearing full costume and makeup, minutes before the audience would come trampling in, the cast waited for final instructions.

"If the play goes as well as it did last night you'll be a hit," praised Joe Berlin, director and traffic manager. "I spoke to certain actors this morning about slowing down their speech, and to others about concentrating on their hand motions. Oh, and one more thing I was pleasantly surprised at how quiet and cooperative the cast behind stage was last night." Tension was broken for a moment as smiles and laughter presented itself on the face of everyone from the littlest munchkin to the great Oz (hats off) himself. Or as Uncle Henry (more commonly known to his friends as A.J.) put it, "Are ya sure y'all didn't have yer ears stuffed with cotton?"

Dorothy (Suzy Greenman) the Scarecrow (Simmy Weber), the Lion (Tova Reiner), and the Tin Man (Miriam Ramsfelder) paced nervously backstage. Although it was not their first performance it was undoubtedly the more crucial and difficult one. Having seen the play numerous times and no longer, they claim, frightened by the witch (Laya Davidowitz), though several shivered on her first magnificent entrance, the audience would be watching the actors rather than following the plot. For the Munchkins and the Gnerals life was easy. Each was convinced that if they should miss a cue or forget a line, either a fellow actor would cover for them or it wouldn't be noticed. The total confidence experienced by these actors manifested itself in sounds like, "You didn't even mix the cards." and "Spin the dice already."



## Jerusalem Quiz

The answers to last week's quiz are as follows:

1. David, 1000 B.C.E.
2. Yevusi
3. 586 B.C.E. , Nevuchadnezer of Bavel
4. Har Zion
5. Yad Vashem
6. Rockerfeller Museum
7. Shrine of the Book - Heichal HaSefer
8. Hiram of Tyre(Zor)
9. Josephus
10. Turks

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Here are the questions for this week.  
Please don't forget to submit your answers  
to be eligible for the grand prize.

1. After Babylonia was conquered by the Persians, what king allowed the Jews to return to Jerusalem and rebuild the Temple?

2. Who was Zerubabel?

3. When Jews returned from Babylon, who challenged their right to re-establish their sovereignty?

4. In what year was the Second Temple built?

5. Why was a street in Jerusalem named Marcus?

6. For about 250 years after Ezra and Nehemiah, Jewish life flourished in Jerusalem. Who was the Syrian king who desecrated the Bet HaMikdash at the end of that time?

7. What city in Europe was known as the Jerusalem of Lithuania?

8. Who was Lord Arthur James Balfour?

9. Who was Sir Orde Wingate?

10. What is Yom Yerushalaim? What is the exact date on the Hebrew calendar?

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שיטת את ירושלים  
גילו בה

## Block Vacation Center --- David Lunzer

Last Thursday a delegation of ten LTP members visited a camp for senior citizens known as Block Vacation Center. It is a camp where older people who are self-sustaining can go for a two week stay and enjoy various activities such as boating, swimming, camping, folk dancing, arts and crafts. They can participate as well in lectures on various topics including animal behavior, yiddish poetry, and psychology.

We went with the impression that all the people there would be feeble and almost senile and on the way there we were acting out stereotype characteristics of older people. We were all very wrong. From the time we arrived we were warmly greeted by the 'campers.' The entire time we were there they presented themselves of sound mind and body.

It was truly a rewarding experience, a good lesson to boot, and we had a fantastic time. There was no generation gap that day at the Block Vacation Center.

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Wizard of Oz --- Suri Miller and Debbie Seife

This past week has been very hectic for both Alufim and Alufot. Many hours were spent practicing for the play, The Wizard of Oz. It was a good experience because we got to meet each other and really got to be good friends with people we never knew. Everyone behaved pretty well but Joe Berlin had to raise his voice every so often. Joe casted the parts well and everyone really portrayed their part. Comedy was included in this play which the audience seemed to enjoy very much. Even though we missed many activities, it was worth it and the play was a great success.

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Classified

Found: One watch in the new gym. If its yours and you can identify it, please contact Danny Behar.

And Lost: One canoe. Finder please contact Meir Grosser.

Wanted: Coach for the Educational Staff Basketball Team. Apply Box 613 Shalhevet office.

### Public Announcements

1. All those who want to sign up for boat races and/or swim meet, please call ext. 59
2. Maariv Minyan, every weekday evening  
9:15 - A Building 10:00- Library



## Inter - Bunk Contest

Below you'll find seventeen expressions, phrases or names. Each one of these should remind you of an expression which contains the word JACK. Fill in the blanks and submit your answers to the Shalhevet office or your division head by midnight Monday. The most correct solution, submitted first, will be declared the winner and the bunk will receive a WATERMELON.

1. Handman.....
2. Toy with a springing lid.....
3. Famous fairy-tale.....
4. British flag.....
5. Nursery rhyme character.....
6. Pumpkin.....
7. Buzzing insect.....
8. Pocket instrument.....
9. Personification of cold weather.....
10. English arch murderer.....
11. The grand prize.....
12. Garment.....
13. Surprise candy.....
14. Wild dog.....
15. Florida city.....
16. U.S. President.....
17. Pancake.....

GOOD LUCK!

The winner of last week's contest and of a watermelon is the High School Kolliel with a grand total of 215 points. Honorable Mention goes to Boys Bunks 16 and 18 and to the Mechina girls whose scores were very close. A sample of possible answers follows:

Biblical Characters	Authors	European Cities	Brand Names
Micha	Milton	Milan	Maytag
Og	O Henry	Odessa	Oreo
Rachav	Rand	Rome	RCA
Ahav	Anderson	Antwerp	Arnold's
Shimon	Shelly	Stockholm	Samsonite
Haman	Hemingway	Helsinki	Hoover

## Brain Tickler

Though noone received a perfect score in last week's puzzle, credit must go to Jeff Schoenfeld of Bunk 9 and Moshe Fuchs of Bunk 10 for a good try. The answers follow:

1. Brass is composed of copper and zinc.
2. Lucy Stone became famous for advocating that women retain their maiden names.
3. "The Star Spangled Banner" was written in 1814.
4. G.I., an American soldier, is short for General Issue or Government Issue.
5. The earth's surface is covered with 70% water.
6. The president shown on the \$20 bill is Andrew Jackson.
7. The first man to invent a thermometer was Galileo.
8. A Portugese man-of-war is a stinging jellyfish.
9. Ann Rutledge is famous as Lincoln's sweetheart.
10. Stars and Bars is the Confederate Flag.

## Word Find - submitted by Judi Adler G-14

Find the following words in the letters below. They can be written in any direction - horizontal, vertical, diagonal, backwards, and forwards.

Q R E V L I S M	coal	ore
G U Z L Y S U D	copper	quartz
C T A I E I M N	diamond	sand
L O R R N A U O	gold	silver
C O P A T C D M	iron	tin
N R R P E Z N A	lead	uranium
I U T E E I A I	lye	zinc
T G O L D R S D	mud	

## Useful Information

שבת פרשת מטות-מסעי  
ראש חודש מנחם אב  
הדלקת נרות: 7:17  
סוף זמן קריאת שמע בבקר: 8:23  
הבדלה: 8:24



## Shabbat in Our Day --- Suri Goldstein

"כל שומר שבת מחללו ומחזיק בברית"  
 Shabbat is the יסוד אמונה, the  
 foundation of our religion as it shows our  
 faith in G-d. Shabbat is an eternal sign  
 which declares that Hashem created the  
 universe in six days and rested on the  
 seventh. We let it be known that G-d is  
 master over everything and we are His  
 servants. Shabbat is also a tangible sign  
 of the everlasting brit between Hashem  
 and the Jewish people. לדעת כי אני  
מקדישכם. G-d gave us the Shab-  
 bat because we are holy to Him.

Today many Jews fail to realize the true  
 meaning of Shabbat and in turn part of the  
 beauty is lost. They 'observe' Shabbat  
 because it is what they have been brought  
 up to do. Shabbat is interpreted to mean  
 a day of rest and nothing more, instead of  
 time to be spent on learning.

Many children raised in observant homes  
 come to observe Shabbat as well as other  
 Jewish laws out of fear of their parents'  
 and neighbors' reaction if they would not,  
 and also out of habit. Judaism then turns  
 into a social way of life. These children  
 do not observe the halachot with the inten-  
 tions of becoming moral through them and  
 perfecting themselves. Yet we are lucky  
 if they do not turn totally away from  
 Judaism. They are only following in their  
 parents' footsteps and often they are pre-  
 occupied with themselves and with some of  
 the warped values of society.

I realize that it is easy to find fault so  
 before I conclude I would like to make one  
 point clear. There are many levels at  
 which a mitzvah can be fulfilled. A mitz-  
 vah can be performed as a הדור מצוה  
 and it can also be performed at the lowest  
 level which is without any כוונה  
 at all. But we must have the attitude of  
"מתוך שלא לשמה, בא לשמה."

For example, in many homes Shabbat is not  
 kept to the fullest extent and it has a  
 lesser degree of kedusha than if the  
 meaning were not forgotten. Nevertheless  
 Shabbat is being observed and we must hope  
 that we will be able to restore its pro-  
 per meaning and significance.

SHABBAT SHALOM !

## Morasha Mystery

An important executive hired a night watch-  
 man to guard his offices and promised to  
 pay him \$200.00 a week. There were many  
 important documents there that had to re-  
 main hidden from the competition.

One day, several weeks later, as the exe-  
 cutive was preparing for an overseas  
 business trip, the watchman ran into his  
 office. "Don't go, don't go. I dreamt  
 last night that your plane is going to  
 crash." On the following evening's news  
 there was a report of a terrible air dis-  
 aster. The executive called the watchman  
 to his office, gave him a \$1000 bonus  
 for saving his life and fired him. Why??

Submit your answer to the Shalhevet office.  
 The mystery will be solved in the next  
 issue.

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Here is the solution to last week's mystery

Marshall said "Law...". He was trying to  
 say lawyer. The obvious suspects were  
 both accounted for (Lawrence and Lawrenson)  
 This leaves the only possible suspect -  
 Johnny Rhoades, Marshall's attorney.

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## Baseball Standings (July 12, 1977)

National League	W	L	%	GB
<u>Eastern Division</u>				
Chicago	52	31	.627	-
Philadelphia	47	36	.566	5
Pittsburgh	46	39	.541	7
St. Louis	46	40	.535	7½
Montreal	39	45	.464	13½
New York	33	51	.393	19½
<u>Western Division</u>				
Los Angeles	56	30	.651	-
Cincinnati	46	37	.554	8½
San Francisco	40	43	.455	17
Houston	39	48	.448	17½
San Diego	38	52	.422	20
Atlanta	30	55	.353	25½
<u>American League</u>				
<u>Eastern Division</u>				
Boston	48	35	.578	-
Baltimore	49	37	.570	-
New York	48	38	.558	-
Cleveland	39	42	.481	-
Milwaukee	39	45	.464	-
Detroit	38	46	.452	-
Toronto	31	53	.369	-



## Minds over Morals --- A.J. Berger (B-13)

This weekly series of stories (to be published in the Shalhevet) will be short or two part stories of interest which will illustrate some basic concepts in Jewish theology. Many find the idea of olam habah a difficult thing to understand or accept. We may not be aware of it but our part in the world to come is determined by our everyday actions. Since the ideal of perfection is learned from the Torah, it is our personal responsibility to be well versed in it. The story I will now tell will clearly illustrate how the little learning we may do in an average seventy years of life can help us for all time.

After World War II, a man by the name of Sholom, who had survived the concentration camps, wanted to move to America. He was still young, wanted to start a new life in America, find a wife and have a family of his own. Before his long boat ride to America he had to stop in France to sign papers and get a passport. Well, Sholom figured that he was going to have to stay in France for a few weeks. He decided to hire a teacher and learn the language since German was the only language he knew. After weeks of preparation he finally arrived in France. While the other immigrants stayed in boarding houses awaiting their trip to America, Sholom went to one of the best hotels, and had a delightful time seeing the sights and spending time with the people since he knew their language and culture.

After many weeks of fun, Sholom went on a ship to America. Upon arrival he was met by an immigration official who kindly asked Sholom, along with his many friends, "May I see your passports please?" They all showed them cheerfully and when they came to Sholom he answered, "Parlais-vous Francais?" (Do you speak French?) The officer was astonished at Sholom's stupidity. Why?

The answer will appear in the next issue of Shalhevet along with another story from 'Minds over Morals.'

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Deadline for articles to be submitted to Shalhevet for publication is Wednesday, 7:00 P.M.

## Kitchen Korner

This week the K<sup>+</sup> (Kitchen Korner Krew) examines another vital figure in the kitchen hierarchy.

His eyes peer through the cartons of Morasha's storage room. Carefully he checks each box. Clad in rubber soled shoes, he noiselessly searches. Could this possibly be a thief trying to make off with our inventory? No! It's Yisroel Auerbach, our resident mashgiach and assistant steward checking up on the kashrut of our foodstuffs as well as maintaining high standards in running a kitchen according to government regulations, and more importantly, according to halacha.

Remember the eclairs and custard doughnuts we used to buy at Katz's bakery in Liberty and Monticello. Well, Yisroel found that these bakeries were not under rabbinical supervision and we now no longer purchase any of their goods.

Yisroel has the best intentions of his staff at heart. He is constantly reciting government regulations in maintaining the safety of the staff as well as the quality of the food. (He'll even make up rules if none exist to fit the case).

Affectionately called 'Lenny', Yisroel can be seen during most of the day at his command position in the back of the meat kitchen. He is presently studying for semicha and his experience in Morasha's kitchen will hopefully serve him well in the years to come.

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Thought for the Day -- Some people are what they eat. After a Morasha meal, what are you?

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For all those interested - the recipe for cheeseballs is now available for public scrutiny. To accommodate the masses that will avail themselves of our service, we will be open from 8:00 A.M. to 8:30 A.M. on Tisha B'Av.

Kitchen Korner Kontest - We are offering a prize to the person or persons who can devise the most original and feasible new dish to be served in camp. All entries must be submitted to your waiter on a 3x5 card accompanied by a Honey Combs box top.



# Crossword Puzzle

(From the New York Times - July 9, 1977) For answers, please see the Shalhevet eds.

## Across

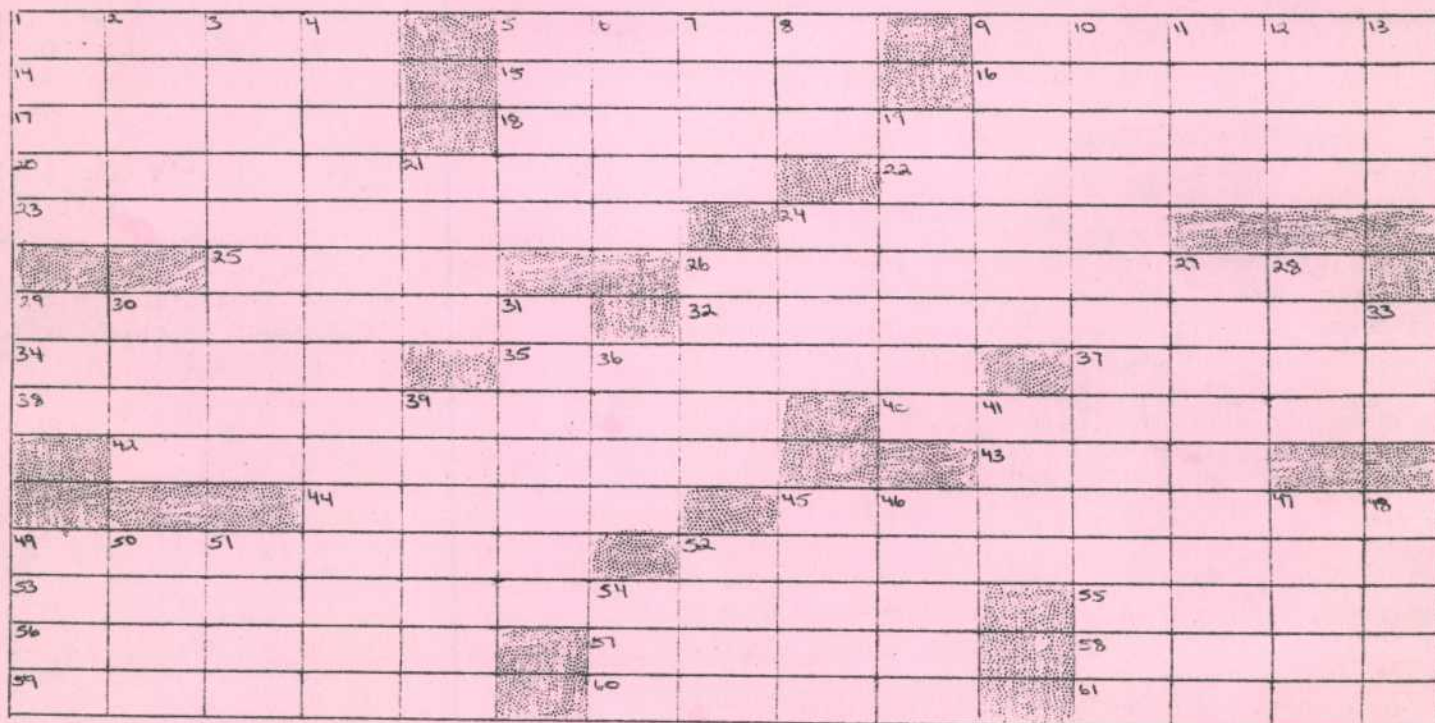
1. Salute
5. Old Testament book
9. Colleague of Freud
14. Armbone
15. Form of "Hosea"
16. Orange Bowl site
17. Anthropologist Margaret
18. Felicitations
20. Some teeth
22. Pied-  
(lodging)
23. Frauds
24. "Do you take \_\_\_\_\_  
woman..."
25. Where an Ens. serves
26. Short solo
29. Mrs. Humphrey
32. Garrets
34. Algerian port
35. "...nothing like \_\_\_\_\_"
37. Starr of Green Day
38. Wraps around
40. Nobelist Lagerlof et al.
42. Eerie sittings
43. Immerse
44. Article
45. Marooned

49. Click beetle
52. Imprecation
53. Light-blue items  
in a nest
55. River to the Elbe
56. Sacred figures
57. Fun affair
58. Kind of cone
59. Burn slightly
60. City on the Oka
61. Angry-dog sound

## Down

1. Vaporous
2. Coeur d' \_\_\_\_\_  
(resort lake)
3. Faulty
4. Palace help
5. Mechanical man
6. Customers
7. Dick Tracy's wife
8. \_\_\_\_\_ up (excited)
9. Friendships
10. Withdrawing support,  
as from a church
11. Comic Bert
12. Retired: Abbr.
13. Stand up
19. Hilo girls

21. Function, in trig
24. Cable car
26. Gather
27. Tyrannizes
28. Port of Spain
29. One of the "Stooges"
30. Coffeemakers
31. Cavalry, of old
33. Aves.
36. Think
39. Fierce
41. Redact
45. "Worn Earth" poet
46. Twangy
47. City of old Syria
48. He bells the cat
49. Apple - tossing goddess
50. Points; places
51. \_\_\_\_\_ Marche  
(cheap)
52. Solidifying agent
54. Kind of trip





B'nai Brith with LTP -- Judy Landau

"שלום שלום לרחוק ולקרוב, אמר ה'."

In a sense that's what we had here in Camp Morasha when the members of the kallah program of B'nai Brith paid us a visit - the greetings of shalom between two groups with completely opposite points of view that each thought were לשם שמים. These kids come from unorthodox backgrounds and are trying to find meaning in Judaism as they see it - in history, philosophy, Zionism, and Jewish culture. By coming to Morasha we have the opportunity to share our ideas and philosophies, answer some of their questions and ask many of our own. The kids from B'nai Brith posed many questions that really made us think because a lot of the things that they are just learning we take for granted.

These kids come from all over the U.S. and Canada and many of them have never encountered an Orthodox Jew before. They had a preconceived notion that we would all be wearing long sleeves and skirts and the guys would all have payot and the rabbis would have long grey beards. They stereotyped us in a certain way and I suppose we, too, stereotyped them. We thought that just because they weren't religious they wouldn't know anything but we were surprised at how much about Judaism they really did know.

They came just in time for lunch and at first we all felt awkward but it didn't take very long before we made friends. Lunch was very informal. We compared camps and other such small talk. Then we went up to the Mercaziah where we saw a short film called, "The Longman," after which we broke up into small discussion groups and really had a meeting of minds. We discussed everything from the validity of the concept of תורה מסיני to intermarriages. We really differed on many matters but respectfully. After the formal discussions we had deep personal conversations about individual doubts and other religious things they couldn't understand. I think that we all learned something from each other. We then gathered and davened mincha together, ate supper and assembled in the Pargod.

What happened that night in the Pargod was such a meaningful finale for the day. First B'nai Brith got up on stage and sang a medley of songs that some of them had just learned recently. Then a dance group performed beautifully. It was then our turn. We really

sounded great thanks to Elly Zomick and Danny Wildman.

The theme of the day was Jewish survival and Rabbi Blech made a comment that Morasha means heritage and we are all B'nai Brith and only when the two come together can there be Jewish survival. Here's hoping that all the Jews world over will finally find their heritage and abide by תורת ה' because only then will the Jews survive.

Special thanks to Ron Meier from B'nai Brith and to Shani Atik, Mike Strick, and Rabbi Abraham Wahrhaftig for coordinating the day.

# Baseball Standings (continued)

## American League

### Western Division

Chicago	50	33	602	-
Minnesota	47	39	547	4½
Kansas City	45	38	542	5
Texas	42	41	506	8
California	40	42	488	9½
Oakland	36	48	429	14½
Seattle	37	52	416	16

## LTP Basketball

The Morasha L.T.P. basketball team got off to a singular start this year. In their first game, the L.T.P. demolished the unorganized and slow Educational Staff. Although the L.T.P. defense showed some rustiness the defense was excellent and caused many turnovers. The offense was led by the shooting of Mutt Leichtung and Isser Fruchter and the passing of Louis Rhode.

In their second game, Morasha's team easily defeated the younger Oren team. Isser Fruchter once again led the team with good shooting and a strong defensive game. Other helping factors were the excellent play of subs Bennett Gottesman and Chuckie Levine.

## Upcoming Events

Shabbat: Rosh Chodesh Av

Olympic Week

Monday 7/18 - Intercamp games with Tagola Roller Skating for Nitzanim, Shtilim Danot, and Ilanot

Tuesday 7/19 - Yom Yerushalaim

Wednesday and Thursday - Ilanot present:

"The World of Shalom Aleichem"