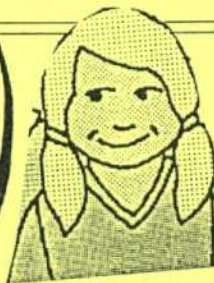


SHALHEVET

תשנ"ג

Friday 20	Kabbalat Shabbat: 6:45 p.m.	
Saturday 21	MUZIKOLE	
Sunday 22	Staff presents: THE FANTASTICKS	
Monday 23	BANQUET/BURNING/MESIBOT	
Tuesday (24)		



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NEWS



OVER TWO HUNDRED TALMIDIM AND TALMIDOT EARN TORAH AWARDS

Indicating immense accomplishment in Torah studies this summer, more than two hundred boys and girls will receive honors at closing ceremonies on Monday.

One hundred seventeen boys and girls will be awarded Seforim and 109 will be presented with certificates.

"It was a magnificent season of learning," reported Rabbi Joel Cohn, Educational Director. "We hope that now all of the MIDOS we learned from the study of Rav Yisroel Salanter will become incorporated into the lives of Morashaniks."

Besides classroom study, many of the night activities were devoted to educational themes which were very well received according to Rabbi Cohn.

MORASHANIKS TO DANCE THROUGH WORLDS OF WONDER

A fantastic magical dance trip through "Worlds of Wonder" and "Wonders of the World" will be featured in this year's MUSIKOLE Motzei Shabbat in the Mercazia.

Directed by Shayne Schwed, Head of the Dance Department, and her assistant Shari Strauch, the production will include performances by hundreds of girls. Machon Boys are also scheduled to participate.

According to Shayne, the trip will be through both an imaginary world and the real world which Hashem created.

SHALHEVET EXTENDS BEST WISHES FOR A K'SIVA V'CHASIMA TOVA TO ALL !

STAFF FEATURED IN MORASHA "FANTASTICK" DRAMATIC FINALE

"THE FANTASTICKS" presented by the Staff will be the grand finale of the Morasha dramatic season. Directed by Michal Goldberg, the format will be a circle in the round rather than the usual stage. The show will be on Sunday night at 8 PM.

Stars are Avi Baitner, Aryeh Perlman, Pinny Klein, Esther Schwartz, Aimee Taub, Shari Strauch, and Boris Khodorkovsky.

MORASHA BLOOD DRIVE DRAWS RECORD 121 PINTS

Breaking all previous records, 121 pints of blood were contributed at Morasha in the Annual Wayne/Pike County Blood Services Program. Morasha first participated in 1982 with 95 donors.

Chaya Lamm Warburg and Tziona Bersson of the Waterfront Staff coordinated the drive. "We were all overwhelmed by the support and dedication of donors, volunteer assistants, and the Red Cross staff. What a Kiddush Hashem!"

SHABBATAGRAMS COMBINE TZEDAKA & CHESD

More than \$100 weekly was raised in Alufot's SHABBATAGRAM project. Combining Tzedakah and Chesed, girls would buy the cards, the proceeds of which went to tzedakah, and send them to their friends to express Good Shabbas wishes (CHESD). About 1000 went out weekly. Much of the money raised went to help support Yeshivot in Israel which Morashaniks attend.

Nitzanim, in their own Tzedakah drive, raised \$18 which they allocated to Camp Simcha.

ONEG SHABBAT
TONITE'S SPEAKER WILL BE
DANNY BESDIN, ESQ. HIS TOPIC: L.A. LAW vs. B'NAI B'RAK LAW. TIME IS 10 PM.

Torah Thoughts

A D'VAR TORAH

ON PARSHAT SHOFTIM

By DROR BARBER, High School Kollel

In this week's Parsha the Torah says SHOFTIM V'SHOTRIM TETAIN L'CHO B'CHOL SH'ORECHA. The famous Chassidic Rebbe, Rabbi Elimelech of Luzhensk, author of the NOAM ELIMELECH offers an interesting interpretation of this posuk.

He brings the Gemara in Brachot 61: TZADDIKIM YETZER TOV SHOFTIN, R'SHOIM YETZER HARAH SHOFTIN. That a Tzaddik is controlled by his YETZER TOV and a Rasha is controlled by his YETZER HARAH. The Avot Darchei D'Rebbe Noson interprets that if an average man lets the Yetzer Harah get the better of him he is controlled by his Yetzer Harah. However, if he does good, he is controlled by his Yetzer Tov.

Rav Elimelech says by letting your Yetzer Tov control you, the second half of the posuk is fulfilled. It says B'CHOL SH'ORECHA. For every Mitzvah you do, you open up another gate in heaven and get more SECHAR for the world to come.

Here, in Camp Morasha, many times we let the YETZER HARAH get the better of us. However we have reached the ideal time to do T'SHUVAH, the month of Elul. Chazal say that during the month of Elul, the gates of heaven are open to hear our TEFILOT more readily. Let us all strengthen ourselves to do T'SHUVAH and spend next summer in YERUSHALAYIM.

Have a good year.

LEARNING FROM THE COBBLER

Once, on Rosh Chodesh Elul, the tzaddik Rabbi Levi Yitzchok of Berdichev was standing at a window as a cobbler passed by. "Have you anything to fix?" the cobbler asked the tzaddik.

The tzaddik started to cry bitterly. "Woe is to me, for the Day of Judgment is almost upon us, and I have so many things to fix!" (Rosh Hashono Anthology)

OUR FACULTY WRITES.....

ON PARSHAT SHOFTIM

BY RABBI ELI LERNER, ED STAFF

At the beginning of this week's Parsha, the Torah says TZEDEK, TZEDEK TIRDOF- you should pursue Tzedek. What is this Righteousness that the Torah is referring to?

At first glance it would appear that in any quarrel or disagreement, the one who is truly "right" should pursue his or her case vigorously and the judge should rule accordingly. The Gemara Sanhedrin, however, takes note of the double wording of Tzedek, Tzedek. There are two types of "Righteous" behavior- one is Din (judgment) and the other is P'shara (compromise). There are times where one should treat both parties as being "right".

When does one use Din and when is P'shara appropriate? As we begin the month of Elul in preparation for the Yomim Noraim, the answer becomes quite clear. When dealing with matters on BEIN ADAM L'CHAVEROH, there must always be a sense of compromise. No friendships, no family, no society can exist if everyone pursues his or her own agenda, and isn't willing to sacrifice for others.

When it comes to BEIN ADAM L'AMAKOM, though, there is only DIN. One cannot compromise on Mitzvot or Torah values. A person should always be ready to stand up for these beliefs despite what others might think or say.

In this manner, we will truly experience ELUL- ANI L'DODI V'DODI LI. If I am for my friend, he will be for me, and if I am for my Beloved (Hashem), He, too, will certainly be for me.

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...TESHUVAH and good deeds are a shield against punishment. (Avos 4:11)

...One who does TESHUVAH, it is considered as if he went to Yerushalayim, rebuilt the Bais Hamikdash, erected the mizbayach, and offered upon it all the sacrifices of the Torah. (Midrash Rabbah Vayikra 7:2)

CRANK YODL...

This summer our theme was the 13 Midot of Rav Yisrael Salanter. This has also been our 30th season and one of the most beautiful seasons thanks to many people who worked hard and creatively to make it wonderful and pleasant. Our counselors have listened to our problems, made us laugh and helped us in many ways. The Sports Staff was helpful in teaching us new skills and refereeing many of our games. Our waiters made sure we got plenty to eat, extra dessert, and cherry, watermelon and blue gelatti ices. Our Music Staff helped us express the proper mood by raising our spirits or appropriately helping us feel special at Seudah Shlishit. Special Kudos to Tuly Besser and the Vaad for Shabbat Zemiroth who helped enhance the spirit at every Seudah.

If all the world is a stage, then Morasha was backstage this summer as we all learned many new dramatic skills, whether acting, make-up or costuming. Thanks to the Drama Department for making us laugh and cry this summer. Our Waterfront taught many of us life-saving swimming skills to enhance our lives. Our Infirmary staff provided us with much care and TLC. Many thanks to the nurses, doctors and infirmary staff for making our stay in the infirmary short and most pleasant. Our appreciation for nature and the great outdoors was enhanced by our Chaverim from the nature staff. Our thanks to the maintenance and housekeeping crew for beautifying and maintaining the high standard of cleanliness and beauty.

Thanks to the Canteen Staff for making our summer sweet; the Day Camp for allowing us to shep nachas; to our Mothers' Helpers for their care; to the Office Staff for our news, mail, packages, phone messages and information with a smile; the Kolliel for learning Torah and their siyumim and to Machon for filling in at every level in camp even at the very last minute and with a service with a smile. We might also add that this year's Machon was one of the finest groups to date.

Thanks to Camp America for their care and help during the season; our baker, chefs and Kitchen Staff for the excellent cuisine we experienced this summer causing us all to go on diets before Yom Tov this fall; our Division Heads who supervised the counseling staff, intervened on our behalf and made our stay pleasant and meaningful. Thanks to our Camp Mothers for their care and concern both in the Dining Room as well as on campus. Those trips to the hospital, Kibbud and many of the supplies we need could not have been possible without the efforts and zeal of our Maintenance and Driving Staff. Thanks to the night guard for our security; to the Woodshop and Arts and Crafts Staff for beautifying camp and helping us bring home mementos of camp; to the Dancing Staff for enhancing our spirit and, finally, thanks to our Educational and Library Staff for the Torah thoughts and example they have set for us.

With Gratitude,

Abie, Mordy, Zush, Ruchie, Joel, Saul, Barbara and Richie

FEATURES

SHABBOS - OUR LIFELINE

BY NILI EPSTEIN, SHABBOS- SHTILIM

Every Shabbos while reciting TEFILAT MUSAF the BA'AL SHEM TOV would rise up like an eagle to the heights of SHOMAYIM. There he would reach the holiness and feel true KEDUSHAT SHABBAT.

This man, who worked so hard to spread the Jewish spirit and whose efforts spread throughout Europe, had many dreams for his people.

But because of the rampant antisemitism, millions and millions of Jews were annihilated on the sole basis of being born a Jew.

But the Jew has, will, and always will be a Jew. The poor, thin, hungry Jew in the concentration camp Auschwitz still kept his faith and even managed to smuggle in a scrap of a Siddur, a battered Tallis and worn out Tefilin, and still had the courage and the strength to recite the TEFILAT MUSAF every Shabbat.

This strength was carried through even up until liberation day.

Because of the driving eagerness to stay true Jews and a united Jewish nation, the State of Israel was born.

The red blood that was shed over Europe was overcome by the shedding of joyous tears in 1948 when the State of Israel was proclaimed.

The Arab nations, ready to pounce on this newborn nation, wanted Israel for their home. Their attack came on no ordinary day. Shabbos was the day they attacked- the day when the Jewish people become close to G-d and feel His strength within them. This will to be with G-d drove the few to successfully hold onto this tiny but precious land.

If not for the commandment of Shabbos, and if not for our great devotion and love for this Mitzvah, we Jews would not be here today. And B'ezras Hashem in the near future after keeping two Shabbasos, the Jewish people will be united as one when MOSHIACH BEN DOVID arrives as the Saviour of our people.



ALUFOT LETTERS. . .

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18
ROSH CHODESH ELUL

Dear Readers,

Well, guys, it's all over. Seven fun in the sun filled weeks have zoomed right by and now our stay at Camp Morasha must come to a screeching halt.

The privileges, trips and extras that we earned proved that we are the queen of all divisions. We are the best and biggest Alufot division yet! This summer didn't just happen, our terrific Division Head, Debbie Meskin, assisted by her amazing Alufot counselors, made it happen and we owe it all to them.

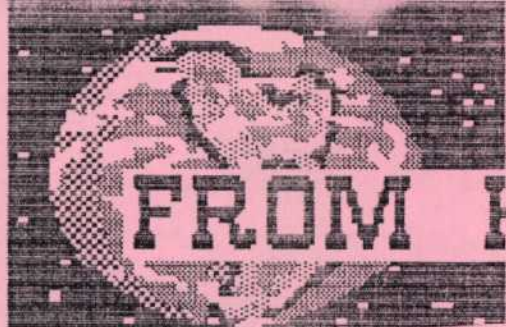
Our summer was all it was made out to be and more. Here are some memories of Alufot '93. Our trips to Block and Jersey Y, what fun Raleigh, Hillel and Lavi Intercamps were, Ha! What Intercamps? Trip Day, Binghamton, of course, canoe trip, Shabbaton, Moshava, Masorah, one-day color war, not! Hancock, Catskill's Funland, The Diary of Anne Frank, Shiriah, Musicole, Color War (I won) and Hershey. What an AWESOME summer we were fortunate to have.

This is my last article. I hope, dear readers, that you enjoyed the updates in the column. My best wishes to all of you. Thank you fellow Alufot for making my summer a great one. Have a great year and if MOSHIACH doesn't come first- L'SHANA HABAH B'YERUSHALAYIM, B'SULAM. I hope your summer was a great one.

10-4, over and out.

Have a good Shabbos.

Love,
Suri
Suri Heszel



FROM HERE AND THERE

QUESTIONS MOST OFTEN ASKED OF THE OFFICE STAFF. . . .

(COMPILED BY ALIZA, GILA, & DEBORAH)

FROM INSIDERS:

1. Is Rabbi Wahrhaftig in his office now?
2. Are there any outside lines?
3. Do you know of anyone going to New York?
4. May I walk through here to the -----,
5. Is the safe open now?
6. Did I get any mail, messages, packages....?
7. May I make some copies?
8. Would you please page. . . ?
9. Do you have any tissues?
10. Where's the outgoing mail?
11. If my mother calls, would you put it through to. . . ?
12. May I borrow a pen?
13. Is tomorrow a late day?
14. May I cash a check?

FROM OUTSIDERS:

1. May I have directions to camp?
2. How do you spell WAHRHAFTIG ?
3. May I have your mailing address?
4. What does HCR stand for?
5. What's your FAX number?
6. May I come up for Shabbos?
7. Are there any jobs for the last two weeks?
8. May I speak to someone in charge?
9. This is Paul Newman. Is Ruchie there?

BUNK TWENTY TALK

BY TAMAR G., ESTIE P.,
AND DAVIDA M.

Being in Camp Morasha is a wonderful experience. Girls in Bunk G 20 come from all different places such as Georgia, Brooklyn, Teaneck, St. Louis, and Woodmere. The girls in Bunk G 20 like to play newcomb and BBK. We also like to go boating and kayaking.



We want to say THANK YOU to our Co-counselors Laurie Rothstein and Shira Davis, our Machonik, Elana, and our Division Head Rock Davis for everything they did to make our summer great.

..... SHALHEVET talked to the authors of this article and found the following:

DAVIDA MERLIS comes from Atlanta, Georgia where she is in Grade 5 at Torah Day School. Her father Paul was once the camp doctor and also the director of sports. Her mother Judy Fischman Merlis worked in Arts and Crafts. Sister Racheli, now in Younger. Ilanot was here as a baby. David's favorite pastime is reading.

ESTIE PLOTNICK is from Flatbush where she'll be entering Grade 5 at Shulamith. She has a sister in Machon and a brother in Alufim. Her favorite activity is Newcomb.

TAMAR GREENBAUM with three other girls in the bunk and the counselor are from Teaneck. Tamar is in the fifth grade at Moriah. Her favorite activity here is boating and in school is math.

A LESSON FROM A FARMER .

R' Mordechai of Lechovitz once overheard an old farmer remark to his friend: "Brother, this month is harvest month; it counts for the whole year. Whoever neglects to do his work will starve for the rest of the year."

The Rebbe turned to his Chassidim: "The month of Elul is the source of blessing for one's Avodah for the whole year. Whoever neglects to do Tshuva will spiritually starve for the rest of the year."

BOILING REPORTER

WHAT WAS YOUR GREATEST ACCOMPLISHMENT THIS SUMMER ? ?

Yael BERSSON, G 12: Collecting enough UPC symbols to get Sonic wrist bands and Dr. Seuss books

SHEFA DAVIS, G 7: Becoming a Scrunchie making expert

ZEVA RAUZMAN, G 8: Making my hook rug

RACHEL MERLIS, G 9: Surviving Color War

NECHAMA MILLER & CHAVI SPODEK, G 13: Running away from the skunk

DENA GOLDSCHMIDT, G 11: Going to the infirmary only twice

ELISHEVA WADLER, G 9: Getting into SHALHEVET

G 15: Being late for activities

ROCHELLE ANTEBY, G 18: Talking to my friends without yelling

JON LEVY, Machon Counselor: Becoming surgically detached from my golf cart

G 12: Memorizing the names of all of Yael's chickens

RONIT PELMAN, G 7: Going water skiing halfway across the lake

NADINE GARDENSWARZ, G 1: Making my bed

SHIFRA KOYFMAN, G 1: Getting to DJ's

ELANA LAUER, G 5: Breaking a bone for the first time

DAPHNE POLLACK, G 9: Managing to drink only one soda a day

BRADLEY WELCHER, B 12: Lining in camp

SHARON ELSANT & Yael WAGNER, G 17: Passing Swimmer's

SUSANNE SCHENKER, SC, G 18: Making it through

SHIRLEY STORCH, Comptroller and Office Manager: Seeing Elly's name in SHALHEVET almost weekly

RABBI "ZUSH" MOTECHIN, Bous' Head Counselor: Getting through the payrolls with Shirley each week

AVI SPEISER, Canteen: Finding someone truly special and getting engaged

LEORA DAVIS, G 17: Learning to get dressed in a hurry

TOVA MANSDORF, G 9: Managing not to write home very often

TALYA NOVICK, G 7: Actually eating all my food

JONATHAN SCHECHTER, Machon: Playing in a staff game

ARYEH KURZ, B 15: Sleeping

ADINA ZOLTAN, G 2: Taking a shower in two seconds

JESSICA RUSSAK, G 5: Getting a 10 in Clean-up

JUDITH KAPLAN, G 4: Getting rid of the mouse, cat, and skunk

DANA BIENENFELD, G 18: Passing the 20 lap test

AYALAH WERBLOWSKY, G 8: Going to Hillel to see my brother

DUVIE GANTZ, B 9: Getting my bed dumped by Zush

ERIC SUSSMAN, B 14: Being able to get up in the morning

NILI EPSTEIN, G 6: Watching&.....

DANIEL SPRUNG, B 10, DONNY WEICHHOLZ, B 7, & EFFY GLUCK, B 7: Joining the society

EVAN ANZISKA, B 7, Pouring water on Etan Allen's bed

G 14: Losing weight

SRULI SPODEK, B 7: Winning Color War for the first time in five years

B 8: Driving Ari L. nuts

ROVING REPORTER

More...

WHAT WAS YOUR GREATEST ACCOMPLISHMENT THIS SUMMER?

TZIPPY HESZKEL, G 20: Not being homesick

G 16: Learning how to "Give 10"

AVIVA SHAPIRO, G 17: Winning Color War SHIRIAH

JENNY DIENSTAG, G 3: Being early for MIFKAD

REBECCA FEINER, G 19: Appreciating the Machon Play

CHAVI KAMONIER, G 19: Coming to camp

ELANA KATZ, G 18: Catching my first Newcomb ball

AIMEE TAUB, SC, G 15: Leading SHMITA to victory instead of going to Loehman's

DENA SCHORR, G 9: Getting Bronchitis

NOAM FROM & BENTZI ITZKOWITZ, Waiters: Trying to find a BASHERT

NOAH GARDENSWARZ, B 18: Passing the deep water test

SHAYNA GREENWALD, G 4, & ELI STEIGLITZ, B 5: Winning Color War

JAMIE STAHLER, B 2: Improving tennis and hockey

JEREMY SANDEL, B 1: Scoring 8 goals in one game

RINA FURST, Getting through Color War without being shut out

CHANI KANAREK, Winning Color War for the first time in nine years

DANIEL POMERANZE, SC, B 7: Finding the MERCAZIA

JILL SANDERS, Dining Room Supervisor, Relaxing

BORIS KHODORKOVSKY, Day Camp Counselor: Using my time constructively

TOVA KATZ, G 14 & Yael WAHRHAFTIG, G 16: Being named Color War Lieutenants

DIVA GANTZ, G 9: Surviving

AVRUMIE MOTECHIN, CC, B 12: Having the best bunk in Morasha

DAVID SANDEL & NACHUM LIFSCHITZ, B 12: Having the best counsellor

SHUA AUMAN, Day Camp: Becoming an expert SHALHEVET collater

JASON ROCHWARGER, B 17: Learning Torah

NACHSHON ROTHSTEIN, B 8: Not cracking up in "Cheaper by the Dozen"

RACHEL RAUCH, G 18: Meeting new friends

G 10: Going through five counselors

SHIRA WINKLER, Drama Staff: Getting to go away for the weekend

RUCHIE WINKLER, Girls' Head Counselor: Sleeping in my bunk with Simcha the Skunk

LAUREN MALCA, G 20: Going into the lake

ALIZA BRESSLER, G 20: Winning Color War

KAREN BOCHNER, G 6: Going on a canoe trip

ASHER KLEIN, B 7: Standing on the Alufim Rock

AVI & SHERYL STEIN SAVITSKY, Morasha Alumni: Commemorating Tisha B'Av without torches

GERSHON KLEIN, B 10: Learning how to swim

JAY GERTELMAN, B 12: Setting the "Jello" record

B 13, 14: Keeping the secret identity of Charlie the Tuna

IF YOUR NAME HAS NOT BEEN IN "ROVING REPORTER" THIS SEASON, ENTER IT HERE Aliza Chanaler