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Visiting Day

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News of the Week

VISITORS EXPECTED THIS SUNDAY

More guests than ever before are expected to visit Camp Morasha this Sunday, July 22 starting at 10 A.M. Camp Time.

The highlight of the afternoon will be a waterskiing show at 2:45 under the direction of Wendy Markowitz.

The day's program includes meetings with teachers, counselors, and the head of LTP. Arts and crafts will be on display in the Girl's Shop. Sandwiches and drinks will be sold after 11 A.M.

There will be one Minyan for Mincha in the Library at 2:30 and one in the Pargod at 3:30.

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NINE DAYS TO BEGIN ON WED.

The Nine Days, the period from Rosh Chodesh Av until Tisha B'Av, will begin this year on Wed., July 25. These are the saddest days in the Jewish calendar, and we mark them in a special way.

From the beginning of the month of Av, simcha is diminished. All forms of rejoicing are suspended.

These Nine Days have been replete with tragedy and misfortune throughout Jewish history and we relate to our people and those tragedies by observing the Nine Days through their prohibitions.

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BEGIN VISITS ALEXANDRIA

Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin spent three days this week in Alexandria, Egypt for a lengthy summit visit with President Anwar Sadat of Egypt.

Begin conducted afternoon services in the Alexandria shul. This meeting is not related to any specific peace issue.

MORASHA TO BECOME GHOST TOWN

CAMP MORASHA will become a ghost town on Monday, July 23 as the campers enjoy Trip Day.

The Alufim and Alufot will leave early in the morning for a Pennsylvania trip which will include Crystal Caves, an Indian Village, Gettysburg, and Philadelphia. Before coming back, they will spend a day in Great Adventures.

The other divisions, except for L.T.P., will spend the day in Ghost Town Amusement Park. L.T.P. will be recuperating from their recent trips to Toronto and Washington, D.C.

Monday will follow a Tuesday schedule. Shiurim will be held on Tuesday this week.

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BOYS' GRATITUDE AND KINDNESS WIN

Hakoros Hatov and Gemilas Chesed triumphed this week in the Machzor Aleph Boys' Shelet Presentation Competition.

In a very close race, Bunk 2, coached by Akiva Tekuzener and Mike Zughaft, was the Nitzanim winner. Their shield and presentation beautifully portrayed the Midah of Hakoros Hatov.

Bunk 7, under David Jablimowitz and Avi Jacobowitz, won the Shtilim division with their portrayal of Gemilas Chesed.

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HOUSE OKAYS FUNDS TO INVESTIGATE NAZIS

(JTA) Washington

An amendment increasing funding for the investigation and persecution of Nazi war criminals living in the U.S. overwhelmingly passed the House of Representatives this week. Rep. Elizabeth Holzman introduced the amendment together with Rep. Lehman of Florida.

TORAH THOUGHTS

PARSHIOT MATTOT-MASEI

by Ben Movsas
H.S. Kolliel

ON AREVUT

by Rabbi Howard S. Wolk

This week we read the double Parshah-Mattot-Masei. At the beginning of Parshat Matot, Mosheh tells the "Roshei Hamatot", the heads of the tribes, the laws regarding Nedarim-oaths. Rashi asks- But we know that in the case of every commandment Mosheh first told it to the heads of the tribes. Therefore, why does the Torah specifically point out this fact here, in the Parsha of Nedarim? Rashi answers that since the Torah specifies here that Moshe first told the heads of the tribes, who were Talmidei Chachomim, we learn that the invalidation of a vow can be accomplished by a single authorized judge, or Talmid Chochem.

According to the Kli Yokor, the reason that the Torah specifies this here is to teach us that when one makes an oath, he should have the Chachimim or Rabbis in mind, so that his oath will only be valid on the condition that the Rabbis agree to it. However, if a Rabbi disagrees with the oath that was made, the oath becomes nullified. Therefore, from here we can understand why a Talmid Chochem or Rabbi has the power to nullify oaths.

The Kli Yokor also points out that the idea that one should have the Rabbis in mind does not only apply to oaths, but also to the way we conduct our daily lives and all our actions. When one does a Mitzvah, he must do it in the manner specified by the Rabbis. This is the message that the Kli Yokor derives from this pospek.

Finally, a third reason that it mentions here "Roshei Hamatot" is to teach us that only those people who have the characteristics of the "Roshei Hamatot", namely "one who fears and worships G-d is worthy to make an oath. This is because the Torah warns us, "One should not break his word, but fulfill all that he says", and only one with such characteristics can be trusted not to break his promises. From here we see that

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In the weeks since camp began, Arevut has been the main topic of our classes and discussions. Arevut is a multi-faceted concept. It draws together one Jew to another. It suggests a responsibility that we owe one to another. Arevut can operate on a very personal level- a one to one relationship between people who are intimately involved in each other's lives.

Arevut or Achdut Yisroel manifests itself in large numbers as well. The sometimes undefinable, intangible bond between the Jews of America and the Jews of Iran; between those of Eretz Yisroel and Russia. We feel a deep allegiance to our brothers and sisters who are physically and spiritually persecuted.

But there is yet another form of Arevut. There is the form of Arevut which crosses not only countries and continents, but centuries and in fact millenia. We all feel a close bond with the Jews of Old. Perhaps no period of the calendar year better portrays the tie between the Jews of different generations than "The Three Weeks". We observe various degrees of mourning- culminating in Tisha B'Av- because we share the grief, the torment and the loss- both spiritual and physical- which the Jews of the Second Beit Hamikdash experienced. And we are not the first generation to put this feeling of Arevut into action. Generations before us have acted as we do. Our observances of the Three Weeks are not done in a vacuum. We are not introducing novel practices, but we bring to reality our deeply felt allegiance to brethren before us.

Whether in times of Simcha or during a time of national mourning, Arevut is an inseparable aspect of the total Jewish experience.

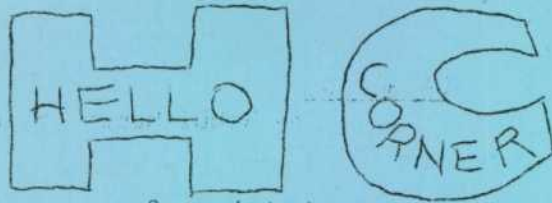
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WHAT HAS PASSED YOUR LIPS YOU SHALL KEEP.  
(D'vorim 23)

3. BETTER NOT TO VOW, THAN TO VOW AND NOT PAY.  
(Koheles 5)



# Shalhevet Features



from Judy Landau  
in the H.C.

## Staff Person Of The Week

\*\*\*\*\*Rabbi Mordechai Besser

by David Schapiro

Camp Morasha is fortunate to have Rabbi Mordy Besser as our Program Director. Born in Tel Aviv, Israel, Besser has been with Camp Morasha for 11 years.

The Program Director attended R.J.J.H.S. and Y.U. college where he received a B.A. in English and was later awarded a M.S. in history from Bernard Revel School of Jewish Studies. He is presently enrolled in Hofstra University in a doctoral program concerning educational administration.

Rabbi Besser was ordained at the Rabbi Issac Elchanan Theology school of Y.U.

Mordy has been a teacher at the HANC school and was Ass't principle at Hillel and HAFTAR Yeshiva Elementary Schools. This coming year he looks forward to administering HAFTAR as the principal of the Elementary school.

When asked about his feelings towards the camp Mordy stated that Machaneh Morasha is indeed unique. Morasha attracts a high calibre camper and staff membership. The camp has a library which is

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## REMEMBER

When your counselor tells you  
It's time to go out  
Put on a smile and  
Please don't pout.

## REMEMBER

When your camper is being stubborn  
Beyond all doubt  
Remember to be patient  
And please don't shout.



# From Our Readers

## CRISIS IN BUNK 16

by Linda Lefkowitz (couns)  
and Aliza Epstein (j.c.)

THE PLACE: THE INFIRMARY  
THE TIME: SHABBOS, 6:00 P.M.  
THE CAUSE: SWOLLEN GLANDS, TEMP. 102  
THE FIRST VICTIM: ALIZA EPSTEIN, J.C.

At first it seemed like an ordinary infirmary candidate. The hours passed uneventfully until the counselor- Linda Lefkowitz- came to visit her J.C.

THE TIME: SUNDAY, 1:00 P.M.  
THE CAUSE: UPPER RESPIRATORY INFECTION  
(In layman's terms, a cold)

In fact her visit turned out to be a good deal longer than the one minute allotted to visiting counselors.

You may be thinking- so what? who cares? Camp Morasha has enough staff to handle the matter, and besides, Machoniks are paying for the experience of taking over a screaming bunk of 12 kids. But- the Crisis thickens:

On Sunday, July 15th, Machon and Mechina were at Camp B'nai B'rith. The J.C. of the adjoining bunk was off somewhere enjoying her day off, and Jill Stamler was left with 24 kids- she'll never forgive Aliza and Linda, who are in the midst of a dilemma- Jill and Ellen Feder are begging them to "get well" while their kids are urging them to rest up a long time. At least while they are making their decision, they have one thing going for them- they are taking their day off together- something they would never be able to do under normal circumstances.

P.S. Note to Ilanot counsellors- Now is it clear to you why three counselors cannot take off on one day?

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LOST: While putting up the Eruv on Machon Road: A locking knife with a wooden handle. If found, contact Yaakov in the JSS Kollel.

NATIONWIDE SEARCH LEADS TO SCHWARTZ

BY A. Reader

Immediately after Danny Behar, former Morasha technician (see Shalhevet V,6), gave notice of his intent to leave Camp Morasha, Zvi Reich, Director, launched a nationwide, extremely intensive search for his replacement. This search led him to every village and city in the mainland, including Des Moines, Iowa.

After an equally intensive search of the Des Moines orthodox community, Mr. Reich found Paul Schwartz. Paul is well trained in all aspects of sound, lighting, and stage managing. He worked for two years for W.H.O. Television in Des Moines.

Paul is looking forward to working and playing here at Morasha and we look forward to having Paul on our staff.

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## ROVING REPORTER

QUESTION: WHY ARE YOU LOOKING FORWARD TO VISITING DAY?

ANSWERS:

Two skinny Mechina girls: We're hungry!

Shelly Schulman, Counselor, G5: So my kids will be happy.

Barbara Ciner, G5: To get away from the counselor's nagging.

Marshal Staiman: Considering the weather is always nice on Visitor's Day, I'm looking forward to nice weather.

Susie Katzenstein, G5: So I get my past-rami sandwich and pickle.

Debby Berger, G16: I'm not. My parents aren't coming.

Ellen Gertel and Julie Savitsky, G 1: To see out parents, of course!



# FUN PAGE

WINNERS....WINNERS... WINNERS....

## INTERBUNK CONTEST

Boys were victorious this week again in the ALPHABITS contest. Bunk B-14 came in first with over 150 words. Arie Weitzner from Machon placed second, but the Girls from Bunk 15 were close behind. Credit goes to B-8 for an excellent try.

Ready for this week's word....

See how many words of four letters or more that you can find in the word

## RESPONSIBILITY

Remember....

Words must have roots of four letters or more. Words such as cats and goes are not allowed, since their roots, cat and g, do not have four letters.

Only one form of a word may be used.

No bunk may win the watermelon two weeks in a row.

Submit your entry by Sunday at 5:00 P.M. to the H.C. Huts or the Shalhevet Office.

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## UNSCRAMBLE THE FOODS AND DRINKS

by Elana Weinstein and Judy Nusbader G-3  
(Answers on p. 8)

1. NAUT
2. GESMHUBRAR
3. EANGRO
4. IFSH
5. TAOTOP
6. TAE
7. KECO
8. BTA
9. ITERPS
10. ATERW
11. NHUCP
12. ZIZAP
13. NIGERGLEA
14. SUHAQS

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WRITE FOR SHALHEVET!!!!!!

## HEBREW LETTER PUZZLE

TRY THIS FOR A DIFFERENT KIND OF PUZZLE!!

The clues point to Hebrew words. Each number (read right to left!) stands for one Hebrew letter. As you identify letters, enter them against the line of numbers, which, reading again from right to left, stand for a well-known Hebrew sentence. Of course, as soon as you get an idea what the sentence or its words may be, you can use it to find more of the clue-words.

The sentence is:

" 5 10 6762 691 282 26762 23543 21 "

Clue-words: a veryspecial food 3 1  
it's ours 10 3 6 4  
it's inside 9 10 5  
this is it 2 8  
that's all 6 9

These could be enough, but in case you have not got it yet, here are some more clues:

who is this 7 1  
it's just luck 6 8 1  
do it with a cup 2 5 4  
in the cup 3 7 7  
just because 7 9  
and what? 10

P.S. This deals with Pesach.  
Answer on p. 8.

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## MATH BOX

The diameter of a pipe is 1.6 inches long. What is the diameter of a second pipe that allows twice as much water as the first pipe to flow through it. (Both pipes are equal in length.) ?

answer on Page 8

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Can anyone construct a one-sided figure?  
6 (see Shalhevet next week for the answer.)



# SPORTS

## Baseball Standings

Standings of the teams as of  
the NY Times, Thurs. July 19  
American League National League

| Eastern Division |      |              |      |
|------------------|------|--------------|------|
|                  | G.B. |              | G.B. |
| Baltimore        | -    | Montreal     | -    |
| Boston           | 2    | Chicago      | 3    |
| Milwaukee        | 6    | Philadelphia | 3    |
| Yankees          | 11   | Pittsburgh   | 4    |
|                  |      | St. Louis    | 6½   |
|                  |      | Mets         | 13½  |

| Western Division |    |               |     |
|------------------|----|---------------|-----|
|                  |    |               |     |
| California       | -  | Houston       | -   |
| Texas            | 2  | Cincinnati    | 15½ |
| Minnesota        | 5  | San Francisco | 8½  |
| Kansas City      | 10 | San Diego     | 12  |

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MORASHA SWEEPS LAVI, 51-31  
by Mitchell Merlis

In the opening game of the season, the Morasha staff team was again victorious in an overwhelming 22 point margin.

Led by the early shooting of Mott Lichtburg, Isser Fruchter, Louie Rhode, the Morasha team went up at half time by 22-16. During the second half, Paul and Mitch Merlis led another surge doubling Louis' output. Lavi struggled to close the gap but were foiled time and time again by the combination of Morasha inside strength and dazzling outside shooting. High scores for Morasha were M. Merlis 16, Paul 14, Isser 10.

Morasha seeks to defend its undefeated streak in an upcoming game against Senaca.

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## KOLLELS CLASH ON SOFTBALL FIELD.

After a stimulating morning of torah study, the J.S.S. and H.S. Kollels clashed yesterday on the softball field. The High School defeated JSS 5-2.

Josef Kanefsky pitched a complete game for the high school, but Rabbi Siff retired after 3 innings.

## SHTILIM BEAT LAVI

by Elisha Tropper B 7

On Tuesday, July 17, the Shtilim boys continued to win in softball against Camp Lavi. Jeff Schoenfeld kept his record against Camp Lavi. Jeff Schoenfeld kept his record against Lavi by pitching a 4 hit shutout. Schoenfeld's record is 2-0, a 2 hit and 4 hit ball game.

Paul Sutton, Andy Paskow, and David Kupchik each had a couple of RBI's and runs scored. Four catches by Andy Paskow, 2 running and 2 diving, helped keep the shutout.

The team, the softball All-Star team of Bunks 7-8 got 19 hits. The final score was 11-0, Morasha.

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MAZEL TOV TO MITCH MERLIS ON HIS ENGAGEMENT TO ELANA GOPIN, J.C. G 6.

## Staff Person Of The Week

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used by all camp personnel, there is a staff Vaad, and the counselors have activities every night, including our shiurim during the week.

It is truly to Morasha's unique benefit to have Rabbi Besser as its program director. He is responsible for many very interesting activities which are enjoyed by all. We are confident that Camp Morasha will continue to reap the benefits of the many hard and long hours which are invested in the programs of our camp.

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## LTP-ED STAFF GAME SET

Camp Morasha is looking forward to the annual LTP-ED Staff basketball game which is set for Sat. Night at 9:15.

The Ed. Staff is led by Daring Danny Wolf, Jumping Jack Gladstein, No-Nonsense Neil Maron, Lank E. Lerner, Rabbi Willig, Rabbi Wolk, with extra help from Tully Reich, a former Ed. Staff star. The LTP roster will not be revealed until game-time.



## SHTILIM REACH STARDOM

by Dara Kanefsky, G1, and  
Cindy Port, G4

On Sunday July 1, nearly the whole Shtilim division were eagerly awaiting the results of the tryouts of the Shtilim play: Snow White. At lunch that day, the outcome was announced. We were very happy to find out that we were in the play.

After a couple of days we began to miss our daily rest hour, but it was worth it. On Monday, the 16th after a lot of hard work under the wonderful direction of Joe Berlin, we were ready to perform the play in front of our first audience, Machzor Aleph.

As we started performing, we felt stage fright coming on strong, but after a while we calmed down and began to feel at home on the stage. We enjoyed ourselves fully both nights. We hope you liked watching it as much as we liked presenting it to you.

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## PARSHA

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one should not be quick to make promises unless he is sure that he will be able to fulfill them. In fact, the Chasam Sofer says that this lesson is the basis for the whole Torah, because we accepted the Torah itself with a treaty and oath to G-d. Therefore, we see that by answering why the Torah specified and said "Roshei Hamatot" in the parshah of Nedarim, we can derive many important messages.

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## FUN PAGE ANSWERS

UNSCRAMBLE: 1. tuna, 2. hamburgers, 3. orange, 4. fish, 5. potato, 6. tea, 7. coke, 8. tab, 9. sprite, 10. water, 11. punch, 12. pizza, 13. squash, 14. gingerale.

MATH BOX: 612

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הלילות

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Shabbat 11:15 a.m.: Rabbi Dr. Lamm to speak

Sun. : Visitor's Day

Mon. : Trip Day

Tues. : Nitzanim Play

wed. : Rosh Chodesh Av- Nine Days begin

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## "WE ARE LTP"

by an LTP MEMBER

In consonance with the conception of informal education the Morasha has made famous, and as part of the extensive leadership training program provided by the YU camp, the men and women of The Machon travelled to our nation's capital to see our leaders operate and bang-out policy decisions. The Morasha half-campers and half-staffers were encouraged at the Senate session which they attended and were amazed at how orderly a 3-Senator meeting could be. The LTP also visited the Smithsonian where the more cultured saw the exhibits while the others paraded around the Mall, which at first glance looked like a park. A highlight of the trip was the surprise engagement of Bill Cosby who agreed to perform for the LTP audience and invited 9,000 other people. LTP also visited "the biggest mall in the world" at Tyson's Corner. Tyson, an ancient Greek whittler due to statements taken out of context became one of the fathers of middle American Capitalism. To round off the educational experience the Machon toured Kings Dominion an educational amusement park, and 8. noticed the Univ. of Pennsylvania Law School.