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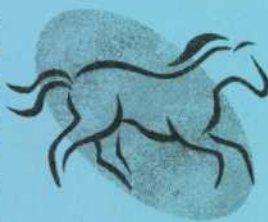
Roving Reporter

Brain Teasers

As you've most likely noticed over the this past week, every area of camp has something new and exciting to boast about. So here's a look at :

What's new in camp this year?

Perhaps the most exciting addition to the daily schedule is **horseback riding**. Headed up by Art Jones, this new activity can be found out by the former overnight sight. Art and his staff will be teaching the fundamentals of riding including steering, stopping, and riding. The riders will first ride in a circle and once both the horses and the campers feel at home, they will begin to ride on a track where one horse follows the other. For those of you who are nervous, Art assures me that all the horses are aged horses and know how to follow. Staff is always welcome to stop by and try this new activity.



New to the **music** department this year is Rebecca Teplow, a talented woman with a beautiful singing voice. The music staff has been busy this past week working with the campuses to prepare for shirah. This year, shirah's theme is *chazak ameinu*. Each campus will perform 2 traditional songs and one Israeli song followed by a finale where everyone in the room will sing a song relating to the theme. If the actual performances are as good as the practices, we are all in for a real treat.

The **library** is open and will be starting book clubs that will meet twice throughout the summer to discuss predetermined books. Over the winter, the library has made some wonderful new acquisitions including many new seforim and judaica books, current novels, childrens' selections and an audio tape library with tapes of shiurim from Rabbi Yissochar Frand and Rabbi Akiva Tatz, among others. Stop by the library any time to pick up a copy of the *Spiderwick Chronicles*, *The Guinness Book of World Records*, *Chicken Soup for the Horse Lover's Soul* or writings of Rav Soleveitchik.

This year's **mishlach** from Eretz Yisrael contains 21 young men and women who are here to open the lines of communication between Americans and Israelis, foster understanding and "break down walls". They will be giving *sichot* on *Shab-*



bos, providing an "Israel Minute" after davening, announcing Israeli news and playing Israeli music over the loudspeakers, maintaining an Israeli bulletin board in the dining room, setting up "military games" night activities and are planning an "Israel Day Event" involving the whole camp.

The staff of Boys' and Girls' **sports** are eagerly anticipating the Wayne County Athletic Association tournaments for basketball and tennis. Judah Rhine will be coordinating this event where campers in Shtilim through Alufim/fot can compete against campers from all the other camps in Wayne County. Boys' campus boasts the addition of two new basketball courts while girls campus has acquired a trampoline which will be up and running in the next few days. For the boys who couldn't get enough sports, there will be night leagues in addition to the daytime ones. Alufot girls can look forward to Friday afternoon tennis tournaments.

Paddleboats are one exciting addition to the **water-fronts** on both campuses. Boys WF has already inaugurated their new ski dock which, in addition to the fixed motor boat, will enable more campers to participate in this thrilling activity. Boys WF will also be running a new lifeguarding course for alufim, machon and staff.



Girls' WF welcomes a new head of WF for July, Lisa Baratz.

Starting this week, campers had the opportunity to make candles, as per the first day of creation, when light and darkness were created. This is one of many upcoming projects taking place in **Arts and Crafts and Woodshop** relating to the theme of the summer. On girls' campus, each bunk has already made a bunk flag and the Machzor Bet girls will be learning how to crochet. No need to run to Walmart for a fold-up chair, Machzor Bet boys will have the opportunity to make their own chairs in boys' woodshop this summer!

The **drama** department is excited about the two plays that will be performed by the campers this summer, *Oliver* (Machzor Aleph) and *Fiddler on the Roof* (Machzor Bet).

With a host of new young, talented staff and curricula prepared by the Azrieli School of Jewish Education of Yeshiva University, the **educational staff** is raring to go! *Shiurim* this summer will focus on the

theme, *sheshet yemai b'raishit* and *pikuach nefesh* for older ilanot and alufim/fot. Did you know that 4 current Ed staff members were here in Morasha as Nitzanim? Can you guess which ones? Ask your *shiur* teacher if he or she was a Nitzil!

Perhaps, the addition that we feel the most is the presence of two new **chefs**, Ira Tannenbaum and Moshe Eichner. The **kitchen** staff, headed up by David Blumenthal and Michael Scharf welcome feedback about the new food selections. The energetic waitering staff who brings you the mouthwatering creations of our new chefs is headed up by Judah Rhine, Dining Room Supervisor.



When walking down High Lake Road, you may hear the sounds of Israeli music drifting from the pavilion. That's because Nurit Wexler, the new head of the **dance** department will be focusing on Israeli and Hebrew music, in addition to some "new releases". Rikudiah, which will take place at the end of the summer, will feature a dance for every day of creation, in accordance with the theme of the summer.

Our **nature** department is more than just overnights this summer. Headed by Ariel Cohn, there will be activities aimed at discovering the nature that surrounds us here at camp. Overnights, which will begin with the making and drinking of special Israeli tea, will include tent building, BBQs, Israeli foods, stories and activities.

In **baking** this summer, campers will have the opportunity to make mini wedding cakes. Who will the lucky chassan and kallah be? Campers will also be working more with chocolate and fondant. If you don't know what that is, be sure to stop by the baking department to find out.



I'm sure you were happy to see that the **Rock Climbing** walls were still standing when the buses pulled up this past Sunday. New on both girls and boys campus is establishment of trails in different colors with names for famous trails in Israel.

Fishing is back this summer with Avraham Tanev, chief fisherman. As campers cast their fishing lines into the beautiful lake, they can hope to catch one of three types of fish, bass, pickerel or perch all of which are kosher (they have fins and scales). A new

feature of this summer's fishing program is that when a fish is caught, it can be cooked immediately and be ready for consumption in a few short minutes. So if you have patience for fishing and an appetite for fish, head down to the fishing dock located lakeside on the road to kollel.



Let's not forget about the **Day Camp**. Occupying a new building at the edge of girls' campus, the youngest members of the Morasha family are busy enjoying their brand new toys and playground equipment. Watch out boys and girls campuses, the day camp is already practicing for shiriah to keep up their unbeaten streak.

What's New In the Real World ?

Saddam Hussein and 11 high-profile members of his regime were arraigned Thursday before an Iraqi judge. A top Iraqi official is calling the case the "trial of the century".

The Senate passed legislation that would allow civil law suits against alleged file swappers. No more music and movie downloads!

JK Rowling has silenced the rumors by confirming the title for her new book, "Harry Potter and the Half Blood Prince".

What's New in Israel?

Israel plans a three-mile deep "security zone" in northern Aza with hundreds of troops patrolling the area in the coming months to prevent Palestinian rocket fire on Israeli towns along the border.

Archeologists have uncovered what is thought to be the Pool of Siloam, a reservoir that dates back 2,000 years to the time of the second *Beit Hamikdash*. One of the walls of the reservoir was also a wall of the ancient *Ir David*, City of David.

Naomi Shemer, Israel's matriarch of Jewish song and the only winner of the Israel Prize in the category of song competition, has passed away at the age of 74. A selection of her songs from Color War Shiriah 2 summers ago.

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Theme Thoughts

BY RABBI MARK DRATCH

shalom and unity.

Theme: Day 2: The *Rakiyah*

Breishit 1:6-8:

And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters. And God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament; and it was so. And God called the firmament Heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

On the second day of creation, *Hashem* created the *Rakiyah*-- the firmament, or the atmosphere, that separates the earth from the Heavens. The *Yismach Moshe* asks why it is that we don't call the sky *Rakiyah*, after its function (what it does), but instead we call it *Shamayim*, because of what it is made of, *eish* (fire) and *mayim* (water). He answers that we can learn an important lesson from this about life and friends...and camp. This is the important reason: *rakiyah* is all about separation and division and *shamayim* is about



Here's how it goes: In explaining the words "*Oseh Shalom Bimromav*," "May He who makes peace in the heavens, make peace for us", the *Midrash* explains that the *shamayim* is composed of two contradictory elements and is a contraction of two words: *eish* (fire) and *mayim* (water). This is how they understood how the sun and stars and lightening could get along with rain. The greatness of God's efforts is in maintaining balance and tolerance between these two opposing elements. The heavenly waters do not extinguish the sun, and the sun does not harm the waters. So, in our prayers, we ask for God's help in creating such tolerance and coexistence in our own lives, with our families and our friends.

So, welcome to Week 2 of Camp Morasha. This week, the lesson from our summer theme is: Some of us may be *eish* (fire) and some of us may be *mayim* (water), but we have the right formula that when combined with respect and understanding creates our own little corner of *shamayim* right here at Morasha!

Do you want to see your artwork grace the cover of the Shalhevet each week? The Shalhevet staff is looking for a picture for the front cover. Submissions are being accepted in the Shalhevet box in the library. Please write your name and bunk number on the back of your 'masterpiece' and submit it by Wednesday. The winning design will be featured on the cover of next week's Shalhevet.

BMP/MMP - New to the Morasha Alphabet Soup

These buildings stand out wherever they are. On boys' campus, it's the new building in the center of the campus. On girls' campus it's even harder to miss, you'd even know it was there if you closed your eyes and listened to the hammering and sawing. What are these buildings you ask? They are the new *batei medrash*, home and future home to the Boys' Beis Medrash Program (BMP) and the Girls' Midreshet Morasha Program (MMP).

These programs are yet another new addition to Camp Morasha this summer. The girls' Midreshet Morasha Program is temporarily located in Bondi 2 while construction of their beautiful new building is completed. The program consists of 16 college-age young women who are graduates of Michlalah, Michlelet Mevaseret Yerushalayim and Midreshet Lindenbaum. Some of the girls are planning a future career in Jewish education. Midreshet Morasha's Rosh Beit Midrash is Anne Gordon, an experienced teacher currently teaching in Yeshiva of Flatbush and Stern College for Women. She will be teaching *tanach* and *machshava* as one part of a three part schedule. Rabbi Azriel Rosner and Rabbi Zvi Sobolofsky will be teaching *halacha*. Talia Frolich and Elana Stein will both be giving *gemorah chaburas* and *shiurim*.

The most exciting part about the Midreshet Morasha program, according to Elana Stein, Program Coordinator, is their widespread involvement with girls' campus. Alufot and Machon *chaburas* given by the members of the program are already underway as is an early morning Cocoa Club for Nitzanim and Shtilim. If you are in Ilanot, you will be privileged to hear 301 seconds of *Torah* and Yachad *chaburas* will be beginning soon.

It doesn't stop there. Midreshet Morasha will also be hosting guest *shiurim* and open *charusa* night for staff (Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7:30-10:30 PM) and setting up *yimei iyun* for various divisions. Look for an invitation to a Friday night *tisch* coming your way soon.

The members of the program are thrilled to be in Morasha this summer and are excited about being a part of everything that's going on in camp. They

even performed in the girls' campus Opening Night program. They can't wait to have all of girls' campus join them in a big *chanukas habayit* when their new building is complete.

On the other side of the camp, the boys' beis medrash is also full of young men, dedicated to the learning of *Torah*. The Beis Medrash program is thrilled to have Rabbi Zvi Sobolofsky as the *Rosh Beis Medrash*. Rabbi Sobolofsky is a *Rosh Yeshiva* in Yeshiva University and gives *shiurim* throughout the tri-state area. It is a true *z'chus* to have this tremendous *talmid chacham* in camp this summer.

The boys have a morning *seder* at which point they prepare for *shiur*, given by Rabbi Sobolofsky three times a week. They are learning *gemorah shabbos*, *inyanei bris milah*. One day each week they hope to have a guest *shiur* from a renowned *Torah* scholar. They learn *b'chavrusah* for afternoon and night *seder* as well.

The BMP guys are excited to be a part of boys' campus. They are davening *shacharis* with the camper *minyanim*, conducting *chaburas* with Machon and learning with the Alufim. In addition, they will also be hosting staff *shiurim* at night. Pre-*shacharis* learning with the Ilanot is also in the works. Yehuda Chanales, BMP Program Coordinator, thinks this is the best part of the program; they have the ability to learn with the campers as well as join them in the dining room and on the basketball courts. Yehuda invites all of boys' campus to stop by the *beis medrash* or the *mirpeset* (the beis medrash porch) anytime.

If you haven't met a member of either the girls or boys program yet, make sure to stop by and introduce yourself. They look forward to meeting and learning with each and every camper in camp!

A tremendous *yasher ko'ach* to the camp administration for initiating these new and inspiring programs. Hopefully we will all learn and grow a great deal from their presence in camp this summer.

Parsha Pointers

BY RABBI YEHUDA BALSAM

This week we are introduced to the *navi* Bil'am. Although Bil'am is a prophet whose job it is to spread the words of *Hashem*, he is referred to by *Chaza"l* as Bil'am *harasha*, the evil man. Rashi explains that Bil'am was not necessarily worthy of receiving prophecy, rather he was a gift to the nations of the world. Since the *b'nei yisrael* had Moshe *rabbeinu*, it was only fair that the other nations be given a *navi* of their own. However, Bil'am did not use this gift in order to guide the nations of the world in the service of *Hashem*, rather he became corrupt, seeking to glorify himself and his own position in life. When Balak's men return to Bil'am a second time and ask him to curse the Jewish people, Bil'am replies, (*Bamidbar* 22:18): "Even if Balak would give me all of his money, I would not be able to violate the word of *Hashem*." On the surface, this seems like a very pious and committed statement. However, Rashi points out that the very fact that Bil'am uses such an exaggeration demonstrates that his mind was not steeped in holy matters, rather it was thinking about making a greater profit. Bil'am assumes that riches are the greatest gift that Balak could give him, and in this he shows his true colors. A spiritual man knows that while he requires proper sustenance in order to survive, his money is only a means to serving *Hashem*, not an end in and of itself.

A story is told about a man who lived in *B'nei Brak* who won the Israeli lottery. He used that money to build a bigger house and to purchase a fancy car along with various other luxuries. His wife, upon realizing that their new standard of living had the potential to evoke feelings of jealousy from their neighbors, recommended

that her husband obtain a blessing from Rav Chaim Kanievsky in order to ward off any potential *aiyin harah*. The man visited Rav Chaim, explained his situation, and asked for his blessing. Rav Chaim looked at the man and asked him: "Since acquiring your new-found wealth, have you been able to spend more time learning Torah than you did before?"

"No", the man replied, "The money has not been enough to allow me to work fewer hours, simply to raise my standard of living."

"Have you been able to in any way enhance your *shmirat hamitzvot* since obtaining these funds?" continued Rav Chaim.

"I haven't," answered the man, "I really haven't had any extra time."

"Then you may go home and tell your wife that you have nothing to fear from *aiyin harah*. I don't see why anyone in *B'nei Brak* would be jealous of you," concluded Rav Chaim.

Hopefully, we will all learn the lesson of Bil'am and use the gifts that *Hashem* bestows upon us for spiritual matters, and to further our devotion to His service.

<p>This Week's Parsha: Balak Candle Lighting: 8:22 PM Motzai Shabbos: 9:31 PM Sof Z'man K'riat Shema: 9:21 AM (Gr"a) Sof Z'man Tefilah: 10:36 AM (Gr"a)</p>
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Question: What are you most looking forward to about this summer?

Allen Katz (B-15)	Leagues
Jeremy Chester (Waiter)	Relaxing, having a good time and meeting new people
Ellis Wright (B-9)	Leagues
Tali Feldman (G-8)	Shiriah
Sara Faber (G-1)	The Carnival
Eric Fruchter (B-8)	Horseback riding and leagues
Half of Girls' WF Staff	Sun
Other Half of Girls' WF Staff	Rain
Leba Rauch (G-1)	Tubing
Devon Greenbaum (G-1)	Color War
Elissa Schertz (Counselor G-1)	Girls winning Shiriah
Randi Wartelsky (Music Staff)	D.J. being in Day Camp
Michael Berl (Music Staff)	Making a serious Israel presence in Morasha
Judah Ausubel (Program Director)	My daughter's wedding on August 22
Judah Rhine (Dining Room Supervisor)	A comfortable seat for everyone in the dining room on Shabbos
Stephanie Leichtung and Shelbi Katz(G-2)	Horseback Riding
Jamie Steinmetz (G-1)	Seeing all my camp friends
Rachel Mehlman (G-1)	Basketball and swimming
Miriam Shira Richter (Day Camp)	Shiriah
Tamara Teplow (Day Camp)	Swimming
Seth Dimbert (Drama Assistant)	Other people's funny answers to Roving Reporter questions
Pinny Balsam (Baby via his mother)	Learning to walk

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What's New in Sports?

Tracy McGrady is now a member of the Houston Rockets in a blockbuster trade that sent Steve Francis to the Orlando Magic and gives the Rockets one of the NBA's most intriguing duos. The deal also sent forward Juan Howard and guards Tyronn Lue and Reece Gaines to the Rockets. The Magic will acquire guard Cuttino Mobley and forward Kelvin Cato.

The Yankees crushed the Red Sox on Tuesday in an 11-3 rout and enjoyed a 4-2 victory on Wednesday. The Red Sox are currently seven and a half games behind the first place Yankees as of Wednesday.

The Mets, who lost to the Cubs 2-0 on Wednesday

night, are 3.5 games behind the Marlins and 3 games behind the Phillies in the National League East.

Weather Update?

(As of Wednesday Afternoon, June 30)

Shabbos:	Mostly sunny, warm with a high of 81°
Sunday:	Possible thunderstorms in the afternoon, high of 79°
Monday:	Possible thunderstorms, high of 80°

A warm welcome to our friends from Yachad. We are excited to see both the new and the returning faces. Looking forward to sharing a great summer with you!

BRAIN TEASERS

Coming off of last years overwhelming popularity, ask yourself, can you find the answers to these puzzles? Submit your answers with your name and bunk number in the Shalhevet box in the library. Those who answer all of the puzzles correctly will receive a free Powerade. Should no one get all the answers right, the one who has the most correct answers will receive the prize. To give you an idea of how it is done, the first one is done for you. Good luck!!

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