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## MACHON LEARNOTHON

The sounds of Torah echoed through the library and Bondi 3-4 last Wednesday night for the third annual Machon Learnathon. All participants learned from 9PM until midnight and heard a shiur from Rabbi Allen Schwartz to open the event. The studious campers were also sponsored by family and friends per hour of learning to help support the family of Yedidya Solomon, a three year old child in Israel who is suffering with a rare form of cancer. Yedidya's father, Shraga attended Morasha years ago and taught at JSS at YU and BMT in Israel. After the opening Shiur the participants recited Tehillim and said a *parva* for Yedidya ben Batsheva. May Hashem send him a refuah shlemah, and a Big Yasher Koach for Machon for the spiritual and material support for the Solomon family. Many thanks to the Machon leadership and counseling staff and to Rabbi Joel Cohn, Gavriel and Yakova Herzig, Jeff Kobrin, Amy and Matt Tropp and to Sarah Weinstein for their guidance during the event.

NOTE: If you sponsored one of the Machon participants please remit payment either to the Machon camper or to Rabbi Lewis Weinerkur.

## STAFF CLOSEUP

This summer Morasha welcomes Geri Mansdorf as the new division head for older Shtilim girls. Geri said that being back at Morasha after so many years is like being home again. She started out at Morasha as an Alufot camper, with Rookie Billet (now on our Ed Staff) as her counselor. Then Geri moved on to Mechina and Machon and a Junior Counselor position. When she was in Mechina, Chaya Lamm Warburg now head of girls' waterfront, was in Machon. Also in camp back then was Rabbi Joel Cohn now head of Ed Staff. Geri and her husband Asher are a Morasha couple. Asher worked as a garbage collector and nature counselor before Camp America was part of Morasha. According to Geri, Asher misses camp and would love to stay up at camp and have her commute back and forth. Geri is having a wonderful summer and so are her four children. She loves the ruach and spirit at Morasha and of course she loves all the kids, especially the older Shtili girls.

## MEET OUR WAITERS

Under the expert leadership of Jill Sanders, the 24 waiters at Morasha serve over 700 people. According to Jill, this summer the waiters are very hard-working and are a real pleasure to work with. They are a lively group too. In fact, Jill said that the best part about working with them is that they can really make you laugh. Our waiters tell us that Morasha waiters work harder than waiters in any other camp. Our waiters serve six meals a day while waiters at other camps only serve three meals a day. When they're not working our waiters are either sleeping, playing ball or learning in the library. In fact about 12 waiters have a regular chavruta, 8 are on the hockey team and 2 are on the basketball team. Aside from the flexible schedule, the waiters agree that the money isn't bad either. In fact money is the number one reason for taking this job. There are nine waiters in the group who are second year waiters. Steven Balsam sets the record for his third summer in a row as a waiter. He is followed by Marc Rosenbaum who waited tables in Machon and is now a second year waiter. Marc is on his tenth summer at Morasha. Aytan Adler sets the record for best ripper-he has ripped over 2,175 Shabbos tablecloths in his stint as waiter. Anyone interested in knowing how Aytan was bestowed such an honor please see him or speak to the head waiters Noam From and Noam Kranz.

## THE MORASHA PLAYHOUSE

Last Sunday night, Alufim/Alufot and a few Older Ilanot presented The Wall by Millard Lampell. The play was based on the novel by John Hersey. Under the expert direction of Esther Schwartz and Aimee Taub we were treated to a very moving play about the Holocaust. Although a very serious theme, the performance was fabulous. Shira Moskowitz once again astounded all of us with phenomenal scenery and costumes. Thanks also go to the technical assistants Meir Volk, Yosef Rothstein, Akiva Berman, Shama Berman, and Adina Weinstein.

CANDLELIGHTING TIME THIS WEEK  
6:55 PM



# GEDOLIM OF THE WEEK

רבי יהודה ליב אלתר מגור

(1847 — 1905)



בן־בנו וְחֵבִיבוֹ שֶׁל רַבִּי יִצְחָק מֵאִיר מִגּוּר (בעל "חידושי הרי"ם"). הִסְתַּוּפָּה מַלְדוּת בְּמַחֲצִיט סֵבּוֹ הַדְּגוּל, שֶׁבֶל בְּנוֹ מֵתוּ בַּעֲדוֹ בְּחַיִּים, עִם פְּטִירַת רַבּוֹ הַמּוֹבֵהֶק, רַבִּי חֲנוּךְ הַיֵּנֶךְ מֵאַלְכֶסָנְדֵּר (בִּשְׁנַת תר"ל — 1870), הוֹכֵתֵר בְּאֶדְמוֹרֵי לְחַסִּידוֹ גּוּר, וּמֵאֲזוּ וְעַד יוֹם מוֹתוֹ הָיָה מְנַהֵיג נֶעֱרָץ לַרַבְּבוֹת חֲסִידִים, בְּעוֹלָם הַחֲסִידוֹ יָדוּעַ בְּכִינוּיוֹ "שְׂפַת אִמָּת", שֶׁבּוֹ הִכְתִּיר אֶת סִפְרָיו (עַל הַתּוֹרָה וְעַל חֻלְקִים מֵהַשֵּׁ"ס).

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## The Late Lubavitcher Rebbe

valiant battler  
for Torah —  
in Communist  
Russia  
and democratic  
America



רבי יוסף יצחק שניידסון  
5640/1880 — 5710/1950

JOSEPH ISAAC (1880-1950) assumed the leadership of Habad during the period of the civil war in Russia which followed the 1917 Revolution. An outstanding organizer, he began to reconstruct Jewish life and became the foremost religious leader of Russian Jewry. He fought courageously to resume religious activities under the Communist regime. Under his leadership the Habad movement became the core of a strong Jewish spiritual revival. Although his activities were at first permitted, he was arrested in 1927, and only after powerful pressure within Russia and abroad was freed on 12th-13th of Tammuz of that year, days commemorated by Habad Hasidim as a holiday of deliverance. He left Russia and went to Riga (Latvia), where he organized new Habad centers, and founded Habad organizations throughout the world. In 1934 he settled in Poland and organized a network of Habad yeshivot. After the outbreak of World War II and the German occupation of Poland he was rescued, and went to the United States. With undaunted energy he stimulated, from his headquarters in Brooklyn, a renaissance of Orthodoxy in the United States. Joseph Isaac founded modern organizations of Habad, a network of schools and *yeshivot*, newspapers for adults and children, a flourishing publishing house, and numerous welfare organizations. In 1948 he founded \*Kefar Habad in Israel. He wrote a notable history of Habad, and published many of his sermons and talks.



# Torah Thoughts

A DUAR TORAH ON PARSHAT REEH  
by Shmuel Schwartz Kollel Campus

In this week's parsha, we are commanded: **וְהָיָה לְךָ בְּעֵינֵי ה' אֱלֹהֶיךָ** (Devarim 10:12). Rashi comments that the word **וְהָיָה** means the good in the eyes of Shamayim, and the word **בְּעֵינֵי ה'** means what is correct in man's eyes.

There is a posuk similar to ours in Parshat Vaetchanan: **וְהָיָה לְךָ בְּעֵינֵי ה' אֱלֹהֶיךָ** (Devarim 34:12). Rashi explains the words **וְהָיָה** as meaning the agreement to compromise, **וְהָיָה**, which is above the strict letter of the law.

Two questions then arise. First, why in Parshat Reeh does the Torah switch the order of the words from **וְהָיָה לְךָ בְּעֵינֵי ה'** to **וְהָיָה לְךָ בְּעֵינֵי ה'**?

Second, why doesn't Rashi mention any requirement of performing duties directly related to shamayim in Parshat Vaetchanan, but only **וְהָיָה לְךָ בְּעֵינֵי ה'** which one does with a fellow man? The Dvrei David says that in Reeh, it would have been clearer had Rashi explained **וְהָיָה** as meaning **וְהָיָה**, since the words **וְהָיָה לְךָ בְּעֵינֵי ה'** are directly following it. Rather, Rashi chose to specifically mean **וְהָיָה לְךָ בְּעֵינֵי ה'** to teach us, (from the fact that **וְהָיָה** is surrounded by **וְהָיָה לְךָ בְּעֵינֵי ה'**) that even what is subject to the perception of man is also dependent upon shamayim. This answers our first question, because there is a reason for switching the words in Reeh, to emphasize both man and shamayim.

In a closer reading of the posukim, we may also answer our second question. The posuk in Vaetchanan mentions as a reward for agreeing to **וְהָיָה לְךָ בְּעֵינֵי ה'** something which is relatively immediate - the possession and inheritance of Eretz Yisroel.

In Reeh, however our reward for showing sensitivity both to man and to Hashem is far greater - it will continue for our children after us, **וְהָיָה לְךָ בְּעֵינֵי ה'**.

Therefore, Rashi is telling us that our reward is related to the actions we perform. This idea is especially appropriate on Shabbos M'vorchim Elul, to remind us that for our teshuva and for our ultimate eternal redemption, we must be as careful in those actions that please G-d as those that please man, just as the posuk in Reeh guarantees.

A DUAR TORAH ON THE PARSHA  
by Rabbi Heshy Billet Ed Staff

At the end of Chapter 11 of Sefer Devarim, the Torah charges the Jewish people with the responsibility of capturing and settling the land of Israel. At the beginning of Chapter 12, the Torah interrupts its instructions about life in the land of Israel with a series of edicts about the destruction and obliteration of idols and idol worship (Avodah Zara). The Torah then resumes its earlier discussion concerning the development of life in the land of Israel.

The Rav, Rabbi Y.D. Soloveitchik <sup>33</sup>, once questioned the significance of the digression to the rules of Avodah Zara in the middle of the Torah's discussion of Yishuv Eretz Yisrael. The Rav suggested that this proves that there are two aspects to the mitzvah of the eradication of Avodah Zara. One is the very essence of the mitzvah itself, Bitul Avodah Zara. The second is that destroying idols is part of another mitzvah, Yishuv Eretz Yisrael. The existence of a special obligation to Jewish life in the land of Israel free of Avodah Zara, is confirmed by Rambam in Hilchot Avodah Zara. Rambam states that wherever we live we must destroy idols only when we come across them, but in Eretz Yisroel we have a special responsibility to search out the idols and destroy them. Yehi Ratzon that our generation merits to live in the land of Israel and observe Torah and Mitzvot free of the distractions of the idols of our times.

ATTENTION: All staff and Machon are invited to attend a discussion with Rabbi Billet and Rabbi Berman about the peace process in Israel next Friday night.



# TANACH TRIVIAL PURSUIT

Rules: Answers should be returned in writing to the SHALHEVET box at the library by Tuesday. Please include you name, bunk number or position in camp. Bunks may work together as a unit if they wish. Winners will have their names published in the next issue of SHALHEVET. Also any individual or bunk that answers ten out of ten will be taken to DJ's. Good luck!

1. Once Aman was buried next to a Navi and was momentarily revived. Who was the Navi?
2. Who said "לֹא עָשִׂיתָ כִּלְכִּיל בְּעַד הַיָּדָיו"?
3. True or false Yonah is not mentioned again in Tanach outside of his own book.
4. "וְהָיָה אִם לֹא יִשְׁמָעוּ מִנִּי" was said to whom?
5. Chazal say there were seven *אֱלֹהִים*. Name five.
6. What was the name of Shimshon's father?
7. How many children did Chana have altogether?
8. Who died because of his long hair?
9. Who was the last king of the kingdom of Ephraim?
10. How old was Levi when he died?

## LAST WEEK' ANSWERS

1. David was 30 when he became king.
2. Binyamin had 10 children.
3. Metushelach had the longest lifespan in Tanach. He lived 969 years.
4. Four giants lived in Kiryat Arba.
5. Gidon used 300 soldiers to defeat the Midianites.
6. Noach was 502 when Shem was born.
7. Yaakov was 91 when Yosef was born.
8. Lemech the father of Noach lived 777.
9. Yehoshua conquered 31 Kings.
10. Ivztan had 60 children.

## LAST WEEK'S WINNER

Raanan Eichler Kollé

Alisa Schwartz Editor

Thank you Deborah Gottesman, Jennifer Heilman and Cindy Zomber for technical assistance.



## JEWISH SPORTS TRIVIA

1. Only one player ever pinch hit for Mel Ott and he was Jewish. Who was he?
2. Name the only Jewish battery in major league history.
3. This Jewish pitcher led the National League in winning percentage for three consecutive years (1906-1908)
4. Which Jewish infielder led the league in Home Runs and RBI and whose batting average was .001 behind the league leader?
5. Which Jewish slugger once hit 2 home runs in one inning?

ANSWERS: 1. Sid Gordon Sept. 2, 1946 he singled. 2. Larry & Norm Sherry, Brooklyn Dodgers (brothers) 3. Ed Ruelbach 4. Al Rosen, 1953 5. Sid Gordon, July 31, 1949

## ONEG SHABBOS

All staff and Machon are cordially invited to attend the Oneg Shabbos at the Pargod at 10:15PM. The guest speaker will be Rabbi Natie Helfgot.

## Mazel Tov

Mazel Tov once again to Matie and Zush Motechin upon Yitz's engagement to Sharon. All counseling and senior staff are cordially invited to be *at the Gan Hasefer on Shabbos* at the Gan Hasefer on Shabbos afternoon.

CONGRATULATIONS to the Ed Staff for winning last week's baseball game against Kollel 5-4. The SHALHEVET welcomes the submission of any sports scores in camp for publication

YASHER KOACH to Rabbi Gavriel Herzig from Ed Staff who set an example for us all by returning all the pencils borrowed from the office before returning home to Savannah.

## SPORTS

### MORASHA INVITATIONAL A TREMENDOUS SUCCESS

by Adam Melzer

On August 1st, for the first time ever, Morasha hosted its first ever invitational tournament. The tournament was a ten and under softball tournament which included older Nitzis and younger Shtilis. Participating camps were Mesorah, Seneca, Lavi, and Morasha. During the day, a tremendous thunder storm threatened to wash away what was turning out to be an excellent tournament. However, after the rain stopped, all four camps participated in cleaning the ball fields. It was a nice sight to see. Morasha defeated Lavi in the first round 5-0 and bent Mesorah in finals, 11-1. Tournament MVP was Dovid Blum who was magnificent at third base. Participants were: Zachary Graner, Marc Plaut, Michael Gibber, Daniel Gober, Jordan Bryle, Nachi Light, Elliot Hollander, Steven Bressler, Joshua Friedman, Mordecai Shmulevitz, Gabriel Yarmush, David Furst, Avi Strauss, and Dovid Blum. Coaches were Adam Melzer and Aaron Allen. It was exciting to see the entire machzor aleph generate such camp spirit.

In other news, the Morasha mens' staff team, after dropping its first two games, has been on a rampage. They have won 3 in a row with victories over Seneca, Raleigh, and Mesorah, thanks to an heroic buzzer beater by Jon Schacter. The ladies' staff team once again is proving its dominance over all camps as it has beaten Mesorah and Raleigh hadidly.

## GOODBYE AND TZEITCHEM L'SHALOM

Everyone at Morasha wishes a tzeitchem l'shalom to all counseling and specialty staff leaving camp on Sunday. We hope you all have tremendous success with your learning in Israel.



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# ROVING REPORTER

## NAME ONE PARTICULAR MITZVA YOU INTEND TO IMPROVE FOR CHODESH ELUL.

1. Rabbi Saul Berman - *אני אשתדל להגביר את התורה*
2. Barbara Deutsch Head of Machon - *אני אשתדל להגביר את התורה*
3. Rabbi Joel Cohn Head of Ed Staff - Yishuv Eretz Yisroel.
4. Moshe Schwartz Day Camp - Give more tzedaka.
5. Rabbi Allen Schwartz Ed Staff - *אני אשתדל להגביר את התורה*
6. Ayalah Werblowsky and Rachel Deutsch G12 - We'll try not to kill so many moths.
7. Deena Waldman G20 - I'm perfect.
8. Jessica Russak G20 - Give the Roving Reporter good answers.
9. Rina Goldberg JC G17 - I'm improving already. I'm going to Israel.
10. Sarit Zauderer G17 - Cleaning Up.
11. Cheryl Pollack Mother's Helper - Being nicer to people.
12. Cindy Zucker Ed Staff - being more patient with people that ask silly questions for the SHALHEVET.
13. Ora Hus, Jessica Rosenberg, Rebecca Berman, Jaclyn Adelsburg G8 - Writing letters home.
14. Talia Stechler, Lisa Goldman G8 Cleanup.
15. Jeff Kobrin Assistant to Rabbi Wahrhaftig - Being more sincerely sensitive to people.
16. Avi Moche Machon - Gemilus Chassadim.
17. Stephanie Dienstag G14 - Tznius.
18. Yaakov Wahrhaftig Machon - Kavod HaRav.
19. Andrew Harary Machon - Staying up during Shiur.
20. David Herman Machon - Being nice to my shiur Rebbe.
21. Anonymous - Being nice to my counselor.
22. Jonathan Levy Machon Counselor - *אני אשתדל להגביר את התורה*
23. Meredith Deutsch Machon Counselor - *אני אשתדל להגביר את התורה*
24. Baruch Walters Driver - Making peace between *אני אשתדל להגביר את התורה* and *אני אשתדל להגביר את התורה*.
25. Gila Kranz Infirmary - Bikur Cholim.
26. Carl Hochhauser Counselor B13 - Bikur Cholim.
27. Judah Ausubel - Minyan attendance.
28. Anonymous - learning Torah.
29. Vivian Rosenberg Head of Day Camp - Kavanah in davening during day camp.
30. Yechiel Rossman Day Camp Counselor - *אני אשתדל להגביר את התורה*
31. Sarah Weinstein Ed Staff - Kavanah in benching.
32. Rabbi Eitan Tokayer - Refrain from eating from shmeta fields or bringing bikurim.
33. Dr. Gellian - Kavod Habriyot.
34. Anonymous - Lashon Harah.

### ANSWERS TO FUN PAGE:

1. point in time 2. two eggs over easy 3. beat around the bush 4. bend over backwards 5. on the up and up 6. for once in your life 7. a little on the large side 8. see eye to eye 9. nuts about you 10. anyone for tennis