

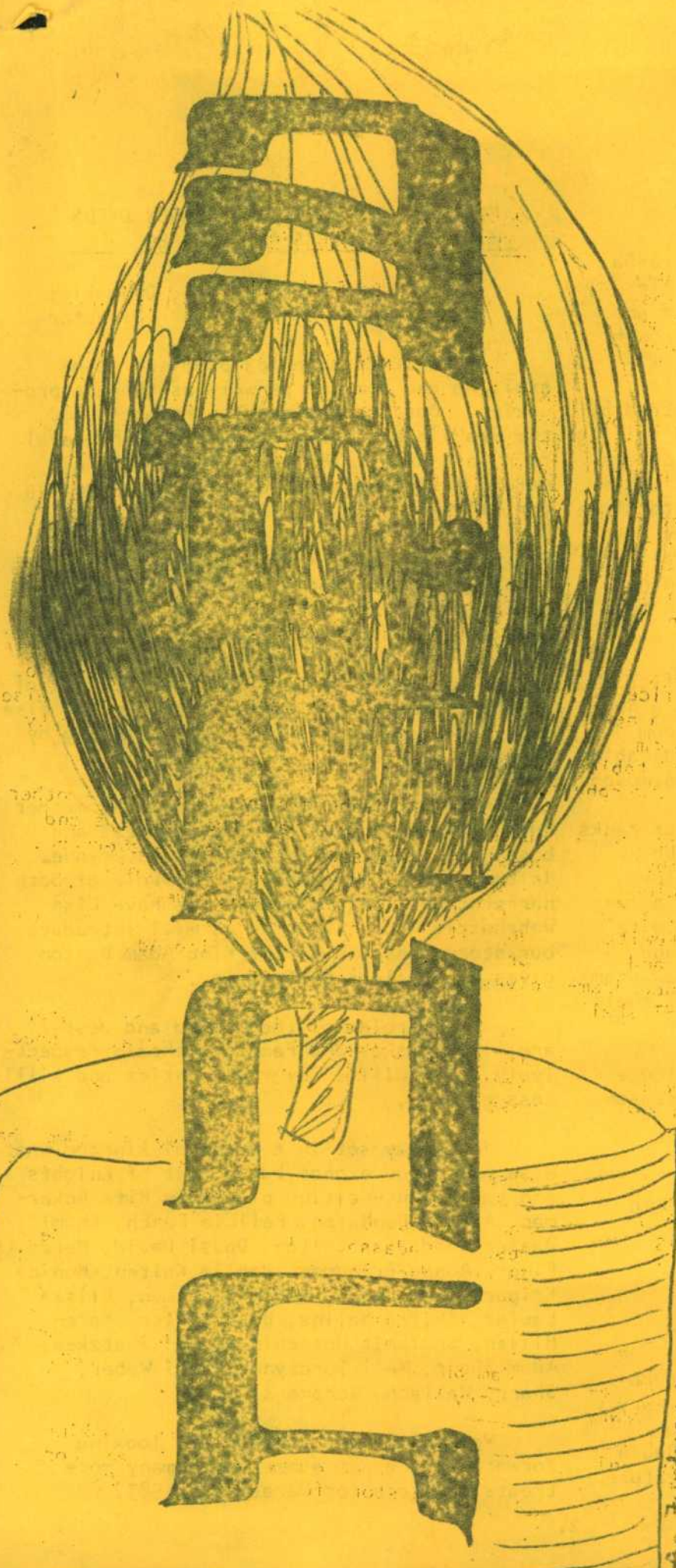
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The News of The Week

TWENTIETH SEASON WELL UNDERWAY

The twentieth season of Camp Morasha is now well underway with new facilities, new staff, and new programs to uphold and expand our reputation for constant growth and excellence.

With Zvi Reich at the helm assisted by Mrs. Reich the Morasha ship is again sailing full speed ahead. Physical facilities are constantly being improved and added. This year four new bunks have been added to girls and two to boys campus. A new hockey court has been added on boys and a volleyball court on girls. The sports operation has been moved to new headquarters out in the field.

A computer is at work in the office (besides the office staff). There's a new curtain in the infirmary examining room for added privacy and new benches and tables have been placed in the canteen for atmosphere.

Many new staffers have joined our ranks including a scholar in residence, Rabbi Saul Berman who is head of the Religious Studies Department at Stern College, a female physician, Marv and Mimi Hershkowitz after an absence of 17 years, Rabbi and Tova Rhein, Howie and Mimi Kahn, a new dramatics head, and others whom SHALHEVET shall feature in upcoming issues.

Welcome back, oldtimers, and welcome aboard, newcomers. Let's make this season the best one yet!

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MAZEL TOV TO GILAD OTTENSOSSE AND
FAMILY ON HIS BAR MITZVAH THIS
SHABBAS IN THE MAIN SHUL ! ! !

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Tonite: 10:15, Bondi 3,4 : Staff Lecture-
Rabbi Heshie Billet: Soviet Jewry
Motzei Shabbat/Sun.: Ilanot Production
Monday: Rosh Chodesh Av: Nine Days Begin
Monday night: 10:30 Bondi 1, Staff Lecture

MORASHA 1983 DRAMATICS SEASON OPENS WITH THE PRINCESS AND THE PEA

By Ricki Zibitt, Dramatics
Director

Drama at Morasha '83 promises to be exciting and comical as well as thought-provoking. Our first play 'The Princess and the Pea' is a riotous romp through Medieval fairytale land. The comical dialogue and catchy music guarantee an enjoyable evening for all ages.

Our Princess- Winnifred the Woebegone- arising from the Swamps of Home is played by Talya Kanovsky with great style- not to mention a fabulous voice.

Dauntless the Drab- henpecked Prince of the Kingdom who must marry before anyone else can is portrayed with good coming timing by Benjamin Waltuch.

Adina Judenberg plays Dauntless' mother Queen Aggravain with all the meanness and bossiness necessary to aggravate everyone. In the role of Minstrel- a dual role of both narrator and court character we have Lisa Wahrhaftig whose sweet voice will introduce our story. As the Silent King Adam Benson gives a marvelous performance.

In the roles of the Wizard and Jester are Aliza Raskas and Pamela Soshtain respectively. You will enjoy their antics and silliness greatly.

In a play set in a Medieval kingdom what else would you expect but a host of Knights and Ladies- In -Waiting played by Rita Ackerman, Adeena BenNatan, Felicia Bench, Chumi Besser, Hadassah Colton, Dassi David, Meredith Finer, Adena Friedman, Dahlia Kalten, Monica Kriger, Faye Landa, Robin Landsman, Elixsa Laufer, Shifra Malina, Beth Miller, Karen Millen, Shulamit Motechin, Shani Shatzkes, Adam Sheer, Neil Torczyner, Esti Weber, Sharry Wallach, Nehama Zibitt.

We on the Drama Staff are looking forward to a great summer with many more treats in store for Morasha in 1983.

Torah Thoughts

Camp Theme....

T'hiya Shnat MAASEI G'DOLIM

By Rabbi Benjamin Blech
Educational Director

How does one learn Torah- its ideas and ideals- in the most powerful manner? Not from parchment- but from person; the Torah begins with the letter BET to teach that its truths can only be communicated in the presence of two people, student and master.

From whom do we learn? The answer is obvious: From G'dolim- the G'DOLEY HA'DOR of every generation. In what way do we learn? Ideally, through SHIMUSH- personal contact, permitting the interaction of everyday living to make clear the transformation of Torah concepts into reality. To live with a GODOL is to sense the personification of MITZVOT. To observe a GODOL is to recognize the true meaning of MIDOT. To be in contact with a GODOL is to believe in the relevance and realistic possibility for fulfillment of G-d's attributes of K'DUSHAH.

Would that everyone of us could spend time in the SHIMUSH of Jewish giants! How fortunate were those for whom physical nearness was possible. Lacking that, what remains is to strive for- at the very least- a sense of spiritual kinship. Let us recount their stories- V'HIGADETA L'BINCHA- and feel their closeness as if... as if we actually shared their presence. Let SIPUR serve as the alternative to SHIMUSH; let MA'ASIM be the medium for experiencing their MIDOT. In this summer of תשס"ג, let us learn from seven spiritual giants of the past 100 years the dimensions of greatness possible for those who truly strive to serve Hashem "with all their hearts and with all their souls and with all their might."

תשס"ג - תהיה שנת מעשי גדולים

Let us learn about them. Let us learn from them. Let us learn to be like them. For to the extent that we succeed in this task, we will hasten the longed-for final redemption.

PARSHAT MATTOT- MAASEI

By Zvi Sobolofsky, YP KOLLEL

In PARSHAT MATTOT we read about the war B'nei Yisroel waged against Midyon. In perek 31, posuk 3, the Torah tells us

וַיֹּאמֶר מֹשֶׁה אֶל הָעָם לֵאמֹר הַחֲלֹצוּ מֵאִתְּכֶם

Mosheh told the people to form an army and three p'sukim later puts Pinchos in charge of the troops. In an earlier war many years before when the Jewish people were fighting Amalek, Moshe took an identical course of action. He appointed someone other himself- Yehoshua- to take charge of the army to fight Amalek.

In the war against Amalek, Rashi comments that Moshe's hands became weak because he should have waged the war himself. We see Moshe was incorrect in what he did and was punished. In the Milchamah in this week's Parsha we don't find Moshe getting punished for seemingly repeating the same mistake.

What is the difference between these two situations? The Daas Zekanim Mibaalei HATosfot comments that in reality Mosheh was justified in appointing someone else to fight Midyon. Mosheh had spent many years living in Midyon. It would have been highly inappropriate for Moshe personally to punish Midyon. War against Midyon was a necessity but for Mosheh to lead it would have been an act of ingratitude. We know that Moshe exhibited gratitude towards the water and dust in the time of the plagues in Egypt, so al achat kamah v'kamah, he should be gracious to the Midyanim.

Thus, we learn from this incident the extremely important lesson of Hakorat Hatov. We should always be appreciative of the things other people do for us, and offer them good in return.

Let's keep this in mind as we begin a new season at Camp Morasha.

Shabbat Shalom!!

עבוד עבד

מרגיש בצערם של אחרים

כאשר רבי ישראל מסלנט היה אלמן, התארת אצל קרובו - גביר אחד בעיר קובנה. פעם ראו בני הבית שרבי ישראל נטל את ידיו למעודה, ושפך מעט מים על ידיו, אף על פי שבמיטבת עמד דלי מלא מים. תמחו שצדיק כרבי ישראל לא יטול ידיו מהידור. סיפרו זאת לבעל הבית, וגם הוא התבונן. וראה שרבי ישראל נוטל כלי גדול, שואב מעט מים מן הדלי, ונוטל את ידיו בשעת הארוחה. אמר הגביר אל רבי ישראל: "אל ייחר לרבנו מה שאשאל אותה תורה היא וללמוד אני צריך. למדתי בשולחן ערוך, אף על פי שאדם יוצא ידי חובתו ברביעית מים, בכל זאת מהדרים לשפוך מים בשפע ולא בצמצום. ורבני שפך רק מעט מים על ידיו."

"אגיד לך", אמר רבי ישראל, "אתמול עמדתי על יד החלון, וראיתי איך שהשפחה מביאה מים לבית ממרחק רב. ביתך עומד על ההר, והיא צריכה לכופ את קומתה, כדי לשאוב את הדלי על גבה, ונעלות על ההר, ולפי דעתי לא נכון להדר במצוות על חשבון גב אשה."

רבי ישראל מסלנט היה נחגג לחתונת בנו חכם הנסח באשיות המצות שלו. הוא היה משגיח על הלישה, וכל האשיות, כדי שהמל יהיה פדות וכדון. פעם חלה לפני החג, ולא יכול ללכת למאשיות. שלח שני תלמידיו להשגיח במקומו. לפני צאתם, שאלו התלמידים את רבם על מה צריכים בעיקר להשגיח. "במיוחד", ענה הרבי, "צריכים להשגיח שישלמו פראי לאשה הלשה את הבצק, ולא לגעור בה, כי אלמנה עלובה היא, ואסור לגרום לה צער."

מלך

אלמן - איש עובד לו אשה
התארת - בא בית אורח
גביר - עשיר
תמחו - התמלאו
התבונן - הביט והביט
רביעית - כלי רב
מהדרים - נהגים במצוות
בשפע - במדה מרובה
בצמצום - מעט מדי
לכופ - לתעות

קומתו - גובהו
סרחה - ריחה
לחתונת - לזמן חתונה
לגעור - לדבר חריפה, לצעוק
עלובה - זמללה

יוצא ידי חובה - ממלא את חובו
להדר במצוות - לקיים מצוות בהידור
אל ייחר - אל יבא לידי כעס

SHALHEVET FEATURES

STAFFER OF THE ISSUE

JAY BRENT SILVERMAN

By Rita Siff

After eleven summers in camp, Jay Brent Silverman has become head of the Morasha underworld as he assumes responsibilities of the Canteen Supervisor.

Jay started in camp as a Nitzi and went all through the ranks as well as service as an administrative aide to the Boys' Head Counselor before reaching his present position.

It's the "one-big family atmosphere" that draws Jay to camp each year. He's been one of the "chosen few" who was elected to come back each year. Jay would still like to meet the "three other people who would have wanted his spot" if he were not chosen to come back.

Jay commented on all the growth which has taken place in camp facilities, and in the campers and staffers themselves. "Norman Klein was my Nitzi counselor, and eight years later he came back as the camp doctor. That's progress!"

Jay is a junior at Queens College where he majors in political science. He's a YUHS graduate. Next spring he plans to participate in an internship program to an assemblyman in Albany.

"Summer is a very special time of the year. Take advantage of these two months. Don't wait until the end... Do it now," advises Jay. And he speaks from experience!

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CANTEEN NEWS

New items... TWIRL POPS.....75¢

Kitov Fudge Nut Brownies.....35¢

Kitov Lady Fingers.....45¢

SPECIAL...

Candy buttons: 1 for a dime, 3 for a quarter,
6 for 45¢

PRICE CHANGE...Twin Pops will now be 20¢.

SHALHEVET SPOTLIGHT.....

DR. MINDY ROSENBLUM

Camp Physician

A graduate of Stern College for Women and the Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Dr. Mindy Rosenblum is making her mark as this year's July physician at Camp Morasha.

Dr. Rosenblum is a pediatrician and endocrinologist at the Children's Hospital in Philadelphia as well as the mother of three children and wife of a prominent radiologist. Meira, 9, Tamar, 6, and Rafi, 2, are participating in camp activities.

"My husband thought it would be a good idea for me to go to camp," replied Dr. Rosenblum when asked what made her come to Morasha. She is impressed with the size of Morasha, the diversified and well-organized activities, the super facilities, and the positive aspect of the educational program.

Dr. Rosenblum hopes that there are more role models today for young women wanting to pursue a career in medicine. "Not every woman must opt for a career, but if she does her idea should be fully accepted. There is no such thing as a superwoman. She needs help from others, but her success is a compliment to all who have participated."

To our budding medics Dr. Rosenblum encourages; "If you have a driving desire to become a doctor, you can do it. A strong commitment is a must. You must work hard, but the rewards are many."

Morasha is proud to have Dr. Rosenblum on our staff. We look forward to meeting her, out of the infirmary, of course.

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INFIRMARY HOURS

Girls- 9:30 - 10:15, Boys - 10:45 - 11:30

Staff - 9 - 9:30, Allergy Shots- M,W,F- 9 AM

SPORTS

POLAR BEARS ATTACK MORASHA LAKE

July 6, 1983- "Polar Bears" seventy in number- Nitzanim and Shtilim girls- entered the lake at 6:30 this morning watched by Gitti Adler (who actually got up at 6:15!) and Deena Cohen. Then they marched to the dining room for hot chocolate chanting, "UGA, UGA POLAR BEAR!"

This was the first activity of Girls waterfront Day- a day of fun and games at girl's waterfront. Other activities included relay races, water aerobics, and SPUD.

STAFF TEAMS NAMED

Maish Yarmush, coach, announces the following have been named to the Morasha Staff team of 1983:

Boys: Sam Rudansky, Steve Richter, David Greenberg, Eli Shulman, Paul Dauber, Baruch Weinstein, Eli Weber, Yossie Silverstein, Howie Hirt, and Moshe Orlian.

Read Shaihevet for results of the next game- July 14 at Camp R Leigh.

The following have been named to the Girls Staff Team:

Shaindy Rudoff, Lisa Witkin, Sarah Dobin, Ora Nordlicht, Julie Azereth, Wendy Rhine, Riki Roth, Rifky Mandel, Karen Green, and Hope Polinsky.

The Girls will start their season on July 11 at Camp Hillel.

Hatzlacha Rabbah to both teams !!

A TASTE OF THINGS TO COME

By Staff Sports Reporter

"Bigger and better than ever," that's how one open-mouthed fan described the 1983 edition of the Morasha staff team. From the looks of their opening game, he was right.

Due to the proximity of the opening day, Morasha was unable to hold a single practice session. Nevertheless, they were able to maintain the appearance of the well-greased, powerful, awesome, running machine that they are.

Playing before a well-dressed Mercazia crowd, Morasha soared to new heights running rough-shod over a weak team from neighboring Camp Lavi.

Morasha, as is their custom, started slowly and trailed 6-4 midway through the first quarter. At that point Morasha shifted into high gear and the game turned into a riot. By half time, Morasha led by 15 points and ended the game with an overwhelming margin of victory, 54-30.

FROM THE DAY CAMPERS.....

QUESTION: Why are you happier to be in Day Camp than in a bunk?

ANSWERS:

Uri Orlian: If I don't want to play a game, I can just run away.

Avrumi Motechin: I don't want to take a shower in a bunk.

Yaakov Bezalel Cohen: I like to go to sleep early.

From Our Readers

CREATIVE WRITING

MATURITY

By El'sheva Pomrenze, G 6

When you become discontented
A great change takes place
You want to take the lever of life
And quicken the pace.

Nothing is pleasing
All favorite pastimes become a bore
Empty hours loom ahead
Favorite foods taste poor.

Constantly in search of finding
A little solitude
Tender, caring people
Become irritated by your touchy mood.

Life doesn't seem worth living
But you need to let your feelings out
Too young to have anyone take you seriously
Too old to cry and pout.

Rock songs that had once been enjoyable
Are now off-key tunes
Looking back at past hopes and dreams
Finding them in ruins.

Stick it out till the end of the depression
Even though it's a difficult time period to endure
It's a process that changes your life considerably
And it's called becoming mature.

SHALHEVET STAFF

COVER.....Leah Friedman
HEADLINES.....Shifra Shatzkes
COLLATERS.....Older Day Camp
EDITOR.....Rita Siff

CREATIVE WRITING

THE MITZVA MAN

By Nealy Nusbaum, G 16

(Can be sung to the tune of Oh, Today
I'll Merry, Merry Be.)

Today I met the Mitzvah Man and he said
hello to me. I talked to him, the Mitzvah
Man was happy. I told him I did lots of
mitzvahs and one of them was keeping Shabbas,
another one was that I pray everyday.

I told the Mitzvah Man a story that once
happened on Shabbas. I wanted to wear a blazer
but it had money in the pocket so I did
not wear it, so I did not wear it, so I did
not wear it, and that is what I told him.

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MORASHA COMPUTER MANIA

By Aaron A. Horowitz

One day in the very near future, upon
calling the office or warehouse with a re-
quest for anything, instead of the usual "we
don't have it" or "call back tomorrow" or
"I don't know", you will get a new answer,
"We're sorry, but the computer is down."

You got it! A new computer has been in-
stalled in the main office of Camp Morasha.
One part of camp that has already felt its
effects is the boys campus. A very important
official has been pushing buttons in the mid-
dle of the night and won't give up until his
disk gets stripped because it is floppy.

Jay Silverman wanted to know how to put
his canteen inventory on the computer. "The
popcorn didn't fit into the slot," he said.

Wrap-Ups

MOVING REPORTER

WHAT DO YOU HOPE TO ACCOMPLISH THIS SUMMER?

- Mandy Rochwarger, G 2: To learn to exist without an air conditioner and TV
- Stacy Klein, G 7 and Dassie David, G 9: Lose weight
- Dana Goldberg, G 3: Finish a yarmulka
- Tzvia Brody, G 1: To stay awake during Sherrim.
- Rabbi Joel Cohn, Ed. Staff: To get my own beeper.
- Sarah Berger, G 3: Keep our bunk so clean that we get a 10 every day.
- Miriam Wiederkehr, G 2: Learn to get through a day without changing five times.
- Adam Modlin, B 9: To be the best athlete in Nitzanim.
- Paul Silverman, JC, B 9: To help the campers mature.
- Hillel Olshin, B 19: Win the Olympics
- Jeffrey Stadtmauer, B 9: Learn to play hockey.
- Philip Schanzer, B 9: Pass the canoe test.
- David Ruditsky, B 9: To do 50 laps for waterskiing.
- Avi Feiner, B 20 & Adam Meltzer, B 19: To learn Torah.
- Tuvy Lustikin, Machon: To sleep.
- Alan Bleiberg, Couns. B 6: To get a raise
- Saul Ives, B 4: Waterskiing for Shtilis.
- Cindy Balsam, G 3: Find a day that noone is wearing Izod.

INTERBUNK CONTEST

Get ready for a new season of Interbunk Contests! The first one is easy. All of the following words have within them the word AGE. A definition is given for each one. The dashes correspond to the missing letters. Submit your answers to the H.C. or SHALHEVET box before Monday at noon. Prizes will be awarded to the winning bunks. The Bunk with the most wins during the summer will get a special prize. Here we go...

1. _ _ _ _ _ A G E Liquid refreshment
2. _ _ _ _ _ A G E Property lien or charge
3. _ _ _ _ _ A G E Massive and concentrated delivery.
4. _ _ _ _ _ A G E Customary practice
5. _ _ _ _ _ A G E Search for food
6. _ _ _ _ _ A G E Process of decay, waste
7. _ _ _ _ _ A G E News reporting; insurance policy protection.
8. _ _ _ _ _ A G E Descent from a common ancestor
9. _ _ _ _ _ A G E House for an automobile
10. _ _ _ _ _ A G E Horse-drawn vehicle
11. _ _ _ _ _ A G E Place offering comprehensive view.
12. _ _ _ _ _ A G E Holding and housing of goods.
13. _ _ _ _ _ A G E Servitude.
14. _ _ _ _ _ A G E Refuse; trash
15. _ _ _ _ _ A G E Bravery, mental or moral strength
16. _ _ _ _ _ A G E Wise man.

From Our Readers

From Dr. Schneider's 6 G Class.....

HOW SHLOMO WAS CROWNED KING OF ISRAEL

By Dara Kanefsky, G 3

Dovid, the King of Israel was very near death, and he had to choose a king before he died. The choice was between Dovid's two sons, Shlomo and Adoniyahu.

Adoniyahu was a big show off, and thought that he would definitely be King of Israel, so Adoniyahu ordered horses, and chariots, and then made a party, and invited all the important men in the country except his brother Shlomo.

He then tried to crown himself the King of Israel, but because of the help of Bat-Sheva and some of Shlomo's friends, Adoniyahu was not crowned.

Shlomo was crowned the King of Israel. Many people told him to beware of Adoniyahu, because Adoniyahu was very jealous of Shlomo, and might even try to kill him. At the end Adoniyahu was killed by Shlomo.

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THE GREAT ADVENTURE

By Debra Krieger, G 1

During instruction swim Shtilim Girls of Advanced Swimmers and Swimmers had an adventure swimming across half the lake. It was at least half a mile.

When we got back to dock half the crew was restless and half wanted to swim the lake again. After that I swam another four laps until the whistle was blown. I was a little tired, but still felt great. Well, that's the story of the great adventure.

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THE CANTEEN

By Joanne Fisher, G 1

The canteen at our camp has lots of tasty things to eat. I really take advantage of it since I live in Atlanta, Georgia where there isn't much Kosher candy.

ROWING

By Debra Kalish, G 1

Going rowing is lots of fun. Here is what happened once when I went rowing.

We were having a blast. After a while people rowing in another boat lost their oar, so our crew went to help them. We finally got the oar and we gave it to them. Then we continued rowing.

All of a sudden, two men in a canoe came and took an oar away from us. We started screaming to the people in the boat that had lost their oar. Then after two minutes we got our oar back, but they took an oar from another boat.

After a while we saw them again, and we were scared that they were going to take our oars away so we yelled, "Stroke, stroke, stroke to the person who was rowing. When the two came closer they said, "Stop making so much noise!" and left. We all started laughing our heads off.

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THE CROWNING OF SHLOMO

By Elsa Blumenfeld, G 4

Dovid Hamelech was about to die and had to pick a new king to lead B'nei Yisroel. David didn't know which of his sons to choose, Shlomo or Adoniyahu.

Even though Shlomo deserved to be king, Adoniyahu thought that he should be king since he was a bigger and stronger man. He even tried to crown himself, but he did not succeed. He also made a big party and got himself horses, etc.

Nosan the Novi told Dovid that G-d wanted Shlomo to be king and so did Batsheva agree with G-d. Therefore Batsheva helped Shlomo to become king and Shlomo was crowned.

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ALL ABOUT MYSELF

By Elly Storch, Day Camp

Every day I wake up at 7 AM and go to sleep at 8 PM. I'm at school at 8:05. My favorite period is recess.

MORASHIA

PARSHAT SHOFTIM

By Solomon Schneider, Shoftim

This week's Sedrah begins with

Rashi and others say that the Shoftim are those who judge and interpret the law, and the Shotrim are the enforcers.

One opinion for "B'chol Sheorecha" is that judges must judge all civil matters. The many Dinim which the Shoftim are responsible for show the great responsibility that the Shoftim have.

Also, the first three Pesukim give many rules which the Shoftim must follow in order to keep up a good judicial system. Not only that, but these rules are repeated in Kedoshim to emphasize their importance. A judicial system without guidelines will eventually collapse.

Under the category of Shoftim come political leaders. A nation without political leaders can have no order and therefore no peace.

These points, and history, show the importance of shoftim leaders and judges to the Jewish people.

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MIDOT

By Gregory Rhine, Lochamim

Even as we struggle and fight through three days of color war, we must always remember our Midot. To live and act nicely as human beings is on the same level as serving Hashem.

When we go on the field let's always remember how we are supposed to act. Our theme is Lochamim, but as fighters we have to show the best example we can.

By Yitzie Oratz, Morim

Just because you are on another team than your friend, it doesn't mean not to be friends with him, but you should help him just as if he's on your team.

MY FIRST COLORWAR

By David Stoll, Lochamim

Being my first time at camp, I really didn't know what to expect. From the first day of camp everyone was looking forward to color war. When it finally began, I found myself on the Red Team, with no red shirts (a big problem, I soon found out.)

Besides that, Morashia has been a great experience. The sportsmanship shown has been unbelievable. I have seen counselors from one team help kids from other teams. Even in my bunk before color war started, we all agreed to keep the "war" out of the bunk, to prevent inter-team arguments. The spirit, too, has been great. The team songs for Shiria, the cheers, and the kids' spirits are on a real high. And when you cheer before entering the dining room, you really feel good for your team. All of this, along with the high level of competition, makes me already look forward to Morashia 1981.

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PARSHAT SHOFTIM

By Yameena Ben-Natan, Morim

This week's Parshah of Shoftim talks about the laws and different characteristics that a judge or a policeman who judge are required to have. Shoftim are the judges who give the judgement and Shotrim are the ones who make sure that their verdicts are carried out.

Another topic in this week's Parsha is the Halacha of a Melech, a King of Israel. A king may not have too many wives. He must have two Sifrei Torah, one in his palace and one to be carried around with him wherever he goes.

All of the restrictions and Mitzvot that a melech has symbolize that even though he is a great leader and King, he is a Bosor V'dom, and Hashem who is the ruler of the world presides over all.