

# Shalhevet

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Welcome  
To  
Camp Morasha!!!

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## Welcome!!!

Summer 2002 in Camp Morasha has officially begun and we're so excited! To all the familiar faces – we can't wait to continue where we left off last summer. To all the new campers and staff members – we're looking forward to showing you around and welcoming you into our ever-growing Morasha family.

So – let's not waste any more time, let's look around, ask about and find out . . .

## Whats New in Camp Morasha?

As the boys pulled into camp, you couldn't help but notice the beautiful new **shack at the boys waterfront**. As usual, Tzvi and his able staff are ready to provide you with a summer filled with fun water activities and the new shack will certainly help them do just that.

In order to ensure the safety and security of all our campers and staff, a very **convenient path** has been paved that will lead you from the bottom of the dining room straight to boys campus.

Looking for a place to play ball on boys campus during those busy hours of the day? Look no further – the **lower courts** have been fixed up and are all ready for some very exciting games of basketball.

The minor changes made in the **canteen** have really given it a whole new look – a higher ceiling, a new paint job and a ping pong table are sure to make it even more inviting to campers and staff members alike.

**Girls Waterfront** reports that they now have a banana boat that seats 6, a tremendous water trampoline (prepare to get very wet!) and they will be continuing their very successful Swim and Stay Fit program, so stay tuned to find out about fun prizes.

The **Music Department** is thrilled (you can't even imagine how thrilled) to welcome back Randi Wartelsky (nee Sorscher). They can't believe that Shiriah is already here and they were working hard even before you got here to ensure that it will be the greatest Shiriah ever. In order to remember *acheinu kol beit yisrael*, even on one of the most joyous nights in camp, they have selected one song for each campus that will reflect the current situation in Israel. A representative of each campus will explain the words and everyone in the audience will get a copy of the text.

**Ed Staff** is proud to introduce their young and dynamic new members. Rabbi Jeff Holman, Rabbi Jeremy and Ilana Spierer, Mordechai Diskind (formerly a boys campus division head), Pesha Rosner (formerly on day camp staff), Rabbi Daniel (check out his cool accent) and Elisheva (granddaughter of a very important person at Camp Morasha) Liss are sure to make this summer both educational and enjoyable for all.

**Fishing?!?** At Camp Morasha?!? You did read that correctly. There is now a fishing dock and an instructor — what an exciting addition to the boys campus schedule!



The **Drama Department** is enthusiastic about their upcoming productions. Machzor Aleph will be starring in *Mary Poppins* and Machzor Bet (and anyone else who's interested) will be putting on *The Sound of Music*. Alufim will perform in *The Letters of Yonatan Netanyahu* and Staff will provide us with a very moving drama entitled, *Whose Life is it Anyway?*

The **Dance Department** is already in full swing with an exciting performance by the girls counselors on opening night. The biggest and best dances straight from Israel will be taught by our returning dance instructor, Dina Brilliant. And, following the tremendous success of last year's girls campus Salute to Israel production, there is another one already in the making – stay tuned for more details.

## Whats New in the Big Wide World?

President Bush declared that Palestinians must elect a new leader before the United States can support an independent country for its people.

A law that gives girls and boys equal opportunities in sports and education programs celebrated its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary this week.

Local leaders in Afghanistan elected a president to head their war-torn country.

Fans at Busch Stadium observed 57 seconds of silence (Darryl Kile's uniform number was 57) before the St. Louis Cardinals' first home game since the untimely death of their pitcher.

### THE MORASHA SWEATSHOP IS OPEN FOR BUSINESS!!!

- Rain Ponchos!
- Mesh Shorts!
- Long Sleeve T-Shirts!
- Scrubs!
- Fleece Blankets!

*Come check out all the new Morasha-Wear!*

Located beneath the Pargod  
Open Monday-Wednesday  
1:30-3:30 (during rest hour), or by  
appointment, call Lisa Lesnik at  
ext. 229.

## Weekend Weather Forecast

(as of Wednesday, June 25):

Friday: Partly cloudy with highs in the low 80s and lows in the upper 50s.

Shabbos: Sunny with highs in the low 80s and lows in the upper 50s.

Sunday: Partly cloudy with highs in the low 80s and lows in the low 60s.

**Parsha:** Pinchas

**Light Candles:** 7:19

**Shabbos Ends:** 8:28

**Pirkei Avos:** 6th Perek



# Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About Skunks (But Were Afraid to Get Close Enough to Find Out)

## Do skunks like children?

With calm, reasonably quiet children who are willing to listen and learn to handle them properly, skunks are extremely receptive. But, if a child is behaving aggressively or chasing them, they are very likely to spray or try to bite.

## What do skunks eat?

Their diet is widely varied. Most of their diet consists of different types of vegetables. But, they also love fruits, chicken, dairy products, fish and many types of junk food. However, many preservatives, such as sulfur dioxide and MSG, found in our foods can be fatal to skunks. Chocolate is very deadly, as are seeds, nuts and red meat.

## Do skunks have sharp teeth and claws?

Their teeth are sharp, but their claws are not. Their claws are simply used for digging, not for ripping. While certainly capable of biting, a skunk that is handled gently and that has a good diet will do so very rarely.

## How long do skunks live?

Skunks have a relatively long life span, many times living well into their 20s.

## Can skunks be kept as pets?

Skunks can be descended at about 4 weeks of age. As with any type of animal, they are not for everyone, but for those people with patience, understand-

ing and a sense of humor, they are wonderful, affectionate and cuddly pets. They can be housebroken by placing a litter box, with newspaper, in a corner that they choose and they will go there.

## Are all skunks black and white?

NO! Skunks come in many different colors including, many shades of brown, grey and blonde. There are albino skunks that are white with pink eyes. There are even lavender skunks. They can have 2, 4 or 6 stripes. Sometimes they have spots or swirls mixed in amongst their stripes. Their tails come in all different shapes and sizes – they can be as different as we are!

## Do skunks make noises?

While skunks are virtually silent animals, they do sometimes make a soft bird-like whistle that is generally a sign of curiosity or affection. If they are angry or afraid they might make a loud, jarring screech.

*Do you enjoy writing?*

Do you want to see your name in print?

*Did you do something exciting this week, or know of something interesting, that you would like to share with the whole camp?*

Then . . .

Shalhevet is the place for you.

Call Yafa Storch at extension 265 or put a note in the Shalhevet box in the library and we will be sure to include your articles and/or ideas!



# PARSHA PAGE

## Dv'ar Torah

By Rabbi Joel Cohn

The first week of camp is filled with promise and hope. We are all looking forward to fun, relaxation, making new friends and mastering new skills. We have the luxury of leaving the hot city behind and enjoying the bucolic beauty of Lake Como, Pa.

At the same time that we anticipate all these new things, the parsha stresses to us the importance keeping our regular routines, "שנה שנים ליום תמיד" כבשים בני.

The *korban tamid* represents the consistency that is required in our *avodat Hashem*. Every morning and every afternoon, every day of every year, the *korban tamid* was offered – no exceptions.

So it is too with our *avodat Hashem*. Though there will be much that is new and exciting this summer, we must always remain consistent in our performance of *mitzvot*. Camp is a wonderful place to elevate our *tefila*, *talmud torah* and *mitzvot ben adam lchaveiro*. Please God, these will all remain *tamid* with you.

One of the tragedies that befell *am yisrael* on *shiva asar b'tamuz* was that the *korban tamid* ceased to be brought. When our *avodat Hashem* is inconsistent it is truly a reason to fast. By making sure that our performance of *mitzvot* is consistent we hope to regain our ability to bring the *korban tamid* and all other *korbanot* in the *Beit Hamikdash*, in *yerushalaim ir hakodesh bimheira byameinu*.

## Sedra Stats

- 41<sup>st</sup> of the 54 *sedras*;
- 8<sup>th</sup> of 10 in *Bamidbar*
- Written on 280 lines in a *Sefer Torah* – 2<sup>nd</sup> most in the Torah
- 168 *psukim* – 2<sup>nd</sup> most in the Torah, 2<sup>nd</sup> most in *Bamidbar*
- 1887 words – 9<sup>th</sup> most in the Torah (what a drop!), 2<sup>nd</sup> most in *Bamidbar*
- 7853 letters – 4<sup>th</sup> most in the Torah, 2<sup>nd</sup> most in *Bamidbar*
- Contains 6 of 613 *mitzvot* – all positive. 1 of only 6 *sedras* in the entire Torah that have only positive *mitzvot*.

## Torah Trivia

1. How old did a Jew have to be in order to be counted in the census that Hashem commanded Elazar to take?
2. How many Jews were counted, in total, in that census?
3. What was the name of Amram's wife?
4. From which mountain was Moshe able to view all of Israel?
5. What is the law regarding the inheritance of a man who died and has only daughters, no sons, to leave his property?



# Staff Spotlight

## Meet the Cutest New Couple in Camp . . . David and Gabi Mahler (Alufim/fot Division Heads)

**Interviewer:** What do you do in real life?

**D+G:** I (Gabi) am in dental school and I (David) am a teacher and student activities coordinator at the Joseph Kushner Hebrew Academy Middle School.

**Interviewer:** How did you meet?

**D+G:** Contrary to the rumors flying around, we did not meet on the show, *Blind Date*. We first met when we were in 11<sup>th</sup> grade and we were both visiting colleges. David had a crush on me right away but I (Gabi) didn't like him. Four years and four break-ups later, Gabi was begging me to marry her, but I (David) wouldn't commit till the Storches intervened.

**Interviewer:** Where did you go on your first date?

**D+G:** To a baseball game.

**Interviewer:** What did you do when you were in camp as single folk?

**D+G:** I (David) was on sport staff – the most difficult job in camp and I (Gabi) was a counselor and then Alufot division head.

**Interviewer:** What are your big plans for Alufim/fot this summer?

**D+G:** Four *shidduchim* by the end of the summer.

**Interviewer:** What do you like most about Morasha?

**D+G:** The campers. And the worst part is that Rabbi Kroll is too busy working to talk to us.

**Interviewer:** What is the most significant change since you were here last?

**D+G:** This time we like our bunkmate better.



# Roving Reporter

## What Are You Most Looking Forward To In Camp This Summer?

Mark Weingarten (B3): Hockey  
 Ruby Yarmush (Waiter): Sugar Cereals on Shabbos  
 Zev Hait (B2): Woodshop  
 Gabriel Falk (B3): Hockey  
 Carolyn Stern and Dina Klein (G13): Shiur  
 Eric Fruchter (B1): Swimming  
 Sharlene Lerner (G11): Basketball  
 Rabbi Kroll (Head of Machon): Finally learning the names of all the machoniks  
 Evan Rottenstreich (B1): Sports  
 Sophie Gindea (G9): Swimming  
 Shira Srago (G12): Sports  
 Michael Berl (Head of Music and Drama Staff): Teaching Yafa all the words to Hatikva  
 Nathan Ullman (Day Camp): Riding my bike down the hill  
 Donny Schwab (B1): Sports  
 Andrew Dienstag (B1): Baseball  
 Rabbi Storch (Head of Boys Sports): Mesorah intercampus  
 Gaby Yarmush (Techie): DJs

Miriam Cohn (Head of Girls Sports) + Lisa Lesnik (Girls HC Administrator): Finding out the sex of the Storch baby  
 Max Plaut (B3): Tubing  
 Rabbi Rosenblum (Ed Staff): Ed Staff/Kollel Softball  
 Laura Ramos + Ilana Marinelli (Mothers Helpers): Making new friends  
 Shimmy Goldstein (B3): Swimming  
 Aliza Meiri (Office Staff): My son Gabriel learning to say mommy  
 Raeli Savitt (B3): Night activities  
 Yael Warhaftig (Asst. Girls HC): Meeting my bashert  
 ATC (Music Staff): Cinnamon Buns  
 Michal Gurelik (G19) + Jessica Lichter (G18): Overnight  
 Amanda Alexander (G12): Breaking my fast  
 Sarah Adler (G9): Swimming  
 Stacey Ullman (Infirmary Administrator): Giving out cepacols  
 Kiki Isaacs (G4): An air conditioned bus to go home in  
 Ariel Eliach (G4): Visiting Day  
 Natalie Merkin (Machon Counselor): Stuffing (they only served it once last summer + I'm still waiting to see it again)



## BRAIN TEASERS

Can you figure out the answers to these math puzzles?

Submit your answers with your name and bunk number in the Shalhevet box in the library.

Anyone who answers them all correctly will be entered in a drawing to receive a free Powerade.

Enjoy!!!

1. Take the number of your fingers, multiplied by the number of your toes, divided in half and add it to the number of months in a year. What is the total?
2. A mother and father have six sons and each son has a sister. How many people are in that family?
3. Jen has half the beanie babies that Molly has. Allison has 3 times as many as Jen. Together they have 72. How many beanie babies does each girl have?
4. A baseball team had just won the world series and the players wanted to congratulate each other. They began shaking hands, but each player only got to shake hands with each other player once. There are, of course, 9 players on a baseball team. How many times did the players shake hands?
5. Michael loves donuts. He can eat 32 of them in an hour. His brother, Peter, needs 3 hours to eat the same amount. How long will it take them both together to eat 32 donuts?
6. How can you measure one gallon of juice out of a barrel, if all that is available to you is a 3-gallon and a 5-gallon pitcher?
7. A car travels at a speed of 30 mph and returns over the same distance at a speed of 20 mph. What is the average speed for the total round-trip?
8. There are 100 golfers in a local match play contest. If a player loses a match, he is immediately eliminated from the contest. How many matches will need to be played in order to determine a winner?
9. When manufacturing soap, the cutting machine produces scraps. The scraps from 11 bars of soap can be made into another bar. What is the total number of bars that can be made after cutting 250 bars of soap?
10. Lisa bought a bag of oranges on Monday and ate a third of them. On Tuesday she ate half the remaining oranges. On Wednesday she looked in the bag to find that she only had two oranges left. How many oranges were originally in the bag?