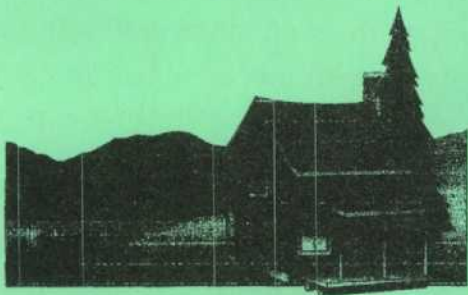


Shalhevet

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9 Tamuz 5761
Erev Shabbat Parshat Chukat



*Welcome to
Camp
Morasha!*

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WELCOME!

Summer 2001 in Camp Morasha has officially begun, and we're so happy to see you all! If you've been here before, you might be asking yourself,

What's new at camp this year?

Plenty. Look around the **girls' waterfront**, and you'll see lots of changes this year: A new shack, stone steps leading down towards the lake, park benches, and even potted flowers.

Chaye Lamm Warburg, girls' waterfront head, is very enthusiastic about the improvements. "We'll have lots more space for teaching," she says, "and everything looks prettier."

The **boys' waterfront** has brand new sailboats this year, and sailing is expected to become a very popular activity.

The **boys' campus** has a new hockey court, and back by popular demand, the boys' woodshop **WILL** be open this year.

Before and after shiurim (but not during, of course), check out the new **Bondi bathrooms**.

Michael Berl, head of Morasha's

Drama Department, reports that we will be seeing some new and exciting productions this coming summer.

The Nitzanim will be starring in *Free to Be You and Me*, and the Shtilim will be putting on the classic *Cinderella*. Staff will be performing in *The Diary of Anne Frank*.

There will also be what Michael refers to as an "intergenerational play," with machzor bet, machon, and staff participating in the ever-popular *Les Miserables*.

Finally, don't miss the music, drama, and dance departments' Salute to Israel production, entitled *אין לי ארץ אחרת*.

You might also notice a lot more **babies** around camp this year. New to our Morasha family are: Meira Cohen, born May 12; Sariti Jacobson, born December 31; Avraham Moshe Kroll, born May 6; Azarya Moshe Lipner, born October 8; Chaim Yonatan Medetsky, born April 21; Gavriel Moshe Meiri, born January 18; and Yisrael Richter, born January 25. Mazel tov to our staff members!



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WHY JEWS ARE NOT WEATHER MEN.

This Week's parsha: Chukat

Light candles: 7:19

Shabbat ends: 8:27

Weather forecast (as of Wednesday, 6/27):

Friday: Sunny. Skies becoming partly cloudy with scattered showers late. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the low 60s.

Saturday: Partly cloudy with isolated thunderstorms. Highs in the low 80s and lows near 60.

Sunday: Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 70s and lows near 60.

This Week in the World

President Bush met with Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon this week in Washington, both expressing very different views about the cease-fire in Israel. Bush said that he believes "progress is being made," while Sharon focused on the continuation of Palestinian terror.

Bush wants Israel to move forward with a peace plan, but Sharon says that all violence must end first.

"One should not compromise with terror," Sharon said.

More Harry Hype

If you had access to AOL at camp, you could get a peek at the latest trailer for the "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone" movie this week.

You can also find the trailer at Netscape, Moviefone and other places on the Web. The trailer will hit movie theaters Friday. The movie itself will appear on Nov. 16.

Some interesting facts about the actors who will be in the new Harry Potter movie: Harry Potter will be played by 11-year-old Daniel Radcliffe, who played David Copperfield in a television version of the Dickens classic. Maggie Smith, the actress who is cast as Prof. McGonagall, played his aunt in the same movie.

Rupert Grint, 12, who has never acted professionally, will play Ron Weasley, Harry Potter's red-headed friend. He sent his picture to the English Sunday Times Funday Kids section, where it ran in a look-alike feature before he was cast.

Emma Watson, 10, who will play Hermione Granger, is also a newcomer to professional acting. Previously, she had appeared only in school plays.

Check out the Morasha library if you have not read "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone."

This Week in Sports

by Oscar Madison

This week was an exciting week in sports. The Yanks took two out of three from the Indians for their second consecutive series win.

The Mets continued their slide into the abyss as they lost five in a row against the Braves and Cubs, finally breaking their streak with a come from behind victory against the first-place Cubs. It appears the Mets will not repeat as N.L. champs.

The NBA draft was held this past Wednesday night. Michael Jordan selected 19-year-old Kwame Brown for the Washington Wizards with the first pick. The Nets picked Eddie Griffin. The Knicks did not have a pick in the first round.

Next week we will have the All-Star Balloting results.

Message from Rabbi Abe Wahrhaftig, Camp Director

This is a story about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody. One day, there was an important job to be done and Everybody was sure Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got very upset about it, because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it. In the end, Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have.

If we all pull together this summer as a group, then we will have a truly productive summer. Cooperation, Communication and Respect are the key players that were missing in this story. Remember, there is no "I" in the word "Team." I look forward to seeing you all absorbed in learning, activity, and music this summer. There is a lot we can gain from each other, and I am confident that we will. Enjoy!

Library Corner

Once upon a time in the kingdom of Camp Morasha, there was a magical place called the sifriya. It was filled with books and sefarim of many kinds, including Harry Potter, Goosebumps, The Little Midrash Says, the Boxcar Children, the Babysitters' Club, Kids Speak, and even the New York Times. There were even audio tapes to borrow. Yoni Zomick, Tal and Ariel Meiri helped set up this magical place. Visitors are anxiously awaited...

Meet Your Division Heads!

Think you know your division heads? Read this and find out!

Machzor Alef

Nitzanim

Name: Aaron Levitt
Where From: Boston, Massachusetts
During the Year: Teaches at Moriah, studying to be a rabbi. Just returned from Grus Kollel.
of Years at Morasha: 5, third year as Nitzi DH
Likes Best About Camp: "No rent."
Favorite Ice Cream Flavor: mint chocolate chip
Wants You To Know: that he has an adorable daughter

Name: Barbara Simon
Where From: Cedarhurst, New York
of Years at Morasha: 5
Likes Best About Camp: "Meeting new people."
Favorite Game Show: \$25,000 Pyramid

Younger Shtilim

Name: Morty Diskind
Where From: Edison, New Jersey
During the Year: Went to Ohr Yerushalayim for two years. Will be attending YU this year.
of years at Morasha: 5, first year as DH
Likes Best About Camp: "The slew of different activities, so every kid has a chance to shine at one point or another during the summer."
Favorite ice cream flavor: cookies and cream

NEXT WEEK: Machzor Bet

Name: Jenni Levin
Where From: Jamaica Estates, Queens, NY
During the Year: Works as a geriatric social worker
of Years at Morasha: 3, first year as Younger Shtili DH
Likes Best About Camp: "The kids and the lake."
Favorite Ice Cream Flavor: cookies and cream

Older Shtilim

Name: Aaron Kaplan
Where From: San Diego, California
During the Year: Graduated from YU in January, attending Shapell's next year. Will be going to law school afterwards.
of Years at Morasha: 3, first year as a DH
Likes Best About Camp: "The kids."
Favorite Book: *The Godfather*
Never read Harry Potter. Can't someone in his division lend him a copy?

Name: Malka Kleinman
Where From: Brooklyn, NY
During the Year: Teaches at Yeshiva of Flatbush High School
First year at Camp Morasha
Likes Best About Camp: "The friendly atmosphere."
Favorite Stuffed Animals: Fuzzy baby lambs and chicks

Parsha Page

Perception Is Nine Tenths of the Flaw

Perception is nine tenths of the flaw: If you think about any painful problem you've ever experienced in life, or more specifically - in camp, you can probably trace a common thread through each and every case. As I see it, misunderstandings are almost always behind our roughest times. People hurt each other and themselves with words and deeds and pull themselves away from G-d only by misunderstanding reality.

Before they ate from the tree of good and evil, Adam and Eve inhabited a world consisting solely of truth and falsehood. The consequence of their mistake was the introduction to the human experience of the subjectivity, which we live with today. And what led to their first mistake was misperception regarding the exact nature of G-d's words regarding the Eitz HaDa'at.

In recent parshiot we have read about misunderstandings and misperceptions: the questioning of Aharon, the criticism of Moshe, the complaints about the "mon", the meraglim and Korach all can be traced to misconceptions and misperceptions.

Chukat follows these stories. And it brings a very deep message which addresses the question of perception. The Para Aduma is famous for its paradox of purifying the impure while making the pure impure. It is also famous for confounding the wisest of men, even Shlomo HaMelech.

Rav Yochanan ben Zachai was asked about the meaning of this mitzva. A close look exposes a profound exposition on the point of this mitzva: "Chayechem! It is not the dead that makes tamei, it is not the water nor the cow that causes tahara. Rather, Hashem says 'Chuka Chakakti, Gezeira gazarti. You are not permitted to transgress My decree', as it is stated: 'This is the Chok of the Torah'."

Rav Yochanan's response is communicating a basic principle of Torah thought: Human emotions and experience in life are judged objectively only by G-d. What R. Yochanan expressed was that the paradox inherent in this mitzva alludes to the Divine Harmony which makes sense out of these contradictions. And someone whose world is only physical, and lacking a spiritual component, will never understand this.

Things only make real sense when understood in a Divine context. The stories we mentioned are all preceded by the establishment of a camp with G-d in its center. When that message was forgotten the Para came to set the record straight.

In our camp this summer, may we be blessed to always keep Hashem at the center. Then we will surely succeed in perceiving things as they are, and fulfill our life's goal of growing constantly closer to G-d.

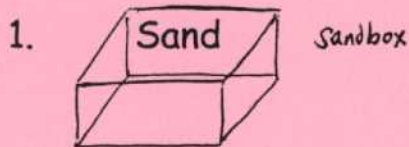
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Good Shabbos!!!

Rabbi Neil Fleischmann

BRAIN TEASERS

Can you find the answers to these puzzles? Submit your answers with your name and bunk number in the Shalhevet box in the library. Anyone who gets them all correctly will be entered in a drawing to receive a free Powerade. To give you an idea of how to do these, the first one is done for you.



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8. CYCLE
CYCLE
CYCLE

9. LE
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m.d.
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PH.D

11. ECNALG

12. DEATH LIFE

13. HE'S HIMSELF

12. MIND
MATTER

13. TROOPERS
TROOPERS

14. KNEE
LIGHT

15. T
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