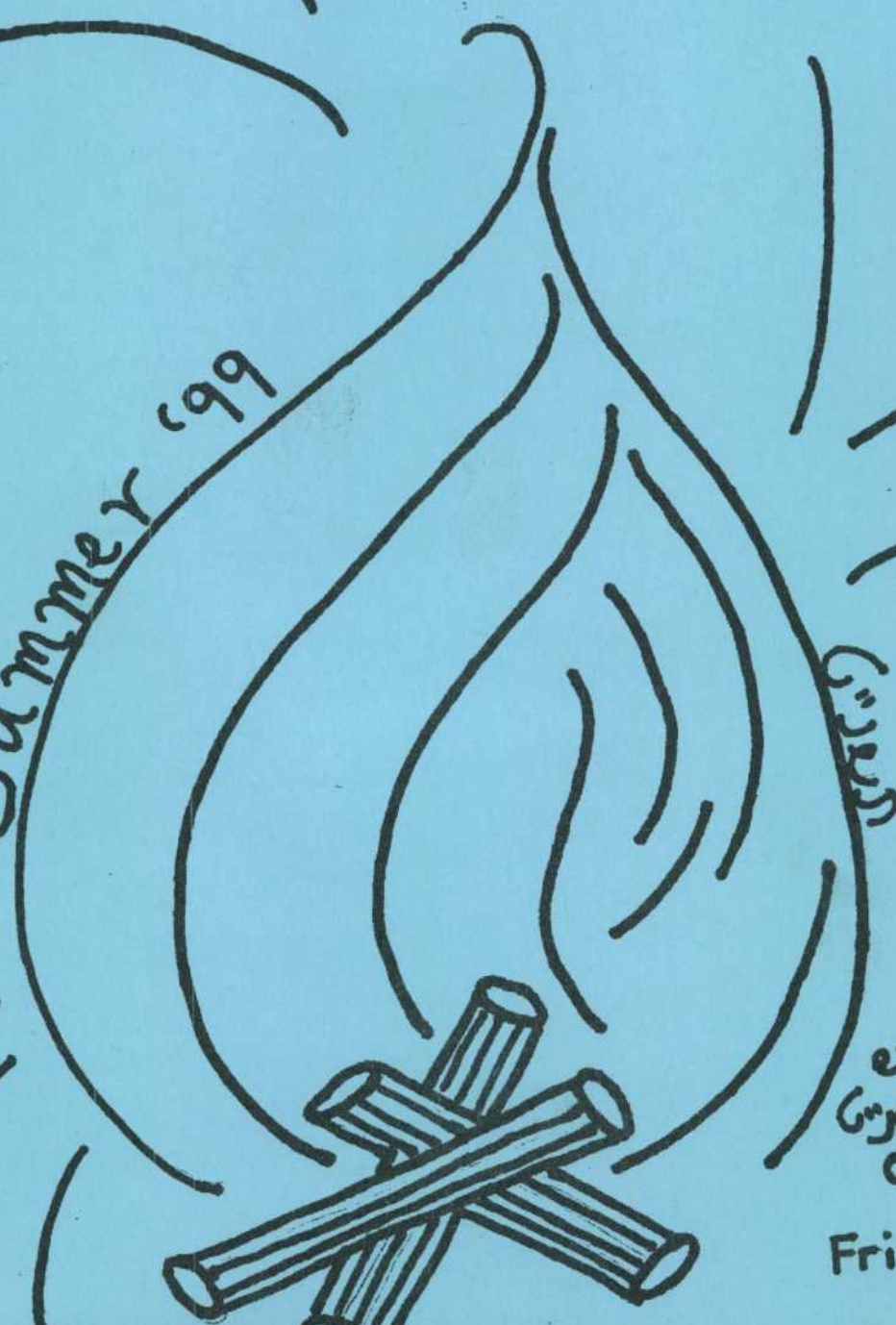


# SHAL HAVET

Summer '99



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Volume I

צור סבת קדש  
י"ח תמוז תשנ"ט  
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Friday, July 2nd

## Goals for Summer 5759

by  
Camp Director

My goals for this summer include;

Camper growth, happiness and the willingness to get along with everyone, include everyone and learn to understand and help each other.

Tolerance - we need to be more tolerant of each others lifestyles and less judgmental of each others beliefs. We should use our energy to inspire those who may not think as we do. If we use the Talmudic approach of dispute LeShem Shamayim we would be fostering a healthy dialogue and we would be paving the road for Ahavat Chinam and the future Beit Hamikdash.

I hope that every department will be successful in teaching the specific skills necessary to enjoy the activity and that we also learn life skills as well.

I am optimistic that we will have a great calendar of events which will be exciting and meaningful from fireworks to shiriah, trips, and more.

The summer is a great time for a person to learn and refine their people skills let's all make this a great and wonderful place to be this summer. I look forward to working and playing (remember this is camp) with you. So have a great summer and enjoy Morasha.





# Shalhevet



**W**ell, here we are, the last summer of the century! We are sure that we will have a great season, one that we will always remember. We'd like to take this opportunity to welcome all of our new campers and staff and those returning from previous years.. A very special welcome to some new members of our staff families:



Mazal Tov to...

Barbara & Gavi Simon on the birth of their daughter Tess.

Sharon & Rabbi Shalom Richter on the birth of their son Yitzchak Isaac.

Michelle & Mark Saks on the birth of their son Yoni.

Elisheva & Aaron Levitt on the birth of their daughter Shira Nechama.

Melissa & Rabbi Lewis Weinerkur on the birth of their daughter Eliana.

## NEW & NOTEWORTHY

Our Program Department has been working on overdrive coming up with new and exciting activities & trips for This summer:

Mountain Biking, Scuba Diving, Golf, Hiking at Pompton State Park, and Frisbee Golf.

Also, the Grand Opening of Capra Cinemas, a brand new movie theatre so close, you can practically smell the KOSHER popcorn from here!

And returning by popular demand IGT Pizza and

Jericho Dairy Ice Cream Parlor.

The Sports Department will be running "Fun"-tastic new activities like Team Handball and Tae-Bol!

Keep an eye out for these new developments!



## **BROADWAY BOUND**

Director Michael "Maestro" Berl and the Morasha Summer Stock Theatre will present the following performances:  
Nitzanim - Aladdin  
Shtilim- Annie  
Ilanot / Alufim-fot-Oliver

Staff- Phantom of the Opera - the Concert version.

Tryouts already began this week; we are looking forward to opening night. Break a leg!





## Staff Spotlight

In each week's issue, we would like to include an article spotlighting certain members on our staff. This week we would like to introduce our new Boys' and Girls' campus' assistant Head Counselors: Peretz Hochbaum & Beth Hait

Peretz first came to Camp Morasha to be in our High School Kollel. A major highlight of that summer was the kollel beating Machon in basketball. Peretz, went on to an illustrious career as an Ilanot counselor, Color war general and as a Division Head for two years. His biggest accomplishment however was meeting his Bashert, fellow Ilanot counselor Lisa (then Gottesman). The two now live in West Hempstead with their five children Shani-11, Dovi-8 Tamar-6, Akiva-3, & Deena-

9months. They are happy to be back after all this time saying they always dreamed of their children having the same summer experience they had shared here together. In "Real Life", Peretz is the Principal of Religious studies at Hanc in Plainview. When asked what his goal is for this summer he replied "driving Jeff crazy!" On a more serious note, Peretz believes that his biggest challenge this summer will be finding the right balance between Fun, & Education - Summer camp should be a "Chinuch experience."

On the other side of the camp...

Beth Hait spent the summers from 1969-1981 here at Camp Morasha. She started out as a Shtili and moved up the ranks to a Shtili Counselor, and twice as a Machon counselor. Beth took some years off to marry (Ari Hait, who happened to be a fellow camper in her division) and have three children. The Hait's currently live

in Riverdale. Beth returned to Morasha (as an older Ilanot Division Head) with her family three years ago mainly because as an adult, she wanted "to give back to a camp that gave so much". This year Beth will be taking on a new role as Assistant Head Counselor, a position that Beth feels compliments her full time occupation - Coordinator of Student Services at Stern College for Women. "Both jobs draw upon the same area professionally -they both utilize counseling skills." Beth's goal this summer is for everyone to have a great time. Her biggest challenge? Staying sane while making that happen! We are sure they will both do a superb job, Morasha is lucky to have them!

## A Meaningful Pause

By-Rabbi Neil Fleischman

At the end of last Week's parsha we read of Pinchas' heroism. In the beginning of this week's parsha we are told of Pinchas' reward. The Torah leaves a noticeable space in



between Pinchas' action and the reward, which it merited. Why did Hashem choose to tell the story in pieces? Why does the narrative pause before telling us the rest of the story?

Rabbi Abraham Twerski cites the Rebbe of Couci's answer to this question:

Sometimes you witness an action someone else took and it is tempting to assume the meaning behind what they've done. But the fact is that deeds only take on significance with the passing of time. This is the idea of the break between Pinchas' action and his reward. Some people do seemingly heroic acts only to be exposed later as hotheaded, insincere showoffs. On the other hand an apparently negative gesture can take on new and positive meaning when seen in light of its full context. Pinchas' motives passed the test of time. The space between these two parshiot serves as metaphorical testimony that when the dust

cleared, Pinchas remained a hero. This is meant as a model for what we may achieve.

Many of life's experiences, particularly those of youth (both moments which overflow with joy as well as those hurt like forever) can only be fully appreciated later in life. May Hashem bless us all with the pleasure to one-day see great rewards from each moment of this special time in our lives.

### THANK-YOU...

Just a special thank-you to the Children of the Staff Members that were here during Orientation. They really pitched in and were a tremendous help in so many different areas like Day Camp, the Canteen, and H.C Offices. Your efforts were greatly appreciated!

Also, Thank you to Michelle Comet (Dining Room Supervisor) for her beautiful T-shirts /waiter uniforms - now we know who to bother when we need more food!



David Moskowitz—Kollel  
 Jason Koslowe—Staff  
 Joshua Kirschner-B-18  
 Elan Nat- B-9  
 Shifra Landowne-Machon  
 David Zahtz-Machon  
 Elly Storch—Staff  
 Rebecca Ostreicher-G-19  
 Lauren Wasser-G-5  
 Shira Koss-G-12  
 Gavriel Kahane-B-5  
 Reena Ribalt-G-5  
 Rebecca Stern-G-11  
 Marissa Kessler—Staff  
 Alyssa Rottenstreich-G20  
 Alexandra Wallin-G-20  
 Joshua Silber-B-7  
 Zev Wruble-B-4  
 Joyce Wahrhaftig—Staff  
 Ruchie Winkler—Staff  
 Ariella Dworetzky—Staff  
 Erica Klein—Staff  
 Lisa Helprin—Staff  
 Gadi Dotz-B-10  
 Jonathan Arbisfeld-B-10  
 Abie Hidary-B-2



## SHABBAT SCHEDULE

Candle lighting: 7:20

Speaker: Rabbi Morrie Wruble

COMING UP...

Saturday Night July 3rd-Staff Bowling

Sunday July 4th- FIREWORKS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



Wednesday July 7th- SHIRIAH!



(Tryouts for leaders TBA)

Thursday July 8th-BBYO program with Machon

### A Few Good Writers...

We are looking for articles For future issues. All divisions are welcome - contact Lisa Lesnick at the Girls H.

Poem:

### This World Apart

By Rabbi Neil Fleischman

That separate world has again begun  
It's summertime for old and young

The barren forests have turned green  
As we've all grown, wherever we've been

So here we stand in our place apart  
Don't hesitate, it's time we start

To meet old friends and breath new air  
Discover Torah, learn to care

This world apart, it goes by fast  
Let's try our best, and make it last

# PINCHAS WORD FIND

ALL THESE WORDS HAVE TO DO WITH THE PARSHA  
OF PINCHAS. CAN YOU FIND AND CIRCLE THEM?  
(CAN APPEAR FORWARDS, BACKWARDS, ANGLED...)

Q	P	H	F	A	S	S	U	M
W	I	G	B	N	D	S	E	A
E	N	O	M	I	H	S	R	U
R	C	F	V	M	F	A	T	H
S	H	E	K	E	L	D	Y	S
T	A	B	C	L	G	F	U	O
Y	S	D	M	K	H	G	I	H
U	J	U	H	A	Y	I	L	E
I	K	S	A	J	L	H	K	Y
O	L	D	I	M	A	T	J	X

PINCHAS  
ELIYAHU  
SHEKEL  
SHIMON

YEHOSHUA  
TAMID  
LAMB  
MUSSAF



# BREAK THE A-X CODE

HERE IS A  
SECRET CODE  
CONSISTING OF  
DIFFERENT  
HEBREW LETTERS.  
USE THE CHART  
ABOVE THE  
PUZZLE TO  
BREAK THE  
CODE.

ש	ז	ב	ג	ק	כ	ע	ד	ן
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
ח	ל	ך	צ	מ	ס	פ	ר	
J	K	L	M	N	O	P	R	
ד	א	ו	ה	ת	ט	ט	ז	
S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	

WHY DIDN'T THE TORAH  
INCLUDE THE KORBAN MUSSAF  
IN THE BOOK OF VAYIKRA  
WITH THE OTHER KORBANOT?

גקרקככס טדמס דשת נשודוצ משורסל קיא  
תסמ .ןקסרדוט זאקרק גקרקאמק טקיא קבמם  
קיא רקאמק סא אנונש קרקת טקיא אשיא  
דתשן קיא רקהם קהשע קידסצ גמשן

ANSWER: The korban mussaf was only offered once they entered Eretz  
Yisrael, now that they were about to enter the  
land Moshe gave over the laws.



## Morasha Theme: Summer 1999

All of Hashem's creations can be divided into four categories. The first, known as דומם, describes inanimate objects that never change as part of any growth process, and includes such things as rocks, minerals and metals. The second category, צומח, includes things that grow and change according to their nature such as flowers, trees, and vegetation; but like inanimate objects, they cannot freely move of their own volition. The third category, חי, also grows and changes, but moves about freely according to its own will and includes beasts, fish, fowl, and insects. The fourth category includes all who are reading this. And while there are many ways we humans are different from plants, animals and rocks, the one that sets us apart the most, is what defines the fourth category, namely מדבר. Our mouths can be used in the holiest service of Hashem, in teaching and learning, in prayer, or when consoling someone in pain. Yet the same mouth can also be the source of much degradation, slander, and Nivul Peh. Shlomo Hamelech did not underestimate the power of the spoken word when he said מות וחיים ביד לשון - Death and life are in the hands of the tongue (Proverbs 18:21). Of course the tongue has no hands, yet it has the power to choke the life out of its victim. Moreover, the simple and plain meaning of the word לשון in this verse doesn't refer to the tongue, but to the spoken word. Yirmiyahu (9:7) used the metaphor of the arrow in flight to describe the spoken word, and it is no wonder that Chazal use this metaphor (חץ שחוט) to describe the process of שחיטה. The spoken word has the power to שחוט and to ruin lives. When Chazal say that a person should prefer to jump into a fiery furnace than to embarrass someone publicly, Tosofos (Sotah 10b) wonders why it was not included among those three violations for which we prefer death. We answer here, because it is already one of the three - it is murder. Plain and simple. Such is the power of the spoken word. If it can ruin a life it can certainly ruin a summer. As educators and counselors at camp Moresha, we are responsible to assure that our campers use the word properly and appropriately. This means no tolerance for goading and tormenting. This means no Nivul Peh. This means that campers are taught to react with דרך ארץ when a teammate drops the ball or misses the basket or allows the winning goal to score, or a camper spills the soda, or smudges the paint or misses a cue. It is with this sentiment in mind that we have dedicated this summer's theme to לשון the word. This source booklet was organized to facilitate preparation for sources on the theme.





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To anyone and everyone:

Welcome to camp! I hope you(the general "you") are well excited about the upcoming summer and invigorated with spirit and full of ideas to make it a memorable experience. Another 10 months has passed since the closing of Summer 1998 at Morasha and those of you(if anyone at all) reading this email are fortunate enough to have made your way back to camp.

It if wasn't obvious from the return address, the author of this email is Suri Heszkel, a one time camper and staff member. For the first time in over 12 years, I was forced to step away from Morasha. It was heart renching, but I was forced to do so with my acceptance to The White House Internship Program. I work in the most powerful political building in the world. Yet, as truly amazing as this poltiical experience has been so far, the kid in me wishes I could be in camp. It's hard to step away. Hopefully, I'll be back in some shape or form at some point this summer.

My message, or intended message to anyone and everyone, is enjoy the summer, make each day unique. Enjoy the warm community, the kids, fellow staff members, the sun, the activities, the memories you will make, and even the food and accomodations. As this summer lies ahead of you, take it upon yourself to make it an unforgettable experience. It's only the beginning.

Wishing you a shabbat shalom from The White House in Washington, DC.  
Have a fabulous week. Good Luck.

Always,

Suri Heszkel