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News of the Week

CAMP MORASHA UNDER ZVI REICH KICKS OFF 21st FANTASTIC SEASON OF ACTIVITY

One half week (the reason for the abridged version of SHALHEVET) into its 21st season, Camp Morasha, with Zvi Reich at the helm, is headed for another fantastic year of well rounded activity.

Under the leadership of a new director, Rabbi Daniel Rhein, many new programs have been instituted in the educational department. From Day Camp to LTP new Shiurim have been formalized, a Masmidim/ot Program has been organized, and voluntary Mincha has been programmed for Nitzi and Shtili girls. Twenty members are now included on the ed staff. Rabbi Saul Beaman in July and Rabbi Benjamin Blech in August, besides teaching, will serve as the camp rabbi to determine halachic camp policy.

This year's Waterfront Heads, Murray Gershon on Boys and Mimi Ribner Schechter on Girls are new. Joe Berlin is now in charge of the Canteen with Becky directing Arts and Crafts. A newcomer to Morasha, Dr. Seymour Perl is the camp physician.

New Division Heads are Rebecca Kupchik, Ilanot A; Suzy Weiss, Ilanot B; and Esther Loewenstein, Alufot for the girls, and Sholom Stone, Alufim, for the boys.

SHALHEVET EXTENDS A HEARTY MA-
TIV TO ELLIOT COHEN (BUNK 13)
ON HIS BAR MITZVAH THIS SHABBOS IN THE
MAIN SHUL, TO BOYS' HEAD COUNSELOR
LARRY WACHSMAN ON HIS ENGAGEMENT, AND
TO ARNIE AND RENA GOSSMITH KANAREK
ON THEIR VERY RECENT MARRIAGE.

SHTILIM DRAMATISTS GET SET FOR OLIVER NEXT WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY

Although camp has barely started, Shtilim Dramatists are almost ready for their major production of this year. "Oliver" will be presented Wednesday and Thursday nights in the Mercazia under the direction of Ricki Zibett, Morasha Dramatics Head.

Stars include Moshe Willig as Oliver, Jordan Gidberg, Shira Thurm, and Sheva Goldman.

NOACH DEAR, NEW YORK CITY COUNCIL
MEMBER, WILL BE THE GUEST SPEAKER TO-
NIGHT AT THE STAFF ONEG SHABBAT AT
10:15 IN BOND 3,4.

M'AASEH V'DIBUR- DEEDS AND WORDS THEME FOR CAMP EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

M'aaseh V'dibur, Deeds and Words, will be the theme for the Educational Program in Camp Morasha this summer according to Rabbi Daniel Rhein, newly appointed Educational Director.

The theme stems from the acrostic of this year's date- Tashdam- Torah shel M'aaseh V'dibur. The focus will be on practical mitzvot. The mitzvah for the first week is Gemilas Chesed.

Detailed source material on each aspect of the theme will be available to campers and counselors in the Strick Library.

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Torah Thoughts

PARSHAT BALAK

By Zvi Sobolofsky
YP Kollet

In this week's Parsha we read about the unsuccessful attempt of Bilaam to curse the Jewish people. Instead of being cursed, we were blessed with even more b'rachot. The most famous of these brachos begins with the following words:

"מה טבו אחליך יעקב משכנותיך ישראל"

Rashi gives two interpretations of the "מה טבו אחליך יעקב" to which Balaam referred. The first interpretation is

"פתחם שאינן מכוונין זה מול זה" the opening of one tent was not directly opposite the opening of another. In his second interpretation Rashi explains that "Oholei Yaakov" refers to the Mishkan and the Bais Hamikdash.

In Gemara Senhedrin we find a third interpretation. The Gemara tells us that "Oholei Yaakov" refer to the Batai K'nesios and the Batai Midrashos.

It seems that the intention of Bilaam was to destroy all three kinds of "Oholei Yaakov": Firstly, the respect for privacy which represented the friendship and respect each Jew showed for his neighbor, secondly, the Bais Hamikdash or the T'filah which we have today in its place, and thirdly, the Bais Medrash- the Limud Torah.

We know that Chazal teach us:

"על שלשה דברים העולם עומד"

Bilaam knew that the way to destroy
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ON GEMILAT CHESED....

THE HELPING HAND

From the Story of the
Chofetz Chaim

The Chofetz Chaim did not wait for others to ask for help. If he saw others in need, he went out and aided them.

Why was he so insistent on this? He explained it with a parable:

A fire broke out in one of the homes in a city. Everyone hurried over to try to put it out. Everyone, that is, except for one man, who stood on the sidelines, apparently undisturbed by the problem. Someone came up to him and asked, "Why aren't you doing anything to put out the fire?"

"Why should I?" the man responded. "This isn't my house that's burning. My house is down the block, so why is it my problem?"

"Of course it's your problem!" thundered the first man. "If we don't help put it out here, the fire will spread. And when it spreads, it will burn your house down, too!"

"Some of us are very shortsighted, like the man in the story," the Chofetz Chaim commented. "We think that as long as we're feeling fine, we don't have to worry about the suffering of others. What we don't realize is that another person's problem today will be our problem tomorrow, if we don't solve it now. For if one person in Klal Yisroel has troubles, then Hashem holds us all accountable if we don't help him."

Shalhevet

ROVING REPORTER

QUESTION: WHAT ADVICE WOULD YOU GIVE FIRST YEAR CAMPERS IN MORASHA?

ANSWERS:

Avromie Motechin, B 1: Don't touch counselor's stuff.

Moshe Orlan, Sports Staff: Don't let the counselors get away with anything.

Mandy Rochwarger, G 8: Don't pop the cups.

Jonathan Fischer, B 19: Try to get rides in the golf cart.

Zev Horowitz, B 2: Stay away from the bugs.

Aubrey Sharfman, Music Staff: Don't sing too much.

Eric Gribetz, B 5: Keep out of trouble.

Michelle Chrein, G 18: None. I'm a first year camper.

Raphael Willig, B 16: Learn to like noodles.

Meira Mednick, G 8: Stay away from the boys.

Naomi Saffra, J.C., G 8: Tip the counselors well.

Dina Gross, G 9: Love the counselors- they're great.

Joy Weinstein, G 9: Be yourself- who cares what anyone thinks?

Zahava Witkin and Shiffy Malina, G 17 and 18: Quit while you're ahead.

Features

INTERBUNK STARTS AGAIN

Here we go with a new season of Interbunk Puzzles... Submit your answers to the H.C. or SHALHEVET office before 10 A.M. on Monday. Let's see how many bunks can complete an all-win record. Prizes will be awarded weekly. Remember this should be a bunk effort.

Each of the words defined below contains CENT in the position indicated.

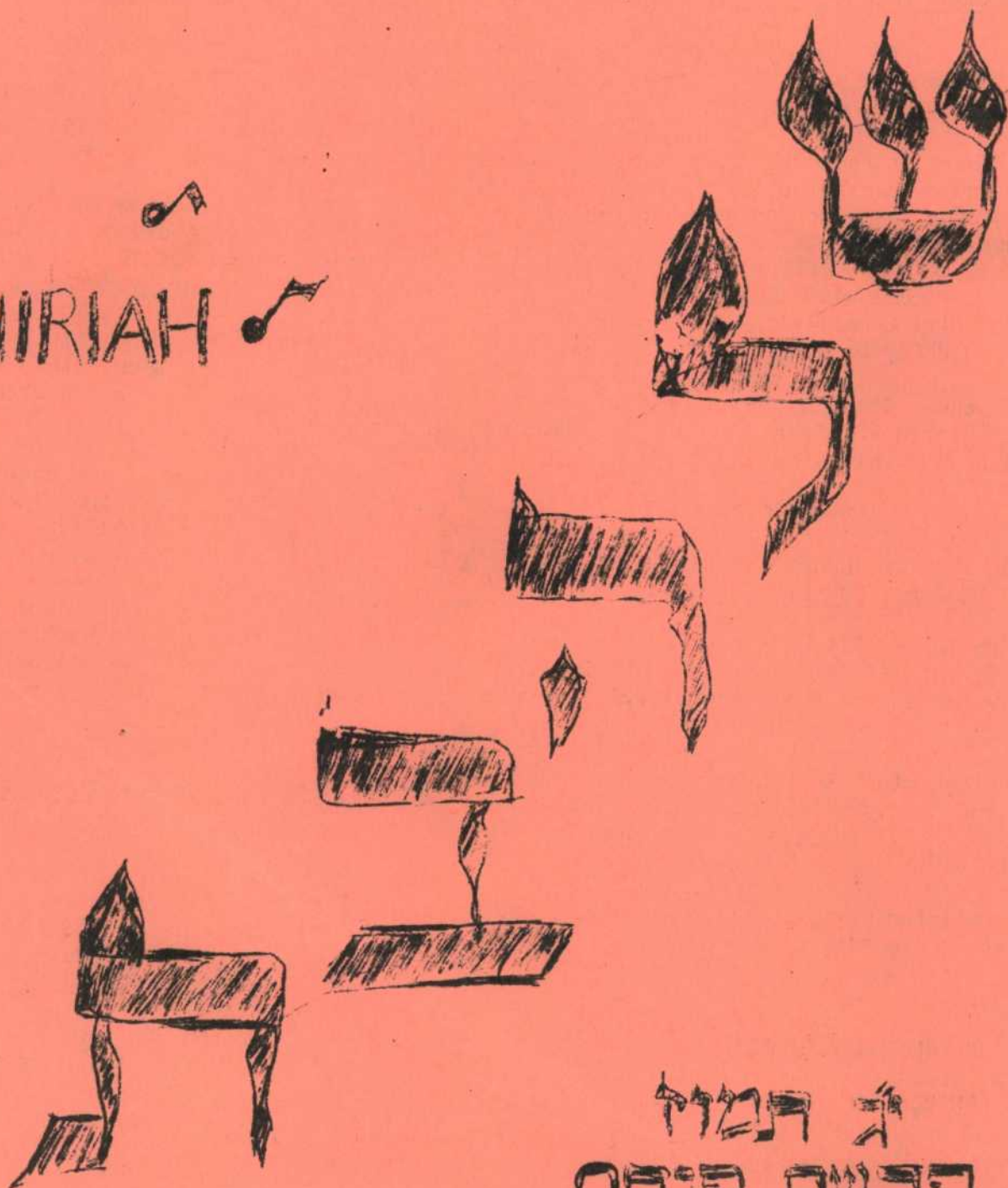
1. C E N T _ _ Middle
2. _ C E N T Smell
3. C E N T _ _ _ One hundred years
4. _ _ C E N T Proper, appropriate
5. _ _ _ C E N T Coming down
6. _ _ _ _ _ C E N T Teenager
7. _ _ _ _ C E N T Not guilty
8. _ _ _ C E N T _ _ _ Rate of interest
9. _ _ C E N T _ _ Lately
10. _ _ C E N T _ _ _ _ _ 200th anniversary
11. _ _ _ _ _ C E N T Grand

PARSHAT BALAK

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the Jewish People is to destroy their Torah, Avodah, V'Gemilas Chasadim. Hashem decided to change Bilaam's potential curses into B'rachos and we were blessed for fulfilling these three critical facets of Jewish living. May we all be Zocheh to uphold these three Brochos of Bilaam. Shabbat Sholom.

SHIRIAH



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MORASHA PREPARES FOR SUNDAY NIGHT SHIRIAH

Morasha is humming with the sound of music as campers prepare for the Annual Shiriah to be held Sunday night in the Merkazia.

"There is enormous talent on both campuses and an exceptional quality of music can be expected," stated Sandy Sudberg, Head of the Music Department.

The format will follow the traditional boy vs. girl competition plus presentations by SDP and Day Camp.

Nachum "Stretch" Segal is leading the boys. Sharon Pfeiffer, Barbara Kaplan, Sari Press, and Elissa Richter lead the girls.

MORASHANICKS HEAD FOR BINGHAMTON IN TRIP DAY PURSUIT ON MONDAY

No lunch will be served in Morasha on Monday, nor will there be any Shiurim, as campers embark on their annual Trip Day venture.

Binghamton is the destination. Daycampers and Nitzis will see "Muppets Take Manhattan" while the older divisions view "The Karate Kid."

Swimming, gym, shopping, bowling, and ice cream are also on the agenda for various divisions.

HAZEL TOV TO JEREMY POUPKO WHO WILL CELEBRATE HIS BAR MITZVAH THIS SHABBAT IN THE MAIN SHUL.

PHOTOGRAPHER COMING SUNDAY

The camp photographer will be here on Sunday. It's a perfect chance to air out your Morasha t-shirts and smile. Remember: you'll be going down in history.

We'll look forward to seeing you there.

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THE THREE WEEKS TO BEGIN ON TUESDAY

Tuesday, Shiva Asar B'Tammuz, begins the time period in the Jewish calendar designated as the Three Weeks. This period is a time in which all the Jewish people collectively mourn the destruction of the Bais Hamikdash.

Historically, during this time period, the Babylonians in the year 586 B.C.E. and the Romans in the year 70 C.E. surrounded Yerushalayim and destroyed the Batei Mikdash.

The Three Weeks is a time for all of us to reflect on our actions, since T'shuvah, not only fasting, is prime on both Shiva Asar B'Tamuz and Tisha B'Av.

The activities which we engage in during the Three Weeks, then in the Nine Days, and finally the week in which Tisha B'Av should be of a more serious nature.

Let's hope this is the last year in which we must observe the Three Week mourning period, and next year may we all be in Yerushalayim in Hakodesh.

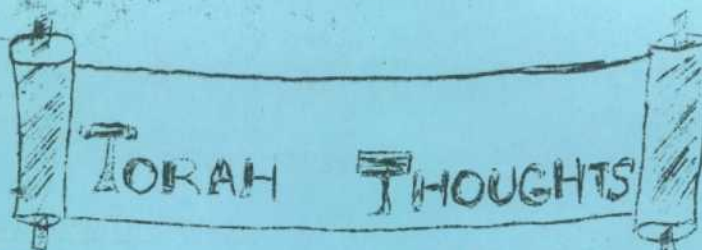
KITCHEN EQUIPMENT TOVELED AS MACHZOR BET LEARNS PRACTICAL HALACHOT AND MAASIM

Under the direction of Rabbi Saul Derman, Camp Rabbi, members of Machzor Bet put their learning into practice yesterday as they toveled new kitchen equipment in Lake Morasha.

After learning the laws and background of Hilchot Tvilat Kailim, boys and girls immersed trays and silverware into the lake which served as a Mikveh.

UPCOMING EVENTS

TONIGHT: ONEG SHABBAT, 10:15 Bondi 3,4
Speaker- Mr. Larry Kobrin, Esq.
MOTZAI SHABBAT: Staff Melaveh Malkah
SUN.- THUR. 10:30 - 11:45- WEIGHT TRAINING



PARSHAT PINCHOS

Midah of this week...

By Jordan Mann
YP Kolliel

Parshas Pinchas tells of the transfer of authority from Moshe Rabbeinu to Yehoshua in preparation for Moshe's death. Hashem commands Moshe:

ונתתה מהדוך עליו

"And you shall place some of your splendor on him (Yehoshua)"

The Gemara in Baba Basra comments:

"And you shall place some of your splendor- but not all of your splendor. Because of this, the leaders of that generation said, 'Moshe's face is like the sun's, Yehoshua's face is like the moon's. Woe to us from this embarrassment, woe to us from this shame.'"

The Chofetz Chaim Zatzal, explains that there is a difference between Booshah, embarrassment and Climah, shame. A person feels Booshah in the presence of someone who is on a Madrayga far beyond and out of the range of the person's own. He is overwhelmed by the amazing qualities he is faced with. A person feels Climah (shame) however, before someone who has reached a Madrayga which is above the person's own, but not beyond his reach, because he realizes that he could have obtained that level were it not for his own sins and laziness.

This was the difference between the reaction of the leaders to Mosheh and their reaction to Yehoshua. They were embarrassed before Mosheh's unattainable greatness, but felt shame in front of Yehoshua, for his abilities were similar to theirs but he reached a level higher than theirs through his diligence and devotion.

The Chofetz Chaim's lesson is clear. Like Yehoshua we must strive for the highest level we can possibly reach so as not to be embarrassed Chas V'sholom that we have not reached our greatest potential.

Shabbat Shalom.

SHMIRAT HALASHON

By Rabbi Alan Schwartz
Educational Staff

Our sages of blessed memory have charged us repeatedly with the importance of Shmirat Halashon and the avoidance of Lashon Harah. The following Medrash tells how the Rabbis viewed these concepts:

Vayikra Rabbah Parshat Metzora tells of a merchant, who, while peddling his goods, called out, "Who wants to buy a potion guaranteeing long life?". Rabbi Yannai asked to buy the potion. The merchant said, You don't need it, for here is the potion:

"מי האיש החפץ חיים ארוכים ימים לראות טוב? נצור לשונך מרע ושפתין מדבר מרמה סור מרע ועשה טוב בקש שלום ורחמים" Rabbi Yannai then quoted the Posuk in Mishlei which makes the same point:

שומר פיו ולשונו שומר מצרות נפשו.

This posuk answers a classic question on Lashon Harah and Shmirat Halashon. If the punishment for the abuse of the Lashon is Tzoraat (leprosy) as we see in the cases of Miriam and Mosheh, why is it that we don't see people with Tzoraat anymore? Shlomo comes to tell us that although the one who speaks lashon harah may not suffer tzoraat of the body, a person who feels the need to speak against his neighbor has tzoraat of the soul. Therefore, if we read the posuk:

שומר פיו ולשונו שומר מצרות נפשו it adds a new dimension to Shmirat Halashon.

There are those who feel that the best way to conform to the precepts of Shmirat Halashon is to totally avoid talking. There are monks who haven't spoken Lashon Harah in years. Our Rabbis address this point in a Gemara in Avodah Zarah. The Gemara, like the Medrash quoted earlier, in its quest for a potion guaranteeing long life says: One should not say, 'I will keep my tongue from evil and my lips from deceitful speech by indulging in sleep (or not talking).' The only way

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Shalhevet

STAFFER OF THE ISSUE.....

AHUVA ECKSTEIN EPSTEIN

By Rita Siff

After an absence of sixteen years, Ahuva Eckstein Epstein has returned to the staff of Camp Morasha. Starting as a J.C., Ahuva went through the ranks as a senior counselor (of Alufot when the division was first organized), and an LTP Counselor (Machon). A former Color War General, Ahuva is an integral part of this year's Educational Staff.

A graduate of Stern College, Ahuva also studied at Hebrew University. She grew up in Ottawa, Canada but realizing the value of a Torah education, came to Hili in New York when starting high school. How did she get to Morasha? "I followed Mr. Reich from Camp Moshava in Canada. He knows me since I'm eleven years old."

At one time Ahuva's brothers Yechiel and Geryl kept her company on Morasha staff. Her sister "Rock" met her bashert here. Now she is accompanied by her four children, Nili, 3; Benji, 5; Yehoshua, 9; and Yoni, 12, and her husband, an attorney, who will soon join them.

Ahuva has spent the past sixteen years in New York, Des Moines, Iowa, Boston, and now Miami Beach where she teaches in the Hebrew Academy.

The most noticeable changes Ahuva sees are physical ones. "The trees are very much taller," she observed. "The expansion is remarkable- the new gym, my living quarters - the A Building used to be the Girls' Infirmary, the classrooms.... Yet, the old time warmth and camaraderie still prevail among the campers and staff because 'everyone Cares'. Ahuva also noticed the deepening of spiritual values which enhances the camp ruach.

What has not changed are "the Director, Larry, and Rabbi Oratz."

We are indeed fortunate to have Ahuva Eckstein Epstein back on board again.

Features

SHALHEVET SPOTLIGHTS...

ILANOT GIRLS DIVISION HEADS

The Ilanot Girls Division welcomes two new heads this season- Rebecca Kupchik and Suzy Weiss. Both new to their position, neither is a newcomer to Morasha. Rebecca started as a Nitzi and has been a J.C. and counselor. Suzy was also a camper and a J.C.

Both are graduates of Stern College, Rebecca with a major in Jewish Studies and History and Suzy with a Computer Science major. Rebecca will be teaching at YUHS for Girls in the fall, while Suzy will pursue graduate study in computers.

The Ilanot Division Heads issued the following joint statements at a SHALHEVET press conference this week:

Q. What are your duties as a Division Head?

A. 'We're still trying to figure out what duties are not duties of a D.H.

Q. What are your goals for the summer?

A. 1. To ensure that our campers and counselors have a fulfilling and enjoyable summer and 2. to enhance our own futures in any way that we can.

Q: What is your greatest challenge?

A: We view everyday as a challenge in itself.

Q: What was your most memorable experience in Morasha?

A: Throwing our D.H. in the lake when we were Shitli J.C.'s- (but don't get any ideas.)

Q: What makes life bearable when things get tough?

A: Working with Chaya, Matti, Tova, Michelle, and Esther, not to mention Jay and Norman.

WATCH FOR ANOTHER PRESS CONFERENCE NEXT WEEK
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From Our Readers

TEANECK

By Elisheva Pomrenze, G 5

As I ride through the town of Teaneck
I pick up familiar landmarks
Friends' houses, well-known streets
Stores and childhood parks.

Noting the names of streets
I'm surprised at how many people I know
I stop for a minute to wave to someone
Then proceed to go.

I always know where I am in my hometown
I always know what's behind a bend
If I coast down any street
I'll know what's waiting at the end.

It gives me a sense of security
To know every street and every store
But more than that, it gives me
The freedom to explore.

(Elisheva is a frequent contributor to SHALHEVET. SHALHEVET welcomes creative contributions from campers and staff. Leave articles in H.C. or SHALHEVET envelope in the main office.)

SHMIRAT HALASHON

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to be totally careful about Shmirat Halashon, the Gemara states, is to engage in Limud Torah, for the Posuk in T'hilim states:

"סור מרע ועשה טוב" ואין "טוב"
אלא תורה.

Our tongues can be the source of great Chillul Hashem if not used properly. On the other hand, if geared to the study and teaching of Torah, our tongues can be the source of the greatest Kiddush Hashem.

SHALHEVET STAFF

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MORASHA DOMINATES LAVI IN BASKETBALL OPENER

By The Staff Star Reporter

As most basketball fans know, the opening game usually serves to set the tone for the entire season. If such is the case, the 1984 basketball season promises to be a banner year for the Morasha Staff Basketball Club. This was evident to anyone who attended their opening night drowning of Lavi.

Playing in front of a near capacity Merkaziah crowd, the home team opened quickly and behind the strong inside play of Samuel R. Rudansky and Moshe S. Orlian opened up an early 16-2 lead. Lavi fought back valiantly, cutting the lead to 23-14. However, this was as close as they would come. By sending in fresh waves of troops, Coach Martin Z. Yarmush kept constant pressure on Lavi. This tactic proved especially effective in the second half when Morasha, behind the fast breaking of Elli Shulman and Joel Ackerman was able to score numerous uncontested baskets leading to the lopsided final score of 53-24.

Next week the team will be playing two of its fiercest rivals- the Kollel and Camp Raleigh- at home. With continued fan support we expect two more strong performances from the team.

The Youngers Speak:

DAY CAMP DITTIES

QUESTION: What are you going to do when it stops raining?

ANSWERS: David Perl: Play tennis with my Mom
Dassie Rhein: Sit where it's sunny.
Yaakov Wahrhaftig: Go on a salamander hunt and play elimination
Dani Balsam: Go to the canteen and get lots of candy.

Duvi Billet: Take off my boots.

Suri Besser: Go home! !

Akiva Willig: No comment.

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INTERBUNK CONTEST

Congratulations to all of the winners
in last week's Interbunk CENT Contest:
Girls 8, 10

Boys 7, 8, 13, 15, 16, 17.

Machon Boys, YP Kolliel, and the Office
Staff.

Everyone got prizes. SUPERPRIZE goes
to the Bunk with the most wins during the
summer.

This week's contest is

JUMBLED TRADES AND PROFESSIONS

Can you put the following in their
proper positions? Submit answers by Sunday AM.

1. C T R O O D _____
2. R A W T I E _____
3. W E Y A R L _____
4. P E N C E R R A T _____
5. L I P T O _____
6. R E B I K A R C L Y _____
7. H E B T U R C _____
8. T H E P O G A R R P O H _____
9. S E T T I N D _____
10. C N I C E H A M _____
11. H E F R U C U F A _____
12. S T A M P C H A I R _____
13. T U C T O N C A N A _____
14. Y E T C A R R E S _____
15. C N I C E H A M _____

R O V I N G R E P O R T E R R O V I N G . .

HOW WOULD YO PREPARE FOR THE NEXT COLD NIGHT?

ANSWERS:

Joe Berlin, Manager, Morasha Canteen: Phone
in my reservation to the Jerusalem Laromme

Yael Balsam, G 5: Put a heater in the bunk.

Aviva Mandel, G 6: Turn off Dina's fan.

Elizabeth Cahn, J.C., G 15: Send for my
winter coat.

Renee Hochdorf, Mother's Helper: Build a
sauna.

Shmuel Zundell, Couns , B 3: Borrow Larry's
heater.

Jacob Goldberg, B 3: Use a million blankets

Gary Wallin, Ass't. Technician: Hold a
Black Team campfire.

Simi Chavel, B 8: Take a shot of whiskey.

Neil Adler, Couns., B 18: Buy a pair of
Dr. Denton's.

Robbie Wind, Tennis Counselor: Ask the Alu-
fot girls to lend their tennis counselor
mittens.

Natanel Gralla, B 15: Run away with a golf
cart.

Robbie Mehler, B 6: Go into Larry's cabin.

Yaakov Ottensoser, B 4: Use a sleeping bag.

Aubrey Sharfman, Music Staff: Listen to
Larry's warm words of encouragement.

Jeremy Poupko, B 6: Install central heating
in the bunks.

Jonathan Muller, B 1: Wake up before the
bugel so we can get dressed.