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# NEWS OF THE WEEK

## SHIRIAH UPHOLDS HIGHLIGHT REPUTATION

Shiriah once again upheld its reputation as one of the highlights of the Camp Morasha season with last night's presentations in the Mercazia.

Led by "Stretch" Segal for the boys and Phyllis Witkin and Shira Levine (SC's) for the girls, the performances were outstanding.

The program was arranged by Sandy Sudberg (Head) and Aubrey Sharfman (Ass't) of the Music Staff and included songs by boys, girls, Ohed, and Day Camp. One Machon rendition was an original piece by Lisa Horowitz, and Ohednick.

Who won doesn't really matter (or does it?).

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## WELL-KNOWN AUTHOR SPEAKS

Rabbi Chanoch Teller, author of four famous books of stories that we all can learn from, spoke to several classes at Morasha yesterday.

"Our Part in Bashert" was illustrated in his fascinating tales and talk to 8th, 9th, and Machon girls.

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SHALHEVET EXTENDS A SPECIAL BOACHEM L'SHALOM TO OUR CAMP DIRECTOR, ZVI REICH, WHO HAS RETURNED FROM ISRAEL WHERE HE ACCOMPANIED OUR SULAMNKS.

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## ONEG SHABBAT

Tonite's speaker will be Rabbi Mordecai Willig of RIETS, Y.I. of Riverdale, and YP Kollel. Place: the Pargod, Time: 10:15 P.M.

## SHIRILIS TO PRESENT "LITTLE RED"

By Jeff Kobrin, Ohed

Riding high on the success of "Captain Noah", the Drama Department is at it again with the Shiril production of "Little Red". The play is a jazzy version of the classic fairytale that everyone is familiar with (this production is not to be confused with the recent Ilanot play, which was a jazzy version of the Biblical story that everyone was familiar with).

Ricky Zibbet, director, describes the play- a musical- as a "hip fairy tale". The music will be performed by Sandy Sudberg. Tech and lighting will be done by Jeff Cohen. Costumes are under the direction of Alyssa Mandel, and scenery is being done by Chaim Zeitz.

The cast includes Randi Sorscher as Little Red, Shani Fenigstein as her mother, Merith Deutsch as Granny, Josh Epstein as the Woodsman, and Yussie Faver as the wolf. The play will be presented next Tuesday and Wed.

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## NEW LEARNING PROJECT ADDED

This week another new project was instituted at Camp Morasha to add to the massive learning which is taking place on Boys' Campus. Under the direction of Yitz Mehlman (Waterfront) and Moshe Orlian (Sports), the boys of Machzor Aleph have been learning Mishnayot by heart. Under the supervision of Nati Helfgor, the boys of Machzor Bet are also learning Mishnayot.

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## MEZUZOT AFFIXED

Mezuzot have been affixed to many places that were waiting their arrival. Many thanks to the Camp Administration for their cooperation. If you notice any places in need, contact Rabbi D. Rhein, or SHALHEVET.



# TORAH THOUGHTS

D'VAR TORAH: PARSHIYOT CHUKAT- BALAK

OUR FACULTY WRITES...

By Avraham Rothman, Y.P. Kollet

ON PARSHAT BALAK

By Rabbi Joel Cohn, Ed. Staff

In Parshat Chukat we read of Aharon's death. Following Aharon's death, B'nei Yisroel were attacked by the Canaanite King of Arad. Why were they attacked? The Yerushalmi in Yuma tells us that the Ananei Hakovod which had protected B'nei Yisroel, left after Aharon's death. Canaan, realizing B'nei Yisroel no longer had this protection, prepared for war against them. Fearing an attack, B'nei Yisroel began to run back to Egypt. Because B'nei Yisroel didn't trust Hashem's Word that they would enter Eretz Yisroel safely, Hashem sent Canaan to pursue them and in an initial battle, Canaan took a captive.

In the second Parsha this week, Parshat Balak, Bilam recognizes how critical Bnei Yisroel's failure to heed Hashem's word could be to their existence. After Bilam's unsuccessful attempt to curse B'nei Yisroel, he advised Balak, "There is only one way to destroy the Jews. If they fail to observe Hashem's Mitzvot, Hashem will no longer protect them. Therefore send women into the Jew's camp to entice them to commit acts of z'nus and avodah zara." Just as B'nei Yisroel were attacked by Canaan for failing to trust Hashem, Bilam hoped these acts would elicit the anger of Hashem and would Chas V'shalem destroy B'nei Yisroel.

Bilam's plan, however, failed to succeed. After B'nei Yisroel were attacked by Canaan, they recognized their lack of Bitochon and did T'shuva by "making a vow to Hashem. In the next and final battle, Canaan was wiped out. Similarly, Bilam's plan failed since Pinchas killed two of the sinners and showed Bnei Yisroel the gravity of their sin and Bnei Yisroel averted destruction.

As we approach the Three Weeks, we recall the physical and spiritual churbanot we have suffered in our history. If we enhance our Shmirat Hamitzvot, hopefully we will be victorious and Hashem will end our suffering.3.

The Mishne In Avot asks a very startling question: "Ma bein talmidov shel Avraham ovinu l'talmidov shel Bilam Harasha." What is the difference between the students of our father Avraham and the students of Bilam the Wicked?

The Mishna goes on to answer that the students of Avraham will get Olam Habah whereas the students of Bilam will be denied entrance to Olam Habah.

What is the basis of comparison between Avraham and Bilam? How does the Mishna even pose such a question as to the difference between Avraham Avinu and Bilam Harasha?

Rav Cooperman of Michlala suggested the following answer: Avraham and Bilam were very similar in that they both followed the word of Hashem. However Bilam was only interested in fulfilling the exact command of Hashem whereas Avraham wanted to fulfill the will of Hashem.

In Parshat Balak, Bilam was told in no uncertain terms by Hashem "Lo telech imhem" that he was not to go with Balak's messengers. However Bilam pressed on until he was able to go, though it certainly was not the Ratzon Hashem.

In Parshat Vayera, Hashem commanded Avraham: "V'taalehu shom l'oleh" only to bring Yitzchak to the Mizbayach, but yet Avraham wanted to fulfill the ratzon Hashem and was ready to sacrifice Yitzchak if need be.

In our lives we must make sure we are Talmidim of Avraham- not just fulfilling Mitzvot according to the letter of the law, but to attempt that everything we do to be In order to fulfill the Rotzon Hashem.



# דבר

## הרב ושלשת השטרות

פפרה: אורלי

רבי מאיר מפרימיסלא שגז כביח קס מס למל היה צאח בני העיר

וכל מי שהכירו ידע מזה

יום אחד הגיעה לביתו של רבי מאיר מעטפה חומה עלה בוליס

צבעוניים. בניו של הרב נסלו את המעטפה והבניסוה אל חדרו של אביהם.

פתח רבי מאיר את המעטפה ופתאם נשרו מתוכה שלשה שטרי כסף בני מאה

ורוב כל אחד. לבם של הבנים רחב משמחה. מעולם לא ראו כסף רב כל כך.

בסכום ענק זה יוכלו לחלץ את הנג הדחף לחץ את התריסים הרופפים

לפרע חובות. לקנות עצים להסקה ועלים חסות...

הרים האב את פניו מעל המכתב והביט בבניו הנרישים.

"אני מצטער לאכולכם בניי" אמר "אולם נזלה מה טעות. כסף זה אינו

מיעד לי..."

"אבל אבא..." קראו הבנים מה אחי. "הכתבת שעל גב המעטפה היא

כתבתנו והשם המצוי על גביה הוא שבתה"

"כתובים במכתב כל מיני אמרים משונים: הרבי הצדיק, קדוש ישראל,

הוסיף האב, "הביטו עלי - כלום אצדק וקדשו שנית. ברכת. אדם שיוכה

לבן ונולד לו ילד במזל טוב - האם מגיע לי כסף על כך? הקדש כדור הוא

הוא אשר קלח לו את הכן. כיון שקר, לא אלי המכון הנותב, ועוד דיוס

אחורי לשונה את מעותי."

נזרו פניהם של הבנים. מי כמותה יודע את גדל צדקתו של אביהם. נדאי

של נזלה כאן כל טעות והשולח התכוון לזכות וקח את אביהם במכוס זה.

אם שלח להם הקדש כדור הוא כסף כדי לחלצם ממעוקלת - מדע לאבחו



השפילו הבנים ראשיהם בצער. מה שוב יגיע לכיתם סכום אשר יספיק

לכל צרכיהם? ראה האב את עצרם של בניו ואמר:

"אם מצטערים אתם כל כך, הבה נלך לבית דין ונרצה למוי הדניים את

סענוניתנו. כאשר יספיקו הדניים - כך יהיה."

לבוש רבי מאיר את אדחתו והשליה החלו לפסע אל ביתם של דני

העיר. לאו הדניים את בעלי הדן המיחידים וחסמה: האם הם ושרים נפל

רבו בני הרב לבין בניו?

כל הקומצות רבות תחת רכס מאיר כספונרו ואחריו השמינו הבנים את

סענוניהם. הדניים ידעו מה גדולה מצולתו של הרבי וכמה נזק הוא לכס

אחרי התיעצות קצרה פסקו הדניים את דנם ואמרו:

"אמנם רבנו אינו חושב עצמו לצדיק, אולם השולח נדאי חושבו לקדוש

הכסן לאושרו וקטור לבנו להשתמש בו לכל צרכיו."

שמתו הבנים מאד. אולם רבי מאיר לא היה עדין שלם עם ההחלטה

"לפני ששתמש בכסף" אמר לבניו. "אשאל בעצתה של אביכם"

ואמנם כאשר הגיעו לביתם, פנה רבי מאיר לזונתו הרבנית. ספר לה את

הספור כלו וסיים בשאלה: "ומה דעתך אחי?"

והרבנית שמעולם לא ידעה מאין חשיג אבל לבני ביתה. הרהרה רגע

ואמרה:

"אתה נודע חמדי להנעז מלאכל מאכלים שהיתה בהם שאי לך רב וספק

לגבי כשרותם) ומדע חשנה עתה ממנהגך?"



# Shalhevet Features

## STAFFER OF THE ISSUE....

### MICHELLE SARASOHN GIRLS' WATERFRONT HEAD

Michelle Sarasohn came to Camp Morasha four years ago knowing "nobody". Since then she has served three years as Shtill Division Head and now is head of the Girls' Waterfront.

Michelle is the senior member of the Charleston, South Carolina contingent at Morasha. Brother Chaim, in his second year here, is one of the camp drivers- maintenance men. Younger brother Jeffrey is a first year Senior Counselor. Siblings Jonah, 17, and Jenny, 14, are down South practicing to be Morashaniks.

Born, bred, and educated in Charleston, except for one year when she studied at Machon Gold. Michelle is math and science teacher at the Yeshiva of Flatbush elementary school.

Has the Waterfront Staff learned any effective rain dances? "We've been practicing every day at lunch," Michelle informed. What do they do when it rains? "We put rubber snakes in the lake - all rubber, of course."

Although most of Michelle's time is spent at the water, she still feels that possession of a golf cart would greatly improve her job efficiency. The recent rain showers have caused much travelling back and forth to the bunk.

When asked to compare Shabbat activity at Morasha with that in Charleston, Michelle concluded that "Chaim gets just as long a nap in either place."

Michelle's advice to our readers: "Save your Dixie cups, guys, 'cause the South will rise again."

....By Rita Siff

## MACHONIKS OF THE ISSUE

### JEFF KOBRIN and RENA RIVKIN

By Sharon Fischer, Ohed

One of the most beautiful precedents created in Camp Morasha is the Machon/B'nai B'rith day. The formidable task of coordinating this program this year was entrusted into the hands of two of our best Machoniks Jeff Kobrin and Rena Rivkin.

Jeff, A Shill Machonik, is a student at Ramaz. Next year Jeff will serve as chairperson of the Jewish Affairs committee.

Rena, an Ilanot Machonik, is a student at Central. This year she served as President of the Highland Park, N.J. N.C.S.Y. chapter.

Jeff and Rena were chosen for this job because they are both extremely capable, personable, energetic, and well qualified leaders. After the tremendous success of B'nai B'rith Day they filled all our expectations and even more.

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## WHEN WE GROW UP....

The pre Day Camp has been practicing daily from 5-6 for golf cart races to be held...when they grow up. Watch out for them on B Building Hill.

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## B'NAI B'RITH DAY

By Sharon Fischer, Ohed

On Wednesday, Machoniks shared in one of the most meaningful days of the summer. It would be impossible to find one person who was not a little bit nervous before the day, but in the end everyone agreed that the day was a special learning experience.

B'nai B'rith is a camp that attracts non-observant Jews from all around the country. The B.B.Y.O. kids spend as much as eight hours a day in learning seminars and lectures. Their visit to Morasha was a chance for them to talk to Orthodox teenagers and find answers to their questions.

The program also proved to be an outstanding day for Machon. We learned more about ourselves as questions about davening, boy/girl relationships, kashrut, and dozens of other topics were asked. We often struggle with answers but now the questions are on our minds and we are finding the answers.

The program began with a speech by Rabbi Saul Berman, and followed with sessions in the Bondi buildings. Then we had two free hours for sports and one on one talks. The highlight of the day was the song and dance presentation at night. The achdus and ruach we shared on Wednesday night should set an example for all of K'lall Yisroel. This was the ultimate lesson of B'nai B'rith day!

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## INTERBUNK CONTEST

Last week's M A N winners were Office Staff & Orlian, JSS Kollel, and Machon Boys.

Note the spelling of MANNEQUIN.

The following came very close: YP Kollel, G 15, B 19, Machon Girls, G 11A, G 1, GDH, G 10, and Boys' Waterfront. Keep trying.

Let's try more M A N.

1. Food miraculously provided for us in the midbar. *MANNA*
2. Small explanatory pamphlet *MANUAL*
3. Unwritten book or paper *MANUSCRIPT*
4. Director or administrator *MANAGER*
5. Stringed musical instrument *MANDOLIN*
6. Handcuffs *MANCLES*

Submit answers by Monday at 10.

## SPECIAL GUESTS AND OCCASIONS GRACE CAMP MORASHA

SHALHEVET extends a warm welcome to Larry Wachsmen, former Boys' Head Counselor for many years, who had visited Morasha this week and to Esti Knobel and Beth Schiowitz of last year's Shalhevet-Office Staff who are here for Shabbat.

We extend a sincere Mazel Tov to Joanne Weiner of G 4 who is celebrating her Bat Mitvah in camp this Shabbat and to her parents and family as well.

Oops... last week we forgot to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Reich on their grandson's Bar Mitzvah during the winter. Mazel Tov!

A staff Melaveh Malkah will be held Motzel Shabbat in honor of Ohed Head Steve Richter and his Kallah Sharon Stern. It will start at 11:30 in the Dining Room.

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## THE THREE WEEKS START ON THURSDAY

The Three Weeks, the saddest period of the Jewish calendar year, will start with the 17th of Tammuz on this coming Thursday.

Five calamities befell the Jewish people on that fateful day in Jewish history:

1. The Luchot (Tablets of the Law) were broken when Moshe saw the egel (golden calf) (Shemot 32:15)
2. The Korbon Tomid- the daily offering, ceased to be sacrificed.
3. The wall of Yerushalayim was breached
4. Apustumus burned a Torah scroll
5. An idol was set up in the Beis Hamikdash.

The Three Weeks, culminating with the Nine Days and Tisha B'Av are days of introspection when we try extra hard to observe Mitzvot and do our part to bring Moshiach and have the Beis Hamikash restored.

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# SPORTS

## THIS WEEK IN MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

By Gavriel Shapiro, Ohed

The New York Yanks gained a game on the BoSox this week cutting the lead to 7. This surge had been due to the hitting of Mattingly .341 and Easler .336. Larry Dykstra has taken away the batting lead from Tony Gwynn raising his average to .349 this season. This week he hit .619 hitting multiple doubles, triplets, and homers while winning the NL Player of the Week award. The Cincinnati Reds have been red hot since sweeping the Mets. They've gone from a sub .400 game winning percentage to .476, only 4 under .500.

The AL won for only its 4th time in the last 16 nites defeating the NL 3-2 in the All Star game. Lou Whitaker and Frank White hit homers for the AL. Roger Clemens got the win while Dwight Gooden took the loss.

Roger Clemens broke his two game losing streak this week with a win, raising his record to 15-2.

Is Dwight Gooden the best player on the Mets? As of now, the statistics tell another story. Bob Ojeda, the Mets newest lefthander, is now 10-2 with a 2.24 era while El Sid is 12-2 with a 2.67 era. Both are temporarily better than the Doctor who's 10-4 with a 2.77.

The boo of the week goes to the managers of both leagues for their poor selection of pitchers for the All-Star game. Whitey Herzog must have lost his marbles. How could he not take Bob Ojeda into the pitching staff? Dick Howser is one foolish man for not picking Dennis Rasmussen (10-2, 3.33 era) for his squad.

(To reply to this sports editorial, write to SHALHEVET, c/o H.C. before Tues. A.M.)

### MAJOR LEAGUE FIRST PLACERS

AL East- Boston ahead by 7

AL West- Calif. ahead by 1 1/2

NL East - Mets by 13

NL West - San Francisco by 1

(According to N.Y. Times of Thursday 7/17)

## MORASHA'S SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

### \* STAFF VICTORIOUS OVER LAVI

The Camp Morasha Staff Basketball Team came away victorious Monday night in the Mercazia with a win over Camp Lavi: 60-57. MVP Gary Beitler and Stephen Richter both had 16 points to key the victory.

### \* MACHON DEFEATS RAMAH'S CITS

The Camp Morasha Machon Basketball team defeated the Camp Ramah CIT's 38-33. MVP Moshe Friedlander went 9 for 10 from the foul line in scoring 15 points over all. The key to the victory was the packed in zone defense which gave points away stingily.

### \* ED STAFF TIES H.S. KOLLEL IN SOFTBALL

Called for lack of time after 10 innings of play, the Educational Staff tied the High School Kollel 3-3 in an exciting erev Shabbos Softball Game on Kollel Campus. Scorers for the Ed. Staff team were Rabbi Shimon Kerner on a sacrifice fly, Rabbi H. Billet, the pitcher, and Rabbi Tully Besser who hit four for five.

### \* ALUFOT GIRLS TO PLAY IN BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Coached by Sheba Stern, SE of G 19, the following girls of Alufot will play in a Basketball Tourney at Camp Hillel on Sunday. Shari Friedman, Idana Goldberg, Michal Lerner, Ora Nussbacher, Mandy Rochwarger, Miriam Rothman, Tikva Sharfman, Paulette Shapiro, Ruth Sussman, and Shoshana Twersky. Hatzlacha Rabbah, Girls...

### \* ALUFIM BOWL AT BINGHAMTON

This past Tuesday was Trip Day to Binghamton, N.Y. where the bowling lanes were open and the Alufim-Alufot division had an exciting game going. After the final game was bowled, however, Etan Felner outscored Ari Blech 153-146. Counselor Danny had the highest overall score with 146. Congratulations to the winners and those who did well.



# ROVING REPORTER



QUESTION: IF YOU COULD CHOOSE YOUR DESTINATION FOR TRIP DAY, WHERE WOULD YOU GO ? ?

ANSWERS:

Alan Segal, B 7: To the upper courts

Shimon Herman, B 5: To see my parents

Adnan Kolzer, B 14: To the Golf Cart Center

Yehuda Goldberg, B 15: To Yankee Stadium

Assaf Faber, B 5: To Pluto

Yehuda Balgelman, B 9: Lake Como, Italy

Yehuda Bienenstock, B 7: Bloomingdale's

Yehuda Willig, B 16: The Infirmary,

Yehuda Nordlicht, Waiter: To practice Hockey

Yehuda Golscher, SC, B 8: To the library to learn

Yehuda Loewenstein, B 46: Back to Georgia

Yehuda Gross, B 16: The Statue of Liberty

Yehuda Davis, B 7: Back to Montreal

Yehuda Weinberg, B 7: Amish Country

Yehuda Greenberg, B 7: Lloya

Yehuda Luria, B 7: Siberia

Yehuda Sharfman, Ass't. Music head: The Tazeb

Yehuda Shaw, SC, B 18: Square Town

Yehuda Stern, SC, B 19: Shea Stadium

Yehuda Luria, Waiter: Camp Lavi

Yehuda Luria, B 6: Madison Square Garden

Yehuda Luria, B 6: Home

Yehuda Luria, B 6: Canteen

Phyllis Wilkin, JC G 18: Israel

Moshe Adler, Waterfront: Middle of the lake with the boats and no one bothering me

Ahuvah Epstein, Ed Staff: Nowhere - there's no place like home.

Bonnie Soskin, JC, G 16: Mars

Nachum "Straton" Segal, A.R.C.D.H.: To MOM

Hershey Felder, Dramatics Ass't.: To the bottom of the lake

Ephraim Cohen, B 4: To Kollai

Jacob Kupietzky, B 4: Los Angeles

Naomi Kupchik, J.H. Hanot: Bernstein's

Yael Fuld, JC, B 5: To Shmuel Rosenk's room

Moshe D-Linsky, B 7: To Yael Fuld's house

Avromie Morechin, B 7: Binghamton

Gary Wallin, Maintenance: To Elliot - home of the Black Team

Larry Rosenblott, Gned, and Lee: Plato's Retreat

Alyson Friedman, C 20: To see Karate Kid

Marc Mendell, B 15: All around the world

Noam Cohen, B 2: To Venezuela - to see if my report was right

Avi Pollak, B 5: Hollywood

Elihu Givertz, B 14: Greek Island

Michael Strapp, B 6: China