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# News of the Week

## WELCOME

SHALHEVET, your camp newspaper welcomes you to a new Camp Morasha season. To campers and staff who have been with us before, we are glad to see you back. To newcomers, we say welcome aboard.

All of us together look forward to a smooth sailing season.

SHALHEVET is YOUR paper. It can be as big and interesting as you make it. Please submit articles, puzzles, stories, riddles, art work, etc..., weekly. SHALHEVET welcomes contributions from all divisions, campers and staff. Leave your work in the H.C. or the SHALHEVET office. (Next to Mordey Besser's office).

## NEW FURNISHINGS ADDED TO MORASHA

Two new basketball courts, a new building, three pianos, and new Beis medrash chairs have been added to Morasha.

One court is on Machon campus and the other is on Girls'. (The completion of these courts only after camp opened prompted the Roving Reporter Question - see page 5.)

The new building is at the entrance to Girls' Campus. It is a combination store room and receiving office to handle all the equipment that is delivered to Morasha.

One of the three new pianos is a baby grand, necessary for Morasha Productions in the new Gym.

In addition, the LTP - Kollel Beis Medrash and the Dining room have been furnished with new chairs.

## ANTS GOING FOR SPACE RIDE

Several thousand local ants from Camden, N.J., are scheduled for a 1981 vacation far from the land of picnic baskets and cookie jars. The South Jersey ants will board a space shuttle and be blasted into orbit under an educational program for inner city high school students called Orbit 81'. Fifty high school students will study by camera the effects of weightlessness on the insects.

## MORASHA PLAYHOUSE NEWS by Joe Berlin

The first camper production this season in the Morasha Playhouse will be the Ilanot presentation of the "Golden Slippers". A moralistic play which has several midos to teach us, it contains familiar music from the liturgy as well as popular numbers. Ilanot will star on Tues. and Wed., July 10th and 11.

Less than one week later, Shtilim will appear in Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs. It was rumored that several staff members bribed some of the campers generously in order to have them give up their parts to staff members.

All rumors have not yet been completely checked out but the staff will be presenting Roger's and Hammerstein's "Carousel" on the August bill while LTP gives us their rendition of "Oliver".

Nitzanim will close July with "Ming Lee and the Magic Tree" and Alufim/Aluft head the August productions with "Yentyl". See you on opening night!

## MORASHA STAFF VARIES ACTIVITIES

The Morasha Staff enjoyed a variety of activities during opening week.

Rabbi B. Blech, Morasha Educational Director, opened the Friday night lecture series with a challenging "Who is Responsible?" to introduce the season's camp theme.

There was much shooting and hitting at Sports Night on Sunday as the staff played lively games of basketball and volleyball in the New Gym.

The staff was enlightened by a most informative lecture delivered by Dr. Fred Rosner, camp physician, on Halacha and Medicine Monday night.

Wednesday and Thursday staff programs were Torah Learning Sessions.

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SHALHEVET HAS ARRIVED!!!!

WE NOW HAVE OUR OWN OFFICE!!  
WE'RE LOCATED NEXT DOOR TO RABBI BESSER'S OFFICE. COME IN AND JOIN US!!!!



# TORAH THOUGHTS

## PARSHAT BALAK

by Joel Finkelstein-  
H.S. Kolliel

One of this week's Parshioth, Balak, deals with Balaam, the greatest Gentile prophet. As the Torah states,-

וְכֵן הָיָה כִּי בָרַךְ אֱלֹהִים אֶת יִשְׂרָאֵל וְכֵן הָיָה כִּי בָרַךְ אֱלֹהִים אֶת יִשְׂרָאֵל  
that in Israel there was never a prophet like Moses. However, among the Gentiles there was such a prophet, namely Balaam. When G-d came to him, the Torah states,-

וַיִּבְרַךְ אֱלֹהִים אֶת יִשְׂרָאֵל וְכֵן הָיָה כִּי בָרַךְ אֱלֹהִים אֶת יִשְׂרָאֵל  
"And G-d happened to meet Balaam." Rashi comments that וְכֵן is a language denoting a casual and shameful state. In contrast, when G-d spoke to Moses, the Torah states, וַיִּקְרָא אֱלֹהִים אֶל מֹשֶׁה. "And He called" unto Moses. He called him with the famous calling,- "Moses, Moses," which is an expression of affection. The וְכֵן asks why G-d comes to Balaam and merely calls to Moses. He answers with a parable. If a leper wanted to enter the king's palace, the king would greet the leper outside his palace, so as not to contaminate the palace. However, if an important person wanted to come to see the king, the king would call him affectionally to come inside the court. So here too, the beloved one, Moses, is called by G-d, whereas Balaam is greeted by G-d. The וְכֵן wrote that וְכֵן teaches that extra prophecies chanced upon Moses and Balaam. However, the Torah wrote וְכֵן for Moses because וְכֵן denotes both a casual and shameful meeting, as Rashi said, and that's not appropriate for Moses. This all shows the difference between Gentile prophets and Jewish, genuine prophets.

וְכֵן הָיָה כִּי בָרַךְ אֱלֹהִים אֶת יִשְׂרָאֵל  
BY:CLAUDIA MARBACH-MECHINA  
The commandment to love ones fellow man is regarded by us as a fundamental principle of D'var. Rabbi Akiva said that the וְכֵן "Love thy neighbour as thyself" was the golden rule of the Torah. Love thy neighbour is not only a human command but also sanctifies G's name. Rabbi Simeon Ben Elazar said that there is a connection between "Love thy neighbour as thyself" and "I, the Lord have created him. I am the one who will be sure to reward you; but

## "Shiva Asar Betamuz"

This coming Thursday begins the three weeks between "Shiva Asar Betamuz" and "Tisha B'av". The fast of "Shiva Asar Betamuz" commemorates the time when the Babylonians penetrated the city walls of Jerusalem. The fast starts at Sunrise and culminates at Sundown.

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Halacha of the week-by Miriam Cohen  
Bunk 9

The מצוה of פָּרִי שֶׁבַע - washing our hands with a cup is based upon the מצוה of

וְכֵן הָיָה כִּי בָרַךְ אֱלֹהִים אֶת יִשְׂרָאֵל  
when we wake up every morning after we say שמע ישראל we immediately wash our hands with a cup. First we wash our right hand once then we take the cup in the right hand and wash our left hand. We then repeat the same procedure.

we wash our hands as soon as we get out of bed to remove the טומאה, uncleanness, which came upon us during the night, and also to show that we are like a new creation gives us back our נְשִׁימָה every morning.

we also wash פָּרִי שֶׁבַע before eating bread - כְּבִישָׁא we wash in a different manner than when we wake up.

After filling up the cup with water in our right hand, our left hand washes the right hand. We pour water on the right hand at least two times. Then we put the cup in our right hand and pour it at least two times on our left hand. One of the reasons for פָּרִי שֶׁבַע, as I mentioned before is because of דְּבִירָא.

By washing our hands, following the מצוה we show our נְשִׁימָה that G placed upon us.

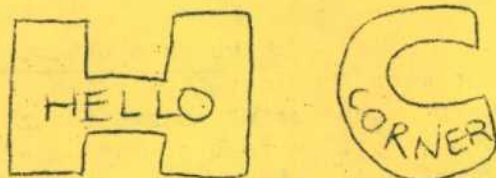
## AREVOT (CONTINUED)

if you do not-I am also the judge who exacts retribution.

True love involves a complete identification with ones fellow man, a full understanding of his needs and difficulties, as if they were his own. Rabbi David of Lelov once told his students that a simple peasant taught him to what extent one should love ones neighbour. Once he overheard a peasant say "If you really love me you would surely know all my needs and problems."



# Shalhevet Features



From Judy Landau  
in the H.C.

Yes, folks, another summer has begun at Camp Morasha. We're all here together playing basketball, going to Sheurim and learning to swim. Did you ever ask yourself why you're here? Basketball, Sheurim, and swimming answer what you're doing here at Morasha but they don't answer why.

In any camp setting, even on a Kibbutz, a very important factor that must be remembered is that of responsibility- אחריות. When working as a unit everyone must take responsibility for everything that happens--both the credit and the blame. When a tire on a car gets flat, the car can't move--it doesn't pay to dwell on which part of the car isn't functioning, the whole vehicle doesn't work. Similarly, in a bunk, if one girl is responsible for bringing bows and arrows to archery and forgets, not only she but the whole bunk can't shoot. If only one blower can be used at a time and one boy decides that he's going to beat the system and blow his hair while another socket is being used, he will blow a fuse and the whole bunk will suffer.

Just as the counselor is responsible for the well being of his or her bunk so too are the campers responsible. If all members of the bunk are all cooperative and friendly then the result is a happy bunk, but if the bunk members are selfish and don't care about each other, then they're all in for one miserable summer.

We learn in this week's Parsha about the פר אדום- the red heifer. The important thing about the פר אדום is that he is used both in order to purify the unholy and to defile the holy- מטהר טמאים ומטמא טהורים. How can one animal do both? From this we can learn that everything has advantages and disadvantages.

(Con't. next column)

STAFF PERSON OF THE ISSUE  
RABBI DR. SHMUEL TOKAYER

by David Schapiro Machon

One of the many interesting staff members of Camp Morasha is Shmuel Tokayer, this year's head of L.T.P. He comes to us with a varied education of experience.

Rabbi Tokayer attended R.J.J. and Telshe Yeshivot High Schools and later spent time in the "Gur Aryeh" Kollel of Yeshiva Chaim Berlin, where he was ordained.

After obtaining a B.A. and M.A. from Brooklyn College in Psychology, he attended the U. of N. Carolina where he was awarded a PhD. on the thesis pertaining to "Learning Styles".

He is currently employed as a psychologist in the Melbourne, N.J. public school system. His past experiences include being a Rabbi for 12 years in congregations in Queens and the South.

Shmuel was married in 1962. He and Chanie have three children.

In his analysis of L.T.P., Dr. Tokayer pointed out that the program is three fold. It serves to enhance personal growth by encouraging the "chaver" to assume responsibility and develop leadership potential, thus developing his own character. The second purpose of the program is to develop skills to be a good leader in the Jewish community.

The LTP director pointed out that the members of Machon Mechina are a carefully selected group. They are selected on the basis of the potential which each one possesses. It is hoped that during the course of the summer,

(Con't on page 5)

H.C. CORNER

(con't from col. 1)

Camp can be a good or bad experience. It's what YOU make of it. So when you ask yourself why you're in camp one of the answers should be to have a wonderful experience learning to live and share with one another and to realize that

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# From Our Readers

Shalhevet Staff

ROVING REPORTER

by David Schapiro-LTP

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MFDSPEAK

by Joseph Frager  
LTP Counselor

Readers ask, "What is swimmer's ear?"

Summer brings not only Lake Co-  
mo into our lives but often unwanted  
maladies of which swimmer's ear (called  
such because swimmers suffer from this  
condition five times more than non-  
swimmers) is one. It is a condition  
affecting the long narrow outer ear  
canal and is to be distinguished  
from the earache oft en seen in child-  
hood affecting the middle ear. Itch-  
ing and pain are the major symptoms  
of swimmer's ear.

Swimmer's ear can be prevented  
by drying the ear canals after diving  
or swimming. Shaking the head or  
jumping with the head tilted to one  
side is effective in removing water.

Swim and have fun, but remem-  
ber to keep ears nice and dry.

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BE A TORAH JEW

by Penina R. Siff  
Day Camp

Be a good Torah Jew! Do Mitzvos  
every day. At least learn Torah  
once a day. Davan three times a day,  
or give Tzdukah, one penny or more,  
or share, or keep a Mezuza on each  
door. Visit sick people, and there  
are many more Mitzvos you can do.

Question: What would you do with  
a basketball court that did not have  
baskets? - (Submitted by Alan Roth-  
stein, Mechina)

Answers:

Rabbi Blech: Ed. Ca. Staff : Take  
it as a sign from Hashem that I  
should be learning.

Rabbi Oratz: Put up baskets.

Chaya Orlian: B Play B.B.V.

Joe Berlin: go to a different camp,  
take their baskets, and put them  
on our poles.

Ellen Lieberman, Ilanot Girls D.H..  
run laps.

Slim: Play Hockey

Machonik: Use it as a Golf Cart  
Parking Lot

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STAFF PERSON OF THE ISSUE  
(Con't. from P.3)

Ltp "chaverim" will obtain a sense  
of satisfaction with what they have  
accomplished. Machon-Mechina is  
unique in the sense that it is a  
synthesis of leadership and an op-  
portunity to learn Torah and grow  
in Yiddishkeit. It is the latter  
that leads to good leadership.

We can be certain that Rabbi  
Dr. Shmuel Tokayer's extensive back-  
ground has helped determine his pol-  
icy in planning the Leadership Pro-  
gram and we can look forward to a  
very fulfilling and successful sum-  
mer.

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DAY CAMP DILLIFS

What do like best about being a year  
older than last summer?

Ophie: I can reach things that are  
higher, and color instead of  
scribbling.

5. Eli R.: I don't be two anymore.



# PUZZLE PAGE

## INTER-BUNK CONTEST

WIN A WATERMELON!!!!!!

Due to popular request we are sponsering another ALPHABITS contest

See how many words you can find in the word XYLOPHONE

### RULES:

1. Words must have roots of four letters or more. Words such as cats and goes are not allowed, since their roots, cat and go, do not have four letters.
2. Only one form of a word may be used.
3. No bunk may win a watermelen more than two weeks in a row.
4. Submit your entry by Sunday at 5:00 p.m. to the H.C. huts or the Shalhevet Office.

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People in the Torah  
by Claudia Marbach

Find the following people in the puzzle; Avraham, Rebecca, David, Shlomo, Hannah, Naomi, Levi, Noah, Rachel, Jonathan, Leah, Moshe, Reuven, Joseph, Pinchas, Deborah.

A S A H C N I P H P E S O J  
V Z R T V A D E B O R A H H  
R E B E C C A R H O P N L A  
A N I R P S V A J F F A P E  
H L S E H E I C R A C H E L  
A R U N N K D V E O I T Q U  
M O S H E R O L U N N A Z H  
G U L N D V L V F T A O I K  
A D O N A O M I N O H J G S  
C E M A H L P T U G U W X A  
M F O H F D B U S Q R M A P

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Answers to Reverse Twist:

- 1) eye @) gag 3) deed 4) peep
- 5) civic 6) kayak 7) refer
- 8) level 9) redder

## REVERSE TWIST

by Alisa Feldman

Some words make sense backwards and forwards. In fact, some words read the same from right to left and vice versa. Such a word is DAD. Now try these.

1. \_ \_ \_ \_ You see through this
2. \_ \_ \_ \_ This can keep you from talking
3. \_ \_ \_ \_ Feat of courage
4. \_ \_ \_ \_ Look through a small opening
5. \_ \_ \_ \_ Having to do with the city
6. \_ \_ \_ \_ Eskimo canoe
7. \_ \_ \_ \_ Direct attention to
8. \_ \_ \_ \_ Perfectly flat and even
9. \_ \_ \_ \_ More deeply red

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## # SPORTS #

Standings of the teams- as of N.Y. Times, Wed., July 4.

<u>American league</u>		<u>National league</u>	
<u>Eastern division</u>			
	<u>G.B.</u>		<u>G.B.</u>
Baltimore	-	Montreal	-
Boston	5½	Chicago	6
Milwaukee	8½	Pittsburgh	6
Yankees	11	St. Louis	6½

<u>Western division</u>			
Texas	-	Houston	-
California	-	Cincinnati	8
Minnesota	2	San Francisco	9
Kansas City	2½	San Diego	16

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## Sports quote of the week

Bobby Murcer, traded back to the Yankees after spending four and a half years with the Giants and the Cubs said: "The way I really felt about it was that I was just visiting those other clubs and that my place was in New York..."