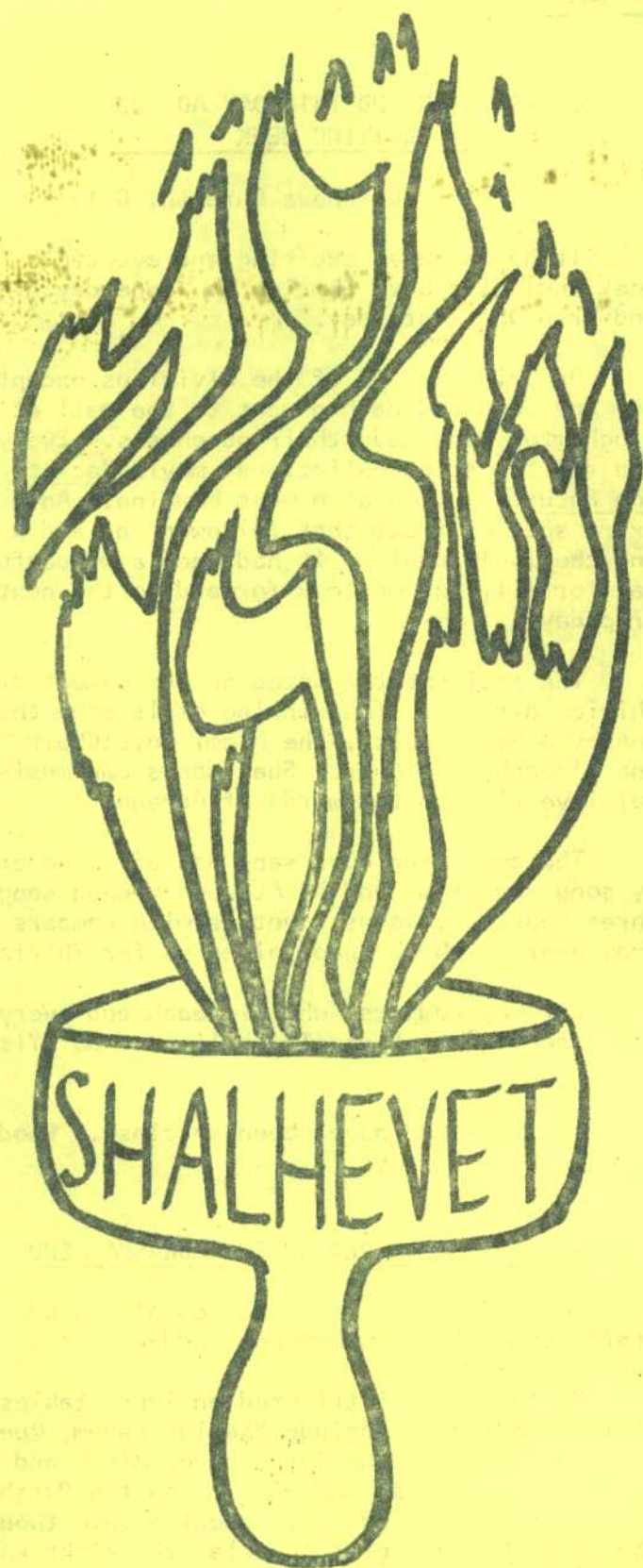


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TODAY



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of the Week

NINE DAYS OF AV BEGIN TODAY

Today, Rosh Chodesh Av, begins the saddest period of the Jewish calendar year, the Nine Days. The Mishna tells us that once Av begins, joy is to be lessened. Our activities take a more serious nature. We do not listen to music, do laundry, swim for pleasure, or eat meat (unless we are fortunate enough to attend a Siyum).

The Nine Days lead up to Tisha B'Av, a solemn day of fasting and mourning over the destruction of the Beit Hamikdash.

We pray that this be the last year in which we have to observe these days in sadness. May the Beit Hamikdash be rebuilt in the very near future.

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BOACHEM L'SHALOM

SHALHEVET WELCOMES MR. ZVI REICH, CAMP DIRECTOR, BACK FROM HIS BRIEF TRIP TO ERETZ YISROEL. MR. REICH ACCOMPANIED THE MORASHA ISRAEL MECHANIKS AND ARRANGED THAT THEIR STAY WOULD RUN SMOOTHLY. ALL REPORTS WERE EXCELLENT ! !

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RETURN OF THE POLAR BEARS

Last seen two years ago, the "polar bears" have returned to Lake Morasha. At 6:30 Tuesday morning 80 girls, Nitzanim, Shtilim, and even some ilanot! went for a 20 minute swim. Then walking like bears and chanting Uga Uga Polar Bear they went to the dining room for hot chocolate. This was the beginning of girls' waterfront fun day.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Oneg Shabbat Lecture: Tonight, 10PM, Pargod:
The Russian Experience, Rabbi Zvi Grumet
Motzei Shabbat: 10 PM, GYM: Basketball,
Machon vs. Kollel
Mon. and Wed. Supper: Siyumim
Thursday: Intercamp Games with Raleigh.

SHIRIAH AND TRIP DAY ADD UP TO AN EXCITING WEEK

By Sheva Berezin, G 10

It has been an exciting and eventful week including both Shiriah on Wednesday night and Trip Day yesterday.

On trip day all of the divisions except for Day Camp and Machon went to the mall at Binghamton, and made their purchases. Everyone saw the science-fictional movie Back to the Future, and we also went bowling. An extra special treat that followed was a dip in the JCC's pool. It had been a wonderful day for all, and we look forward to the next trip day.

The excitement mounted as the moment of Shiriah arrived. The winning girls sang the snappy Achas Shoalti, the Miami Boys' Choir Ana B'koach, and Aubrey Sharfman's own musical invention to the words of Achenu.

The competing boys sang Ashrenu, the zippy song Rachaim, and Ki Atanu. Machon sang three beautiful songs together with campers from Bnai Brith who had joined us for Shiriah.

Our Day Campers, who win each and every year, sang Eretz Yisroel Sheli and Kol Yisroel.

The race had never been so close. Good luck next year, boys !

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SOMETHING NEW ADDED ON THE MORASHA MENU

Coordinated by Larry Schwed of the Ed Staff, something new has been added on the Morasha menu.

Daily menus distributed on lunch tables will periodically include Shealot Hayom, Questions of the Day, one for Machzor Aleph and one for Bet. The questions will be on the Parsha, Dinim, or T'nach, and will require some thought. The first boy and girl to relay the right answer to the faculty member who submitted the question (also listed on the menu) will receive an Ice Juicee on Friday in the Canteen. Winners will also be listed in SHALHEVET.

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MAZEL TOV TO THE ROCHMARGERS ON JODY'S BAT MITZVA

Torah Thoughts



PARSHAT MATTOT

By Eliakim Koenigsberg, YP Kollel

Parshat Mattot tells of the request of the tribes of Reuven and Gad for land on the east bank of the Jordan, and the consequent arrangement Moshe worked out whereby the tribes would merit receiving the land they wanted if they contributed to the war effort on the East Bank. Interestingly enough, though the tribe of Menashe is not mentioned as a party in the agreement until the Torah actually enumerates the territories which Moshe gave to the two and a half tribes. Why does the Torah exclude Menashe from the opening verses of the chapter and only later does the tribe suddenly appear?

Moreover, in Parshat Devarim, when the Torah recounts this giving of areas on the East Bank, it mentions the cities Menashe acquired in the middle of its reviewing the lands Reuven and Gad received. How can we account for this seemingly choppy reiteration of the story?

The Netziv explains that Moshe realized that without proper teaching, the tribes of Gad and Reuven would inevitably lose their strong grip on Torah after being exposed to the rigors of life on the East Bank. He, therefore, saw fit to plant the roots of Torah, the scholars of Menashe, amongst Gad and Reuven in order to enable the tribes to continue to grow in their understanding of Torah and mitzvot.

In Parshat Mattot, the Torah mentioned Menashe only after the deal was completed when Moshe decided to prepare to satisfy the religious and spiritual needs of the tribes. Menashe was brought into the arrangement only when Moshe asked the tribe to help support Torah on the East Bank. As enumerated in Parshat Devarim, Moshe began to issue territories but could not continue until he had successfully convinced half of the tribe of Menashe to join Gad and Reuven. Only after Moshe had ensured Jewish survival on the East Bank by strengthening Torah there, could he complete the dividing of the land.

Today, as the number of assimilated Jews seems to grow geometrically, we must keep the Netziv's message in mind. Though we often strive for Torah Umada, for the perfect bal-

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TORAH TALK

By Rabbi Raymond Harari, Ed. Staff

In Parshat Mattot, B'nei Gad and B'nei Reuven submit their request to inherit the land conquered by B'nei Yisroel east of the Jordan River. Moshe Rabenu admonishes them, but despite certain misgivings grants them, and half of Shevet Menashe, permission to settle on the East Bank.

The Midrash, however, informs us that Hashem did not forgive Reuven, Gad, and Menashe for their lack of desire to settle in Eretz Yisroel proper. When Ashur came to destroy the Kingdom of Israel in the time of the first Beit Hamikdash, the first tribe sent into Galut were the tribes of Reuven, Gad, and Menashe. This was their punishment Midah k'neged Midah.

As we begin this nine day period of mourning for the destruction of the Beit Hamikdash and the Galut of B'nei Yisroel, we must keep this lesson in mind. Let us rededicate ourselves to the fulfillment of our Tefilot:

וְקַבְּצֵנוּ יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מִכַּסְפּוֹת חַיִּים

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HASHOMER ACHI ONOCHI ???

Rabbi Eliezer Gorden, founder of Telshe Yeshiva, personally checked the weights and measures of the storekeepers in the city of Telshe to ensure that they were exact. Even the non-Jews in the neighboring areas knew about this and insisted on buying only from the stores whose weights were checked by the Rabbi.

Thus, the buyers and sellers all benefitted from the rabbi's concern.

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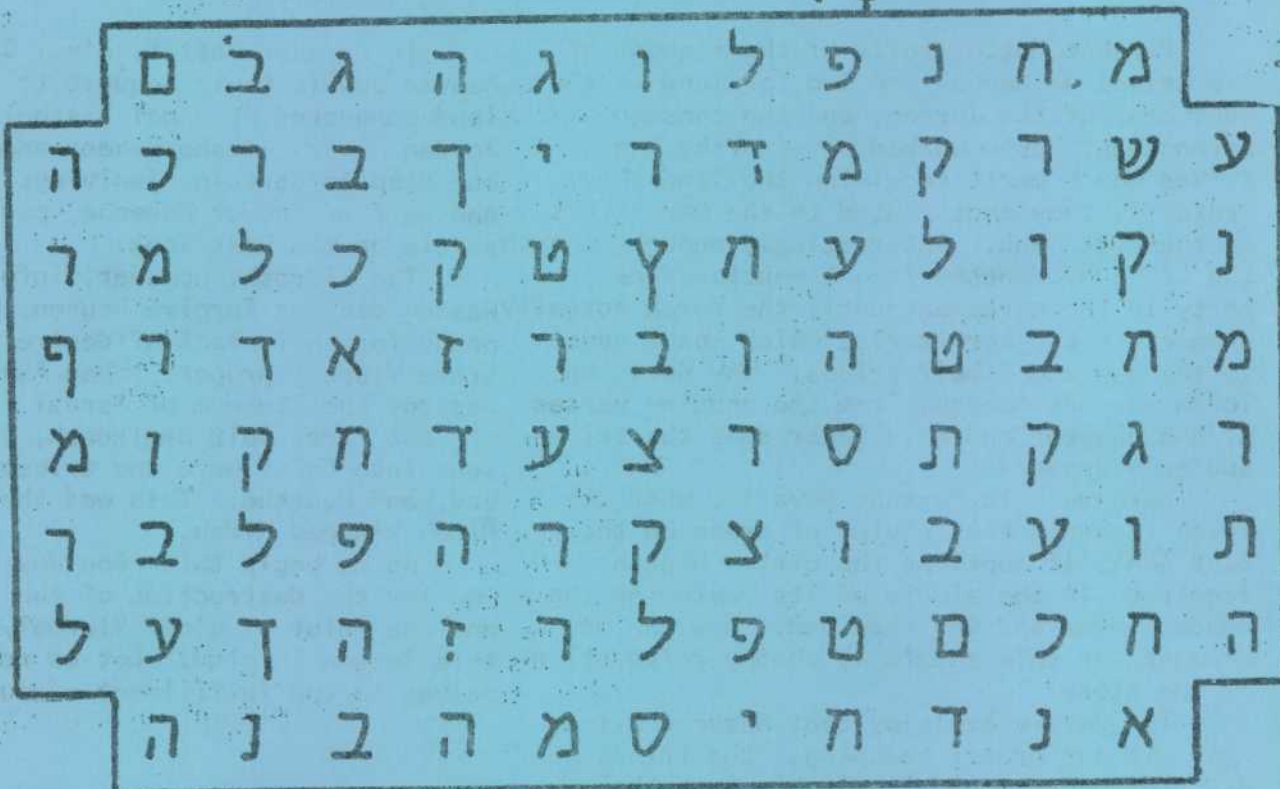
ance between religious and secular learning, we must not lose sight of the fact that it is Torah which is the more important factor in the balance, because only the study and practice of Torah principles can help keep the Jewish nation strong and vibrant.

Shabbat Shalom.

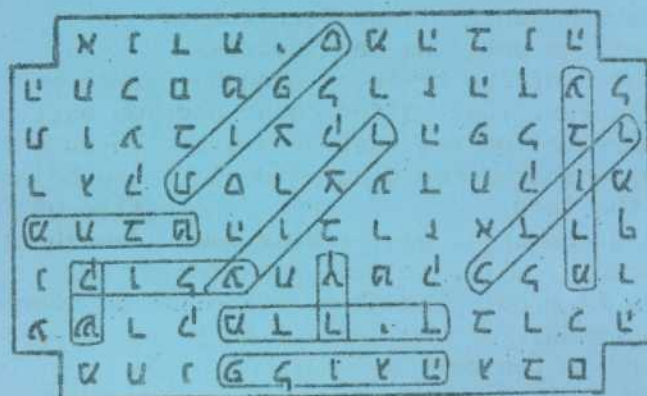
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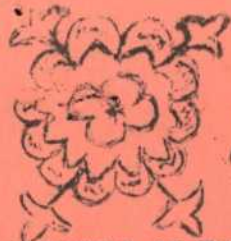
BASEBALL

קְדוּר־בִּסִּים



1. a ball _____ .א
2. a base _____ .ב
3. a bat _____ .ג
4. a short stop _____ .ד
5. a diamond _____ .ה
6. a team _____ .ו
7. an umpire _____ .ז
8. a batter _____ .ח
9. a catcher _____ .ט
10. a runner _____ .י





Shalhevet Features



STAFFERS OF THE ISSUE....

SHALHEVET SPOTLIGHTS.....

**** ESTIE KNOBEL and BETH SCHIOWITZ ******

OFFICE ASSISTANTS

For the third consecutive year, the voice you hear over the P.A. system or the hands that run the mimeo machine most likely belong either to Estie Knobel or Beth Schiowitz, Camp Morasha's ready, willing, and able office assistants.

Censoring phone calls, dividing mail, choosing the color decor of SHALHEVET, and chasing important camp people on their beepers are only a few of their responsibilities. Alphabetizing and collating are the most boring aspects of their job. "We try to get Machoniks to do that," they revealed.

Estie came to Morasha 13 years ago as a Nitzie and has come up all through the ranks. Beth started in Alufot and participated in the Gesher Morasha program before Machon. Both were graduated from Central and both attended Machon Gold. Beth is a junior at Stern. Estie graduated in June and will now take a job in computers (if she can find one that pays more than Morasha). Both joined the office staff to be at the center of camp activity and to have a place to use roller skates in the course of routine job requirements.

During three years in the office, our Staffers have enjoyed many exciting experiences. Last year they, together with the Coordinating Committee, added a clandestine sheet to the Color War booklet. Once they had to extinguish a fire in the Xerox machine. Another time they had to answer phone calls from Italy, Israel, and California all at the same time. Fun time comes when they watch movies every afternoon in S.S.'s room (only on off time, of course.)

Advice from Estie and Beth to our readers: "For in camp phone numbers, consult the camp directory, for the time check your watch, for the weather check your radio, and for night activities read your weekly listing. In short, don't call us, we'll call you."

We're indeed fortunate to have Beth and Estie where we need them most!

MORASHA COUPLE NUMBER 93

MARK AND SARA LAMM DRATCH

"It pays to advertise in SHALHEVET", is the conclusion reached by Mark and Sara Lamm Dratch, who after leaving Morasha as individuals, have come back this year as a couple.

Sara is the Assistant Head of the Girls' Waterfront while Mark is engaged in intensive Torah study at the Morasha Kollel.

Mark began his Morasha career in 1977 as a member of the J.S.S. Kollel. In subsequent years he served as the Division Head first of Alufim then Shtilim Boys. "I regressed," chuckled Mark.

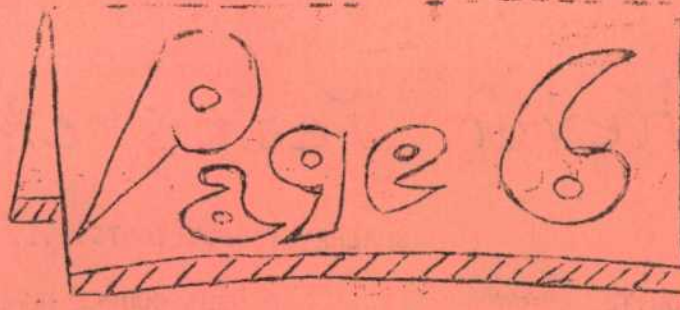
Sara came to Morasha at age 2 accompanied by her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Norman Lamm, and her sister and brothers. She rose through the ranks from pre-day camp to Machon to Waterfront. To date she is still aiming for the position she had always secretly (until now) hoped to reach - Head of Boys' Campus. When did Sara start looking for her Bashert? "Soon after I got here, about June 29, 1963." What took her so long? "My gentlemen friends in pre-day camp 1963 were not quite as worldly and mature as they were when Mark came almost 20 years later."

SHALHEVET readers remember that Mark was looking for his Bashert through the Roving Reporter Column of this paper. "My ads paid off," concluded Mark.

Rabbi Mark now holds the challenging position of spiritual leader of the first orthodox synagogue in Boca Raton, Florida. He achieved Semicha from Y.U. and an M.A. in education at Ferkauf. A graduate of Stern, Sara is a Realtor Associate in Boca Raton. "If you want to buy a condo on the ocean or swampland in the Everglades, see me," she advised.

Our couple's advice to Bashert Seekers: Sara encourages us to be aggressive. Mark's guidance is simpler: "Advertise in SHALHEVET (For rates, see the editor or Rabbi Dratch)

Next week: Another couple.



INTERBUNK

The winners of the First Interbunk Contest for this season were:

Office Staff, Girls' Waterfront Staff, Boys' Campus Office, High School Kollel, YP Kollel, B 12, B 14, G 5A, and G 9. BG was close.

This week's will be a little harder.

Each of the terms defined below contains either the word LONG or the word SHORT. Submit your answers to the HC or main office before Monday at 10 AM.

1. Lack _____
2. Possessions _____
3. Understaffed _____
4. Distance east or west of Greenwich _____
5. Extend the duration of _____
6. Fat used in pastry baking _____
7. Stenography _____
8. Stevedore _____
9. An eighth of a mile _____
10. Easier way _____

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UNDERGROUND PLAY REVIVED

At the behest of several staff members, the concept of an "underground" or alternate staff play has been revived at Morasha for summer '85. Joe Berlin is scheduled to direct Agatha Christie's "The Mouse Trap" which will be presented in August. Casting took place last night and rehearsals will commence this Sunday at 9:00 in the Dance Room.

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MACHON/KOLLEL HOST B'NAI BRITH YOUTH IN ANNUAL EXCHANGE OF IDEAS AND CAMARADERIE

By Reuven Grant, JSS Kollel

A combined group of select Kollel and Machoniks hosted youth from Camp Bnai Brith on Tuesday in an exchange of ideas and camaraderie.

After a welcome address in the gym by Rabbi Tully Besser, Rabbi Heshie Billet delivered a D'var Torah in which he emphasized that the purpose of the program was to openly exchange ideas, share experiences and values, and most of all to grow as Jews in the true spirit of "Am Echod."

The participants then divided into eight discussion groups of 10-20 each, moderated by leaders from both B'nai Brith and Morasha. The guidelines for discussion stressed consideration for the individual speaking by withholding comments or reactions. Thus, everyone could answer the topic questions frankly and honestly. The questions ran the gamut from "What is your favorite movie?" to "What role does Torah play in your life," "What does prayer mean to you", and "How do you see yourself as a Jew ten years from now?"

When the discussion ended two hours later it was evident that a great deal had been accomplished. Many of the Bnai Brith campers were impressed and excited by the dedication to Torah voiced by the Morashaniks. It was apparent that many wanted to further their personal commitment to Torah and Jewish identity.

Mincha and a free period in which we showed our visitors around camp and continued discussion on a personal level followed and then Bnai Brithers were treated to a Morasha dinner which they called "the best meal" they had eaten in three weeks.

The program concluded with an exchange of Seforim and a friendship circle in which we all joined. The circle seemed to symbolize the unity that Rabbi Billet emphasized at the start of the day. So with new friendships having been made, we said "good-bye" knowing we had all experienced a sense of Am Yisroel, Am Echod."

SPORTS

MORASHA BASKETBALL STAFF TEAMS
WIN OPENERS FROM KOLLEL, RAMAH

By Moshe Orlan

In the opening game of 1985, the Morasha staff team defeated Kollel 56-43. With strong inside play and good shooting, staff opened up a 40-20 lead in the second half. However, Kollel cut the lead to 11 as Coach Marv Hershkowitz emptied the bench. Nevertheless, staff was able to hold on for the victory. Leading the Kollel scoring were Charles Rudansky, Aaron Selevan, and Ari Stern.

In the second game staff defeated a tough Ramah team 49-38. Again, Morasha was helped by good shooting and their ability to control the defensive boards. In the second half Ramah came out playing tenacious defense but could not come back, as clutch foul shooting by Gary Beitler maintained the lead. Morasha was led by Moshe Orlan with 20 points and Bruce Wenger with 29 rebounds.

The Girls' Staff Team kept their six year winning streak alive as they overwhelmed Machon 43-18. Machon was never really in the game as staff jumped to a 13-0 lead. Stephanie Schechter scored 25 points to lead staff.

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STAFF HOCKEY TEAM REORGANIZED;
OPENING AWAY GAME SET FOR PALEIGH

A staff hockey team has been reorganized this year at Morasha, and under captain David Beitler is getting ready for its opening away game Monday night at Raleigh. Safety equipment will be in use by all.

With Peretz Hochbaum as Coach, the following Staffers have been named to the team: M. Adler, N. Adler, C. Brown, D. Dessau, Y. Gordon, S. Karp, M. Leifer, Y. Loshinsky, S. Ostrow, S. Polinsky, K. Rozenberg, D. Sheer, D. Schiff, J. Shiffman, and C. Weitschner.

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NOTICE

A staff MIXED DOUBLES TENNIS TOURNEY is being organized. Sign up in the Dining Room before Monday or report to Robbie or Joy. Partners will be arranged if necessary.

KOLLEL JOURNEYS TO CAMP MOGEN AV
FOR DAY OUT GAMES; BACK FOR NIGHT SEDER

By D. Kollel Kommentator

The latest episode in Kollel's "NTT" series found the High School Kollel in Camp Mogen Avraham. The younger half of the Kollel must have been bearning during the game, as they were not playing ball! The results of their basketball and baseball games are thus obvious.

The highlight of the afternoon was the Senior Basketball Game. Behind the excellent coaching of third year veterans, Jonah Kriger and David Kupchik, the Kollel jumped out to an early lead which later proved to be insurmountable. High scorers for the game were two rookies, Aryeh Ginsberg (5'11", Beth Shraga High) and Barry Finkelstein (6'0", MTA Varsity).

The day concluded with a wonderful trip to Woodbourne (even the H.S. kids came out winners). They returned to Morasha in time for Maariv, followed by late night seder.

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STAFF BASKETBALL TEAMS NAMED

SHALHEVET extends Hatzlacha Rabbah to the following who have been named to the Staff Basketball Teams:

Guys: Gary Beitler, Aaron Goldscheider, Chaim Hagler, Peretz Hochbaum, Mordy Leifer, Moshe Mehlman, Moshe Orlan, Seth Ostrow, Stephen Richter, Bruce Wenger, Avi Witkin, and Zvi Zauderer.

Gals: Judy Adler, Sandy Baruch, Estie Colton, Helen Feit, Dara Kanefsky, Joy Rochwarger, Shaindy Rudoff, Naomi Saffra, Stephanie Schechter, Meira Schulman, Chana Shaw, Sheba Stern, Phyllis Witkin. Coach is Bruce Wenger.

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MORASHA HOSTS HILLEL IN INTERCAMPS

In the first Intercamp games of the season, Morasha hosted boys from Camp Hillel while our girls played on Hillel's grounds. Machzor Aleph was, in general, victorious, while Machzor Bet will wait until the next time to win.

Evening Reporter

QUESTION: IF YOU WERE GIVEN \$ 1000 TO SPEND IN HORASHA, WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

ANSWERS:

Shaindy Rudoff, Machon Couns.: Buy a million banana taffees.

Rabbi Wahrhaftig, Ass't. Director: Buy hockey safety equipment.

AAhuva Epstein, Ed. Staff: Get rid of the mice.

Judy Stern, Mother's Helper: Drive my own golf cart.

Rabbi Mordecai Besser: Buy more supplies and resources for the day camp.

Aubrey Sharfman, Ass't. Music Head: Build a Larry Complex.

Aliza Raymon, G 4: Chip in for a swimming pool.

Lori Turkel, G 4: Pay off the skunks to leave.

Ruth Raskas, G 6: Buy a bus to take us home,

Aura Lee Rothman, G 6: Buy a day off for campers.

Lynn Brandsdorfer, G 6: Build an escalator to the Mercazia.

Aviva Kallus, G 4: Provide simultaneous translation of morning announcements.

Adina Turkel, G 4: Fix the P.A. system to let us sleep later.

Zush Motechin, Boys' Head Counselor: Build a garage (with an electric eye) for my golf cart.

David Schwartz, Machon: Send my kid to work at Machon.

Chana Rosenbaum, G 12: Stock up on food.

Stephanie Glick, G 6: Buy bug repellent.

Mordecai Simpser, JC, B 5: Build a Beit Medrash on Boys' Campus.

Moshe Orlan, Sports: Take tennis lessons from Joy and Robbie.

Joy and Robbie, Tennis: Take archery lessons from Moshe Orlan.

Yardena Kolb, Dottie Rhein, Day Camp: Buy lots of canteen goodies.

Uri Orlan, Day Camp: Get a new garbage truck.

Deena Zimmerman, Waterfront Head: Build a bathroom on girls' waterfront.

Neil Adler, Nitzi D.H.: Add an Adler Complex

Benjamin Cohen, B 18: Buy a bigger trailer for the High School Kollel.

Elan Zibitt, B 3: Give it to my Machonik.

Dr. Leon Feldhamer, Camp Physician: Give everyone juice for supper.

Richie Auman, A.A.: Hire an orthodontist on staff to save trips to his office.

Lisa Wahrhaftig, Mairav Rothstein, G 17: Buy a lifetime supply of waterguns.

Shimon Kerner and Zvi Grumet, Ed. Staff: Provide a shuttle for Ed Staffers living on Kollel Campus.

Chaim Weitzsner, Walter: Buy enough Melmacs for Shabbos.

Adam Meltzer, B 19: Establish my own DJ's in camp.

Kenny Rozenberg, Couns., B 18: Buy more noodles.

Ethan Levisohn, B 19: Fix the hole in the Boys' Shul.