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# The News of The Week

## SOUNDS OF MUSIC FILL THE CAMP AS MORASHANIKS PREPARE FOR SHIRIAH

Boys, girls, LTP, and Day Camp are all singing as they prepare for the annual Morasha Shiriah to be held next Tuesday in the gym.

Under the direction of the music staff headed by Asher Epstein, Howie Kahn, and Sandy Sudberg, the Song Presentation is one of the highlights of the Morasha season.

Boys, led by Stretch Segal, Nitzanim Division Head, and Chaim Marder, and the girls with Wendy Rhine, Leah Katz, Cindy Gluck, Tzippy Kessler, and Elana Lederberger in charge will each sing three songs in consonance with the Morasha Ruach. Asher and Sandy have written some of the music especially for the occasion.

A prominent panel of judges will decide the winner. Stretch predicts that for the first time in history, the boys will win for the second year in succession.

Sure winners will be the LTP and Day Camp who will also perform.

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## VISITORS TO BE WELCOMED ON SUNDAY

The gates will open at 10 AM this Sunday to let in guests for the annual Morasha Visiting Day.

The highlight of the afternoon will be a waterskiing show at 2:45 under the direction of Yussie Simon and Rivkie Mandel.

The day's program includes meetings with teachers, counselors, division heads, and the head of SDP. Arts and crafts will be on display in the Boys' and Girls' Shops. Sandwiches and drinks will be sold after 11 AM in the Canteen and in front of the Girls' Arts and Crafts Shop.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

Tonite: Staff Lecture: Rabbi Irving Greenberg, 10:15, Gym  
Shabbat: SDP Oneg: Mrs. Blu Greenberg

## MORASHANIKS OBSERVE TISHA B'AV IN IMPRESSIVE AND MOVING CEREMONY

By Aryeh J. Nusbacher

All of the people of Israel dusted off their suits of sackcloth and ashes this week, for the observance of the Fast of the Ninth of Av. The campers and staff of Morasha were no exception.

On the eve of the Ninth, Machoniks led their bunks along the torchlit road to the Gym, where Rabbi Benjamin Blech, Educational Director, Larry Wachsmann, Boys' Head Counselor, Rabbi Mordecai Reich, of the Educational Staff, and Ricki Zibitt, Director of Drama, read a presentation before a set painted by Tzippy Kessler.

After the moving presentation, Larry, Rabbi Zush Motechin, Boys' Assistant Head Counselor, David Lent of Boys' Waterfront, Adam Berger, Day Camp Counselor, and David Bloch of Alufim read the Book of Aichah.

Larry then led the entire camp in Kinot.

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## CORRECTION

In last week's SHALHEVET, on page two, the Dramatics Staff listed was involved in the Ilanot play of the previous week. Staff for the Alufim/ot production were Ricki Zibitt, Director; Aaron Horowitz, Technical Director; Tzippy Kessler, Scenic Director; Alan Rothstein, Chief Techny; Mark Zomick, Stage Manager; Aryeh J. Nusbacher, Property Master; Elliot Adler, Assistant Techny; Shira Atik, Scenery Assistant; Tuvy Listokin, Spotlight; Donny Frank, Stagehand; and Refreshments by Jay Brent Silverman.

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SHALHEVET EXTENDS A TZEISCHEM L'SHALOM TO ALL THOSE CAMPERS WHO ARE LEAVING ON WEDNESDAY. WE HOPE YOUR STAY HERE HAS BEEN A PLEASANT ONE AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU NEXT YEAR.

The entire staff is invited to the annual Shabbat Nachamu Melaveh Malkah in the Dining Room.



# Torah Thoughts

D'VAR TORAH ON.....

A LESSON FOR SHABBAT NACHAMU

PARSHAT V'ETCHANAN

By Rabbi Joel Cohn  
Educational Staff

By David Kupchik, H.S. Kollel

From the beginning Pesukim in Parshat V'etchanan one may learn a very important lesson.

It says: ואתחנן אל ה' בעת ההוא לאמור...אעברה--נא ואראה את הארץ הסוה.

Mosheh asks Hakodosh Boruch Hu: "V'Etchanan el Hashem" to be allowed to enter Eretz Yisroel. So the obvious question is asked: How could Mosheh expect to change the Gezeret Hashomayim prohibiting him from entering the land?

The Medrash Tanchuma gives the answer to this question. He says that Mosheh teaches us:

שאין הקב"ה פוטל תפלת כל בריה

"Hashem does not reject T'filah from anyone."

We see that even though Mosheh knew he would not be permitted to enter Eretz Yisroel, he nevertheless prayed to Hashem. Mosheh thought that T'filah would be able to break the Gezerah of Hashem. As we say in the davening for the Yomim Norayim:

ותאבה ותפילה וצדקה מעוררין את רב הניצור  
Repentance, Prayer, and Giving T'zadakah will avert the evil decree.

We learn from this that even though Mosheh knew he will not be permitted to enter Eretz Yisroel, he still prayed to Hashem. Kal V'Chomer we, who know that the Beit Hamikdash will eventually be rebuilt, should fervently pray to Hashem with that request. Because after all, it is only a matter of time before we witness the

rebuilding of the Holy Temple speedily in our times. And we say: Omain

The last verse of Eichah ends with words of consolation:

השיבנו ה' אליך ונשובה חדש ימנו כקדם

Of course these words are very familiar to us for we say them as we return the Torah to the Aron Kodesh. But as familiar as this Posuk is to us, it remains almost mysterious, for why we do we want our days to be like the days of old? For surely, we do not mean the many difficult times the Jewish people have experienced in our history.

Perhaps we can suggest an alternative explanation to the Posuk. Many times we might do something or say something that a second or two later we regret horribly. We might say to ourself, "How I wish I had those seconds to relive! If only I could fully erase that minute from my life." How true this is when we do an Avelah. After committing the wrongdoing- we think to ourselves how we should have acted differently.

The prayer that we say is

חדש ימנו כקדם

let our new days be the same way we would have liked the old days to have been. We may not be able to erase the past, but we surely are able to act differently in the future.

In the merit of the Avelut that we portrayed in camp on Tisha B'Av we ask "Chadesh Yomenu K'kedem" let our T'shuvah be complete and please give us N'chama-consolation- Bimhayrah V'yamenu.

Amain.

Shabbat Shalom!!

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Yashar Koach to Avraham Mehlman of Ohed and Yechiel Zelefsky of Kollel who gave Siyumim last week.



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# SHALHEVET FEATURES

STAFFER OF THE ISSUE

SPOTLIGHT ON

\*\*\* G I T T I    A D L E R    \*\*\*

M A C H O N I K S

By Rita Siff

By Gary Wallin

A survivor of Shigella, a lover of ice cream, golf cart rides, and Buttermilk Falls, our Staffer of this Issue is the head of Girls' Waterfront, Gitti Adler.

"Tzvi Reich is my cousin," Gitti nonchalantly informed this reporter, "and so are Sholom Golombeck of nature, Ricki Roth of sports and Renee in Machon, the Zeitz's, Grallas, Pechmans, and maybe a few more."

Gitti's siblings are also in Morasha. Neil is a dishwasher, Judy a lifeguard, Moshe in Mechina, and Zevi in Ilanot.

Our present waterfront head was once afraid to go into the water. "And then I won the Duck and Diving Duck Badges, my first swimming awards." Now Gitti holds a W.S.I. from Brooklyn College where she was doing 72 laps twice a week. All her preliminary training was completed in Morasha.

During the noncamping season Gitti teaches 6 and 7 year old emotionally handicapped children. With a B.A. from Brooklyn College, she is state certified in both regular and special ed., and will now go for a Master's at Adelphi.

A graduate of Central, Gitti lives in Lawrence. Her closest friends are those which she has made over the eleven summers she has been in Morasha.

Looking back Gitti remembers most fondly the time at age 10 that she and a friend went into their counselor's make-up bag and "did a job on ourselves" and the wonderful summer in Machon. That was when "I was Machon head of my Color War team and we won."

Now since she has worked her way up to part time Morasha driver, Gitti is headed for a great future. We wish her all the best.

SDP, LTP, Machon, Ohed, CIT.....Are these titles confusing you? The explanation of any or all of them is a description of the culmination of a tremendous amount of work by Rabbi Tully Besser, Director of the Morasha Leadership Training Program.

Machon, or Ohed as it was mysteriously renamed some years ago, is a program found exclusively at Camp Morasha. Sixteen and 17 year olds are trained for staff positions, while still having free time.

The four working days each week are divided between two days of work with a bunk, and two days working with specialty staff.

A Machonik's two bunk days begin early in the morning. The Machonik leaves his bunk before davening, and works through the day, and through his bunk's night activity.

On specialty days, the Machonik can choose to work with Sports, Staff, Waterfront, Infirmary, in the Office, at Arts and Crafts, on the SHALHEVET, or at countless other jobs.

During the three nonworking days, the possibilities for Machon activities are also good. Sports and other uses of camp facilities such as swimming are possible.

Night activities begin late, so that the Late-working Machoniks can take advantage of them. Recently, Machoniks have seen the introduction of educational night activities, with many staff members taking part.

Being a Machonik is fun, hard, and tiring, so never ask a Machonik, "Just what is it you guys do in camp?"

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An orange pocket DONKEY KONG is missing. \$5.00 reward to the finder. Contact SHALHEVET.



# From Our Readers

## I LOVE CAMP MORASHA

By Ruth Raskas, G 14 Nizanim

Camp Morasha is so much fun.  
To see the camp and meet everyone  
That I did just last year  
And now I have arrived back here  
To see the camp and make new friends.

There truly is just no end.  
Swimming, Tennis, Art, Sports, and Music  
are the best.  
They could not be compared to the rest.

Camp Morasha we love you so.  
So much you could never know.

Camp Morasha you are special in so many  
ways,

Just to tell you it would take days  
and days.

And now I'm just going to tell you:  
CAMP MORASHA I LOVE YOU TOO!!!

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From our G'dolim.....

## LUBAVITCH WORLDWIDE

An important idea started by the current Lubavitcher Rebbe, Menachem Mendel Schneerson, was the creation of TZVIOS HASHEM, where little children would be part of an imaginary Army and serve their commander by doing Mitzvot. One of the main reasons for the Tzvios Hashem was that the Rebbe feels that the future of the Jewish people lies in the children. Hundreds of thousands of children have signed up for the army, and as a result of this they are perhaps more engrossed in doing Chesed.

Under the leadership of the Rebbe, the Lubavitcher sect has become the most well known, if not the most respected of the Hasidic sects. The rebbe's call for world Jewish unity through Torah was answered with the writing of many Sifrei Torah. The purpose was that each person would buy a letter and therefore many would be united through the completion of the Torah.

- Barry Bender, Driver

## CAMPFIRES

By Sheva Goldman, G 6 Shtilim

The strong structure of the fire,  
That changes form,  
Before you can catch it.

The crackle of shooting sparks,  
The bits of wood,  
Disintegrating before your eyes,  
Makes the night perfect.

The brightness of the stars,  
In the scenic blue sky,  
The July breeze,  
Twisting through my hair.

Ghost stories, favorite foods,  
And the sound of your favorite songs,  
Being sung all around you,  
Makes the campfire lift you up to the  
most perfect place of all.

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## MORE COMPUTER MANIA

Maish Yarmush tried to use the computer. It did not cooperate. We have to replace the screen.

Rabbi Besser says that his only complaint about the computer is that it doesn't have little pieces of paper for him to cut apart and put together to form schedules.

- A. Horowitz

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## Thank You

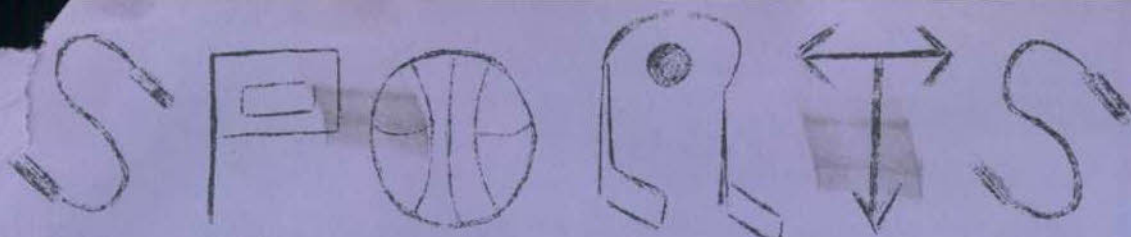
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## ROARING RALLY RIPS RALEIGH

By Sports Staff Reporter

Although the books may have shown another ordinary win for Morasha's women's Basketball Club, those who witnessed the spectacle know otherwise. Due to a slow start and a Raleigh team playing well over its collective head, Morasha was forced to pull the victory with an almost miraculous last second rush.

The intimidation factor was very present as Raleigh's front line averaged over six feet in height. Behind these bruisers, Raleigh jumped out to a 12-2 lead, egged on by a raucous crowd. Morasha's poor play did not offer much resistance to the Raleigh tide.

The second and third quarters were two similar chapters in the story of Morasha's near humiliation. Turning to the only possible salvation left, the men's staff squad left the gym to daven a much needed Maariv prayer service.

On return their eyes were greeted by the answering of their prayers, with Raleigh's lead cut to a mere eight points. The team's indomitable spirit had not been crushed and with the high intensity full court press finally clicking, Morasha's miracle workers, spearheaded by Riki Roth, Shaindy Rudoff, and Lisa Witkin reeled off the next ten points.

Forcing Raleigh into a timeout, Riki's two baseline jumpers, Shaindy's long distance bomb, and Lisa's driving layup, not to mention the team's tough defense and numerous steals broke Raleigh's not-indomitable spirit and despite a two point rally, Raleigh remained firmly ensconced in defeat and Morasha's Women's Staff Basketball Team kept its seemingly never ending streak alive.

Keep it up, Girls! Even though the outcome was the same, the method was certainly different!

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## MORASHA SHTILIM BEAT RALEIGH

By Jeff Goldstein, B 6

The big game of this week's Raleigh intercamp games, at least for Shtilim Bunks 3,4,5, and 6 was an afternoon basketball game.

Under superb coaching by Lenny Holler and great playing by high-scorer Paul Packer, Morasha won a 24 to 18 victory over Raleigh.

After the first few minutes of the game, Raleigh started to score, but with the help of Packer's 12 points and Steven Hope's 6 points, the Raleigh rally stopped. When Raleigh started to score again in the second half, Morasha had to stop the Raleigh high scorer, known to the Morasha players only as "The Big Guy". Morasha did not give up hope when their lead was narrowed to two points. Thanks to Packer and Hops, the Big Guy was stopped.

Special thanks go to Benny Adler and Mark Landsman for acting as officials at the games.

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## INTERBUNK CONTEST

Five winners achieved perfect scores in last week's Interbunk Contest. Mazel Tov to Boys' Bunk 13 for the second week in a row, Boys' Bunk 14, Girls' Bunk 17, H.S. Kolliel, and Mechina Boys Bruce W., David S., Stephen E., Josh Z., and Avi P. Everyone got prizes from the canteen.

This week's contest is JUMBLED FRUITS AND VEGETABLES. See how many you can reconstruct. Submit answers by 10 A.M. Monday.

1. O O M A T T \_\_\_\_\_
2. N A B A A N \_\_\_\_\_
3. A B B H U R R \_\_\_\_\_
4. S H I A R D \_\_\_\_\_
5. P I S H C A N \_\_\_\_\_
6. G R O A N E \_\_\_\_\_
7. U N P I R T \_\_\_\_\_
8. P O R C A T I \_\_\_\_\_
9. A H U S S Q \_\_\_\_\_
10. P A G R U S A S A \_\_\_\_\_



