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WELCOME '89

FOR THE OPENING SHABBAT OF MORASHA '89, SHALHEVET BRINGS YOU A MINI-EDITION.
A MORE COMPLETE ISSUE WILL BE PUBLISHED NEXT WEEK.....

TORAH THOUGHTS

PARSHAT KORACH

A Thought from GROWTH THROUGH TORAH by Pliskin

At times kindness requires that we use
harsh measures.....

"And Moshe said, with this you shall know that
the Almighty sent me to do all these things. I
did not make them up." (Bamidbar 16:28)

Moshe goes on to tell Korach and his fol-
lowers that they would soon die unnatural deaths
(verse 29-35). This might appear to be very
cruel on Moshe's part. To explain Moshe's react-
ion, the Alshich gives the analogy of a doctor
who sees a need to amputate a person's hand or
foot in order that the disease not spread. Al-
though this might seem cruel, it really is an
act of kindness because it saves the person's
life. Similarly, Moshe saw that Korach's re-
bellion was spreading and he had 250 follow-
ers already. In order to save the rest of
the nation, Moshe with his compassion for ev-
eryone else, had to use stringent measures.

True kindness at times will obligate us
to use approaches that might appear very
strict. But the key factor is always our mo-
tivation and the entire situation. If some-
one sees a young child playing with matches
and grabs them from him, the child will most
probably cry and think that this person is
very cruel. But only a person who is apath-
etic or callous would allow the child to con-
tinue playing with matches. Using harsh mea-
sures when they are not needed is cruel. But
failing to use harsh measures when they are
the only approach available in order to help
someone is also cruel. The person who is truly
kind will weigh each situation carefully
to see what is needed. People who lack com-
passion use this concept as a rationalization
to be cruel, which is very wrong. But misplac-
ed softness also has negative consequences.
Much wisdom and compassion are needed to ap-
ply the appropriate methods in each situation.

Roving Reporter

QUESTION: WHAT WAS HARDEST TO PART WITH
WHEN YOU LEFT FOR MORASHA ? ? ? ? ?

Jeff Braverman, Music Asst: My stuffed
elephant named Snorkey

Jeff Kobrin, DH Shtetlim: My driver's
license

Romy Gardenschwartz, G 20: My family

Maren Steinberger, G20: My baby sister

Dena Preminger, G 20: My mother's cooking

Michal Sonnenberg, G 19: My quilt

Lisa Oppenheim, G 19: My best friend

Rena Cohn, G 19: My cushiony mattress

Ayelet Lichtiger, G 19: My pool

Jennifer Kasner, G 20: My room

Stephanie Dienstag, G 19: My babysitting
charges and friends

Safreda Besser, Office: Chili

Jennifer Zomick, Office: My mother

Robin Landsman & Yael Hochberg, Alufot SC's:
Air Conditioners

Amy Sorscher, Chanle Fruchter, & Susie
Silverstein: Israel

Malkie Klein, SC G18: Television

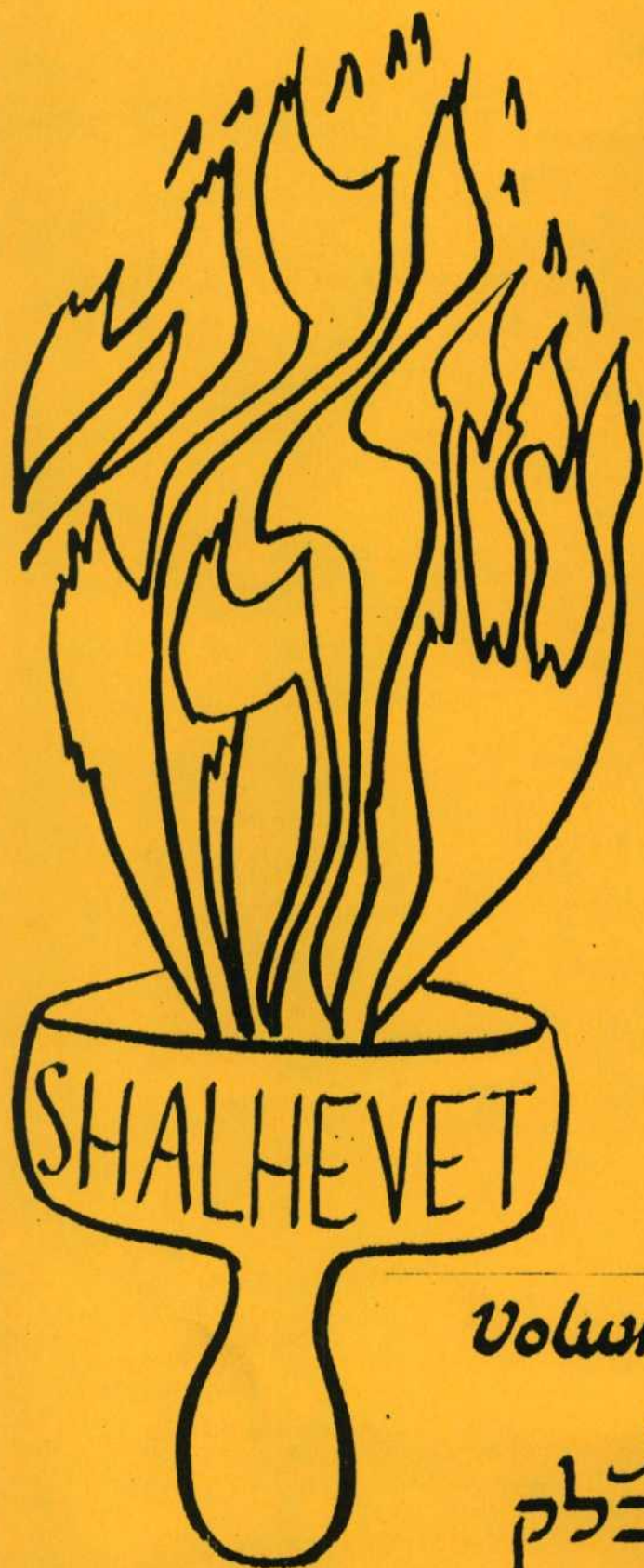
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News of the Week

NEW PAVILION, BUNKS, COURTS, DOCK AND STAFF ADDED FOR SUMMER 1989

A new pavilion (What would you call it?) new bunks for campers and staff, a beautiful new dock on boys' waterfront, and a new tennis court on Machon, as well as air conditioning for the infirmary and Bais Medrash are among the major innovations in place as Camp Morasha enters its second quarter century.

The structure on Girls' Campus near the lake is used for davening, dancing (What a difference! even if we don't have a pole in the middle to bump into," says Shayne Schwed, Dance Head), and many other activities. A contest is underway to find a suitable name. Submit your suggestions to the SHALHEVET envelopes in the HCs and Office. The one who names the Pavilion will be properly rewarded.

Morasha's waiters now enjoy brand new housing as do the Division Heads on Girls' Campus. Screen doors and exhaust fans have been installed in each bunk. The new tennis court adorns the once beautiful Morasha golf course.

Staff additions include an assistant to the Day Camp Director, Geula Twersky, whose husband Yitzchok, a Kollel alumnus, is on the ed staff, Paula Spodek has been added to the all-year round office staff, the infirmary has a full complement of nurses and aides to assist our capable physician, Debby Yarmish is back on the waterfront, and the Hararis have returned once again.

All in all we're in for another great summer led by our Director Zvi Reich, Assistant Director Rabbi A. Wahrhaftig, and their outstanding staff in all areas.

HAZEL TOV TO RABBI AND MRS. YITZCHOK COHEN AND FAMILY OF THE HIGH SCHOOL KOLLEL ON THE BAR MITZVAH OF YAACOV BEZALEL, ONE OF THE FEW MORASHANIKS BORN IN HONESDALE, PA.

MACHON HOSTS YACHAD IN INSPIRING DAY OF ACTIVITY

Machon boys and girls played host to members of Yachad in a program combining chess, learning, fun, and inspiration last Sunday and Monday.

After intergroup recreational activities and supper, a spirited session of singing and dancing was led by the Morasha Music Staff and Rabbi Naftali Besser. Jeff Braverman offered a moving rendition of "You and I are Not So Different."

Each group presented a D'var Torah. "Doing the Mitzvos keeps us together and that is what Yachad is All about," said Mendy Dreilick from Yachad. Zahava Weitschner of Machon pointed out that no one person can do 613 Mitzvos, but Yachad-together we can.

Elana Goldscheider, former Shtili counselor, accompanied Yachad as Assistant Director. "The Machoniks were very receptive to Yachad and made them feel very welcome here. Many thanks for a great time."

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SHIRIAH TO BE HELD MONDAY

SHIRIAH- An annual highlight of the Morasha season will be held this coming Monday night, before the beginning of the Three Weeks.

Boys, led by Jeff Kobrin, Hillel Scheinfeld, and Jonathan Paley, and Girls- led by Dassy David, Shira Friedman, Lisa Wahrhaftig, and Shuli Rubin, will each present three songs.

Under direction of the Music Staff led by Sandy Sudberg and Jeff Braverman, the program also includes songs by Machon and Day Camp.

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WHERE ARE THE 12 DAUGHTERS OF KING WILLY GOING EVERY NIGHT? ? See the SHITLI PRODUCTION DIRECTED BY RICKI ZIBBIT.....



TORAH THOUGHTS



A D'VAR TORAH...
ON PARSHAT CHUKAT

By Tzvi Pittinsky, HS Kollel

In Parshat Chukat we find the story of Moshe's hitting the rock. Bnei Yisroel cried out to Moshe to give them water to drink. Hashem told Moshe to talk to a rock causing water to come out for Bnei Yisroel to drink. This miracle would sanctify Hashem's name before Bnei Yisroel.

Moshe did not listen to Hashem. He gathered Bnei Yisroel and called them rebels for doubting Hashem. He then hit the rock rather than talking to it, and caused water to come out. For this Moshe was punished severely. He was not allowed to enter Israel.

The Rambam and Ramban argue over what sin Moshe did to deserve such grave punishment. The Rambam explained that Moshe was punished for getting angry at Bnei Yisroel and insulting them with names. The Ramban says that Moshe was punished for hitting the rock rather than talking to it, thus diminishing the miracle.

We can actually explain these opposing views as one sin. There were two ways Moshe could have approached the problem at hand. Bnei Yisroel were doubting the power of Hashem to give them water. Moshe could have rebuked Bnei Yisroel so that they would repent for their sin.

However he could have taken a second approach and praised Bnei Yisroel. This would have embarrassed them and make them feel sorry for their sins. Through Moshe's praise, the rock would have acted on behalf of Yisroel and water would have come forth. By rebuking, Moshe insulted the rock. The rock responded by forcing Moshe to hit it in order to bring forth water.

From here we see the way we should approach arguments. The true way to deal with friends is calmly. By not getting angry, we save ourselves much future pain.

OUR FACULTY SPEAKS....
ON PARSHAT CHUKAT

By Rabbi R. Harari, Ed. Staff

One of the saddest episodes in the entire Torah appears in Parshat Chukkat. G-d punished Moshe and Aharon prohibiting them from entering the Holy Land about which they had dreamed. What was their sin? In G-d's words, "They did not believe in me to sanctify Me before the Children of Israel."

The commentators have debated what exactly was the severe sin committed by these great leaders. Perhaps the most instructive for us is that of Maimonides. Maimonides writes that Moshe erred by admonishing the people with the words, "Listen you rebellious people." G-d neither commanded him nor wanted him to speak angrily to the people. Leaders are expected to deal with the people with respect and exactly as G-d had commanded. Once Moshe had violated this, he was no longer entitled to enter Israel as the people's leader.

This unfortunate incident leads us to understand the importance of treating everyone- friends, counselors, teachers- with respect. What an important lesson as we begin a new season of Morasha activity.

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PARSHA QUIZ ??

Submit your answers to the HC by Monday.
Winning bunks will be rewarded.

1. Which animal protected the master who had been cruel to it?
2. Which important person didn't say what he wanted to?
3. Who did a good deed when he killed two people?
4. Who was Pinchas' grandfather?

עמוד עברי

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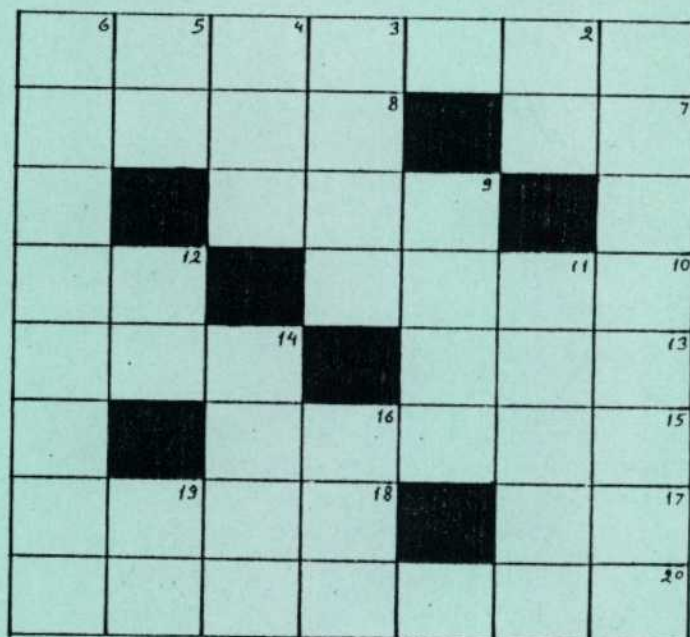


הוא לא יצא

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



מִימִין לְשִׁמָּאל: 1. עיר־הבירה של יִשְׂרָאֵל; 7. זוחל הנושא את ביתו
על הגב; 8. מי שלומד הרבה; 9. האם של סוֹ וְהֶבֶל; 10. לא כבדים;
12. האשה של האב; 13. נהר קטן; 14. הֶעֶז plane; 15. שם ראה
יַעֲקֹב אֶבְיָנוֹ אֶת הַחֲלוֹם שֶׁלוֹ (שְׁתֵּי מַלְאִים); 17. אוֹיֵז; 18. הָהָר אֲשֶׁר
בוֹ נִתְּנָה הַתּוֹרָה לְבְנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל; 20. שם קָפָר וּמוֹסָד חֲנוּכֵי בְּהָרֵי
יְרוּשָׁלַיִם (שְׁתֵּי מַלְאִים).

מִלְמַעְלָה לְמַטָּה: 1. נְשִׂיא מְדִינַת יִשְׂרָאֵל; 2. איש תורה; 3. סוף
המלחמה; 4. מדוע; 5. בָּה אֲנִי כוֹתֵבִים וְעוֹבְדִים; 6. ראש ממשלת
יִשְׂרָאֵל; 9. נַעֲרָה הַמְּשֻׁרָּתֶת בְּצָבָא; 11. הַלְחִיִּים שֶׁלוֹ; 12. אֱלֹהִים;
14. הַקְּלִיִּים (buckets) שֶׁלִּי; 16. בּוֹ אֶבְיָה מֶלֶךְ יְרוּשָׁלַיִם; 19. נֹפֶר
לְמַעְלָה (בְּרָאשֵׁי תְבוּת).



SHALHEVET FEATURES

Staffer of the Issue...

JEFF BRAVERMAN

In his 13th year at Camp Morasha, Jeff vividly remembers his Nitzi days when he was a "shy, little kid." It was the stage at Morasha and Rabbi Joe Berlin, former Director of Dramatics who gave Jeff the springboard to jump into the real world of music and dance. Today our Assistant Music Director is the composer of three of this year's Shiriah numbers. He has also landed a leading role in a full scale movie "Echoes" cast as the rebellious older brother coping with his fatally ill younger sister while attempting to raise her.

Jeff studied at the Hebrew Academy of Montreal, BMT in Yerushalayim, and a private college in Montreal, but he credits Morasha for all of his training in music and drama.

When not acting, our star, who has performed in the world renowned Montreal Yiddish theatre, teaches computers, gives Bar Mitzvah lessons, works as a foreman in a steel plant and serves as youth director at his shul.

Asked what draws him back to Morasha year after year, Jeff replied, "While campers change, the hashkafa and ideology remain constant and become a part of you. It's like coming home to family. My writing music for Camp Morasha is my way of giving back a small part of the tradition and feelings which the camp has instilled in me."

In Nitzi plays, through the plays of all divisions and staff, not to leave out his presentations at Seudot Shlishit on Machon Campus, Jeff Braverman has left an indelible mark on Camp Morasha.

All of us have been touched and inspired to look a little bit deeper into ourselves because of him.

.....R. Siff

CAMPER Closeups...

ILANOT GIRLS

The first campers to be seen Close-Up in this year's edition of SHALHEVET were found on the Girls' Campus Road not too far from the new Pavilion (Can you name it?) SHALHEVET happened to meet five residents of Ilanot Bunk Number 4. All are going into Grade 9.

RENA GOLDSMITH will enter Frisch High School. Her favorite activity is tennis and she has not yet decided what she wants to do when she gets older.

LAURIE ROTHSTEIN is going into Bruria. More than any other activity in camp she likes rest hour. Laurie is headed for a career in advertising. Her sister is in Machon.

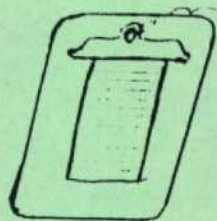
MIRIAM MANN, SHARONNE BENDHEIM, and NAOMI SHAPIRO will all be going to Central. Hockey is Miriam's favorite activity and she also wants to go into advertising. She is accompanied in camp by a brother in Kollel.

SHARONNE is one of many members of her family to have attended Morasha. Her brother is in younger Ilanot. Sharonne likes volleyball best and claims she wants to be a fireman when she grows up.

NAOMI wants to be a psychiatrist in the future. Right now her favorite activity is basketball. She has two brothers in camp- a Shtili and a Nitzi.

GABRIELA RAUZMAN of Bunk 5 is also going to Central. Her favorite time is Rest Hour and so far she has no idea of what her future will bring.

AYALA SHAPIRO of Monsey attends Bas Torah. While her favorite camp activity is rest, her ambition is to be a doctor. She has a brother in younger Shtilim.



ROVING REPORTER

QUESTION.... IF YOU COULD MAKE ONE CHANGE AT CAMP MORASHA, WHAT WOULD IT BE ? ? ?

ANSWERS...

MACHON BOYS: Institute a shuttle from Machon to Main Campus

Yosef Nusbacher, SC, B 16: Eliminate "No Torah Tuesday"

Paul Belitz, JC, B 3: Assign cars to counselors

Elan Zibbit, B 7: Allocate roller blades to all campers

David Polinsky, Waiter & Paul Packer, JC, B 5: The locks on B 5

Shanachaya Auman, G 6: Add more time for baseball

Machon Girls: The Machon fan

Michal Muller, G 12: Add a diving board

Girls' Staff: Boys' Staff

Wendy Gertleman, G 12: Add carpeting in the bunk

Shana Sultanik, G 8 & Karen Zelenetz, G 8: Add more sports

Yaacov Wahrhaftig, B 6: Promote the Assistant Director

Rebecca Grauer, G 10: Add more trips

Debra Oppenheim, G 10: Add more time to sleep

Jeff Kobrin, Shtili DH: Eliminate some of the paperwork

Jason Finkelstein, B 6: The lake

Waiters: Our salary

Office Staff: Add more phone lines

Robert Wilon, B 8: Reinstitute the Shabbos walk

Moshe Malino, B 8: Make wake-up later

Malkie Klein, CC, G 17: The curfew

Aura Goldschmidt, G 3: Not to get sick on the first day

Ari Grobman, B 19: Distribute mosquito nets to everyone

Ronan Shapiro, B 2: Install a conveyor sidewalk from boys to dining room

Jill Jedwab, Machon: Nothing. Everything is fine.

Akiva Willig, B 2: Assign a golf cart to each bunk

Daniel Schor, B 6: Install a Shabbat Elevator to the Mercazia

Eric Melzer, Sports: Make Reiss a member of sports staff

Aliza Katz, G 16: Combine campuses

Pirchei Alpert, G 4: Add another Visiting Day

Aviva Gurell, G 4: Build a swimming pool

Yitzchok Mehlman, Machon C & Beth Glucksman, SC G 6: Make night time all day long

Rachel Stieglitz, G 12: Debug the camp

Sabrina Gluck, G 12: The water

Shani Werblowsky, G 12 and Daphne Spilke, G 12: Install air conditioning

Shalva Schwartz, G 8: Provide more cubby