

# Shalhevet

Friday, August 17, 2001  
28 Av 5761  
Erev Shabbat Parshat Re'eh

## It's over already?!

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# This Week in Camp...

...We bid a *tzeitchem l'shalom* to the many staff members who left to study in Israel, and welcomed the Machoniks who filled in for them.

...We also welcomed Sulam back from their incredible trip!

## Morasha Marathon 2001

### Winners by Division

#### Girls

##### Staff:

1. Beth Hait	28:48
2. Lauren Newman	35:00
3. Amy Pinnick	42:00

##### Alufot:

1. Erica Zimmerman	33:17
2. Rebecca Ostreicher	36:25
3. Cheryl Lieberman	43:05
Ahuva Nissen	43:05

##### Ilanot:

1. Devora Stechler	30:31
2. Sarah Rappoport	35:58
3. Janine Rothenberg	40:02

##### Shtilim:

1. Erica Zauderer	31:20
2. Paige Sussman	35:00
3. Tova Lewn	35:23

#### Boys

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2. Yoni Gross	23:21
3. Avi Golombeck	23:24

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1. David Eckstein	25:31
2. Evan Hametz	27:49
3. Yitzzy Klein	29:48

##### Ilanot:

1. Sruly Rapps	23:47
2. Daniel Barran	28:39

3. Daniel Gordan	29:18
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1. Eliezer Seidenfeld	26:18
2. Pinny Kantowitz	28:58
3. Jacob Muller	29:15

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5. Jeremy Hellman	23:32
6. Sruly Rapps	23:47
7. Radek Szerner	25:15
8. Jonathan Grossman	25:28
9. David Eckstein	25:31
10. Jonathan Koslowe	26:06
11. Eliezer Seidenfeld	26:18
12. Itamar Kurtz	27:10
13. Eli Schiff	27:16
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12. Stephanie Cohen	37:03
13. Jessica Lichter	37:05
14. Rebecca Herskovits	38:06
15. Janine Rothenberg	40:02
16. Ariella Stein	40:22
17. Lili Berley	40:25
18. Andrea Kimmel	40:28
19. Leah Weixelbaum	41:35
20. Edie Koslowe	41:53



## Name the Sailboats Contest Winners!!!

We have all been anxiously awaiting the results of our Name the Sailboats Contest. Our esteemed judges pored over an unprecedented number of entries, and finally agreed on the following names for our new sailboats. The boats will henceforth be known as:

1. Yippee
2. Dippy
3. Sippy
4. Flippy

Congratulations to **Elisheva Muchnick**, who named #1-3, and **Yvonne Sharfer**, who named #4. Both entrants are Mothers' Helpers who obviously think alike. Elisheva will receive \$3 worth of goods from the canteen, and Yvonne will receive \$1 worth.

## This Week in the Parsha

In this week's parsha we are told (Devorim 14:1), "*Banim atem le'Hashem elokeichem, lo titgodedu.*" The simple meaning of this *pasuk* is that if someone loses a relative, while it is appropriate to mourn that loss, one cannot become so overwhelmed with grief that they cut or hurt themselves. Someone who inflicts harm on himself is most likely feeling a sense of *yei'ush*, total despair and lack of hope for a better future. The weight of their personal tragedy is too heavy a burden for them to carry and they simply cannot go on. This halacha comes to tell us that no matter how bad it seems, we must never give up because there is always hope for a brighter tomorrow.

The Gemarah (Yevamot 14a) derives a second halacha from this *pasuk*: "*lo ta'asu agudot agudot.*" The Torah prohibits us from doing things which create divisiveness and disunity in the community. (See, for example, Igrot Mosheh 2:23).

If understood properly, these two halachot of *lo titgodedu* can provide us with guidance for how to respond to the current situation in Israel.

Our community is currently in a state of mourning as a result of the recent tragedies in Israel. This is both normal and appropriate. But for some, there is also a feeling of *yei'ush*, despair and hopelessness. The darkness of today seems to leave no room for a brighter tomorrow. The first halacha of *lo titgodedu* teaches us that we must not despair and cannot give up hope. Our belief in Hashem's special relationship with the Land of Israel should inspire us with confidence in our ultimate solution.

In addition, we must not give in to the temptation to view this as an Israeli problem. In truth, it is a Jewish problem. As members of B'nei Yisroel, the current situation affects all of us. This is the second lesson of *lo titgodedu* - we must never forget the indivisible bond between all Jews.

May it be Hashem's will that through our proper appreciation of the halachot of *lo titgodedu*, may we merit a positive answer to our prayers - "*Hashem yivareich et amo ba-shalom.*"

- Rabbi Dovid Gottlieb



## **A Word of Thanks. . .**

To the many people who have helped make this summer's Shalhevet possible. Some of those people are:

Paula Spodek, Jen Kroll, Aliza Meiri, Ayala Schwartz, Rivky Goldstein, Lisa Lesnick and Chavi Rosenberg, who helped out a great deal and showed me the ropes;

Caryn Pollak and some other amazing Yachad people, who collated 4000 pages every Thursday;

Rabbi Elly Storch, who wrote the sports column every week;

A bunch of Machoniks, who covered some incredible stories and took care of the Roving Reporter;

Rabbis Schwartz, Harari, Rosenblum, Willig, and Dratch, who shared their knowledge in the "Ask a Rabbi" column;

Rock Davis, who gave valuable input, kept an eye on the Shalhevet box, and always let me know which articles the campers enjoyed;

Rabbi Joel Cohn, who always happily found someone to write a dvar Torah;

And a special thanks to my husband Tszvi, who faithfully proofread everything when I was too tired to look at it one more time.

Finally, I wish to thank the many many campers and staff who read Shalhevet and shared their insights, ideas, and critiques with me.

*Ktiva v'chatima tova,  
Yaffa Klugerman*

## **Library Corner**

Congratulations to this Year's Girls' Nitzanim Readathon Winners:

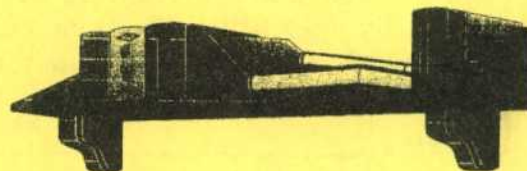
**Chani Jacobson  
Tal Meiri**

And a special *yasher koach* to Shtili

**Ariel Meiri**

who read a huge number of books this summer.

We are very proud of all those who participated in the Readathon!



**This Week's Parsha: Re'eh**

**Light Candles: 6:38**

**Shabbat Ends: 7:44**

**Weather Forecast: (As of Wed):**

Friday: Partly cloudy with scattered thunderstorms ending late and becoming clear. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the upper 50s.

Saturday: Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the upper 50s.

Sunday: Partly cloudy with isolated thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 70s and lows in the upper 50s.



## Messages from the Head Counselors

### BOYS

Another fabulous summer at Camp Morasha is coming to an end. We've all had so many wonderful opportunities to learn and grow and are all headed home with a lifetime of memories.

Boys' campus is always a great place to spend a summer, but 2001 was a truly unique experience. The Summer Olympics evoked tremendous spirit and achievement; Shiriah was a "coming out" party for ATC as he debuted his song "Gam ki elech"; Machzor Alef campers were drafted into the Israeli Army, Lake Como Division; and Purim in August was the highlight of the summer.

Thanks so much and *yasher koach* to Rabbi Moish Drelich and all the division heads for their outstanding leadership; to all the counselors and specialty staff for all their hard work; to the Programming Department for all their guidance; and last, but not least, to all the campers on Boys' Campus who make Morasha such a special place!

Shana tova! We'll see you next year.

*Rabbi Peretz Hochbaum*

### GIRLS

Dear Girls' Campus,

The summer season of 5761 is coming to an end. It has been a wonderful summer, and I will miss you.

Good times were had by all  
I really had a ball  
Ruach, sports, swimming, dancing  
Lots of singing, art, acting, and  
masquerading  
Shtilim, Ilanot, Alufot, Yachad,  
Machon, counselors and  
Nitzanim were all  
participating

Can't wait to see you here next  
year

All together full of cheer  
May this year bring you bracha  
and hatzlacha

Plus joy and health to you and  
your mishpacha

Until next summer when we  
meet back in Morasha pray  
for

Shalom al Yisrael and  
Yerushalayim Habenuya

Respectfully yours,

*Ruchie*



## Ask A Rabbi

**This Week's Question:** What is our obligation regarding *hashavat aveida*, returning lost property? Can we ever keep something that we have found?

**Answer:** You can keep it if it's a situation where the item is not of great value, and there is no sign on it showing who it belongs to. For example, if you find a pen without a name on it, you can keep it.

**Question:** What if there's an item in my bunk that has someone's name on it? Do I need to return it to the owner?

**Answer:** Yes. It's a *mitzvat aseh* to do so.

- Rabbi Raymond Harari

### Answers to This Week's Brain Teasers:

1. Keys are in the car
2. Equal rights
3. Shape up
4. Quarterback, halfback, and fullback
5. Shot in the dark
6. Generation gap
7. Square dance
8. Right between the eyes
9. Inside information
10. Rabbi Cohn
11. Jason Koslowe
12. Aaron Levitt
13. Mark Dratch
14. Beth Hiel
15. Perez (pair etc)

## Behind the Scenes at the Lost and Found

Ever wonder what happens to those huge piles of clothing that collect in the HCs throughout the summer? This weekend will be your chance to find out.

Every year, Morasha is left with dozens of items of clothes and property that campers and staff leave behind. One might even convincingly argue that the amount of clothing left over throughout the years could conceivably clothe a small country. (Or at least Rhode Island.)

Shalhevet went behind the scenes to discover what becomes of all the lost and found that has been lost and not found.

According to Paula Spodek, if the item "has a name and it's in decent condition, it goes back to Brooklyn." There, the office staff tries to track down the owner of the item.

If the item is missing a name or it's in tatters, then it's left with the locals who remain in camp. They either take it or discard it.

The moral of the story? Label everything that you bring to camp, if you care about bringing it back home. And check the lost and found frequently, especially during these last days of camp.

Remember: even if you don't care about bringing something home, chances are your *parents* do.



# The Roving Reporter

By Kivi Steinberger, Machon

## Question: What will you miss most about camp?

"Rabbi Fleischman's stories." - *Sammy Salamon, B-3*

"Buying Jim Jr. lunch." - *Aliza Meiri, office staff*

"Seeing my grandson, Chaim Yonatan, every week from Thursday night to Sunday night." - *Paula Spodek*

"Canteen." - *Lisa Shapiro, G-6*

"The amazing food." - *Josh Gopin, B-11*

"Fake vomiting to get out of activities." - *Sam Lauer, B-12*

"The girls." - *Yechiel Eisenberg, B-6*

"The boys." - *Nina Dachs and Chavi Pineles, G-4*

"Carnival, trips, and Morah Yaffa." - *Nathan Ullman, day camp*

"Someone shopping, cooking, setting up, and cleaning up for me." - *Alisa Schwartz, day camp staff*

"Yachad." - *Cheryl Horowitz, Yachad counselor*

"Moish's kindness." - *David Eckstein, B-13*

"The camp mommy." - *Jason Rochwarger, Machon*

"Sailing with Robert." - *Yale Herskowitz, B-19*

"Brain teasers in Shalhevet." - *Rabbi Mark Dratch*

**Special thanks to Caryn Pollak for her help with Shalhevet last week!**

### Contest winners!

Once again, last week's Brain Teasers stumped a lot of people.

**Congratulations to Saul Taylor of bunk B-2, who was able to get all the answers correct. He will receive a free Powerade from the Morasha canteen!**

A special honorable mention to Sara Lamm Dratch and Chaye Lamm Warburg, who also solved them all, but were not selected from our random drawing. Here are last week's answers:

1. Split level

2. Let bygones be bygones
3. Down in the dumps
4. Tripod
5. Just between you and me
6. A small misunderstanding between friends
7. A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush
8. 49ers
9. Working overtime
10. United States
11. Condescending
12. West Indies
13. Unfinished symphony
14. Making ends meet
15. Capital punishment
16. What goes up must come down

Check out this week's final Brain Teasers!

# BRAIN TEASERS

Here it is: the last Brain Teasers page of the summer! No Powerade this week, but you can find the answers in this Shalhevet. Just for fun, the last six teasers are names of staff members! Thanks to all of those who have worked hard to solve the Brain Teasers and submitted their answers week after week. Good luck and shana tova from the Shalhevet staff!

1. cakeysrr

2. right = right

3. E  
P  
A  
H  
S

4. B  
BA  
BACK

5. dashotrk

6. gener ation

7. DANCE  
A C  
N N  
C A  
ECNAD

8. I right I

9. siinformationde

10.



11. Jason

Kos

12. Air  
Levitt

13.

~~Dutch~~

14. At

Beth

15. et  
et