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# News of the Week

## MORASHA DRAMATISTS SET FOR PLAY FILLED SEASON UNDER NEW HEAD

By Alan Braverman, Drama Assistant

Under the leadership of a new director, Michal Goldberg, assisted by Alan Braverman, Morasha's Drama Department will offer a new approach to teaching and performing. Casts have already been selected for plays in each division, and rehearsals have begun.

Machzor Aleph will present a gala evening during which the Nitzanim girls and boys respectively will perform two short Robin Hood plays. The Shrilim girls and boys will present everyone's favorite scenes from *Alice in Wonderland*. The Ilanot, who will have the opportunity to be the first group to perform this year, will present *The Final Dress Rehearsal* which is a farce in one act about a group of high school students who attempt to put on an original version of *Cinderella*.

The Alufim-Alufot will perform during the Nine Days, and in keeping with the spirit of the time will put on *A Shayna Maydel*. This is a play about a family that was separated before the Holocaust and find each other afterwards in New York.

Machon and Staff will present Woody Allen's *Don't Drink the Water* which is a story about a family from Newark who takes a vacation behind the Iron Curtain and ends up running from the Communist Police.

Enthusiasm is mounting as showtime gets closer. We look forward to a great season.

During the last week of camp both staff and campers will take part in a musical review entitled *KIDS* which will take a look at kids growing up from the camper's perspective as well as the adult's.

## BE SURE TO HEAR

Rabbi M. Willig : Pinchas : 1990  
Pargod Staff Lecture 10:15 *Tenite*

## YERUSHALAYIM AUTHOR TELLS TALES IN MORASHA

Telling the stories that he is famous for to almost every division in camp, noted author, educator, and lecturer Rabbi Hanoach Teller of Yerushalayim inspired Morashaniks during last Shabbos. Rabbi Teller addressed the staff on Friday night, campers throughout Shabbos and the Kollel/Machon again at Sholosh Seudos.

The author of ten books in nine years, Rabbi Teller is known for incorporating the message of Torah in stories of everyday life. Besides teaching in seminaries in Yerushalayim, Rabbi Teller has traveled to Russia, Hong Kong, and England.

"As long as you have the will and determination to succeed and the humility to take advice from others, you'll make it," encouraged Rabbi Teller.

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## N E W S      F R O M      T H E      N I T Z I E S

### GIRLS

This week the Nitzanim Girls played many sports. We played Newcomb and BBK and had some dance and aerobics. We also had many exciting night activities like "guessing the puzzle", and treasure hunt. Being a Nitzi is hard work but it is always fun.

. . . By Jessica Russak, G20

### BOYS

The overnight was great. We went to DJ's. We made our own fires, cooked hot dogs and chicken. We also roasted marshmallows. At around 4 AM they woke us up because of rain. It was great

By David Sandel, B 3

FOR SALE... SWEAT PANTS with the Morasha logo. Kelly green. Size S,M,L,XL. \$10 a pair in the Canteen. Matching sweatshirts \$9 and tees \$ 5. While they last !





# TORAH THOUGHTS



A D'VAR TORAH ON

## PARSHAT PINCHAS

By Ari Blech, YP Kollel

"Pinchas....et kinoti b'tochom....  
Lochen....."

In reading the above passage one is struck with two textual problems. Firstly, the word b'tochom in Posuk 1 is clearly redundant. Having already described the zealotry of Pinchas, the Torah tells us that Pinchas was part of B'nei Yisrael- didn't we already know this? he was after all the son of Eleazer, the grandson of Aaron Hacoheh? Furthermore, the word lochen in Posuk 2 seems to indicate a clear correlation between Pinchas' act and his reward; what is the exact nature of this linkage?

The Chasam Sofer explains that the word b'tochom actually provides the explanation for Pinchas' strength and courage in confronting Zimri. Explains the Chasam Sofer: this strength came from watching B'nei Yisrael- from b'tochom -within them, the very people, sinning. Pinchas emulated their zealotry in sinning and turned it around for serving Hashem. The very power for good came from turning around the same kochot, energies that others used to be choteh to sin.

In a similar vein, explains the Sefat Emet, we can understand the midah k'neged midah, measure for measure of Pinchas' act, and Hashem's reward. Many of B'nei Yisrael were inwardly upset at Mosheh's act, but not courageous enough to act. Pinchas, thus, turned their thoughts from passive thoughts to action. Similarly his reward was to become a cohen (many learn kohen gadol) whose task is to turn the avodah shebalev -worship of the heart- of B'nei Yisrael from the passive to the active. Once again we see Pinchas' uniqueness was taking kochot that existed and using them for serving Hashem.

As counselors we must learn from Pinchas' leadership, drawing on b'tochom to be zocheh the lochen- toreap the rewards of turning not so good midot into behaviour al pi derech Hashem.

Chazak V'amatz !!

OUR FACULTY WRITES . . . .

## THE LESSON OF THE KORBAN TAMID

By Rabbi Shimon Kerner

Parshat Pinchas includes the details of the "Musafim" - special additional Korbanot brought on each one of the Moadim. This section is introduced with the korban tamid, which was brought every day twice a day. Why is it so critical that the Tamid be mentioned first? The halacha is that the Tamid was always the first and last korban of the day in the Beit Hamikdash. This halacha teaches a subtle, but important lesson.

There are many times when we have emotionally uplifting moments and "religious highs" in life- however, it is of utmost importance to carry over these feelings and let them affect us daily even when we are involved in our routine and mundane activities. The Musafim are meaningless if the consistent and constant religious practice is missing.

Shevesi Hashem l'negdi tamid - These first four words of the Shulchan Aruch represent the guiding rule of life. What makes Yahadut so special is that ours is a Torat Chaim - a way of life- every moment of every day is and should be lived with this message in mind. Additions (musafim) are possible only if the basics (tamid) have already been fulfilled.

One of the five tragedies of 17 Tamuz is that we could no longer bring this special korban tamid. Let us try to bring back this special avodah with consistent efforts to live al pi Torah 100% of the time. This will undoubtedly bring us closer to bringing all korbanot with the rebuilding of the Beit Hamikdash speedily in our days.

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## PARSHA QUIZ

When Pinchas sanctified Hashem's name, how was he rewarded?

Why did the B'nos Tzlefachad come to Moshe?

The daily sacrifice of two lambs was accompanied by \_\_\_\_\_.

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Submit answers to HC by Monday.



# עבוד עברי

כ"ה שב' אלול - סלאוה  
(אמאן ברכות)

לא הנה לו לא חמור, לא מתנגול ולא גר. אמר רבי עקיבא:

— כל מה שעושה ה' — הכל לטובה הוא! לפתע פתאום שמע מכון העיר רעש ומהומה, קריאות וצעקות. מה קרה?

אויבים באו אל העיר הזאת ולקחו את כל אנשי העיר בשבי. בדרךם עברו דרך השדה ששם עמד רבי עקיבא, אבל בגלל החשך לא ראו אותו וקד נצל מקדם. אמר רבי עקיבא:

עכשו ידעו כלם, כי כל מה שה' עושה, הכל לטובה. אלו לא אבל האריה את החמור — הנה נוהק, ואלו לא אבל התחול את המתנגול — הנה קורא, ואלו לא כבחה הרוח את הנר — הנה מאיר בחשך, ואז החילים היו מרגישים כי והיו לוקחים גם אותי בשבי.

הודה רבי עקיבא לה' שהציל אותו והמשיך בדרךכו בשלום.

פעם יצא רבי עקיבא לדרך רחוקה ולקח אתו חמור, מתנגול וגר.

מדוע לקח את החמור? כדי שיוכל לרפב עליו באשר ייעף, וגם כדי שיוכל להניח עליו את חבילותיו. ומדוע לקח את המתנגול? כדי שיעיר אותו השפם בפקר בקריאתו: "קוקוריקו!" ומדוע לקח את הנר? כדי שיוכל להדליקו בלילה וללמד תורה לאורו. ונקם רבי עקיבא ניהפולל ויצא לדרך.

הלך הלך רבי עקיבא דרך ארצה, וכאשר גרד הלילה ונעשה חשך, הגיע לעיר אחת ורצה לנח שם בבית-המלון. אך לא הנה שם בית-מלון! בקש רבי עקיבא מן האנשים שגרו בעיר זו לתת לו מקום בביתם ללון בלילה. אמרו:

אין לנו מקום, לך-הלצה!

עמד רבי עקיבא ברחוב, בחשך ובקר ואיש לא הכניס אותו לביתו. ובכל זאת אמר:

— כל מה שעושה ה', הכל לטובה הוא!

לא רצה רבי עקיבא להשאר בעיר בזאת, שבה גרים אנשים רעים, אנשים שאינם רוצים להכניס אורח, ויצא לשדה. שם בחר לו מקום פתח עץ, הדליק את הנר, האכיל את החמור ואת המתנגול, ואחר-כך ישב ולמד תורה עד ששכח לגמרי, שהוא לבדו בלילה, בשדה.

פתאום שמע רבי עקיבא שאנה נודאה ונראה אריה גדול קופץ מתוך היער הקרוב וטורף את החמור.

עודנו עומד נבהל ומשתומם, והנה בא חתול וטורף את המתנגול! ולפני שהספיק להציל את המתנגול מידי החתול, נשכה רוח חזקה וכבחה את הנר, והנה נשאר עומד בחשך חמור.

## פנת דקדוק

תלמוד

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קמץ חסר	חולם
קגול	צירה



# SHALHEVET FEATURES

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A C H O N

U S I N G S

By Shana Feiner

Following our program with Yachad last week, Machoniks occupied themselves with anticipation for our first Shabbos as Machoniks. While preparing many of us conjectured what our Shabbos experience would be like. We didn't have long to find out. After putting our Shabbos best, we davened in the Pargod followed by eating our first Shabbos meal in the Moadon with zemiros (primarily emanating from Kollel and Machon boys) pervading and enhancing the Shabbos atmosphere. As semi-counselors we were then privileged to attend the staff Friday night lecture featuring the renown prolific author Hanoach Teller on the topic of: "Courtrooms of the Mind- judging others favorably." We finally found out what Machon does on Shabbos the following morning as we davened, ate, and heard our afternoon Sichah (by one of our own counselors- Efram Schwab) like everyone else, just in a varying sequence.

In an unselfish manner we decided after Shabbos lunch to share some of our overflowing *ruach* with the rest of the dining room. Later in the afternoon we attended an "Ask The Rabbi" session in preparation for our upcoming program with BBYO to take place IY'H this Sunday. Shabbos came to a melodious conclusion as we sang zemiros until havdala. The highlight of the weekend, however, was the Melave Malka when we caused the floors of the Caplan Dining Room to vibrate as we danced "Yiddin" and other pre-practiced dances. Many staff members left saying that "this was the best Melave Malka ever." We don't want to brag (chas v'sholam), but we know why. Though the Melave Malka ended late at night (or rather early in the morning), the majority of all Machoniks were up bright and early Sunday to tackle the first day at work- waitressing, office work, CIT, day camp, and specialties. As our days of total relaxation are gone, we brace ourselves to challenge and yet enjoy the privileges and responsibilities which lay ahead.



WRITE FOR SHALHEVET. Leave articles in Boys HC, Girls' HC or main office.

SPOTLIGHT ON. . .

NECHIE KILIMNICK, Camp Nurse

"Have you any Riccolas?," "Take my throat culture," and "My stomach hurts," are the most popular tunes in the infirmary according to Nechie Kilimnick, one of the three camp nurses.

Mrs. Kilimnick is serving her third year at Morasha. During the year she does nursing in Rochester, N.Y., where she did her training for her R.N. degree. Her husband Rabbi Shaya Kilimnick, on the staff of Camp Bnai Brith is an important link in the annual Morasha-BBYO Exchange Day program. Children Avi in Day Camp, Dovid in B 9, and Tzipora in Machon enjoy their stay at Morasha.

Nechie admires the *chevra* and the wonderful opportunity for educational enrichment at camp. The infirmary team- Dr. Greenwald, Nurses Janis Klein and Anna Wruble and Miriam Rosman and Rivka Rind, aides, and Dena Kerner the administrator are great to work with.

Nechie's advice to SHALHEVET readers: "Get plenty of rest, drink lots of fluids, take two Riccolas and you're in for a healthy summer."

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! C A M P E R S !  
! L O S E U P S !  
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On the way to lunch SHALHEVET met the following campers CLOSE - UP . . .

CHERYL GREENBERGER, G 6, lives in Flushing and will be in Grage 7 at the Yeshiva of Central Queens. Since she wants to be an interior designer, it is not surprising that her favorite camp activity is art.

TOVA KATZ OF G 6 wants to be a zoologist. She is headed for Grade 7 at Bais Yaakov of Queens, lives in Flushing and enjoys Rest Hour best at Morasha.

MINDY MALLIN, G 1, comes from Philadelphia where she attends the Torah Academy. She plans to be a lawyer someday and enjoys rest hour best.

TALIA RUBIN, G 2, is in Grade 6 at SAR and wants to be an actress. She also likes Rest Hour best.



## THE OLDER ILANOT

### P E R S P E C T I V E

By Yael Balsam & Jill Jedwab  
Co-Counselors G 9

This week's topic:

פרויקט

פרויקט /pro'-yëkht/ - 1) a mysterious addition to the Older Ilanot schedule 2) a new fad diet which stimulates weight loss through excessive eating 3) a new chic Italian designer 4) a fancy name for the refurbishment of the H.C.

When we got our schedules the first day of camp, there were really no surprises, at least not from Yael's point of view (after you've been in camp for 10 years not much changes!) Jill, on the other hand, was a little confused with the Hebrew activities, but then again, she's always a little confused. All of a sudden, even Yael was stumped! We had come across a Hebrew word, which even with our excellent mastery of the language, had stumped us, פרויקט.

Challenged and confused, we questioned numerous bystanders and received an array of interesting responses. The best response, however, came from Ahuva Epstein, Associate Girls' Head Counselor, who told us that פרויקט was a divisional **PROJECT** which at that moment was not yet determined. This was a fascinating concept!

The next day Jill had to accompany 11 girls to face the unknown (while Yael accompanied two girls to polski.)

Jill and her entourage were met at the artroom by Naomi, and were informed that פרויקט was an attempt by the camp to beautify the Girls' HC. Each bunk had to choose a specific area to work on. Naomi then sent them on their way to stare at the H.C. and discuss their plans.

The results will be seen at the end of the summer, especially at night. (We've heard rumors about special glow-in-the-dark paint!)

SPORTS...SPORTS...SPORTS...SPORTS...

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## MORASHA MEN LOSE TO LAVI IN OPENER

By Ari Storch, Machon Cook

The Morasha Men's Basketball Team played its first Inter-Camp game Wednesday night against Lavi. Executing the many innovative plays by coach Jonathan Zimbalist and Jeremy Bandler, Morasha seemed in the opening quarter to have the momentum flow their way. Yoni Epstein's turnaround jumpshots and Israel Wallach's acrobatics gave Morasha the early lead, though no one was aware of it.

Lavi began chopping at the lead and soon Morasha was running at a deficit it would be unable to slice. But the final score is still unknown while Lavi defeated Morasha. Maybe we should buy a Pepsi scoreboard.

Better luck next week against Raleigh! !

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### MORE DAY CAMP DILLIES

WHAT DO YOU LIKE BEST ABOUT DAY CAMP ? ? ?

Akiva Wienerkur: All sports

Yaffa Spodek: Toys and games

Simcha Willig: Canteen

MICHELLE SORSCHER & DEBBIE HAMEL: Five O'clock



# SHALHEVET SPECIAL

Pirkei Avos Chapters of the Fathers

It has been a summertime custom for at least eleven hundred years to study chapters of *Pirkei Avos* (Chapters of the Fathers) every Shabbos afternoon from Pesach to Rosh Hashana. So let's take a look at this unusual and beautiful tractate (section) of the Talmud.

*Avos* is like no other tractate because it discusses no laws as do all others. Instead, it speaks of rules of proper behavior, courtesy, and ideas that can help a person become a better Jew. These rules and ideas were originally said by the wisest and holiest rabbis who lived during the period beginning with the erection of the Second *Bais Hamikdosh* and ending when the *Mishnah* was written. Because it contains the wisdom of these great men who are our spiritual "fathers", the tractate is called *Avos*. Another reason for the name is that the sayings in this tractate are our "fathers" because they guide us and teach us just as a real father guides and teaches his children.

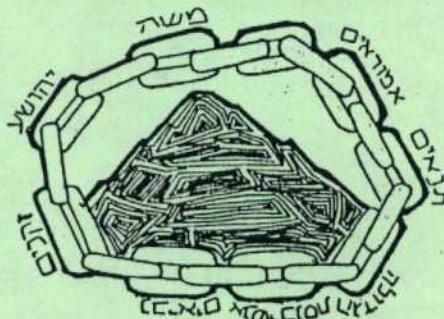
Interestingly enough, this tractate is in *Nezikim*, the section of the Talmud that deals with laws of courts, judges and damages. The *Rambam* (Maimonides) gives two reasons for this.

1) Because *Avos* shows that our rabbis are students of the rabbis of earlier generations all the way back to Moshe. Every generation, therefore, is obligated to obey the rulings of its own Torah leaders.

2) The rabbis who are judges in rabbinical courts are expected to set an example of perfect behavior so that people will respect them and trust them. That is why so many of the rules in *Avos* are directed at rabbis and judges.

One could spend endless days learning and discussing the wisdom and good advice of our *Avos*. We can't say much in only one page, of course, but we can see a few samples. There is such a wealth of material in *Avos* that we can't try to pick out some *Mishnayos* and say that they are the best or the most interesting. Instead, let's look at the first *mishna* of a few chapters of *Avos*.

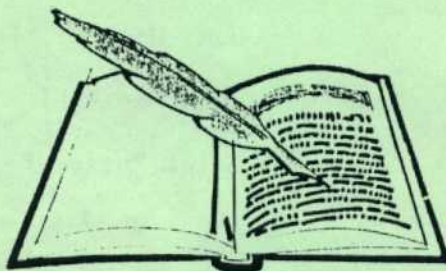
Chapter I — Moshe received the Torah from Sinai and handed it down



to Yehoshua; Yehoshua to the Zekeinim (Elders); the Zekeinim to the Prophets; the Prophets handed it down to the Men of the Great Assembly. They said three things: Be cautious in judgment, raise up many disciples, and make a fence for the law.

The three rules of the Great Assembly were of vital importance as they shaped our history for centuries. Every judge should think long and hard before making a decision. A rabbi should try to bring as many students to the study of Torah as he can because our religion depends on wise and learned people, not foolish followers. And people should always seek "fences", ways that will keep them from ever violating the Torah. For example, if we stay away from bad company, we are less likely to be influenced by them.

Chapter II — Rabbi (Rabbi Yehudah HaNasi) said . . . Consider three things and you will not fall into the grip of sin. Know what is above you: 1) a seeing eye, 2) a hearing ear, and 3) all your deeds are recorded in The Book.



Anyone might be tempted to do wrong if he thinks he can easily "get away with it". That is even more true when it comes to sinning. After all, Hashem's policemen are not looking

over our shoulders waiting to arrest us if we make a wrong move. Rabbi reminds us that we should always bear in mind that we cannot fool Hashem. Whatever we do is seen, whatever we say is heard, and all of it is recorded by Hashem. We will be rewarded for every good deed and punished for every bad one because Hashem forgets nothing.

Chapter IV — Ben Zoma said, Who is wise? He who learns from all men . . . Who is strong? He who can control himself . . . Who is rich? He who rejoices with whatever he has . . . Who is honored? He who honors others.



Ben Zoma is telling us things that must seem very strange to most people, — at least until they think over what he says. With a little thought, however, how can anyone disagree?

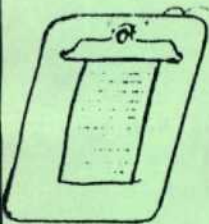
Who is wise? No one can know everything. But people who truly love wisdom and want to know as much as possible are willing to seek knowledge from every source. They are not ashamed to ask questions.

Who is strong? The world champion weightlifter can't pick up nearly as much as a gorilla, and we would hate to see the heavyweight champion of the world fight an angry lion. So strength should be measured some other way, and anyone who has tried to break a bad habit knows how hard it is.

Who is rich? A billionaire? What good is money if it doesn't bring happiness to its owner? So Ben Zoma's advice is for every one of us. We should be grateful and happy with what we have. Then we will truly be wealthy.

And who is honored? All of us want our friends to respect us and treat us well — but we want them to mean it. The only way is to treat others the same way.





# ROVING REPORTER

QUESTION: IF YOU HAD \$1000 TO SPEND IN MORASHA, WHAT WOULD YOU BUY ??

ANSWERS:

Jennifer Kasner, G 18: An air conditioner and carpeting for each bunk

Jeff Braverman, Music Staff: A completed music center

Michal Wahrhaftig, Machon: A refrigerator for the Machon Lounge

Karen Fisher, G 5: A Coke machine

Nechama Miller, G 5: Leather Morasha skirts

Monty Steckler, B 3: The Zushmobile

Yael Staiman, G 19: Half for Tzedakah and half for canteen

Michael Goldstein, B 3: The whole canteen

Aliza Herring, G 20: Donate it to the camp

Ari Grobman, B 3: A custom made mosquito net

Avyala Werblowsky, G 20: Pay for my parents to come up

Ariel Sturm, B 3: Zush's position

Ari Hochander, B 3: Golf cart licenses

Benjamin Epstein, B 3: A heater for the lake

Ari Bruger, Machon: A life

Elana Harooni, SC, G 1: Gifts for the campers

Laurie Rothstein, G 16: Sugar for the ants

Tammy Lauer, G 20: A robot for clean-up

Girls' Bunk 4: Hot water

Stephanie Dienstag, G 3: My own phone line

David Sandel, B 3: A new flag for the flag pole

Steven Ackerman, Machon: So Glow Jericurl for my hair

Hillel Olshin, Machon: A lifetime supply of my favorite Crayola pink

Scott Garber, B 19: A train to get around camp

Josh Segal, Machon: 1000 boxes of jawbreakers

Shmuel Auman, B 19: The London House

Maish Yarmish, Sports Head: Donate it to the Dramatics Department

Daniel Greenbaum, B 19: Tip my counselors

Aviva Itzkowitz and Lizzie Parker G 9, Bribe Rebecca to let us watch "Days of our Lives"

Evan Anziska, B 16: Buy Jacuzzis for each bunk

Doni Weichel, B 16: Moving sidewalks

Jonathan Wohlgelernter, B 19: A Torah

Ariel Davis, B 16: Save it for Trip Day

Raphi Rosenblum, B 19: Soda

Miriam Posner, G 3: Spray the camp with insect spray