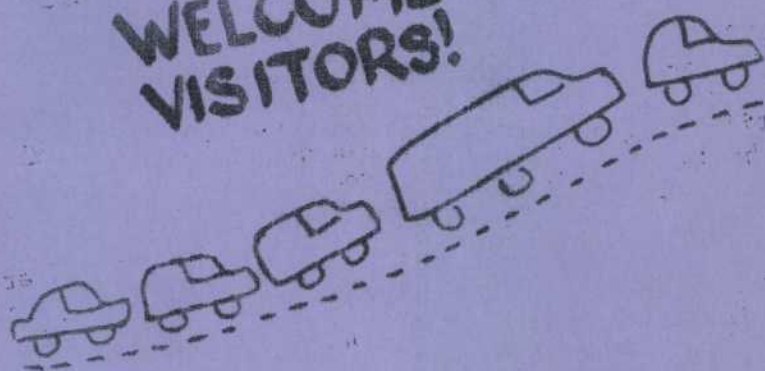




WELCOME
VISITORS!



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News of the Week

MORASHA PREPARES FOR 25th ANNUAL VISITING DAY FOR CAMPERS, PARENTS, & FORMER STAFF

Newly affixed signs and the unique scent of freshly mowed lawns abound as Morasha prepares for its 25th Annual Visiting Day which will take place on Sunday. (Actually our count may be off a little since in the early years there were two Visiting Days each season.)

Former staff have been invited to join the festivities along with campers and their guests. A buffet lunch will be served in the Dining Room at 12:30.

In honor of the occasion a special musical program will be presented in the Mercazia at 2 P.M. (Camp Time) Alufot, Machon, and other campers will perform.

Morashaniks who are children of former campers and staffers will be invited to sign the Offspring Tally sheet.

Enjoy your guests- don't eat too much !!

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SHTILI GIRLS "ESCAPE FROM RUSSIA" IN MOVING NIGHT ACTIVITY

In a moving night activity Wednesday at Bondi, Shtilim Girls learned some hard facts of life as they set up an "Escape From Russia" program.

With Counselors Sharon Friedman and Yael Shmidman in charge, the Bondis were transformed into offices of Russian bureaucrats and the Shtilis were forced to go from one to another having to think up excuses for their valid release.

Counselors and some specialty staff played the role of KGB'ers and other Bureaucrats to simulate the "frustration of bureaucracy" which an escape entails.

Tears were seen in the eyes of some of the Shtilis who couldn't stand to see the mean manner in which the Jews were treated.

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ONEG SHABBAT

Speaker: Rabbi Mordecai Willig, 10:15 Pargod

MORASHANIKS RAISE \$1500 IN UNPRECEDENTED TREE DRIVE

To offset the wanton Churban of trees in Israel by our enemies during the past several months, Morashaniks, in a most fitting response, have raised \$1500 to purchase new trees through the Keren Kayemet L'Yisrael.

An appeal was launched in all divisions on Tisha B'Av. The response by campers and staff has exceeded all expectations. Three hundred trees will be purchased.

In conjunction with our drive here, Sulam in Israel is actually planting some of the trees with our donations in mind besides their own.

If you would like to join the Morasha effort, let your counselor know. Staff can contact Michelle Sarasohn or Mimi Hershkowitz.

Everyone- campers, staff, and administration at Morasha deserve a hearty Yeyasher Koach for this outpouring expression of solidarity with Am Yisroel and Eretz Yisroel.

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WELCOME

SHALHEVET EXTENDS A WARM WELCOME TO DR. EDITH BONDI OF OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON HER ANNUAL MORASHA VISIT.

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KOL TORAH GROWS LOUDER IN MORASHA

The Kol Torah in Morasha is gaining volume as voluntary extra Shiurim meet with increased attendance.

Besides the early morning learning with Dovid and Yitz of Waterfront, Nitzi and Shtili boys can opt for Mishnayot Senhedrin with Rabbi Zev Leibowitz 20 minutes before Mincha. Many counselors of Nachzor Bet conduct learning sessions with campers for 10 minutes after davening. All are invited.

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HAZEL TOV ON THEIR BAR MITZVAHS

to

ARYEH MANDEL and family

and

NICOLOS MUZIN and family.

TORAH

THOUGHTS

OUR FACULTY WRITES...

A D'VAR TORAH ON.....

ON PARSHAT V'ETCHANAN

By Rabbi David Wadler

Parshat V'Etchanan begins with Moshe Rabbeinu pleading with Hashem to allow him to enter Eretz Yisrael. Hashem's answer as told by Moshe was: "Hashem turned angrily against me because of you." It would seem that Hashem did not allow Moshe to enter Eretz Yisrael because of B'nei Yisrael.

If you examine the episode in Parshat Chukat (20:12) a different reason is given. The Torah tells us that Moshe hit the stone to bring forth water, and his punishment is: "Because you had no confidence in me to sanctify me in the eyes of the Children of Israel therefore you shall not bring this congregation to the land which I had given them."

It is clear that Moshe was punished for hitting the stone. How then can Moshe blame Bnei Yisrael for his faults?

A possible explanation for Moshe's reasoning is as follows (as heard from Rabbi M. Savitsky): Moshe Rabbeinu's main task as the leader of B'nei Yisrael was to raise them to a high level of Emunat Hashem. A test of Bnei Yisrael's faith was to see if they were worthy of seeing the great miracle of the rock bringing forth water by merely talking to it. When it became obvious that Bnei Yisrael were not worthy, Moshe resorted to hitting the stone, which was a much smaller miracle. Moshe is punished not for hitting the stone, but for not bringing Bnei Yisrael to a higher madra'gah of Emunat Hashem.

We can now understand why Moshe is correct when he blames Bnei Yisrael for his not being allowed into Eretz Yisrael. Had they followed his teaching and worked harder they would have been worthy to see the miracle of Moshe speaking to the rock to bring forth water, and Moshe would have been shown as a successful leader.

Our lesson from this D'var Torah is simple. Here in camp, and at Yeshiva, we are taught how to follow the laws of the Torah. It is our job to listen, learn, and work hard to reach the heights of Shmirat Hamitzvos and Emunat Hashem that we were taught.

Shabbat Shalom.

PARSHAT V'ETCHANAN

By Avraham Rothman, Y.P. Kolliel

In this week's Parsha, Moshe relates to Bnei Yisrael the episode of Matan Torah and repeats the Aseres Hadibros. Subtle, albeit significant differences exist between the wording of the Dibros in Yisro and in our Parsha. One addition is the words "K'asher Tzvicha Hashem" in the Dibros of Shabbos and Kibbud Av V'Aim. Why are these words present in our Parsha, yet absent in Yisro? Furthermore, why with regard to these two Mitzvos did B'nei Yisrael need to be reminded, "as Hashem commanded?"

The Chasam Sofer offers the following explanation. Shabbos and Kibbud Av V'Aim can be classified as "logical Mitzvos." One would encounter little difficulty in convincing an individual of the need for a "week-end". Similarly, few would deny the need to honor and serve one's parents, to in some way "reimburse" them for their concern and care. However, in the Midbar, Bnei Yisrael did not "put in a week at the office" to require a "week-end". Likewise, they did not necessarily "owe" their parents, as their needs were provided directly by Hashem. Their food (i.e. the "Man") was provided daily from Heaven. The Annanei Hakovod served as their "dry cleaners", and they lacked a need for "Bloomingdale's and Macy's" as their clothes simply grew with them (Rashi - Ekev 8:4). Hence, the Dor Hamidbar (addressed in Yisro) kept these two mitzvos simply "because Hashem commanded", and did not require the reminder of "K'asher Tzvicha". However, the second generation of Bnei Yisrael (addressed in our Parsha) would soon be leaving the Midbar and entering Eretz Yisrael where, they may keep these mitzvos out of common sense. Moshe needed to remind them to continue keeping those Mitzvos "K'asher Tzvicha."

As this Sunday passes, many in camp may find good reason to honor their parents as "payment" for the delicacies, etc. so graciously delivered to camp. If we, however, still keep this Mitzvah of Kibbud Av V'Aim "K'asher Tzvicha" we will have helped rectify one of the causes of the Churban, and bring us one step closer to the Geulah Shelema - B'mheira Bi'yameinu.

JOIN AN EARLY MORNING LEARNING GROUP !!!

עמוד עבר

תשס"ז "ישראל"

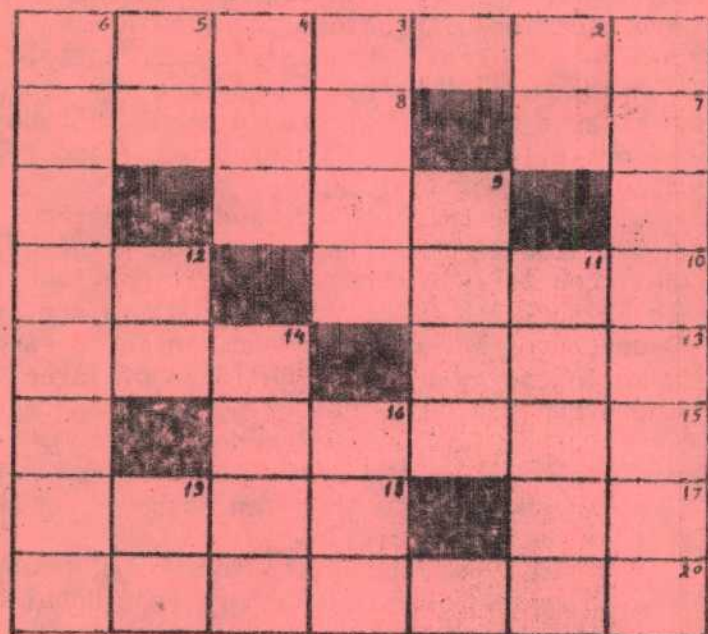


הוא לא יצא

אמא בעסה על שאול ואמרה לו: „אסור לך לצאת החוצה!“
היה שאול עצוב, כי רצה לצאת ולשחק. פתאם מצא עצה: הוא
אל הדלת ואמר:
„אמא אני זכנָס החוצה.“

למה ללכת?

דני שואל: „מה את עושה, אמא?“
אמא עונה: „אני מלמדת את אחיך הקטן ללכת.“
„אבל מדוע?“ שואל דני. „הלא יש לנו מכונת...“



ממיו לשמאל: 1. עיר-הבירה של ישראל; 7. ווטל הנושא את ביתו של הגב; 8. מי שלומד תרבה; 9. האם של שני וקבל; 10. לא כבדים; 12. האשה של האב; 13. נהר קטן; 14. העץ plane; 15. שם ראה יעקב אבינו את החלום שלו (שתי מלים); 17. אויו; 18. הנהר אשר בו נחנה התורה לבני ישראל; 20. שם בקר ומוסד חנוכי בקרי ירושלים (שתי מלים).

מלמלה למסח: 1. נשיא מדינת ישראל; 2. איש תורה; 3. סוף המלחמה; 4. מדוע; 5. קה אנו בוחבים ועובדים; 6. ראש ממשלה ישראל; 9. נצרה המשרתת בעבא; 11. הלחיים שלו; 12. אלהים; 14. הקליים (buckets) שלי; 16. בו אביה מלך ירושלים; 19. נוסר למעלה (בראשי תיבות).



Shalhevet Features

STAFFER OF THE ISSUE

ILAN GEAL-DOR

Morasha's Overnight Camping program is seeing the dawn of revitalized activity this summer thanks to the expertise and leadership of department head, ILAN GEAL-DOR.

Under Ilan's guidance, "EVEN MORASHA KIDS ENJOY AN OVERNIGHT." His goal of getting Morashaniks to develop a positive attitude towards (1) going to the outdoors, and (2) to liking Israel and Israelis is quickly being attained as he leads all divisions to the woods.

Ilan has served for $4\frac{1}{2}$ years in the Israeli army where he was a medic and did four months of service in Lebanon. He has completed the Hesder program in Karnei Shomron.

Last summer ilan was the Israeli counselor of Morasha's Sulam program. He really enjoys Morasha and Morashaniks. Ilan's mother is English and his father Dutch, so if ice cream were part of the overnight's menu, he could have some just one hour after finishing his hot dog.

There is no camp program in Israel to compare with Morasha's according to Ilan. There the campers spend all of their time in the outdoors- usually for a stint of nine days.

True to his Chesed personality, Ilan extends an invitation to Morashaniks to come to Israel and "visit me at home." "My home is open to all of you."

When we come, at least we'll know how to set up camp.

Welcome to the Morasha family, Ilan. It's a privilege to have you with us.

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CAMPER CLOSE-UPS

The campers of this week's Close-UP column were interviewed en route to the Dining Room.

ADAM MELZER is 14 years old, lives in Lawrence, and attends HAFTR. Following family tradition- his brother Eric is on the Morasha sports staff- his favorite activity is basketball. Adam's career ambition is to go into real estate.

DAVID RUDITSKY and ERIC GOLDBERG also consider basketball their favorite Morasha activity. David, age 14, comes from Teaneck where he attends Moriah Academy. What does he want to do in the future: "Get rich!"

ERIC lives in Kew Garden Hills and attends the Yeshiva of Central Queens. He has a brother here in Shtilim. Eric told us he wants to be a pilot when he grows up.

LISI BENOVIITZ (G 9) is 13 and comes from Riverdale where she's going into the eighth grade at SAR. Lisi's favorite activity: Shiurim. Her ambition: to be a psychologist. Although Lisi has no siblings in Morasha now, her parents were on the staff here before she was born.

JENNIFER SANDEL is 12 and comes to camp from another country. She lives in Toronto where she attends Etz Chaim Yeshiva. She has a brother in Nitzanim and her favorite activity is BBK. As we go to press, her future is still undecided.

RENA GOLDBERG, $11\frac{1}{2}$, comes from Brooklyn where she's a student at the Yeshiva of Flatbush. The twins in Nachon are her siblings. Rena enjoys Rest Hour in camp while she's getting ready to become a lawyer.

SORA CARMEL, 13, lives in Englewood and attends Yavneh Academy. Although her favorite camp activity is sleeping, she does want to dance away her future as a choreographer.

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LOOK - OUT

BE ON THE LOOK-OUT FOR THE LIBRARY BOOK SALE WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE SOON.....

A SHALHEVET WEEKLY....

THE S.D.P. S C E N E

By Mandy Rochwarger

S.D.P. UP CLOSE, BUT NOT TOO CLOSE

Ever wonder what your bunk Machonik does on his/her other Star Days? They take a specialty job. Some are more fun than others. Can you believe it - some even take a specialty three days a week. There are various jobs. One can be a member of the waterfront crew, the sports staff, drama, music, art, infamous waiters, and even the infirmiry staff.

What makes a specialty job worthwhile? Well-- many specialty SDP'ers say, "You meet more staff and campers than you normally would just doing a bunk." And this is true. When working on a bunk one is restricted to the kids and staff of that division basically and limited interaction with other people. With a specialty, each period brings new and exciting people to enrich the dull life of painting scenery or sitting at the vacant desk in front of the infirmiry.

We interviewed an SDP'er in each of the following specialties:

Waterfront: How do you feel about instructing youngsters to swim? "Well, it is kind of a big responsibility when you get down to it. To teach them to swim in the lake is dangerous, so you have to be extra careful."

Sports: We asked Ora Nusbacher what she likes best on a work day. The answer: cancellations. And then they ask why people wonder what goes on in the sports scene.

Drama: What exactly do Ricki Zibitt's helpers do? "We do a little bit of all the behind the scenes action, but we primarily paint the scenery."

An infirmiry duty one gets an incredible ego boost. During infirmiry call you are the only non- doctor/ nurse/ aide person that is not asked to leave.

Life in camp as a specialty in camp is not so terrible for a Machonik. Besides you may even get to be involved in a waterfront megaphone ruckus or a waiter - well, you know what I mean.

25th ANNIVERSARY FEATURE.....

MORASHA in 1980

From the files of SHALHEVET.....

* Educational complex, named for Dr. Edith and the late Arnold Bondi of Houston, Texas, founding members of camp's Board of Directors, enhance Morasha campus.

* Dr. Sam Ritter, camp physician, debuts in "Getting to Know You" opening night program.

* Alufim/ot present the "Diary of Anne Frank" starring Naomi Kupchik, Saul Bienenfeld, and Laura Morgenstern.

* Mark Dratch, Division Head, begins his search for his "Basheete".

* Shayne Schwed, "the only person in camp who does "Chicken Fat" nine times a day" returns to Morasha as Dance Director.

* Goldenberg's Peanut Chews are new in the canteen.

* Rabbi Richie Auman, interviewed as Hlanot Division Head, reveals that in his spare time he is a member of the Boys' Campus Maintenance Crew "that fixes among other things sinks, toilets, golfcarts, and flagpoles."

* The first thing Rochellie Zauderer, G 14, wants to do when she gets home is turn on the air conditioner. Robbie Wind, B 16, wants to go to Zannani's Kosher Pizza Place.

* Elly Storch of Day Camp writes that his favorite period in school is recess,

* Jeff Braverman, B 16, if he had an extra hour, would use it slowly.

* Keith Landsman, B 15, celebrates his Bar Mitzvah. Sister Robin is in G 2.

* Leigh Finear, G 17, wants her parents to bring her a telephone on Visitor's Day.

* Meir and Eltan Orlian named champions in separate Bible contests.

From our Readers.....

NITZANIM GIRLS ENJOY CHESED WEEK

By Tali Cohen and Maliah Kleiner

IMPRESSIONS OF TISHA B'AV EVE

By Mandy Rochwarger, Machon

This past week the Nitzanim girls participated in a chesed week. Each girl received a secret partner to which she did various acts of chesed without her partner knowing who she was. For example, making each other's beds, doing their clean-up when they were in the infirmary and buying them little gifts from the canteen. At the end of a full week of doing secret favors for our partners, we finally found out who our partners were. We all made up cups full of candy to give to our chesed partner and let them know who we were. We all enjoyed it and learned a lot about chesed and doing things for our friends.

This past Motzsei Shabbat our usual Havdalah candles were replaced with blazing torches and flickering candles.

The annual procession to the Mercazia was a little different this year. The rain caused the trek to be a little tricky, but to some it provided just the right atmosphere as it was added to the abounding tones of M'Hayrah and the ominous voice of Rabbi Derman. Going up the dirt road lit only by Machonik's torches and SDP girls' candles that flanked the path proved to be quite awesome and mysterious for the younger divisions.

KOLLEL COMES TO BOYS' CAMPUS

By Nachum Spirn

After walking through arches of fire, the entire camp settled themselves on the floor of the Mercazia and listened to a narrative of the history of Jewish destruction. After the recitation of Eicha the Alufot/Im and SDP remained for a kumsitz. This entire evening began a very meaningful Tisha B'Av.

Every other Friday, Ilanot Boys' learning groups are given over to "substitute rebbe" for a session. In this innovative program, initiated two summers ago, a group of young men from Kollel come down to the Bondis, divide the Ilanot into groups of 3-4, and learn with them in whatever Meschta they happen to be learning.

The Ilanot thus get a change of pace in their learning week. They get a chance to review what they have learned (or explore new area) with an advanced, enthusiastic "older guy", in a smaller setting than usual. And the Kollel bachurim get a chance to get the flavor for teaching. Both sides usually find that the session flies by with great excitement.

Everyone is heartened by the positive results to date, and encourage even greater participation.

QUESTION: IF YOU COULD TAKE A DAY OFF FROM DAY CAMP, WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

ANSWERS:

Rivka Sturm: Stay with my Ima and Abba

Shmuel Rhein: Go to Toys R Us and buy myself a lot of toys

Esti Besser: Buy toys for my baby

Adina Willig: Go to Great Adventures

Chill Epstein: Go on a spaceship to the moon

Chill Besser: Go make myself the king of the world

Mayer Sternberg: Go golfing

Tali Schwed: Go swimming because I love to swim

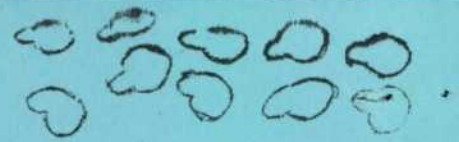
Alisa Rhein: Rollerskating, bowling, and for pizza and ice cream.

THREE CELEBRATE 100TH ANNIVERSARY

In this 25th Anniversary year of Morasha, three gentlemen reported to SHALHEVET that they celebrated a 100th Anniversary last week!

Josh Zauderer, Nitzel Dill, Mark Klein, Machon Counselor, and Moshe Adler of Waterfront spent their 100th Shabbat in Morasha.

ROLLING REPORTER



QUESTION: HOW WOULD YOU CELEBRATE MORASHA'S 25th ANNIVERSARY ? ? ? ?

ANSWERS:

- Red Team, Ilanot: Win our Color War
- Tova Moses, G 7: Sleep late
- Danny Feiner, B 19: Throw fire crackers
- Ari Gross, B 3: Take off and go fishing
- Noam Cohen, B 3: Order everything in the canteen
- Kenny Rozenberg, Shtilim D.H.: Authorize golf carts for Division Heads
- Larry Schwed, Ed. Staff: Give everyone an extra day off
- Corey Richman, B 1: Authorize golf carts for all campers
- Yitzie Shapiro, B 6: Send everyone to Sulam
- Ranan Grobman, B1: Air condition the bunks
- Avi Newmark, B 19: Put on a play
- Robert Wilon, B 6: Reopen D.J.'s
- Jacob Kupietzky, B 4: Conduct golf cart races
- David Sanders, B 6: Play an oldtimers vs. campers softball game
- Charles Fagin, B 1: Let campers make announcements
- Carol Rochwarger, G 4: Steal the flag
- Akiva Willig, B 16: Build a pool
- Nelly Machnikoff, G 3: Give campers free sodas
- Steven Miller, B 4: Fly campers to Hawaii
- Gliad Kalter, B 18: Have an all day free swim
- Zush Motechin, Head Counselor: Buy silver candlesticks for Mrs. Reich
- Nechama Milier, G 13: Buy a new dress
- Sharon Fischer, Jodi Bruck, Sharon Mann, Shtili Counselors: Reunite Sulam '85
- Robbie Wind, Sports: Have the BOYS win Shiah for once
- Tamar Bruger, G 15: Hang balloons on every leaf
- Elana Greenwald, G 16: Put up streamers
- Ahuva Epstein, Ed. Staff: Put up fans in the Dining Room
- Ira Raskas, B 17: Move Morasha to St. Louis
- Benji Kessler, JC, B 4: Open a branch of Morasha on the West Coast
- Yitz Mehlman, Waterfront: Take a motorboat to get a golf cart to get to Alyses'
- Yaakov Cohen, K.I.T. : Air condition the Beis Medrash
- Eli Berzel, B 5: Go to A Red Sox game in Boston
- Seth Gordon, SC, B 2: Bring back Larry Wachsmen and Stretch
- Azriel Rausman, B 3: Provide Bunk Service at mealtime
- Benjy Epstein, B 17: Have horse races in camp
- Dror Barber, B 2: Have Intercamps without rain
- Shuli Rubin, Machon: Give Machoniks kayaks for the whole day
- Gary Wallin, Driver: Open a Staff Coffee Shop and Cafe
- Elissa Schwartz, SC 11, Robin Landsman, SC 17, and Aidel Newman, SE 2: Get our own 10 th Anniversary T shirts
- Georganna Rosenberg, G 14: Design Morasha skirts