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# News of the Week

## MUSICOLE TO TAKE PLACE MOTZEI SHABBAT IN THE MERCAZIA

Under the direction of Shayne Schwed and her assistant Judy Fruchter of Morasha's Dance Department, accompanied by Sandy Sudberg, head, and assistants Jeff Braverman and Vicki Simon of Music, **MUSICOLE** will be featured Motzei Shabbat in the Mercazia.

The Music-Dance Extravaganza will include participants from Staff and campers from both campuses. Special treats are in store for all. Don't miss it!

## MACHON AND STAFF TO PRESENT DON'T DRINK THE WATER ON SUNDAY

Machon and Staff will perform on the Mercazia Stage Sunday night in a presentation of "Don't Drink the Water". The story involves a couple from Newark who, while on vacation behind the Iron Curtain, are mistaken for spies and then seek asylum in the American embassy.

The cast includes Warren Cinamon, Doni Greenblat, Yehudit Beylus, Josh Segal, Tamar David, Michael Schreiber, Auralee Rothman, Aaron Twersky, Seth Cohen, Sheera Thurm, Martin Tollinsky, Ilana Harooni, Avi Levine, Shira Winkler, Tzipora Kilimnick, Leah Friedman, and Tzipi Wasserman.

## THANK YOU

Thank you to all blood donors who volunteered their time and efforts on Thursday, August 2 at the Morasha Annual Blood Drive. Special thanks to everyone who worked behind the scenes to ensure that the blood drive ran smoothly and safely.

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ONEG SPEAKER: Ms. Suri Kasirer - 10:15 Pargod

## S P O R T S

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## O KOLLEL PLAYS BASEBALL, BASKETBALL

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T This week the Kollel baseball team  
S went on the road to Camp Mogen Avraham after beating them in Morasha. First, the Kollel played the Mogen Av kitchen staff and were shocked 12-4. However, the Kollel regrouped and beat the staff of Camp Avrohom Chaim Heller 11-10. The Kollel team was led in pitching by Steven Glanz and Gavriel Shapiro and in hitting by Avi Schreiber and Moshe Strauch.

In the second Annual 3 on 3 basketball tourney, 14 teams participated. The team of Shimon Solnica, Kenny Shiowitz, and Ari Shapiro prevailed in a close championship game, the final score being 12-10. The second place team consisted of Daniel Feinberg, Mike Slesny, and Elliot Kwestel.

## ILANOT ANALYZE " AISHET CHAYIL" IN ONE DAY COLOR WAR

Ilanot analyzed the Aishet Chayil in a one-day colorwar - Yom Haemohot - last Thursday.

Members of six teams - Sara, Rachel, Rut, Esther, Chana, and Devora- and their captains had a fun-filled day including sports, a swim meet and the highlight, a co-ed volleyball game. The day concluded with a caucus, where each team presented its platform which mentioned the outstanding characteristics of its candidate. Each team presented a party flag and a bumper sticker, as well as a commercial and a musical ensemble. The beautiful party flags (banners) are now being exhibited in the Mercazia.

Special thanks to the co-ordinators, Elisheva Pomeranze and Avi Savitsky, to Rabbi Joel Cohn, and to Jill Jedwab and David Saffra.

The message of the day was quite clear; that although each one of these outstanding women was a complete individual, each contributed special attributes as her legacy for Am Yisroel. We as Bnot and Bnei Torah of Camp Morasha enhanced our own lives by studying theirs.

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# TORAH THOUGHTS

OUR FACULTY WRITES. . .

## PARSHAT EKEV

By Rabbi Dovid Wadler

The Gemorah in Brachot (48b) tells us that there is a positive Mitzva to bless Hashem after eating and being satisfied. The Gemorah quotes the posuk in this weeks Parsha, Parshat Ekev (8,10) "Ve'achalta ve'savata u'vayrachta..." The Gemorah then continues to list concepts that must be included in Birkat Hamazon in order to fulfill your obligation. Listed are the obligations to mention the beauty of the land of Israel, Brit (milah), Torah, and the kingdom of Bait David. The question arises as to why all these different concepts? Why not simply thank Hashem for the food we have eaten?

The answer can possibly be found in the posukim that follow. The Torah continues in posuk 11, "Take heed lest you forget G-d ... Lest you eat and are satisfied ... and your heart becomes haughty and you forget G-d... and you say in your heart 'MY POWER AND THE MIGHT OF MY HAND PROCURED ME THIS WEALTH!'"

The Torah recognizes that when a person is satisfied after eating they are most liable to forget Hashem, and therefore instituted a mini course in Haskafa, namely: Eretz Yisrael, Brit, Torah, and Malchut Bait David (the Rambam points out in Hilchot Brachot chap. 2 Halacha 4 that there cannot be a complete nechama - comforting - without the return of Malchut Bait David). Reviewing these major concepts of Judaism, exactly when we are weakest in our Emunat Hashem, insures that we never get to the stage where we believe in our own might.

On this second week of 'Nechama' may Hashem send us Moshiach Ben David for us to have the complete 'Nechama.

Shabbat Shalom.

A D'VAR TORAH ON

## PARSHAT EKEV

By Dani Wadler, H.S. Kollel

"Vekesef vezahav yarbeh lecha, vechol asher lecha yarbeh"

Your gold and silver will be increased, and all your possessions will be increased" Devarim 8:13.

In this week's Parsha, Hakodosh Boruch Hu offers us the bracha that all of our wealth will be increased.

The Torah L'daat brings down the Shlah Hakodosh who said that it is customary to call rich people "baalei midot" - possessors of excellent character traits (such as giving tzedakah and doing chesed) even though they may not necessarily exemplify these characteristics. We can learn this from our posuk- "your gold and silver will increase and you will be rich, and all your possessions increase" - your midot will increase.

The Yalkut Gershuni brings down the question that Ben Zoma asks in Pirkei Avot (4:1) "Eyzeh hu Ashir- who is a rich man?" The Yalkut Gershuni gives a simple answer, a rich man is someone who has many worldly possessions. Is this true? We see that a rich man may not necessarily have worldly possessions, but the riches of a "Baal Midot"- excellence of character. Therefore we have to answer the question with "Hasanayach bechelko"- He who is happy with his share (of worldly goods)" This man is happy and doesn't seek out material wealth as a "rich man" in the usual sense of the word, seeks.

The Yalkut Gershuni does not mean to say that the sanayach bechelko doesn't care about his midot. A rich man, my mother often explains to me, is one who has one dollar more than he needs. This man is an Anav (modest person) and doesn't chase after a fancy life style or the title of "baal midot" In reality, this person too is a baal midot even though he does not bear the title of a "rich man".



# עבוד עברי

ישיבת ארץ-ישראל

[כ"ה ט"ו חמ"ט]

(על-פי ספרי פרשת ראה)

— וכי לא כף כתוב בתורה: "שמר ושמעת את כל-הדברים האלה אשר אנכי מצוך..." ואחרי הפסוק הזה כתוב: "...וירשת אתם וישבת בארצם" (דברים יב, כח-כט)?! מכאן יש ללמוד שישבת ארץ-ישראל שקולה כנגד כל המצוות שבתורה. מצוה זו חשובה ככל יתר המצוות יחדיו. כי הרי צוה הקדוש-ברוך-הוא לקיים את כל המצוות. וכנגד זה צוה במיוחד לרשת את הארץ ולגור בה. הרי רק בה אפשר לקיים גם את המצוות התלויות בארץ. ואין תורה כתורת ארץ-ישראל! לא המשיכו שני החכמים בדרךכם. אלא חזרו למקומם בארץ ולמדו שם.

בנציבין. לא הרחק מגבולה הצפוני של ארץ-ישראל. היתה ישיבה גדולה וחשובה. כראשה של ישיבה זו עמד רבי יהודה בן בתירא. חכם גדול זה עוד זכה לראות את בית-המקדש בכנינו. אל ישיבתו באו תלמידים גם ממרחקים כדי ללמוד תורה מפיו.

בעת ההיא גרו בארץ-ישראל שני חכמים שהיו ידועים בצדקתם. רבי אלעזר בן שמוע ורבי יוחנן הסנדלר. אמרו חכמים אלה איש אל רעהו:

— מדוע לא נלך גם אנחנו ללמוד אצל רבי יהודה בן בתירא בנציבין? הרי מתר לצאת לחוץ-לארץ על-מנת ללמוד תורה! אמנם יש בארץ חכמים גדולים שמהם נוכל ללמוד. אבל הרי רבי יהודה עוד ראה את בית מקדשנו בתפארתו ולמד מרבנותיו שחיו אז. אולי נצליח ללמד אצלו יותר מאשר כאן?

החליטו השנים, שאמנם ילכו לנציבין אל רבי יהודה בן בתירא. יצאו לדרך והלכו ימים רבים. עברו את הגליל העליון והגיעו לגבול הארץ. משם הלכו הלאה והגיעו לעיר צידון. לפני שהמשיכו בדרךכם, ישבו מעט לנוח. אז נזכרו בארץ-ישראל והפכו פניהם לראותה עוד פעם. כי מי יודע, מתי יחזרו אליה! הרימו את עיניהם וראו מרחוק. לאור השמש השוקעת, את קצה הארץ. את הרי הגליל. התחילו עיניהם זולגות דמעות חמות מצער על שעזבו את ארץ-הקדש ויצאו לחוץ-לארץ! עמדו, קרעו את בגדיהם, כפי שעושים אבלים. ואמרו זה לזה:

מפרשת השבוע...

"אנחנו יצאנו מן הארץ ונלכנו אל רבי יהודה בן בתירא"

"והלכנו ימים רבים עד שבאנו אל רבי יהודה בן בתירא"

"והוא היה זקן וקטן ורובו זקנים"

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# SHALHEVET FEATURES

## MACHON USINGS

By Shana Feiner

It has been (nearly) unanimously accepted here at Camp Morasha that Machon is exempt from overnights. As not to "disappoint" us, however, last Thursday night we held a campfire thereby enjoying overnight food and entertainment without the primitive sleeping arrangements. Our campfire was exceptionally conducted in class: we did not settle for the usual hot dogs and potato chips, but rather enjoyed Chinese food (provided by Sheera Thurm from Moshe Peking). In the spirit of the setting, however, we splurged on roasted Marshmallow Fluff (a unique eating experience).

Following an array of songs from "Yeliyerushalayim" to "Grease Lightning" led by Lewis W. we retreated to our comfortable quarters for a good night's sleep. The Machon Boys, however, did not have too much sleep in store for themselves for early the next morning they awoke- or at least most of them did, to canoe down the Delaware.

The highlight of the week, however, aside from Shabbos of course, was Melave Malka # 2, which was not less "leibedik" than the first, and according to popular opinion had better food (milchig). We still managed to conserve some of our dancing energy for the following night as we accompanied the Alufot to Block senior citizen's camp where we both entertained and were entertained by one another's singing, dancing, and dramatic talents.

[Non-sequitur]: As we bid farewell to Machon boy's counselor Efram Schwab, we welcome Ari Wasserman and welcome back Josh Schulman.



MEET A MACHON COUNSELOR. . .

### MICHAEL SCHREIBER

After nine years at Morasha, Michael Schreiber has attained the position of Machon Counselor. Michael came as an older Shtili and served as a Machonik, JC, and Alufim counselor before his present position. He gained the most satisfaction out of being a camper.

A resident of Kew Gardens Hills, Michael attended Mesivta Ohr Torah High School where "Educational Director Rabbi Rhein had a tremendous influence on me". Now he attends Queens College and Yeshivat Ore Chaim in preparation for going into chinuch and "spending my summers in Morasha."

In answer to the proverbial question: what does a Machon counselor do all day? Michael responded, "I try to instill Yiras Shomayim and Ahavas Hashem in all of the Machoniks while making sure they have a good time as I look for my Bashert".

All this while riding on a golf cart, of course.

## CAMPERS CLOSE-UP

The subjects of this week's Campers Close-Up were met several weeks ago around camp.

**DAVID SANDEL** (B 3) comes from Toronto where he attends Grade 6 in Etz Chaim Yeshiva. He wants to be a businessman and his favorite camp activity is **SHIUR**.

**NACHSHON ROTHSTEIN** (B 17) is in the fifth grade at the Yeshiva of Flatbush where he lives. In the future he will be a psychologist, but now his favorite activity is baseball.

**JUDAH HULKOWER** (B 3) comes all the way from Los Angeles where he attends Yavneh Academy. He wants to be a pediatrician. In camp he likes to play softball best.



L'HITRAOT

By Tova Rhein  
Girls' Head Counselor

There are times when I think about what we are doing, when I think about the insecurity of the economic situation, and the even less secure political reality, when I think about my children having to serve in the army, and most of all, when I think of us being there and our parents being here, then I think we must be crazy.

But then there are other times. Times when I think of a 2000 year hope **lihiyot am hofshi b'artzeinu**, times when I think of waking up and looking out my bedroom window and seeing **harei Yerushalayim**, times when I think of how special it is for our generation to have the opportunity to do this, then I no longer have to think. I know. I know that we are very lucky indeed. **HABAITA** - we are going home.

But we can't leave without the thank-yous. Thank you for the beautiful **mezuzah** and wonderful **sefer**. Thank you for your kind wishes and all the nice things you said about us. Most of all, thank you for your friendship, for the good times together, for sharing your lives with us.

L'hitraot B'Artzeinu,

*Tova + Danny*

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CHUCKLE A LITTLE....

The scene: Block-Hexter Campgrounds for Senior Citizens. The event: 40 Alufot girls dancing- all wearing **Champion** sweatshirts of different colors. Asked one of the Block participants: What does the "C" stand for? Is that your camp emblem?

(Where did all the alligators go ?? )

R E S P E C T

By Randi Sorscher, G 14

(continued from last week)

Until now: Chana, a girl whose curiosity always gets the best of her, is left alone with nothing to do. In her basement are boxes- private property which an old man had entrusted to her family- and no one was to touch. Before she knew it, Chana had ripped open the box, put in her hands, and let out a terrifying shriek.

Lifting her hands gingerly out of the box, she ran to wash off her hands. Inspecting her fingers, she realized that inside the boxes were--- swarms of bees. These were hungry bees, waiting for some food or something to dig their stingers into. Lucky Chana, she let her curiosity get the best of her. Look what happened.

**Aizeh m'chabaid? M'chabaid et habriyot...Avot**  
'Who is honored? Now who honors his fellow men, as it is said, 'For them that honor Me will I honor, and they that despise Me shall be lightly esteemed.'

Chana wanted the trust of her parents. However, in order to receive honor, you must first honor (or respect) others (and their belongings). She did not give respect to the old man's property and therefore she did not receive the trust she thought she deserved.

Touching things that don't belong to you is an outright violation of that person's right to privacy. Even if it's not the Nine Days or the Three Weeks, we should all try very hard to respect not only the person himself, but also his/her property.

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# ...From Our Readers...

THE OLDER ILANOT

P E R S P E C T I V E

by Yael Balsam & Jill Jedwab  
Co-Counselors C 9

This week's Topic: Intercamps

(To all those dedicated fans who were distraught at the absence of last week's column...)

Many camps prefer to think of themselves as sports camps within a Torah environment, while we at Morasha prefer to think of ourselves as a Torah camp with sports on the side. With high pitched chants of "We have more shiur", the Older Ilanot girls did not fare very well in their first two sets of Intercamp games (against Lavi and Raleigh). Nonetheless, everyone managed to conduct herself in a manner befitting B'not Torah, and to still have a fantastic time.

Wednesday, August 8th, was a day that will go down in history. Counselors stood on the side spellbound as they watched their campers perform with the skill and ease of an Olympic team. To quote Estie Hecht and Jill Jedwab (outstanding volleyball coaches), "We have seen the mountain. We have gone up, and we have seen everything."

Thanks to the intense instruction given by Morasha's qualified (for further details refer to the sheet which was distributed at the beginning of the summer) sports staff, the Ilanot girls were now capable of serving a volleyball and hitting a softball. Rebecca Brand, Older Ilanot Division Head summed up the day by articulating what everyone was feeling, "Girls, I'm shepping nachas!"

After a successful day Wednesday, everyone looked forward with much enthusiasm to our Intercamps yesterday with Moshava. (Jill was cheering from her sick bed.)

## FROM THE MOUTHS OF BABES

I W I S H . . .  
...that I could be a Rabbi when I get big. I also wish that I could have a two wheeler.  
....Ezra

THE A LTOGETHER A MAZING

A LUFOT & A LUFIM

By Rena Davis, C 16

I doubt there has ever been a busier week in the history of our division- the oldest group of "regular" campers. Last week the Alufim and Alufot took a trip to Cooperstown and Binghamton. First we went to the Baseball Hall of Fame/ Museum at Cooperstown, where we walked around the modern, yet historical site, looking at the various exhibits. Then we had a semi-picnic lunch on the grass near the museum. Afterwards, we went to the Binghamton Mall and shopped for an hour.

In addition, the Alufot established a mini-tour to senior citizens' camps. First, we went to Block Vacation center, (for our second time this summer) and the next night we visited the Kislak Vacation Center, better known as "Jersey Y". At both places, we danced, sang, gave *divrei Torah*, and talked with the members of the other camps. While we were accompanied to Block by all of the Machon, we went to Jersey Y alone. At both places we felt that "the experience was mutually fulfilling," as one girl put it.

How many camps do you know that take their campers to a town, by bus, to do laundry? Morasha is one. Even though the main purpose of the trip doesn't sound so glamorous, we had a great time shopping, exploring Hancock's "downtown", and eating. By the end of the trip, we had clean clothing, too!

Among our flurry of activities, our division also participated in the basketball tournament at Hillel, where Morasha won 3 out of the 4 games played. The winning teams were the Alufot, and the Older Ilanot boys- who played and won two games. Only the Alufim lost, but not without a struggle.

Other activities for this week were the Hillel Intercamps, where our division "kicked" as one boy put it, and our Moshava sports and culture intercamps. Even though we had a very exciting week, many feel that they need another vacation to rest from our busy vacation, so far.

FLASH !! DR. STAN GOLDSTEIN REPORTS ON THE POWER OF POSITIVE THINKING: "When I walked into the infirmary on arrival, I said it would be empty by the following week. By the next night- Voila! No beds were being occupied."



# ROVING REPORTER

QUESTION . . . IF YOU WERE THE HEAD COUNSELOR, HOW WOULD YOU REWARD OUTSTANDING STAFF AND CAMPERS ? ?

ANSWERS . . . .

BARRY DATTLEKRAMER, SC, B 17: Make More Trip Days

JEFFREY SARASOHN, Driver: Take them on the shuttle to wherever they want to go

LINDA STRAUSS, G 5: Shorten Shiurim

MIRIAM WEISS, G 4: Let them sleep all day

AMY ROSENFELD, G 6: Let them go to DJ's every day

ALIZA HEVEL, G 5: Make everything optional

SARI WEINBERGER, G 5: Institute Days Off for campers

AYELET BENDHEIM, G 4: Install a pool

AMY BERMAN, G 5: Make Shiur only once a week

SHOSHANA FARBER, G 4: Let campers be counsellors for a day

ALISSA ROSENFELD, Arts & Crafts: Let them go home

NECHAMA MILLER, G 5: Schedule Elitzur

Yael STAIMAN, G 19: Schedule more rest hours each day

RACHELLE WEINSTEIN, G 19: Expand the selection in the canteen

MIMI HEZKEL, G 19: Give them anything they want

SHOSHANA ALPERT, G 12: Let them go on a shopping spree with the counselor of their choice

YAACOV WAHRHAFTIG, B 9: Quit

MARTIN TOLLINSKY, Machon: Give them money

JONY GREENBERGER, B 11: Let them daven from the amud

G 9: Schedule Ilanot/Alufim activities

ALUFOT: Give Alufim to G 9

SHULAMIT MOTECHIN, Machon Counselor: Buy a refrigerator for the Machon Girls' Lounge

STEPHANIE DIENSTAG, G 3: Offer a Kipot making class

CHANI COHEN, G 12, REENA RUBIN, G 11: A trip to Woodbourne

RENA COHN, G 3: A canoe trip for younger Shtili girls

RONAN GROBMAN, B 9: Give them my Machonik

ELI SHOSTAK, ROBERT FAGIN, C 11 & 12: Give three extra desserts a week

ARYEH YUDIN, B 4: Give them golf carts

ARI GROBMAN, B 3: Lend them my mosquito net

SETH GRAUER, B 4: A banquet every night

DANIEL LEVY, B 4: Eliminate clean-up

DANIEL GIBBER, Machon: Give them a Barbazoni

JOSEPH ETRA, B 5: Let them plan their own schedule

JOY WEINSTEIN, SC, G 16: Send them to Kollel for a day

GILAD KALTER, B 4: Let them choose their own counselors

SHMULIE PINELES, JC, B3: Give week-ends off

ELISHA BLECHNER, B 4: Let them call home every day.

ADAM KLEIN, B 4: More free time