



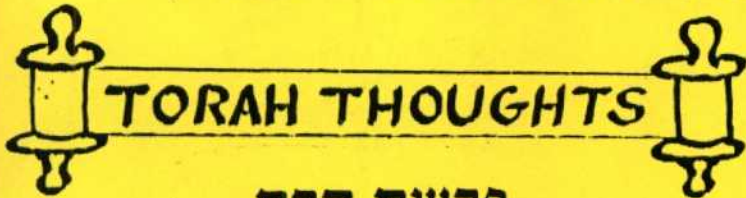
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פרשת קרח

WELCOME

FOR THE OPENING SHABBAT OF MORASHA 1992, SHALHEVET BRINGS YOU A MINI EDITION - THREE OF OUR MOST POPULAR COLUMNS. MORE NEXT WEEK . . .



פרשת קרח Parashas Korach

KOL DODI ON THE TORAH

... וַיִּקַּח קֹרַח — And Korach took ... (16:1).

The Torah says that Korach took something, but does not tell us what he took. Many commentators over the centuries have dealt with this question, but we will suggest a new approach.

The truth is that Korach took everything for himself. Hashem entrusted him with great wealth to use for His service, and Korach made the mistake of thinking that he had earned it himself. He treated it as if it belonged to him and he could do with it as he pleased. Thus, Korach's very wealth, in other words, his trait of always taking, was his downfall.

King Solomon had just such a situation in mind when he wrote in *Koheles* (5:12), *Wealth is held for its owners* [i.e., for those who feel that it is theirs] *to harm them*.

On the other hand, a wealthy person — who acknowledges that his money really belongs to Hashem and regards himself as nothing more than the administrator of a trust fund — will find his wealth to be a true blessing. If he diligently and faithfully oversees the fund which has been entrusted to him, in accordance with all the wishes and instructions of its true Owner, then he can be assured of a handsome reward in this world and in the next.

...MAZEL TOV...

CHERYL STEIN and **AVI SAVITSKY**,
Machon Counselors, on their engagement.

BARBARA AND BOB DEUTSCH on the engagement of their son Dov

RABBI DR. MITCHELL Librarian and
CHAYA, Camp Mother, on the birth of a grandson

RABBI AND MRS. PESACH ORATZ on the birth of a grandson and on the marriage of their son

ROVING REPORTER

QUESTION: WHAT WAS THE FIRST THING YOU LOOKED FOR AT MORASHA? ? ?

ANSWERS:

Risa Bench, G 8: A good bed

Deena Bashist, G 8: A lot of cubbies

Ezra Lerner, Daycamp: My cabin

Shayne Schwed, Dance Head: A new mattress

Debby Meskin, D.H. Ilanot: Bachurim

Machon Girls: Bathroom doors

Machon Counselors; Steven Usdan

Michal Wahrhaftig & Faygie Friedman,
Counselors, G 8: A good waiter

Lynn Botnick, Sc, G 9: The Vaad

Yonina Halpern, G 8: My friends

Michal Sonenberg, G 8: A pool

Rachel Mansdorf, G 7: My food

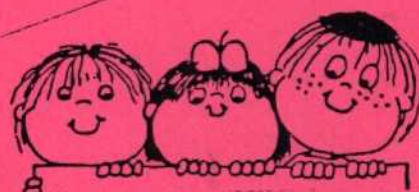
Machon Boys: Fish

News of the Week

ONEG SHABBAT

All staff is most cordially invited to attend an Oneg Shabbat tonight at 10 PM in the Pargod. Guest speaker will be the noted author and storyteller RABBI CHANUCH TELLER.

בס"ד



It's gonna' be a
great summer!

Volume XIX number 2

July 10, 1992

פרשת חקת

News of the Week

BRIDGES, BLEACHERS, BRIGHTS, BRASS NEW FOR '92

Bridges - on both boys' and girls' campuses- a new Staff House (we're up to "C")- new lights and bleachers on the girls' court, a new boating dock on girls' waterfront, new lights for hot night swimming on boys' waterfront and a newly paved basketball court on Machon Campus are only some of the innovations for Summer '92 overseen by Rabbi Abraham Wahrhaftig, Morasha's Director.

Also new for '92 is a Coordinator for the Kollel Campus- Rabbi Shimon Kerner, formerly of the Ed Staff and a Kollel Assistant, and a Kollel Camp Mother who is Dena Kerner, formerly of the Infirmary Staff.

A revamped sports program for the girls to allow for improved instruction has already brought positive results (see Sports Page.)

New Division Heads and members of the Ed Staff will be detailed next week.

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NITZIS NUPTUALIZE

The Nitzanim Girls Division of Camp Morasha extends a **MAZEL TOV** to Shalom (a/k/a Shoshana) Chanales and Lani Bryk of Bunk G 17 on July 3, 1992. Despite the rainy weather, every seat in the house was filled. Special honorary guests included Mati Motechin and Rock Davis who joined in the ceremonies to wish Shalom and Lani hearty congratulations. Rabbi Ilan Berman married Shalom to her "awfully wedded wife", Lani, at approximately 3:32 P.M. under a terrycloth chupa. The bridesmaids and best man were in tears as the newly wedded couple made their way to the Caplan Dining Hall in "Switzerland in the Poconos." We wish the entire Bryk and Chanales families much nachas and joy from the union of their children. And a special Mazel Tov to Bunk G 17!

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LEAVE YOUR ARTICLES FOR SHALHEVET IN THE HC 2.

NITZIS AND SHTILIS OPEN DRAMA SEASON

"The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly," starring Nitzis and Shtilis with Machoniks and Staff in major roles will open this year's Drama season in the Mercazia. A musical review with selections from Little Mermaid, Oliver and Co., Oliver, and Grease, the presentation will take place Wednesday and Thursday evenings.

Directed by Michael Goldberg, all seventy Nitzi Girls will perform on the stage at the same time accompanied by ten Nitzi boys and many Shtilis.

Technical staff is Josh Sultanik and Martin Tollinsky. Background will be by Rena Greenwald, Shulamis Felsenthal, and Judy Goodman.

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The Latest On. . .

BEAR CARE

1. Bears are not to be feared- all they want to do is play and eat (not people).
2. If people do not feed them, bears maintain their distance.
3. Bears do not see well- they are drawn by smell- odors from Clorox and ammonia keep them away.

Thanks to Officer Frank Duley of the Pa. Game Commission for his visit and advice.

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ONEG SHABBAT

The speaker for tonight's Oneg Shabbat is Rabbi Nathaniel Helfgott. His topic: **WHEN THE HOLY SIN.** The event will begin at 10:15 in the Pargod.

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SHALHEVET extends special thanks to Paula Spodek for her assistance in publishing this issue and to Gita Schachter, Shani Offen, and Alisa Bruckstein for technical expertise. Thanks to Jay Lisker for his help and bear hunting.

Torah Thoughts

A D'VAR TORAH ON . . .

PARSHAT CHUKAS

By Rabbi Joel Cohn
Ed Staff Head

Moshe Rabbanu finds himself in a most difficult position when B'nei Yisroel once again challenge him for water. Hashem responds to Moshe: **Kach et Hamateh-** "Take your staff", We are all familiar with the mistake Moshe then made- namely: using the **mateh** to hit the rock rather than talking to the rock.

The question arises then: Why did Hashem command Moshe to take the **mateh** if it were not to be used? A possible suggestion might be that the **mateh** was supposed to symbolize something to Moshe. When he first met Hashem at Har Sinai and he was appointed to be the **Moshia Yisroel** he asked Hashem: What will happen if the Jewish people do not believe that I am a messenger of Hashem? Hashem then commanded to take the **mateh**- throw it in the ground, and it will turn into a snake. Rashi explains that it turned into a snake to tell Moshe that he had spoken **lashon harah** against B'nei Yisroel- accusing them of not believing that he is indeed the **Moshia Yisroel**.

Perhaps that is why Hashem commanded Moshe here as well: **Kach et hamateh-** Moshe, take the **mateh** and let it remind you that you are not to say bad about the Jewish people no matter how difficult they may seem to you.

May we be reminded of this message and always be **zocheh** to see the treasure which is present in every member of K'lal Yisroel.

A D'VAR TORAH ON . . .

THIS WEEK'S HAFTORAH

By David Schwartz, College Kollel

In this week's Haftorah we are told about the tragic story of Yiftach. When Yiftach went out to battle he swore that if he returned victorious, the first living being that he met would be a **korban**. After he won the war, he returned home ready to choose the first animal he saw as a **korban**. Unfortunately, his daughter greeted him first. The vow had fallen on her.

What was Yiftach to do? How could he let his daughter live her life as a "sacrifice"? She could never get married or live a normal life. There was only one way out. Yiftach knew he could get the vow annulled by Pinchas.

Yiftach refused to go to Pinchas. He felt it was below his dignity as the **Shofet**. Pinchas refused to go to Yiftach because he felt it was below his dignity as **Kohen Godol** to go to Yiftach. Neither one would give in and go to the other one. Chazal tell us that both Yiftach and Pinchas were punished for destroying Yiftach's daughter's life. Their concern for their own honor got in the way of their concern for others.

Chazal consider it an unforgivable sin to place their honor above the daughter's needs. We must be careful in our own lives to learn from the mistakes of these **tzaddikim** and not repeat them in our own lives.

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LICHT BENSHEIN IN LAKE COMO

7:10 P.M.

עמוד עברי

ח'שמז "ישראל"



הוא לא יצא

אמא כעסה על שואל ואמרה לו: „אסור לך לצאת החוצה!“

היה שואל עצוב, כי רצה לצאת ולשחק. פתאם מצא עצה: הוא הל

אל הדלת ואמר:

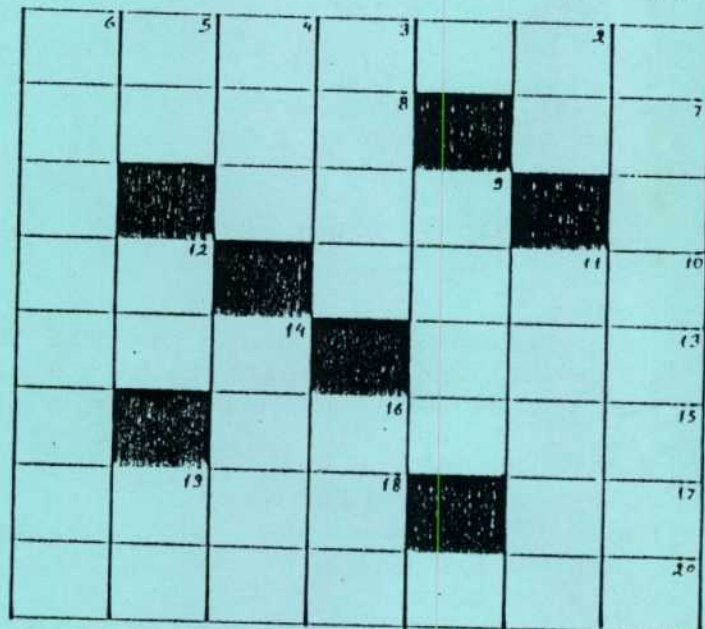
„אמא אני נכנס החוצה.“

למה ללכת?

דני שואל: „מה את עושה, אמא?“

אמא עונה: „אני מלמדת את אחיך הקטן ללכת.“

„אבל מדוע?“ שואל דני. „הלא יש לנו מכונת“.



מימין לשמאל: 1. עיר-הבירה של ישראל; 7. זוחל הנושא את ביתו על הגבו; 8. מי שלומד הרבה; 9. האם של שני וקהל; 10. לא כבדים; 12. האשה של האב; 13. נהר קטן; 14. העץ plane; 15. שם ראה יעקב אבינו את החלום שלו (שתי מלים); 17. אוויר; 18. הקר אשר בו נתנה התורה לבני ישראל; 20. שם קר ומוסד חנוכי בהרי ירושלים (שתי מלים).

מלמדה למטה: 1. נשיא מדינת ישראל; 2. איש תורה; 3. טוף המלחמה; 4. מדוע; 5. בה אנו כותבים נעובדים; 6. ראש ממלכת ישראל; 9. נערה המשרתת בצבא; 11. הלחיים שלו; 12. אלהים; 14. הדליים (buckets) שלי; 16. בו אביה מלך ירושלים; 19. נזפר למעלה (בראשי חבות).



MACHON USINGS

MORASHA WE MISS YOU!!!

New York July 5 - The stale and humid NYC air is only refreshed with the knowledge that all Morashaniks, young and old (like Jeff Kobrin) are once again enjoying themselves this summer in a little town called Lake Como.

As the young strapping lads and sweet innocent maidens embark on countless new camping experiences we here at the home for retired former Morasha campers and counselors would like to provide some old (like Jeff Kobrin) memories to spark new ones which all will ultimately share in years to come. Not a day goes by when we don't look at our watches and wonder what we would be doing if we were in camp. Would we be riding our golf cart on boys' campus or girls' campus? Would we be shooting arrows on the archery field or learning in the Beis Medrash? Would we be scolding a young camper for wearing checkered shorts with a striped shirt or sleeping? Well, we all know the answers to those questions.

And so as these long, hot and often depressing summer days drag on here in the urban jungle, we are always able to force a smile thinking about our past days at Camp Morasha and the present ones our friends are enjoying. Sitting here in the home for retired former Morasha campers and counselors, we are comforted by the fact that we will always be Morashaniks.

Have a great summer & may our joyous memories of camp only be exceeded by yours.

Michael Schreiber & Michael Selesny
and Yael Hochberg

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QUESTION: WHAT DO BABY MICE & MACHONIK
ARI SONNEBERG HAVE IN COMMON?

ANSWER: THEY FILL THE SAME SHOES.

MORASHA MACHON MEETS BBYO KALLAHS
IN MEMORABLE EXCHANGE

Another BBYO-Morasha Exchange Day has come and gone, but the fond memories will linger for many days, weeks and even years to come. Machikon Coordinators Shira Katz & Josh Epstein did a fabulous job organizing a program which included greeting, meeting and eating with 115 participants of the Kallah program. Highlights of the day included remarks by Rabbi Tully Besser, heated sessions on religious and political issues, unique song and dance presentations. Friends and memories were made and we look forward to visiting BBYO next Sunday.

THIS WEEK IN MACHON

by Dina Helfand, Midreshet Machon

On their first day of camp, Machoniks participated in one-day Color War where PLAZA faced LAROMME. After grueling hours of sports, imaginary banner building and songwriting, LAROMME emerged the victor. Regardless, everyone had a blast. Then, on Thursday, after spending hours lost on highways, Machon went to the Apollo Mall for 1/2 an hour and then to Woodbourne, followed by Patriot Games. Upon return, they were greeted by a permanently -so far- extended curfew. Thursday also kicked off the summer of learning for Midreshet Machon, who trek to the Library at 9:30 to get in a few extra sheurim.

Sunday marked the outset of Machon's first work-week. All victims were subject to 6:45, 7:45 and 8:15 wake-up, after which they worked in bunks on specialty, or in the dining room. Between all of this rigorous activity, Machoniks practiced extensively for their meeting with BBYO. With 2 songs and 2 dances, Machon astounded spectators.

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WELCOME MICHAEL SCHREIBER and
Yael Hochberg

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 Hamikdash 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.

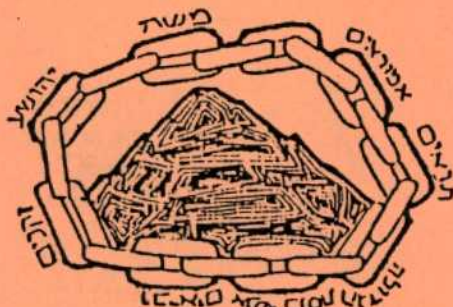
Interestingly enough, this tractate is in Nezikim, the section of the Talmud that deals with laws of courts, judges and damages. The Rambam (Maimonides) gives two reasons for this.

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.

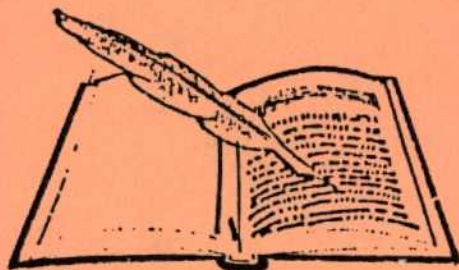
Chapter I — Moshe received the Torah from Sinai and handed it down



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.

SPORTS

BY ERIC AND ADAM MELZER

MORASHA DEFEATS LAVI 36-26 IN THE SUMMER'S FIRST INTERCAMP

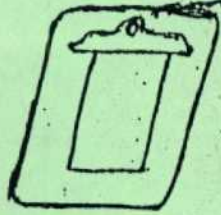
Tuesday marked the first time in quite a few years that Camp Morasha was able to defeat Camp Lavi in Intercamp Games. Although the boys split 16-16, the girls managed a 20-10 victory enabling Morasha to finish on top. Following is a recap of some of the day's most exciting games.

In basketball, the younger Shtilim won an extremely close game 34-32 via a last second hook shot. The victory was especially good because the Shtilim had very few periods in which to practice. The younger Ilanot did not need the last second heroics of their Shtili counterparts as they crushed Lavi in successive games 55-13 and 49-31. Bennie Epstein led the way by averaging 20 points over the two games while Dov Weiner played two awesome games and scored 30 points combined. The Alufim had no trouble with their Lavi foes. Behind the rebounding prowess of Yehuda Samter coupled with the sharpshooting of Jonathan Sprung and David "Feast or Famine" Rosman, they won 54-40, going away. "Better luck against Moshava."

In hockey, the younger Ilanot played one of the most exciting games in Morasha history and ultimately won it 2-1. They successfully killed off a two-man power play advantage in the last minute of the game. M.V.P. certainly goes to Moulie Monty Stechler who is gradually emerging as one of the best goaltenders in the history of Camp Morasha.

The girls not only beat Lavi but they frequently won by huge margins. For example, the Nitzanim absolutely destroyed Lavi in kickball 26-3. At the other end of the spectrum, the Alufot embarrassed Lavi 14-2. Yet there were certain games which were close. The Shtilim fought "tooth and nail" in BBK until they attained a 10-8 victory in the final inning. Perhaps the most impressive victory of the day was a 3-0 Ilanot victory in soccer. Much credit goes to the newly instituted sports program on girls' campus which successfully prepared the girls for the games.

The Morasha Machine played their first basketball game of the season versus the Mesorah Traditionalists and pounded them 49-32. The game was close throughout the first half as Morasha only led by eight at the break. Yet, Reb "Money" Schechter bound the range from downtown as he broke the game open by connecting on the successive three pointers in the third quarter. The player of the game, however, was Avi "The Dragon" Savitsky. Savage absolutely crushed Mesorah in all aspects of the game and his final stats were 8 points 15 rebounds and 2 blocked shots. Congratulations to the staff basketball team in what is hoped will be a prelude to a terrific summer.



ROVING REPORTER

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

Answers

ZUSH MOTECHIN, Boys' H.C.: A full night's sleep.

TARA DACHS, G-20 & SHARI SUSSMAN, G-18: A Coke Machine for every bunk

MACHON GIRL COUNSELORS: A fishing boat for Machon Boys

SHAMA BERMAN & JOHN, Drivers: A brand new bus for John.

MACHON GIRLS: Nothing. We have everything.

ARI SONNEBERG, Machon: A scoop.

ADAM BECKER, Machon: Worms.

JONATHAN COOPER, Sports Staff: A Kollel Elyon for Boys' Campus.

AYELET LICHTIGER & ESTEE SCHIFF, G-7: A Pool.

SHIRI ALPERT, G-8: Air Conditioning.

TAMAR BRUGER, G-9: A heater.

SHIRA KATZ, G-9: Golf carts for campers

STEPHANIE GLUCK, SC 13: Start an animal preservation fund.

DANA FELDSCHREIBER, G-6: A heater for the lake.

MICHAL MULLER, G-14: Refrigerators for each bunk.

DASSI TROPPER, G-14: Uniforms.

RENA RUBIN, G-14: A pizza store.

ILANOT GIRLS: Donny Appel

Answers

AVIVA WEINER, JC G-5: Leather volleyballs

ELAN GROBMAN, SC B-15: SNAPPLE

MICHAL WAHRHAFTIG & FAYGIE FRIEDMAN, SC G-8: A good waiter

JEFF KOBRIN, Machon Counselor: Cable T.V.

RABBI WADLER, Ed Staff: A color printing press for SHALHEVET

JASON KOSLOWE & JAY NATHANSON, B-3: More soda machines

RABBI JOEL COHN, Ed Staff Head: A cage for the bear.

ROMY GARDENSWARTZ, G-9: A Jacuzzi

SHIRA GRAJOWER, G-6: A maid

DENA GOLDSCHMIEDT, G-7: An escalator to the Mercazia

YONI MILLER, B-1: Clean the bottom of the lake.

RACHEL MANSDORF, G-7: Bathtubs

CHAIM LAUFER, B-1: A Porsche

ANDREW WURZBURGER, Machon: Schedule a shuttle from Machon to Boys every 10 minutes

SHIRLEY STORCH, Office Manager: A chartered jet ride home

SHOSHANA ALPERT, G-15: Telephones for each bunk

SARA BERREBY, G-19: Food vending machines for each bunk