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WELCOME

FOR THE OPENING SHABBAT OF MORASHA 1993 SHALHEVET BRINGS YOU A MINI EDITION - THREE OF OUR MOST POPULAR COLUMNS. MORE NEXT WEEK . . .

Torah Thoughts

from:

Growth through Torah by Z. Pliskin

True compassion is based on seeing the entire picture.

ו'חזר אף אלקים כי ה' הוא וי' חזק מאלף
רשעים (המזכיר כ"ג כ"ג)

Rashi explains that the angel that stood in Bilaam's way was an angel of mercy that wanted to prevent him from transgressing so that he should not be lost. In Verse 31 we read that the angel had a drawn sword. R. Zalman Sorotzkin commented on this that at times an angel of mercy who is trying to save a person will appear to him as an adversary who is out to harm him. When a person has many faults, he will often have friends and relatives who keep trying to influence him to improve. He is likely to view their nagging as extremely irritating and painful & will consider them as his enemies. But the truth is that they have his best interests in mind. He should not only not be angry at them but should even be appreciative and grateful that they are concerned about his welfare. When someone tries to have a positive influence on you, thank him for it.

R. Zalman Sorotzkin also commented that from here we see that at times an angel of mercy has to be willing to take an aggressive stance in order to prevent someone from destroying himself and others.

True compassion is based on seeing the entire picture. For instance, a parent who allows his child to do whatever he wants just because he does not want his child ever to cry, might allow his child to do all kinds of things that are destructive both spiritually & to his physical well-being. When you really care about someone, you do not want him to harm himself & will be willing at times to be strict in order to protect him from his own ignorance or foolishness.

THE ROVING REPORTER

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

What was the hardest thing for you to part with?

Ronit Frenkel G-14: My teddy bear

Yael Wagner G-17: My parents

Debbie Meskin, Alufot D.H.: My telephone

Lara Ostreicher G-17: My good friend

Joanna Steinlauf JC G-15: The California Sun

Cindy Rosenblum JC G-14: My mother's car

Yael Sudberg JC G-13: My mother's potato kugel

Adam Loskove SC B-10: Israel

Penina Savitsky, Ilana Cohen, Machon: Barney

Jennifer Hellman, Machon: No curfew

Amy Rosenfeld, G-14: My refrigerator

BONUS QUESTION:

What was the first thing you did when you got to camp?

Carley G-18, Aliza G-13, Lea G-12, Ayala G-11, Meredith G-2: CRY

News

ONEG SHABBAT

All staff is most cordially invited to attend an Oneg Shabbat tonight at 10 PM in the Pargod. Guest speaker will be Captain Zvi Gelfand on "The Long Road Back to Yiddishkeit."

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NEWS



STAFF AND CAMPERS SET FOR ANOTHER SEASON OF SUCCESS

Staff and campers are in position and set for another successful season under the direction of Rabbi Abraham Wahrhaftig and his competent administration.

New staff members include Shmuel and Sheri Feld from Chicago. Sheri is head of Older Ilanot Girls and Shmuel heads the Younger Ilanot Boys. The Boys' Waterfront Head in July is Aaron Berger. He will be replaced in August by Alan Pelikow. Sara Lamm Dratch has returned to be Assistant Head of the Girls' Waterfront after an absence of 10 years.

Michael Selesny, formerly a Machon counselor, is now Alufim Division Head. His wife Julie is Infirmary Administrator. Debbie Meskin has gone from Ilanot to Alufot. Shmuel Furmansky is the new Boys Nitzi Head.

Mimi Hershkowitz, who has been in charge of the Dining Room for many years, now supervises the Canteen while Jill Sanders, a former Alufot D.H., has filled Mimi's former position.

MAZEL TOV

Mazel Tov to all members of the Oratz, Orlian, and Siff families on this week's additions to their families, to Rabbi Tully & Safreda Besser on the Bar-Mitzvah of their son, Yechiel, and to the camp B'nai Mitzvah of this week, Judah Koller, B-7 (and parents Elayne & Jerry), and Josh Schwartz, Yehuda Chanales and Nachshon Rothstein of B-8.

GUESS WHO



Rabbi Abraham Wahrhaftig, Camp Director, is aiming to oversee a free summer - free of Lashon Hara and free of Machloket. Let's each do our part to help him.

NEW FACILITIES:

Facilities added to Morasha this season include a big tent (the Morasha Ohel Moed) on Boys' Campus to replace the Shul that collapsed under a load of snow, an addition to the Boys' Machon bunk, a new Beis Medrash for the HS Kollel, and more housing for staff. Bunks 14, 15, and 16 have been enlarged.

STAFF LECTURES ON & AFTER SHABBOS

All staff is cordially invited to hear Rabbi Mark Dratch speak at tonight's Oneg. The time is 10:00 PM. The place - the Pargod.

On Shabbos night at 11 PM, Maish Yarmush, MD, PhD, will lecture sponsored by the Morasha Day Camp Committee on the Wonders of Science. Dr. Yarmush heads the sports department at Morasha.

See schedules for weekly lectures by Rabbis Berman (Monday), Schwartz (Wednesday) and Willig (Thursday).

DEPARTMENT DETAILS

This week in:

EDUCATION - This is the week of **Emet** - Truth and Honesty according to the Ed Staff program of the 13 Midos of Rav Salanter. Rabbi Joel Cohn, Ed Staff Head, also reports that Midreshet Machon is in full swing with 4 girls. Two staff additions are Etan Tokayer, formerly of Kollel and Jeff Kobrin, former Machon counselor.

DRAMA - Nitzis & Shtilis are practicing for their debut of the season. On Sunday night Nitzis will play The Littlest Etrog Tree and Shtilis are doing A Button for My Yarmulke.

SPORTS - Staff is facing tryouts this week. The team members will be announced soon.

MUSIC - Boys & girls are getting ready for the SHIRIAH next Thursday.

Torah Thoughts

A D'VAR TORAH ON . . .

THE DANGERS OF KANAUT

By Jeff Kobrin, Ed Staff

Our Parsha begins with Hashem's promise that Pinchas, who seized the moment - and the spear - at the end of Parshat Balak and killed Zimri and Kozbi, will not receive a punishment but rather a reward: a covenant of peace and of eternal Kehuna, of acting as Hashem's servant.

Even though the Torah tells us that the plague that was wiping out thousands of B'nei Yisrael stopped with Pinchas' act, G-d needed to go out of His way to make clear that He approved of Pinchas' unseemly frumkeit. Apparently, the way of the Kanai is not so obviously good, and may only apply in very specific situations.

The Shalom that Hashem guaranteed may be several things. Perhaps Hashem promised Pinchas protection from the vengeance of Zimri's relatives, or, as Sforno suggests, a long and peaceful life. Rav Yissachar Yaakovson, in his Bina Bamikra, cites the Netziv who offered a different explanation: after committing such a quick and violent act, a Kanai may well be prone to pangs of guilt or confusion - despite his or her knowledge that he acted purely and correctly - and may ultimately end up hurting himself permanently. Hashem thus promised Pinchas: that such self-doubt and self-loathing would never occur to him, but rather he would remain at peace.

The nature of Kanaut is such that when unleashed it may be unstoppable; even though at the outset it accomplished good, zealotry may ultimately prove negative and destructive. The Kotzker Rebbe tells us that Moshe was considering Pinchas as a successor, but changed his mind when he saw Pinchas's Kanaut.

As we try this summer - and especially during the next two and a half weeks - to internalize the thirteen midot of Rav Yisroel Salanter - one of which is Menuchat HaNefesh or peace of mind - we would do well to steer clear of acts of Kanaut, whether on the courts, in the dining room, or in the Bondis. The Brit of Shalom guaranteed to Pinchas may not exist for us - why seize the moment when we have the whole summer stretching ahead of us?

A D'VAR TORAH ON . . .

PARSHAT PINCHAS

By Steven Braun, High School Kollel

In this week's Parsha we find a listing of all the **Korbonot musafin** for all of the **Yomim Tovim**. The **Chidushei Harim** used to say that his rebbe, Rav Simcha Bunim, always became very elated during the reading of the Parsha because of its plentiful content. What **z'chus** did Pinchas have, he asked, to have such a parsha named after him?

It is said from the Ari Tzal that when Nadav and Avihu died out of having such tremendous desire and love for Hashem, that their souls flew out from them. Their death was for the purpose of marking the dedication of the new Mishkan that had just been built. They sacrificed themselves to sanctify the new **mizbayach**. Their only **chet** was that they did not ask Mosheh, their rebbe, if it was the proper thing to do. But then came Pinchas and did Hashem's will after asking his rebbe for permission. He, too, did his act of sanctification with such great devotion that his soul left him, and his body had to be helped along with the souls of Nadav and Avihu. By this one act, the **chet** of Nadav and Avihu and the **Chanukas hamizbayach** was corrected and for this reason, the **korbonos** are listed in this Parsha.

From this we can learn that a **chizoron** in a person or an act is not something to sneer or laugh at. It is something we must strive to help correct and make whole. In the **z'chut** of these actions may the **geulah** be whole and quick in coming.

Shabbat Shalom.

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(אגדה)

בירושלים היו שני אחים. לאח המבוגר היו אשה וילדים. והאח הצעיר סי לבדו. לשני האחים היה שדה אחת. הם עבדו בשדה יחד. יסד חרשו. יסד זרעו ויסד קצרו.

הגיע זמן הקציר. קצרו שני האחים וחילקו ביניהם את החיטה. הם שמו בשדה ערימה אחת בשביל האח הבכור ונערימה אחת בשביל האח הצעיר. שמי הערימות היו שוות ביניהן.

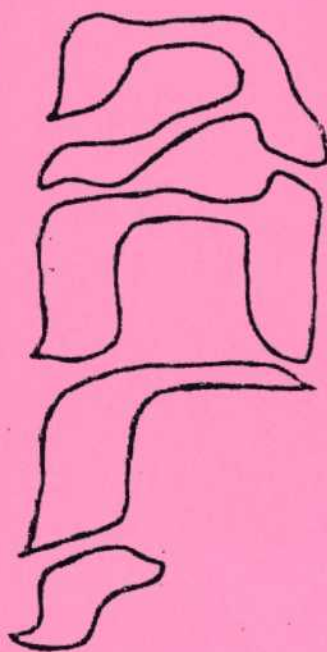
באותו לילה חשב האח הצעיר: "לאחי יש אשה וילדים. מגיע לו יותר חיטה מאשר לי. אני סי לבדי — ומספיק לי רק מעט חיטה". הוא יצא בלילה לשדה. לקח חיטה מהערימה שלו והעביר אל הערימה של אחיו.

באותו לילה לא יכול היה גם האח המבוגר לישון. הוא חשב: "לי יש אשה וילדים. ואחי סי לבדו. אני שמם באשתי וילדי. ואחי יש לו שמחה רק בחיטה שהוא מגדל.

מגיע לו יותר חיטה מאשר לי". קם האח הבכור ממיטתו ויצא אל השדה. הוא לקח חיטה מהערימה שלו והעביר אותה לערימה של אחיו. בבוקר קמו שני האחים ויצאו לשדה. הם הסתכלו על שתי הערימות החיטה וראו: הערימות שוות זו לזו. לא הבינו האחים מה קרה. אך הם לא אמרו דבר איש

לאחיו. בלילה הבא שוב העביר כל אח חיטה מהערימה שלו לזו של אחיו. אך בבוקר היו שתי הערימות שוות ביניהן... חשב כל אחד בלבו: אסכה כל הלילה ואראה: למה הערימות שוות בבוקר? באותו לילה לקח שוב כל אח חיטה מהערימה שלו והעביר לשים אותה בערימה של אחיו. באמצע הדרך הם נפגשו...

התחבקו האחים. נשקו זה לזה והירכו את אלוהים על העהבה שנתן בלבם. האגדה מספרת: במקום שבו נפגשו שני האחים — קם בית-המקדש.



SHALHEVET SPECIAL

ABOUT THE "THREE WEEKS"



Mourning — Symbol of Hope

Someone once asked Reb Yoseif Dov of Brisk, "Tell me, Rabbi, what is the use of all of this mourning and sadness between *Shiva Asar B'Tamuz* and *Tisha B'Av*? Couldn't we do just as well without it?"

The rabbi answered, "Let me give you an example. Once there was a fire that destroyed many homes. Some of the homeless people search the ruins to find things that may have escaped destruction. Others don't bother looking! Those who look are the ones who expect to rebuild their homes. The others have probably given up and don't even want to make the effort."

"Our mourning is the same way. We remind ourselves of the destruction of the *Bais Hamikdash* because we haven't given up. We are looking forward to the coming of *Moshiach*."

Like Son, Like Mother

A little boy once came to Reb Chaim of Brisk with a question, "My mother wants me to ask the Rabbi if I may eat meat during the first nine days of *Av*."



Reb Chaim studied the pale, thin boy and answered, "Yes, my child, you may

eat meat. And tell your mother that I said she may also eat meat."

The other members of the Brisk rabbinical court asked Reb Chaim how he could tell if the mother's health was so poor that she was permitted to eat meat.

"It's very simple. If a child is thin and undernourished, then his mother is eating less than he."

To Use Just Once

Rabbi Abraham Kamai of Mir once went to buy a Book of *Kinos* (Lamentations) for *Tisha B'Av*. He argued that the price was too high and bargained over every penny. The book seller was surprised because Rabbi Kamai was a good customer who *never* complained about the price of anything. The rabbi explained,

"When I buy *seforim* (books), I don't mind paying the regular price because I will be using the *seforim* for years; for all that use they are worth the money. But



Kinos? By next year *Moshiach* will be here! Why should I overpay for a *sefer* that I will use for only one day?"

In the same vein, Rabbi Mordechai of Lechavitz used to say that if people truly believed in the coming of *Moshiach*, they would not put away their *Kinos* for the following year.

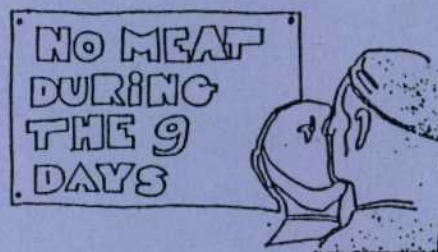
Check the Kashrus

Rabbi Elia Chaim Meisles of Lodz paid special attention to the needs of children from poor families. He established for them a Yeshiva where they would have their meals and he arranged for the townspeople to provide food and clothing. One year the crops were bad and food was very expensive. To make matters worse, the Yeshiva found it difficult to raise money for food and the other expenses. The com-

mittee that was in charge decided that they would save money by cutting out meat during the Nine Days.

Reb Elia Chaim heard about it and was upset. Here in the United States enough nourishing food is available so that children can be well fed even without meat. But in Europe many years ago, nutrition was a serious problem. Reb Elia Chaim sent for the head of the Yeshiva committee and said,

"I want you to know that the food being given to the children is against the Torah law."



"Don't worry, Rabbi," arrogantly answered the chairman, "we are giving no meat at all during the Nine Days."

"That's exactly what I mean," said Reb Elia Chaim. It is forbidden to give dairy meals to children from poor families. Their health is not good and they must be given meat every day."

Only the Truth

Rabbi Levi Yitzchok of Berdichev was famous and beloved for always finding good things to say about Jews no matter how bad they may have seemed. Once, on *Tisha B'Av*, he saw a Jew openly eating and drinking. The Rabbi said,

"My son, you must have forgotten it is *Tisha B'Av*."

"No, Rabbi, I know what day it is."

"Then you don't know it is forbidden to eat."

"No, Rabbi, I know that, too."

"No doubt you are in poor health and unable to fast."

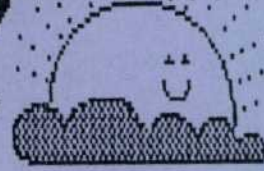
"Wrong again, Rabbi. I wish all Jews were as healthy as I."

Reb Levi Yitzchok looked up towards heaven and said, "Rebboni Shel Olam, see how honest your children are. This man would rather admit that he is a sinner than tell a lie!"

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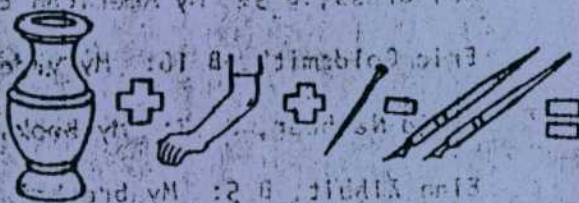
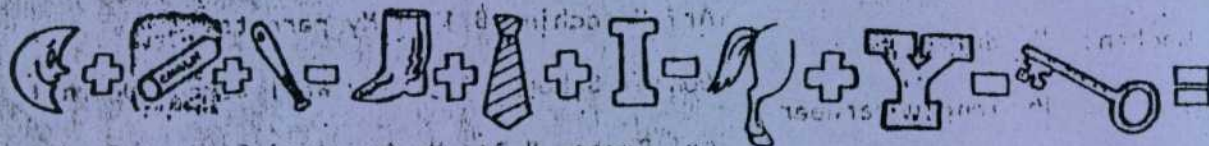
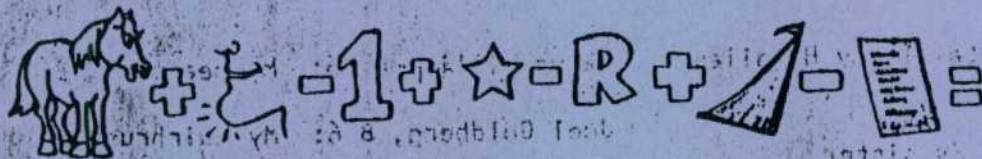
FUN PAGE



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NAME THE THREE

We are required to pray three times a day. Do you know what the names of the three tefillos are? Work out the rebuses and you will know for sure.



ERETZ YISROEL AND THE COMING משיח

The answer is a **מקלה** which we hope **ה'** will be **קיים** for us very soon. Write your answers to the math questions using Hebrew letters.

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YOU NAME IT!

Write down the opposites of the following words. Combine the first letter of each word to discover what the sad period during the summer is called.

give	poor	full
cold	late	entrance
west	heaven	cruel
catch	strong	north
villain		

A FRUITFUL MATCH

It's a hot summer day and Rachel would like a fresh fruit to eat, but look, something is wrong. The upper halves of the fruit do not match the bottom halves. Help Rachel match them up so she can enjoy a refreshing snack.



FEATURES

FOCUS ON . . .

RABBI MARK & SARA LAMM DRATCH

"Once I found my Bashert I had nothing left to tell **SHALHEVET**." So responded Rabbi Mark Dratch who came to camp this week accompanying his wife **SARA LAMM DRATCH**, the new/old assistant head of the waterfront and their five year old daughter Tova.

Rabbi Dratch, in his last year here as a staff member, was a weekly respondent to **SHALHEVET**'s Roving Reporter column. His answer—no matter what the question—was always related to seeking his Bashert. Sara, having come to Morasha at the tender age of two, became an avid reader of the Roving Reporter by the time she was old enough to consider Bashert seeking.

This summer after an absence of ten years Sara is once again Assistant Head of Girls' Waterfront. Sara started in Morasha in 1963 as a pre-daycamper and worked her way up the ranks. Mark entered Morasha in 1977 as a member of the JSS Kollel and eventually headed both Shtilim and Alufim divisions. Now Rabbi Dratch is the spiritual leader of Congregation Shaarei Shomayim in Toronto (shul of Jesse Kaplan, Nitzanim). Sara is working on a Jewish children's radio show which will debut in the U.S. in the fall when she's not taking care of Mark and Tova.

The most obvious change the Dratch's have noticed in their return to Morasha is that "the staff has become much younger." Mark's fondest memory of Morasha: "meeting my Bashert and having a song written about me." Sara's was getting the "I met my Bashert in Morasha" tee shirt.

The Dratch's words of advice to our readers: "It pays to advertise in **SHALHEVET**".

—RS

WRITE FOR SHALHEVET...WRITE FOR SHALHEVET...

Leave your articles in the HC.



A Lufot Letters

Tuesday, July 6
Tammuz 17, 5753

Dear Readers,

Well, we finally made it! After six long summers, we have been promoted to Alufot, the queen of all divisions. As Nitzanim we had always aspired to be Alufot and have looked forward to the privileges that came hand in hand with it. Now that we're here, I can honestly say that the wait was definitely worth it.

We have an unbelievable Division Head, Debbie Meskin, who with the help of our great counselors, will fill our summer with everlasting fun.

Here's what lies ahead for the Alufot division of Summer 1993. This week we have trip day, followed by the Alufot play, **Anne Frank**, which will be a smashing production, Shiriah, a canoe trip, one day color war, intercamps, visiting Camp Block (for senior citizens), Hershey Park, Muzicole, three day color war, and more.

I hope your summer will be a great one.

Have a good Shabbat.

Love,

Suri

Suri Heszkel

IMPORTANT ! ! !

If you need a MEZUZAH for your bunk contact Rabbi Joel Cohn at extension 67.

MOVING REPORTER

QUESTION: IF YOU COULD USE THE TENT ON BOYS' CAMPUS FOR SOMETHING SPECIAL, WHAT WOULD IT BE ? ? ? ?

ANSWERS:

MATTI MOTECHIN, Girls' Assistant HC: A circus for a night activity

David Stempler, B 6: An amusement park

JOSH BLUM, B 4 : A giant picnic

NILI EPSTEIN, G 6: A Ren & Stimpy Game Show

DAVID SCHWARTZ, KOLLEL: A cushion for failed paratroopers

ELI STORCH, MACHON COUNSELOR: Golf cart races

DENA FLEMINGER, G 10; P'gisha

JOSH BLECHNER, B 4, MORDECHAI BLUM, B6: A water park

ALIZA, GILA, & DEBRA, OFFICE: Convert it to the office so the staff can get tanned

VELVEL CINNAMON, MACHON COUNSELOR: Sacrifices

ELI STEIGLITZ, JASON KOLLANDER, ALAN GOLDBERGER, B 5 : A golfing range

SARAH ROSENBERG, G 2: A carousel

MICHAL ADLER, G 2: --A coed night activity.

SHANI FENIGSTEIN, JC, G 9: Iguana races

SHIRA KATZ, JC G 4: Elephant rides

JAY NATHANSON, B 4; A volleyball match

BENTZI ITZKOWITZ, Waiter: A slam jam spectacular

ARYEH PEARLMAN, SC, B 3: A wedding

URI MILLER, B 4: A Schlock Rock concert

JASON KOSLOVE, B 4: Hockey All Star Games

SHLOMO ROTHSTEIN, B 2: A Bowling contest

YOEL PREMINGER, B 2: A swimming pool

HILA SEGEV, MOTHER'S HELPER: Cater a graduation reception

SCOTT GERBER, B 5: Rainy day sports

ELI GALLER, B 5: A Bar Mitzvah

SHIUR 8 G: For Rabbi Nusbacher's Shiur

AALISON STEINLAUF, G 9: A flea market

JOSH QUINN, B 17, SHAI DAVIS, B 19: A roller derby

HOSHEA GOTTLIEB, KOLLEL: An outdoor Bais Medrash

ELLIOT KOLLANDER, SHLOMO WEG, B 18: An all night learning session

ETAN TOKAYER, ED STAFF: The welcoming site for MOSHIACH

SPECIALTY STAFF: A parking lot for Visitor s Day