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Shalheveth

NEWS of the Week

EDUCATIONAL COMPLEX DEDICATED YESTERDAY; ENTIRE CAMP GRATEFUL TO DR. BONDI

By Zvi Reich, Director

The dedication of the Bondi Educational Center, which was completed last year was dedicated on Thurs., July 30. Many members of the Board of Directors attended the dedication which was in honor of Dr. Edith Bondi, who with her late husband, Arnold, were founding members of the Board of Camp Morasha. It was largely due to Dr. Bondi's generosity that we were able to achieve this milestone in our development.

Although Dr. Bondi has for many years lived far away from this area, first in California and now in Texas, her interest in Morasha has not flagged. Her contributions in the past have enabled us to establish the music room, media center in the gym which enables us to tape and rebroadcast all the wonderful programs that we have there, to acquire the pianos in the gym and Music Room, and many other things that we enjoy at Morasha and which have contributed to our success and the good reputation we enjoy today.

The entire camp has much for which to be grateful to Dr. Bondi and we wish her well. May she enjoy health, happiness, and longevity, and much Nachat from her talented children Ardith and Eugene.

.....From the dedication address of Rabbi Blech.. "We of Camp Morasha take this opportunity to thank the Bondi family for their philanthropic kindness. Let us all, in the spirit of HAKORAT HATOV, evermore recall this occasion as our 18 th CHAI year of existence was privileged to witness the dedication of MISHKENEY M'AT suitable for the proper honor due to the study of Torah."

BOARD OF DIRECTORS VISIT MORASHA

On behalf of the entire camp, SHALHEVET extends a very cordial welcome to the members of the Camp Morasha Board of Directors who are spending this Shabbat with us. We thank them for their accomplishments and wish them Hatzlacha in their future endeavors on our behalf.

THE NINE DAYS TO BEGIN ON SHABBAT

The Nine Days, the period from Rosh Chodesh Av until Tisha B'Av, will begin tomorrow. 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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TRIBUTE PAID TO DR. SAM AT TASTEFUL CEREMONY

By Judy Witty, D.H.

In a moving ceremony last Tuesday, campers and staff said Farewell to a much loved person in Camp Morasha, Dr. Sam Ritter, affectionately known as Dr. Sam.

At the ceremony Doc was presented with an enormous card, designed and drawn up by the head of Boys' A & C, Allan Mayer, and a cake made out of tunafish and vegetables. The Tunafish Men, a masterpiece conforming to the dietary restrictions of The Raiders, was designed and decorated by Joey Bodner, our salad chef.

A tribute composed by Judy Witty, under the guidance of Joe Berlin, was delivered to Dr. Ritter. Special thanks were extended to Serel, the doctor's wife, for unselfishly sharing her husband with the camp.

Dr. Sam was described as a specialist whose specialty is radiating a very genuine warmth through your natural desire to make people enjoy what they're doing, to help them, and indeed to unceremoniously lead people in having a good time.

Morasha is privileged to welcome Dr. Fred Rosner as the camp physician for the month of August.

Torah Thoughts

DO YOU KNOW THE WAY TO D.J.'S?

By Rabbi Yosef Rabinowitz

I went to D.J.'s the other day. Turned right as I left the parking lot, drove slowly over Machon Road, and turned right onto 247 for another half-mile. Made a left at the intersection and there, on the left side of the road it stood, a small, nondescript shack but OH! what wonders it had to offer!

No doubt you're wondering why I bother to detail for you precisely how I travelled to D.J.'s, where I turned, which roads I took. Your amazement would be in order were I merely telling you a story, but I have done much more than that. I've given you directions telling you how to go so that you can follow me.

The Torah is not a story book, and so when the Torah tells us all the details of the Jews' march through the desert, where they stopped, and how they travelled, it's not just telling us a story- it's giving us directions. The key direction, according to the Baal Haturim and others, is Al Pi Hashem, to travel as G-d says. When the Jewish people complained about food and water, when they replaced G-d's eyes and ears with the human eyes and ears of the spies, they floundered and wandered. But when Am Yisroel listened to Hashem, trusted in Him, followed Him, then no nation could stand in their way. They entered Eretz Yisroel, but only Al Pi Hashem, by the word of G-d.

We can follow our fathers into Eretz Yisroel, but in order to do so we must look at the maps they've left us, at the directions they've given. We may think that it's easy to get there, as easy as a trip to D.J.'s, but there are many potholes along the way. For the 1911 years since the destruction of the Beit Hamikdash, we've hit these potholes. We can do better. Let us renew our efforts to retrace our fathers' steps, let us renew our faith and trust in Hashem and march forth to Eretz Yisroel. A small land, but OH! what wonders it has to offer.

PARSHAT MAASEI

By Zvi Sobolofsky, H.S. Kolliel

In this week's Parsha the Torah discusses the laws of the Orei Miklat, the cities of refuge. These cities belonged to the Leveim and provided refuge for an unintentional murderer who was being pursued by a relative of the victim. The murderer had to stay there until the death of the Kohain Godol. There seem to be two strange Halachot regarding these cities. Why did these cities belong to the Leveim? What is the significance of the murderer going free after the Kohain Godol dies?

To understand these Halachot we must understand the purpose of the Kohanim and the Leveim. The Posuk in Malachi 2:6 says: B'sholom...V'rabim hashiv ma'von." The Kohain was supposed to be a peaceful man helping others to turn away from sin. The Mishneh in Pirkei Avot describes the students of Aharon Hakohain as "loving peace, pursuing peace, loving people, and bringing them to Torah. We see that the function of the Kohanim and also the Leveim who assisted them was to create goodwill and bring love amongst the Jewish people.

Understanding the task of the Kohanim we can understand these two Halachot regarding the Orei Miklat. On the one hand this murderer is a Choteh. His carelessness led to another person's death. A person who was really worried about other people, never would have allowed such an incident to take place. Thus it is partially the fault of the Kohanim as their task of creating Ahavas Yisroel failed. Therefore, the Kohain Godol, the representative of the Kohanim, is also held responsible. So only after the Kohain Godol dies, and a new Kohain Godol comes and tries to instill into K'lall Yisroel this Ahavas Yisroel that was lacking, can this murderer go free. On the other hand this murderer has to be protected from being killed by the victim's relatives. For this, it is the task of the Leviim to assist him, and prevent more hatred and bloodshed amongst the Jewish people.

Shalhevet Features

STAFFER OF THE ISSUE

****RABBI BENJAMIN BLECH****

By Rita Sift

When Moshiach ben David approaches Camp Morasha, there is no doubt in anyone's mind that the first one to greet him will be our Educational Director, Rabbi Benjamin Blech.

Rabbi Blech, an Assistant Professor of Talmud in the James Striker School of Y.U. and the spiritual leader of the Young Israel of Oceanside, is enjoying his seventh summer at Camp Morasha.

Besides having had an article printed in four editions of the Reader's Digest- Spanish, Canadian, American, and African, he is the Vice-President of the International League for the Repatriation of Russian Jews. 'Jews must be activists, because we must actively work in order to bring Moshiach.'

Rabbi Blech, in addition to developing theme booklets and producing Tisha B'Av pageants in camp, is responsible for all facets of the educational program.

The Torah Ruach atmosphere is what impresses him most about Morasha. However, I do look forward to the Messianic time when all campers will appreciate Sheurim and the kinds of things they're learning that they can't get the rest of the year.

The most interesting and exciting part of his job at Morasha is to watch the kids grow from year to year and realize how much a part the camp staff plays in their development.

Besides his Morasha family, Rabbi Blech and his wife, Elaine, an interior decorator, are proud of their own children, Tamar, who will be entering Columbia Law School, Yael and Jordana in SDP, and Ari, a Nitzi.

'Don't give up!' - this may be the year that Moshiach finally comes, are Rabbi Blech's concluding words to our readers.

MEET OUR DIVISION HEADS....

JUDY WITTY, ILANOT

By Shari Chesner

Judy Witty, Ilanot Division Head, is in Camp Morasha this summer for the first time, although she has had much camping experience.

A native of Toronto, Judy has served in camps in Wisconsin and Ontario. A graduate of the Bais Yaakov High School in Ontario, she has also attended Michlala, Seneca College for nursing in Toronto. A registered nurse, Judy has worked in Beth Israel Hospital in N.Y. and is now studying for a B.S. in nursing at the joint Stern College- Beth Israel program.

What she likes most about Morasha is the "challenge". When asked what challenge?, she replied, 'Did you ever try to be an Ilanot Girls' Division Head?' Judy feels that Camp Morasha offers a great opportunity for campers and staff to enhance their development in specialty areas.

Judy, through this interview, would like to thank her roommates and the head counselor public for their support, understanding, and encouragement through success and failure.

In closing," said Judy, 'I'd like to hope that all the campers will make a special effort to improve their Midot Bain Adom L. Chavero so that we may one day change the words of our favorite song to "We HAVE Mosh- iach now."

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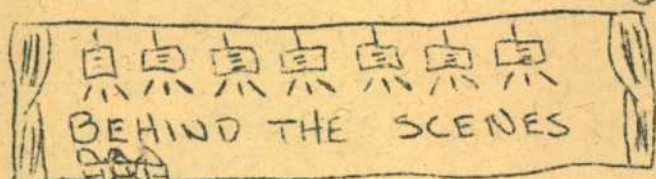
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MAZEL TOV UNCLE HAROLD!!!!

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By AARON A. HOROWITZ
Resident Technician

SECOND TRIP ARRIVALS- welcome to first timers,
welcome back to Morasha veterans.

AT THE TONE was the password for the last
two weeks, and this past Wednesday and Thurs-
day night everyone found out what was going
on- Generation of Decency. From a technical
viewpoint this production was fairly uncom-
plicated in comparison with others directed
by Morasha's resident director, Joe Berlin.
From a dramatic point of view however, I
think it was the highlight of the season so
far.

COMING UP- this Wednesday and Thursday the
Morasha theatre presents the Ilanot's produc-
tion of "To Wake the King". If the last
show was technically easy- then this play
makes up for it. I won't spoil it for you
by going into great detail, I'll just say,
think about how you would build a mountain,
tree, and boulders (all to fit on the stage.)

VISITING DAY- A new Morasha record has been
set. This past visiting day- only three
golf carts went out of commission. Wonder
what will happen during Color War???

Speaking of Visiting Day- what was that sign
out over Machon road?

CONGRATULATIONS- to the Girls H.C. With the
season at the halfway mark, they win the
prize for microphone service calls.

MAZEL TOV to Hershey Felder on his upcoming
Bar Mitzvah.

FAREWELL (unfortunately) TO DR. SAM RITTER.
Raiders: Keep losing. Dr. Sam has tentative-
ly scheduled the group for 3:00 Fridays- he'll
be back....

A GENERATION OF DECENCY

By Joseph Isaiah Berlin
Dramatics Director

All of the four Reginald Rose plays I've
read, directed, or acted in, have had this
common thread of fabric: all dealt with
some circumstance of Sinat Chinam. Though
his "Thunder on Sycamore Street" enraptured
Morasha theatergoers three years ago, you
can still occasionally hear Judy Stern sprout-
ing her lines.

Rose's script, upon which this year's
Alufim play is based, relates to the Bill of
Rights and the guaranteed American freedoms.
What Rose forgot, or perhaps failed to ap-
preciate, is the earlisst source of guidance
for how man out to regard his fellow human
kind, is the Torah and its teachings of Bain
Odom L'Chavero. And it is for this reason
that I opted to edit out some of the Americana
and substitute a few principles of our heri-
tage. Thus, the play is an appropriate se-
lection for presentation of a thought for
the "Three Weeks" and its title for us: "A
Generation of Decency."

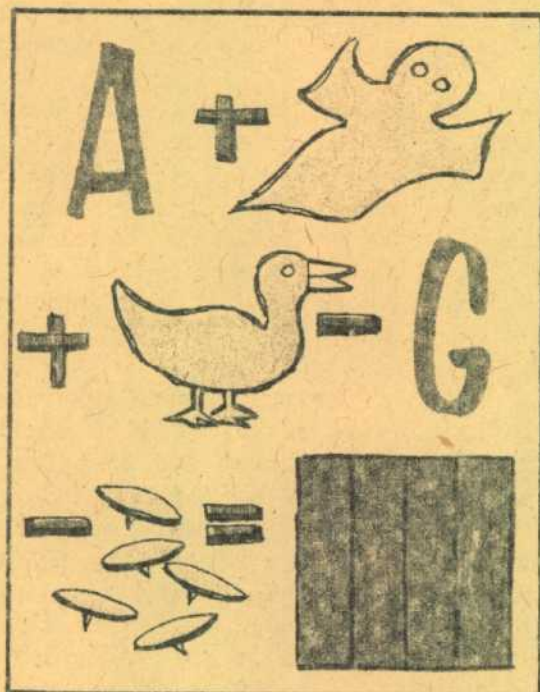
Back in the city as I gathered scripts
to peruse, select, edit, type, etc. I re-
called how the number of Alufim appearing at
casting dwindled year after year. So I took
the play which called for predominately male
cast members, re-wrote the entire script
swingng the balance to female tough-types.
G-d bless Jacobowitz and his half-of-a-div-
ision who showed up for tryouts.

"Now, let me tell you something, Mister"..
I think the entire cast will agree that: 1-
doing the play was a most enjoyable experi-
ence and 2- dramatics is a rewarding camp
activity.

For autographs of the stars, you'll have
to wait on line.

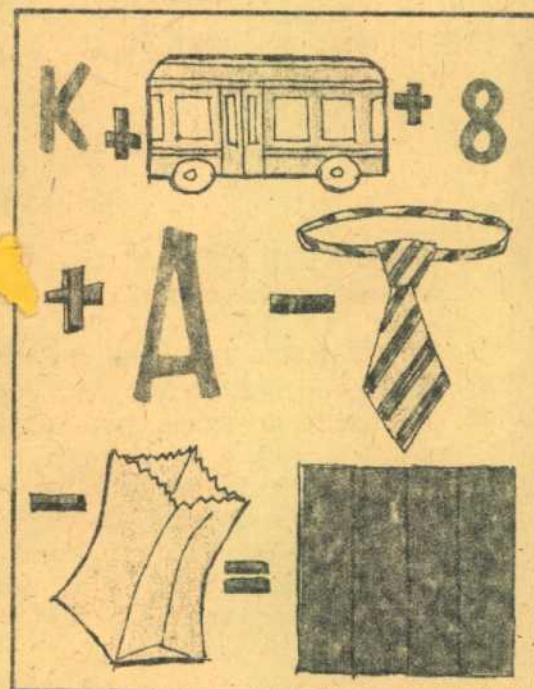
And Chaya, did you notice how it was the
womenfolk who inspired their husbands to
decency?

It's 10:23. Do you know what our next
play is all about???

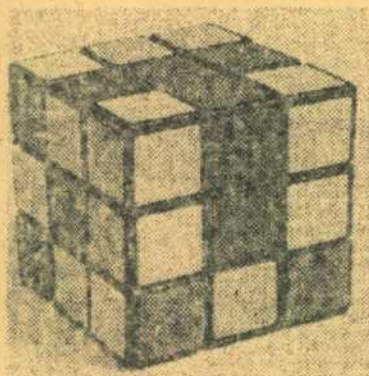


A King's Real Estate

King Achashveirosh
reigned over 127 prov-
inces — from to
..... The correct
solution to the two pic-
ture puzzles will give
you their names.



10M:
THE NEW YORK TIMES



The New York Times / Gene Maggio

Rubik's Cube

MAN OF TITLE

Start with the first letter and skip the next. Follow
this order until you have written down all the
letters, and you will know the name of the great
rabbi who was known by the title of one of his
seforim.

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YISROEL MEIR HACHOEN

The Royal Wedding



Not everyone
meets his/her
Bashert at
Camp Morasha.

SPORTS

INTERBUNK CONTEST

Last week's 'USH contest seemed a bit difficult for many. The only Bunk to have all the answers correct was B 14. The High School Kolliel and the Office Staff were the only others to have a perfect score.

This week's Interbunk is a NATION contest. The following are clues to words which all end in NATION. See how you make out. Submit all entries by Monday at 10 AM.

1. A murderous nation
2. A nation that stands still
3. A nation with a title
4. A nation whose fate is decided
5. A nation that gives light
6. A decided nation
7. A nation that gives up
8. A nation at its highest point
9. A fanciful nation
10. A nation with delusions
11. A nation that is going somewhere
12. A nation dreaded by dunces

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CAN YOU GUESS????

How many tennis balls were found by Laya Davidowitz in the bushes behind girls' courts last week in a one shot search???

Closest guess wins a prize. Submit answers to HC or SHALHEVET office before Monday at 10 AM.

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CANTEEN NEWS

We welcome a new arrival to the Canteen....
WEIGH OF LIFE YOGHURT POPS..... 40¢ each

MORASHA DOWN, BUT NOT DEFEATED

By The Staff Sports Reporter

Tuesday night, Morasha's Staff Team traveled to Camp Tagola to face, what they soon found out, was a team with an unusual determination to win.

The game started slowly with Tagola scoring most of its points from the foul line. Still, behind a strong team effort led by Benjy Schoenberg (14 points), Morasha held the upperhand at the half 24-23.

In the second half Morasha built up a 13 point lead by the dominating play of Larry Cohen (17 points). In what seemed to be an hour long fourth quarter, Tagola climbed back into the game behind the excellent direction of their director. Trailing by two points with ten seconds left, Irwin Lenefsky hit a shot to send the game into overtime.

In a scheduled five minute overtime, Tagola took the lead and ended the game. Eli Weber's aggressive play (13 points) was overshadowed by the official scorekeeper.

Jackie Feinstein and the Morasha basketball are anxiously avoiding the return engagement with Tagola.

Thanks again go out to A.Z. Rapps for coaching and best wishes for a Refuah Shlaymoh to Yaskov Friedman.

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## SPORTS STAFF TO CONDUCT DECATHLON, MARATHON

The Morasha Sports Staff is proud to present the second annual Maccabiah Decathlon. The competition has ten events with different standards for each age group. Anyone who completes all ten events is a winner. Each of the events, if trained for properly, can be successfully completed. The event is scheduled for August 19-20 so start training. Details will be posted in the Boys HC.

Also on the Sports Agenda is the First Annual Morasha Malinsky Memorial Marathon. The race will be held Aug. 23, open to all.



# Wrap Ups

## ROVING REPORTER

## OFFICE OUTLOOKS

QUESTION: IF YOU WERE A MEMBER OF THE MORASHA Board of Directors, what would you recommend?

### ANSWERS:

Ben Kirshenbaum, Waiter: Smorgasbord dining for all occasions.

Tamar Danziger, J.C., G 13: Enrolling taller boys.

Rachel Harris, G 11: Building a swimming pool.

Mark Dratch, DH: Finding my Besharte

Fayge Stern, G 11: Less time for Shiurim

Larry Wachsmann, H.C. : Expanding the athletic fields on Boys' Campus.

Tamar Rabinowitz, G 11: Later lights out for Ilanot

Judy and Rachelle Stern, Couns: New bunks for one through six

Amy Sholiton, Couns., G 13: Get rid of the m \_ \_ \_.

David Burger, Kolliel: appointing Kolliel and camper representatives to the Board.

Eli Dobin, ass't head waiter: Other than a complete revision of staff and change of physical layout, absolutely nothing

Barry Bender, Driver: Brakes on camp vehicles and unbreakable walls.

Rabbi M. Besser, Program Director: Building of girls' sports complex to free A Building Courts for SDP and Staff Boys

Pamela Soshtain, G 2: Daily trips to D.J.'s

Leah Balsam, G 3: Eliminate inspection

Sol Ives, B 9: Institute 4 visiting days a summer

Yonina Bendheim, G 1: Eliminate docking

Rabbi Mordecai Reich, Ed. Staff: A better Mechitza for Girls' Dock

Talya Kanovsky, G3: Unlimited amount of canteen

Meredith Finer, G 2: Parties once a week

Sol Friedler, B 9: Waterskiing for Nitzanim

Tamar Epstein, Sulam: No curfew for SDP

Sharon Pfeiffer, G 8: More mud wrestling in Morasha

Laura Drachman, G 9: More time for shopping

By Susie Gross

An exclusive SHALHEVET interview with two of the most famous members of the Morasha office staff, Gail Bleiberg and Aliza Twersky.

Q: What do you do when you see horses riding down girls' campus?

A: Gail: I put money on number 7 in the fourth to win

Aliza: I'm tempted to sing the theme to Bonanza.

Q: What do you do when the mimeograph machine breaks down?

A: Gail: I take full credit for it, and say Thank G-d, or else I break the other one.

Aliza: Go to Lavi

Q: What do you do with the new safe?

A: Aliza: Play Houdini

Gail: Make trouble-makers lift it

Q: What do you do when all the phones ring at once?

A: Aliza: I scream "Shut up"

Gail: I take care of them

Q: What do you do when you see boys on girls' courts?

A: Tell them to bring their friends (Aliza)

Gail: Watch them.

Q: What qualifications are needed by an SDP-nik to work in the office?

A: Both: Have an older brother who is 22.

Q: Do you hope to be a Morasha couple?

A: Gail: Not by myself

Aliza: Yes

Q: Will you return next summer in the same capacity?

A: Gail: Only if all other jobs are filled, all schools are closed, my neighborhood changes, JAWS returns to the beaches, and all flights to the moon are cancelled

Aliza: No. I'd like to return as one of Moshe's boys.