

Library

Shalhevet

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Erev Shabbat Parshat Matot-Masei

**Shiriah and Machzor Alef Colorwar 2001:
We are in Lake Como,**



but our hearts are in Israel

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This Week in Camp. . .

. . .As expected, Day Camp won Shiriah this year. The girls' team took second place.

This year's Shiriah focused on solidarity with Israel. It featured Israeli songs, included Israeli judges, and began with a camp-wide singing of Hatikva.

This year's Shiriah also marked the first time in many years that an original composition was included. That song was Gam Ki Ailech, written by our own ATC - Ariel Tzvi Cohen.

. . .The Nitzis put on an incredible performance of *Free to Be You and Me*, the first play this season at Camp Morasha.

. . .In Machzor Alef's one-day color war, the blue team (dvash) beat the white team (chalav).

. . .All divisions enjoyed trips this week!

Yachad Update

This week, Yachad learned about *tzedaka*. They learned about Rambam's levels of charity, and made "*tzedaka* ladders." They also made *tzedaka* boxes out of Pringles cans, which will be distributed throughout the camp. When you see those *tzedaka* boxes, be sure to put in a coin or two.

New Counselor in B-16

By Shimmy Goldstein, B-16

On Monday, July 9, we got a new counselor. His name is Ilan Dimant. He seems to be a nice counselor. He was born in Eretz Yisrael. After camp he is signing up for tzahal. Before becoming the counselor for bunk 16 he worked in the Day Camp. He lives in Yerushalayim. When he was in school in Eretz Yisrael he heard shots. Luckily he did not get hit by one. He is very tall so he can reach things that other counselors can't.

Older Ilanot Overnight

By Noah Turk, B-11

This week the Older Ilanot boys went on their overnight. Nadav took them on a two and a half hour hike through the woods without flashlights for part of the way. When they got to the overnight site, they had to cook the food. They didn't get to bed until very late, and were woken up at 4:00 a.m. Then they had to pack up camp and walk back to boys' campus half asleep. This experience made an impact on the boys about what camping really is.

Nitzi Trip Day

By Sarit Klugerman, G-7

On Wednesday, the Nitzis had a trip to Carousel Park and saw a movie, "Cats and Dogs." They were supposed to go to K-Mart, but didn't go in the end. The Nitzis had a really fun time, and Carousel Park was the best!

Library Corner

The Morasha read-a-thon is in full swing, and right now B-16 is in the lead, with over 2000 pages read. The top readers are Eitan Shimko, Jacob Bernstein, Marshal Grobois, and Max Plaut.

Check out the new audiotapes available for borrowing at the library, including lectures by Rabbi N. Weinberg, Rabbi Y. Frand, and Rabbi B. Wein. The library also has a shelf full of new arrivals, including Paysach Krohn's *Maggid* books, the Tolkien trilogy, Junie B. Jones, *Kids Speak* 1-4, and the ever-popular *A Series of Unfortunate Events* by Lemony Snicket.

Don't miss the used *sefarim* sale in the library, which will take place on Tisha B'Av.

This Week in Sports

By Oscar Madison

The Yankees finished up one of their most exciting weeks of the season. After returning from their All-Star break losing three out of four, they began to feel the wrath of their boss, George Steinbrenner. Joe Torre then held a closed-door meeting to correct their sluggish play. As usual, the Yanks responded, reeling off three straight, including two extra inning wins against the Phillies.

The Mets finally had a good week. They came back from All-Star break, taking five out of six, including two consecutive shutouts against Lipner's Blue Jays. The Mets still are ten games out of a wild card spot.

Back next week with results of the British Open.

Two weeks ago, Shalhevet published a story called "Achieving God's Perfection." We have discovered that the author of the story is Rabbi Paysach Krohn. The story appears in his book, *Echoes of the Maggid*.

This Week in the World

A 10-year-old Florida girl won a \$10,000 savings bond for blowing a bubble bigger than her head. Anna Hanson of Cape Coral, Florida, used four pieces of bubble gum to blow the winning 13-inch bubble in a contest last Saturday sponsored by the Dubble Bubble gum company.

On May 26, tens of thousands of kids 12 and under competed at Wal-Marts throughout the United States. The six biggest bubble blowers were selected for the finals.

Last weekend, those finalists were sent to Port Richey, Florida. They were allowed to chew as many pieces of gum as they wanted and each one had five minutes to blow a bubble.

After the contest, the Dubble Bubble company flew all six finalists to Toronto, Canada, for a tour of the gum factory and a day at an amusement park. The company also donated \$5,000 to the Children's Miracle Network in Anna's name.

- The Washington Post

For the latest news from Israel, see the bulletin boards in the Dining Room, HC's, or outside the Library

This Week's Parsha: Matot-Masei

Light Candles: 7:10

Shabbat Ends: 8:17

Weather Forecast: (As of Wednesday):

Friday: Sunny. Highs in the mid 70s and lows in the mid 50s.

Saturday: Sunny. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the upper 50s.

Sunday (Visiting Day!): Sunny. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the low 60s.

Reminder: The Nine Days begin on Shabbat. How much laundry do you have?



Ask A Rabbi

This Week's Question: Is one allowed to chew gum while davening?

Answer: The Gemara derives from "*Lemaan*

tihye Torat Hashem b'ficha," (Shmot 13:9) that whenever you say Hashem's name, nothing else should be in your mouth. So when we say a *bracha*, and even when we do a *mitzva*, (with the exception of when eating is the actual *mitzva*, such as eating matza), we should not have any food in our mouths.

There is also an additional issue of a lack of respect. Malachi 1:8 says "*Hakrivaihu na l'fechatecha*." The Gemara Menachot explains that this means that we should not do something before God that we wouldn't do before an important official. We wouldn't chew gum on a job interview or in the presence of a person we want to impress. Certainly, then, we should not chew gum when standing before Hashem.

- Rabbi Allen Schwartz

Campers and staff are invited to submit questions in the Shalhevet box, located in the library.

This Week in the Parsha

In this week's *parsha*, *nekama* is ordained by God to be taken against Midyan. I heard Rabbi Oratz explain this in a very sensible and beautiful way: In this context *nekama* means justice rather than vengeance. The concepts are similar, in that both are the idea of making things even. However, as we say in Tehilim - "*Kel nekamot Hashem*." *Nekama* that is truly just is by definition in God's jurisdiction only. The problem with man's pursuit of revenge is that it includes personal motives rather than true justice alone.

This fits with the explanation of Reb Heschel of Cracow, the Rebbe of the Shach of a *Gemara* (in *Taanit*) which states that any *Talmid Chacham* who does not seek revenge like a snake is not a true *Talmid Chacham*. The snake's curse is that everything he eats has no taste to it other than the taste of dirt. A true *Talmid Chacham* may seek revenge with no personal motive at all, without it being tasty, but only for the sake of heaven.

As a teacher in camp, and a traveler through life, it is painful to see how good people can be at being bad to each other. I have seen firsthand young developing people (children), as well as older people called adults, hurt each other. Often, there is a claim of justice, "he was asking for it," "she can't take a joke," etc. We must never forget that it is God whose essence is truth and justice. Who are we to hurt someone because we consider them uncool? Who are we to ruin someone's summer or even their day because we are threatened by their palpable goodness? Chazal say: Never judge alone, for no one may judge alone except for One. May we be blessed to judge each other only favorably, and in that merit may we be judged favorably by God and see the redemption that we so long for individually and nationally.

Good Shabbos.

-Rabbi Neil Fleischmann

Behind the Scenes at **Shiriah**

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What does it take to put together Camp Morasha's ultimate performance of the summer? Lots of hard work.

Shiriah is scheduled weeks in advance, and about ten days before it takes place, various songs are reviewed and selected by the Music Department and interested staff members. This year, says Michael Berl, Director of Fine Arts, the head counselors were heavily involved with this process.

After the music is selected, the Music Department spends a good three days or so working out harmony for the songs. When they know it well, they teach the music and harmony to the counselors who will conduct the teams.

When the counselors know the music, the rehearsal process begins. All the teams get a schedule with Shiriah rehearsals, which generally take place twice a day for four days. Meanwhile, Michael writes out the music for the band, and a page of cues for the drummer.

The night before Shiriah, the band spends most of the night practicing all of the musical arrangements. The following day, the band rehearses with the teams in the Mercaziah.

And all those wires on the floor of the Mercaziah? That's a massive job in itself. Before the performance can take place in the Mercaziah, the Technical Department spends more than a day setting up the sound system. Their job is to connect approximately 30 mikes, amplifiers, and all the sound needs of the band. All of the equipment needs to be transported from the Pargod, and after Shiriah is over, it must be taken apart and transported back.

There's still more to do. Before Shiriah, Michael makes up the programs (taking care to leave the best songs for last). Abie, Ruchie, Peretz, and Michael choose six judges. On the evening of Shiriah, Steve Bill arrives to record and mix the music for the tape that we receive later on.

What does it take to make Shiriah? Lots of hours of hard work, little sleep, and the participation of about 600 people in camp. It's no wonder, then, that the songs at Shiriah remain with us throughout the summer, and that Shiriah is the exciting event that it is.

As Michael puts it, "It's the only evening in camp that virtually everyone wants to go to."

Our continuing series on the people who work behind the scenes at camp...

Obscure

Jobs at Camp Morasha

Week 2: Meet Dale, the Maintenance Guy!

We know him as the man who drives around camp, collecting trash from the cans, and putting in new bags. But his job includes a lot that we don't see, and much of it takes place when we are not around.

Dale, who wears a ponytail and declines to give his last name, has been working in camp for four years. In addition to his garbage-collecting responsibilities, he spends the rest of the year making sure that Camp Morasha stays in the shipshape condition that it's in. He fixes roofs and steps, helped build the new boys' hockey court, clears trees that fall down, and constructs new buildings at camp.

Generally, Dale picks up the garbage around camp twice a day, and then hauls it to the dumpster past the Warehouse. But on busy days such as Visiting Day, Dale will make his rounds around camp at least ten times, constantly filling his pickup truck and placing fresh bags in the trash cans.

Of course, the question on everyone's mind is, who has more

garbage, the boys or girls? "The boys are worse," Dale answers kindly, without any hesitation. "The boys are more mischievous."

Dale lives in nearby Lakewood and is the proud parent of two sons and a daughter, and has an eight-month-old granddaughter. His girlfriend, Cindy, also works at Camp Morasha at the Kollel campus.

Dale enjoys art, and lived in Las Vegas for five years, where he worked as a tattoo artist. You can see some of Dale's impressive original tattoo designs on his arms and legs. He notes that all of his kids have tattoos, although his granddaughter does not just yet.

How does he stand the pain of getting a tattoo? "Pain's nothing," he answers simply.

And what does he think of his job here at Camp Morasha? "I like it in Camp," he replies. "I can walk around among the trees all day."

The Roving Reporter

By Yoni Kirschner, Machon

Question: What would you like to see added to the Morasha menu?

"Borscht." - Zehava Block, Machon

"More fudgsicles." - Leezie Strauss, baker's assistant

"Road kill venison." - Rabbi Jon Kroll, Machon counselor

"Finger food that doesn't require silverware." - All the waiters

"Goat's milk and whisky." - Eddie, kitchen staff

"Hamburgers and hot dogs and french fries." - Chavi Pineles and Alyssa Spira, G-4

"Hashbrowns." - Ilan Ulmer, Machon

"Kashi." - Dovid Kram, Machon

"Bigos." - Radik, Camp America (Editor's note: Don't ask us.)

"Cows' foot jelly." - Jessica Lerer, Machon

"Dougies." - Jason Koslowe, Machon Counselor

"Pastrami burgers." - Joe Blumenthal, canteen

Special thanks to David Blum and Caryn Pollack for their help with Shalhevet last week!

Contest winners!

Shalhevet was *inundated* with responses from last week's puzzle. **Congratulations to Eytan Austein (B3), who was selected randomly from our winners, and will receive a free Powerade from the Morasha canteen!** Honorable mentions go to the other staff and campers who successfully solved every single brain teaser: Uri Burger (B12), Boys Waterfront Staff, Jacob Dachs (B3), Cobi Friedman (B3), Yoni Garber (Machon), Danielle Lent (G6), Tova Levin (G5), Shoshana Lopata (G6), Andy Markowitz (B14), Operations Department, Harry Rosengarten (B15), Nafi

Schwarzenberger (B4), and Kivi Steinberger (Machon). Last week's answers were:

1. Split level
2. I am underpaid and overworked
3. Head over heels in love
4. Space invaders
5. Little house on the prairie
6. Six of one, half dozen of another
7. Banana split
8. Missing link
9. Splitting headache
10. Robin Hood
11. Blanket
12. One step forward, two steps backwards
13. Repeat after me
14. Sit down and shut up
15. Scrambled eggs
16. Robert Deniro
17. Fork in the road

Check out this week's contest for another chance to win!

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. If nobody gets all of them, we will give the prize to the one who has the most correct answers. To give you an idea of how to do these, the first one is done for you. Good luck!

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