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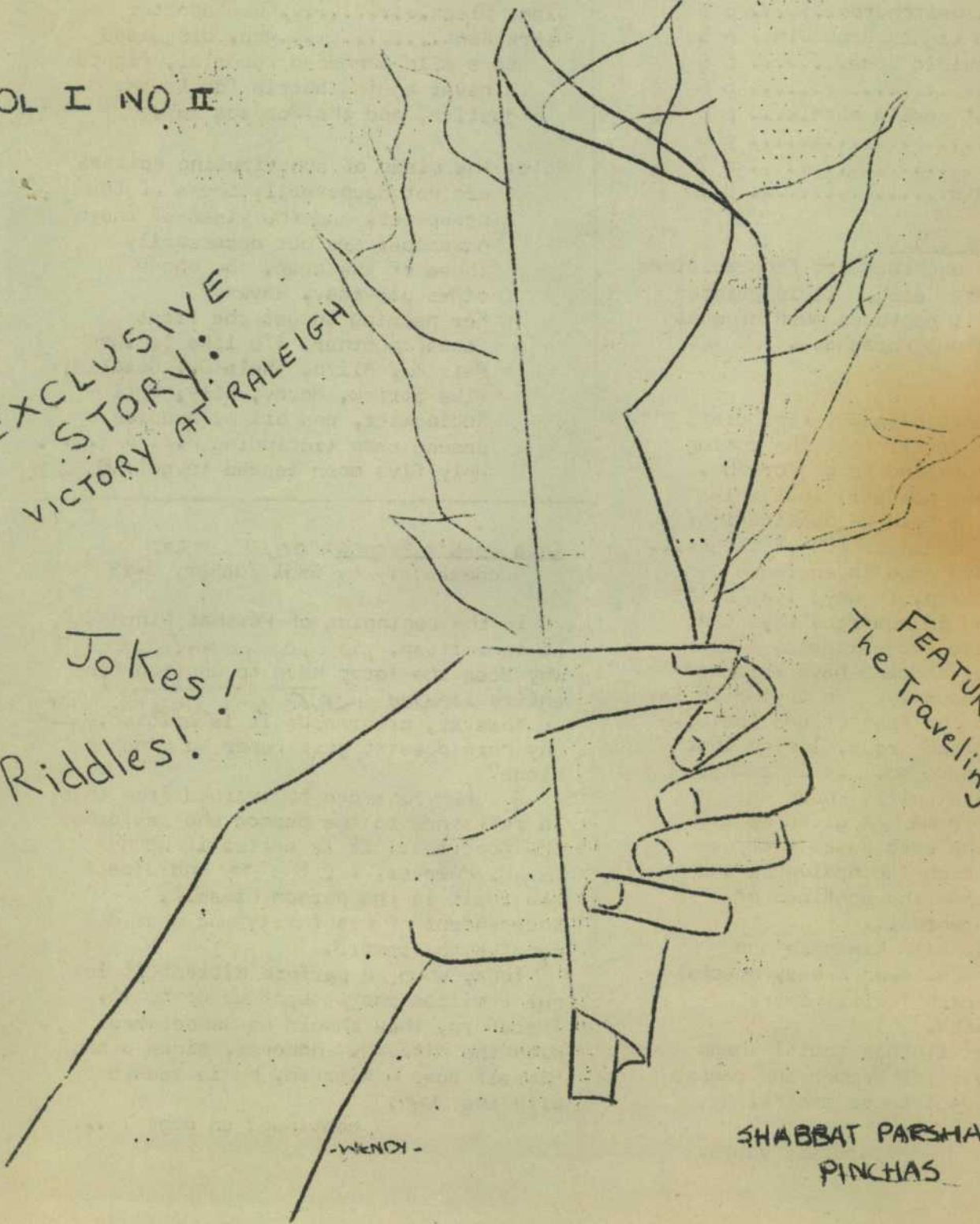
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The following excerpts are from a letter received by Mr. Reich. It is printed here because it captures much of what we all feel about Morasha...

Mr. Reich;

... I cannot help but feel great sorrow when I recall that the coming summer will not find me at Morasha. Let me say now, however, that this letter is not a belated application; it is merely an expression of thanks...

Morasha has made an enormous impact on my life, in ways I am still unaware of and in numerous ways that are more easily recognizable. The past few years at camp have enriched my life tremendously. In trying to lay the credit at the feet of one individual or a select group, I find that I am unable to do so. It is rather that collective spirit known as Morasha. The name has given me a meaning for the word Ruach that at one time had been inconceivable and even now escapes the confines of a definition in words...

It is thus with kindness and content, and yes, even a very special kind of love that I will always remember Morasha.

It is for all this that I thank you and every staff member and camper with whom I spent those months.

Sincerely yours.

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DAILY PLANET

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"All the news that fits,
we print!"

Perry White.....Editor In Chief
Lois Lane.....Reporter
Jimmy Olson.....Cub Reporter
Clark Kent.....Who, disguised as a mild mannered reporter, fights a never ending battle for truth, justice, and the Morasha way.

Note: The views of contributing editors are not necessarily those of the newspaper, and the views of the newspaper are not necessarily those of the camp. So whose views are they, anyway?

For helping to get the first issue together, I'd like to thank Meir M., Aliza, Shele D., Rosalie, Mike Strick, Mordy, Elly, Esti Rabinowitz, and all my buddies around camp (including B.Z. & W.K.). Only five more issues to go! *Nomi*

This Week's Parsha: כהן כהן
A commentary by Saul Zucker, B-13

In the beginning of Parshat Pinchas it is written, כִּהֵן בֶּן אֶלְעָזָר בֶּן אַהֲרֹן הַכֹּהֵן. Why does the Torah have to mention his entire lineage?

However, afterwards it is written, אֵלֶּיךָ יָבוֹא אֶתְּמִלְכָא בְּיָמֵיךָ. Why here does it just refer to Pinchas alone?

A שֵׁנִי הַשֵּׁנִי can be learned from this. In reference to the person who performs the good deed, it is better if he has יָמֵי. However, for the עֵר and direct reward it is the person himself, independent of his family who should receive the reward:

Today when we perform Mitzvot it is our families who brought us up to it. Therefore, they should be associated with the Mitzvah. However, since a man himself does a Mitzvah, he is rewarded with the עֵר.

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Lets talk things over...

BETWEEN THE FENCES

adapted from The Book of Our Heritage

by Eliyahu Kitov

The twenty-one days between the seventeenth of Tamuz and the ninth of Av are called פ'דבמו י"א, the days between the fences. As it is written, "All her pursuers caught her between the fences." (Eicha:1). Upon which the sages say: These are the days of affliction (a play on words - metzarim, tzara) between the seventeenth of Tamuz and the ninth of Av. On these days many afflictions and calamities befell Israel through the generations. The first and second Temples were both destroyed during this period.

Rejoicing is diminished during these days more than any other time during the year. Marriages are not held from the seventeenth of Tamuz until after Tisha B'Av. We refrain from hair cutting (though the Sephardim permit it until the week Tisha B'Av falls). It is also customary not to recite the brachah Shehecheyanu on a new garment or a new fruit.

During these days, a person should avoid situations of danger, more than at other times during the year. And it is a good idea to set aside a time, each of these twenty-one days, for reflection and mourning over the destruction of both Temples.

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SOME THOUGHTS ON PINCHAS

This week's Parsha introduces to the Jewish people a new radical type of hero-the fanatic Pinchas the staunch defender of G-D's name quells a revolt by brutally murdering the two instigators--one of whom being a respected tribal leader.

To reward the action G-D strangely enough confers upon Pinchas: a) the priesthood b) the covenant of Peace- Shalom

At first glance it would seem strange that the reward for violence should be peace. Are not the two ideas essentially incompatible?

A closer look at the passuk will indicate that the spelling of the word "pise-Shalom" contains a shortened letter Vav

This Monday, the twenty-first of Tamuz, is the Yahrzeit of Chaim Nachman Bialik, the greatest Hebrew poet of modern times. Bialik's environment greatly influenced all of his writings. His stories are filled with the fervor of folk spirituality and the beautiful countryside in which he lived.

Bialik was a diligent student, who despite the expanding modernization of Jewish life, continued to occupy himself with learning. Passionate and solitary dedication to learning shaped traits of character that Bialik was to exalt: "A fertile mind, lively logic, a trusting heart when the knee falters."

The influence of the Enlightenment caused many Jews to stray and be absorbed by the secular world. Bialik was soon to fall into the trap and he loses his purity as he leaves the security of his childhood and vainly attempts to recapture it. However, Bialik did not fight against Judaism and its traditions. Quite the contrary; he longed to be once again accepted into the Jewish world and in his poems, we can hear the grief and anguish that has betaken him. In one poem, he reminisces about the times when he was sitting in the Bet Midrash. There he felt secure beside his Gemarah, there he felt brotherhood and a peaceful tranquil atmosphere.

Although emerged in a secular world, Bialik relived his Judaism in his poems. He continuously strove to reconstruct a way of life in which he could survive as a Jew and thus fulfill Judaism's historic mission. Even when he wrote poems revolving around the beauties of nature, he still felt the presence of G-d

Bialik had a superb command of the Hebrew language. He had the ability to incorporate idioms from the Torah into many of his works. Bialik's poems were read not only by his contemporaries but for generations after. When reading his poems, one can feel his anguish and pain, and sense the hardships which he was confronted with in his day. Bialik left his poems with us to teach us a lesson, to show us how to deal with humanity, as such.

sources: The Jewish Encyclopedia
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SPECIAL REPORT FROM The Greater New York
Conference on Soviet Jewry.

As the following memorandum explains, the Soviet government will be severely limiting the size and value of parcels which may be sent into the Soviet Union as of June 15th. In taxing American charity, the Soviets are acting against the principles of closer economic and personal ties that are envisaged in the Helsinki Final Act.

In accordance with the recommendations made by the National Conference on Soviet Jewry, the Departments of State and of the Treasury should be asked to intervene with the Soviet government, since more U.S. dollars, representing needed hard currency by the Soviet Union, will now be exacted from U.S. citizens sending goods to families and friends in the USSR.

In addition, we urge you to contact your congressman and Soviet officials with the urgent demand that the new duties be rescinded.

Packages are vital to Soviet Jews who have been dismissed from their jobs because of their applications to emigrate to Israel. Since many of the "refuseniks" are forced to remain without any income for years, these parcels are a lifeline for them.

The new regulations will raise the assessed value of some items sent into the Soviet Union by eight or ten times their normal value. This will have the effect of raising the import duty, already at 70% of assessed value, in proportion to the newly assessed amount.

In addition, limits will be placed on the quantity and types of goods which may be sent; until now there has been no restriction on how many items a package could contain.

For example, under the current regulations, there is no limit to the number of women's skirts or blue jeans which may be included in a parcel. Under the new restrictions, a parcel could include only two skirts or two pairs of jeans. The inclusion of either skirts or jeans would make it impossible to send any jackets, knitted blouses, sweaters or vests in the same parcel. The duty on jeans would be increased almost 1000%: from 1.18 rubles the pair to 10.00 rubles the pair. Men's clothing would be similarly affected.

Five mohair scarves at a duty of 2.25 rubles each could be sent in one parcel,

according to the old duty list. The new regulations limit the number of mohair scarves per parcel to two. The duty is also raised to 10.00 rubles for each scarf.

There was no limit on the number of blankets per parcel under the old rules. Now only one blanket is allowed per parcel. Cotton blankets were assessed at 1.35 rubles each and all other blankets, regardless of fabric or quality, will be assessed at 10.00 rubles each.

Furthermore, a shipload of between seven and eight thousand packages was detained in the USSR in September 1975 and stored in a Moscow warehouse. Each package is now being systematically inspected and the new restrictions are being placed on the September packages retroactively. It seems, that the October-May packages were not detained.

The results of these regulations will be to raise the cost of sending one \$250. package to \$600., which will have to be sent in three installments.

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HIJACKING continued

Three terrorists are unaccounted for as is one hostage, an elderly woman that remained in a Ugandan hospital at the time of the rescue

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