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Visiting Day

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News of the Week

VISITORS EXPECTED THIS SUNDAY

More guests than ever before are expected to visit Camp Morasha this Sunday, July 22 starting at 10 A.M. Camp Time.

The highlight of the afternoon will be a waterskiing show at 2:45 under the direction of Wendy Markowitz.

The day's program includes meetings with teachers, counselors, and the head of LTP. Arts and crafts will be on display in the Girl's Shop. Sandwiches and drinks will be sold after 11 A.M.

There will be one Minyan for Mincha in the Library at 2:30 and one in the Pargod at 3:30.

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NINE DAYS TO BEGIN ON WED.

The Nine Days, the period from Rosh Chodesh Av until Tisha B'Av, will begin this year on Wed., July 25. These are the saddest days in the Jewish calendar, and we mark them in a special way.

From the beginning of the month of Av, simcha is diminished. All forms of rejoicing are suspended.

These Nine Days have been replete with tragedy and misfortune throughout Jewish history and we relate to our people and those tragedies by observing the Nine Days through their prohibitions.

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BEGIN VISITS ALEXANDRIA

Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin spent three days this week in Alexandria, Egypt for a lengthy summit visit with President Anwar Sadat of Egypt.

Begin conducted afternoon services in the Alexandria shul. This meeting is not related to any specific peace issue.

MORASHA TO BECOME GHOST TOWN

CAMP MORASHA will become a ghost town on Monday, July 23 as the campers enjoy Trip Day.

The Alufim and Alufot will leave early in the morning for a Pennsylvania trip which will include Crystal Caves, an Indian Village, Gettysburg, and Philadelphia. Before coming back, they will spend a day in Great Adventures.

The other divisions, except for L.T.P., will spend the day in Ghost Town Amusement Park. L.T.P. will be recuperating from their recent trips to Toronto and Washington, D.C.

Monday will follow a Tuesday schedule. Shiurim will be held on Tuesday this week.

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BOYS' GRATITUDE AND KINDNESS WIN

Hakoros Hatov and Gemilas Chesed triumphed this week in the Machzor Aleph Boys' Shelet Presentation Competition.

In a very close race, Bunk 2, coached by Akiva Tekuzener and Mike Zughaft, was the Nitzanim winner. Their shield and presentation beautifully portrayed the Midah of Hakoros Hatov.

Bunk 7, under David Jablimowitz and Avi Jacobowitz, won the Shtilim division with their portrayal of Gemilas Chesed.

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HOUSE OKAYS FUNDS TO INVESTIGATE NAZIS

(JTA) Washington

An amendment increasing funding for the investigation and persecution of Nazi war criminals living in the U.S. overwhelmingly passed the House of Representatives this week. Rep. Elizabeth Holzman introduced the amendment together with Rep. Lehman of Florida.

TORAH THOUGHTS

PARSHIOT MATTOT-MASEI

by Ben Movsas
H.S. Kolliel

ON AREVUT

by Rabbi Howard S. Wolk

This week we read the double Parshah-Mattot-Masei. At the beginning of Parshat Matot, Mosheh tells the "Roshei Hamatot", the heads of the tribes, the laws regarding Nedarim-oaths. Rashi asks- But we know that in the case of every commandment Mosheh first told it to the heads of the tribes. Therefore, why does the Torah specifically point out this fact here, in the Parsha of Nedarim? Rashi answers that since the Torah specifies here that Moshe first told the heads of the tribes, who were Talmedei Chachomim, we learn that the invalidation of a vow can be accomplished by a single authorized judge, or Talmid Chochem.

According to the Kli Yokor, the reason that the Torah specifies this here is to teach us that when one makes an oath, he should have the Chachimim or Rabbis in mind, so that his oath will only be valid on the condition that the Rabbis agree to it. However, if a Rabbi disagrees with the oath that was made, the oath becomes nullified. Therefore, from here we can understand why a Talmid Chochem or Rabbi has the power to nullify oaths.

The Kli Yokor also points out that the idea that one should have the Rabbis in mind does not only apply to oaths, but also to the way we conduct our daily lives and all our actions. When one does a Mitzvah, he must do it in the manner specified by the Rabbis. This is the message that the Kli Yokor derives from this pospek.

Finally, a third reason that it mentions here "Roshei Hamatot" is to teach us that only those people who have the characteristics of the "Roshei Hamatot", namely "one who fears and worships G-d is worthy to make an oath. This is because the Torah warns us, "One should not break his word, but fulfill all that he says", and only one with such characteristics can be trusted not to break his promises. From here we see that

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In the weeks since camp began, Arevut has been the main topic of our classes and discussions. Arevut is a multi-faceted concept. It draws together one Jew to another. It suggests a responsibility that we owe one to another. Arevut can operate on a very personal level- a one to one relationship between people who are intimately involved in each other's lives.

Arevut or Achdut Yisroel manifests itself in large numbers as well. The sometimes undefinable, intangible bond between the Jews of America and the Jews of Iran; between those of Eretz Yisroel and Russia. We feel a deep allegiance to our brothers and sisters who are physically and spiritually persecuted.

But there is yet another form of Arevut. There is the form of Arevut which crosses not only countries and continents, but centuries and in fact millenia. We all feel a close bond with the Jews of Old. Perhaps no period of the calendar year better portrays the tie between the Jews of different generations than "The Three Weeks". We observe various degrees of mourning- culminating in Tisha B'Av- because we share the grief, the torment and the loss- both spiritual and physical- which the Jews of the Second Beit Hamikdash experienced. And we are not the first generation to put this feeling of Arevut into action. Generations before us have acted as we do. Our observances of the Three Weeks are not done in a vacuum. We are not introducing novel practices, but we bring to reality our deeply felt allegiance to brethren before us.

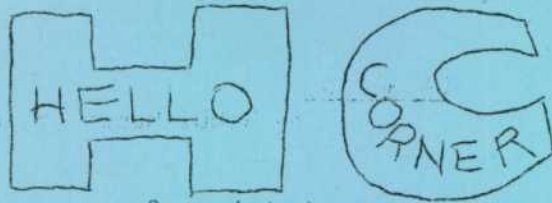
Whether in times of Simcha or during a time of national mourning, Arevut is an inseparable aspect of the total Jewish experience.

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WHAT HAS PASSED YOUR LIPS YOU SHALL KEEP.  
(D'vorim 23)

3. BETTER NOT TO VOW, THAN TO VOW AND NOT PAY.  
(Koheles 5)

# Shalhevet Features



from Judy Landau  
in the H.C.

The relationship between camper and counselor is a special and unique one. A dozen youngsters are taken from their mother's protective wing and placed in the hands of a "surrogate mother" for two months. The campers must adopt to the counselor's philosophy of life and how camp should be run and the counselor must familiarize herself with an overwhelming amount of different personalities and idiosyncrasies. No one says that it's easy for either side, but the experience of having formed a new relationship can be very rewarding.

There can, however, be negative vibes among all concerned. When the counselor patronizes the campers, when campers treat their counselors with disrespect, then one cannot expect positive feelings. When the campers refuse to listen to directions or constructive criticism, when the counselor embarrasses the campers needlessly or in front of others, there is no way that a healthy relationship will ensue.

There are certain occasions when a person is necessarily cast into a category. Categories are formed so that everyone who is a member will know what his role is, and hence, how to act. In camp the two categories are obvious. Staff's duty is to see that the camper's emotional, physical, educational, and religious well-being is sound. This is done through kindness, patience, and example. The camper's role is to make sure that he or she grows a little, learns something, and forms good relationships with peers and adults. The one cannot work without the other, for "no man is an island, entire of himself."

## REMEMBER

When your counselor tells you  
It's time to go out  
Put on a smile and  
Please don't pout.

## Staff Person Of The Week

\*\*\*\*\*Rabbi Mordechai Besser

by David Schapiro

Camp Morasha is fortunate to have Rabbi Mordy Besser as our Program Director. Born in Tel Aviv, Israel, Besser has been with Camp Morasha for 11 years.

The Program Director attended R.J.J.H.S. and Y.U. college where he received a B.A. in English and was later awarded a M.S. in history from Bernard Revel School of Jewish Studies. He is presently enrolled in Hofstra University in a doctoral program concerning educational administration.

Rabbi Besser was ordained at the Rabbi Issac Elchanan Theology school of Y.U.

Mordy has been a teacher at the HANC school and was Ass't principle at Hillel and HAFTAR Yeshiva Elementary Schools. This coming year he looks forward to administering HAFTAR as the principal of the Elementary school.

When asked about his feelings towards the camp Mordy stated that Machaneh Morasha is indeed unique. Morasha attracts a high calibre camper and staff membership. The camp has a library which is

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## REMEMBER

When your camper is being stubborn  
Beyond all doubt  
Remember to be patient  
And please don't shout.

# From Our Readers

## CRISIS IN BUNK 16

by Linda Lefkowitz (couns)  
and Aliza Epstein (j.c.)

THE PLACE: THE INFIRMARY  
THE TIME: SHABBOS, 6:00 P.M.  
THE CAUSE: SWOLLEN GLANDS, TEMP. 102  
THE FIRST VICTIM: ALIZA EPSTEIN, J.C.

At first it seemed like an ordinary infirmary candidate. The hours passed uneventfully until the counselor- Linda Lefkowitz- came to visit her J.C.

THE TIME: SUNDAY, 1:00 P.M.  
THE CAUSE: UPPER RESPIRATORY INFECTION  
(In layman's terms, a cold)

In fact her visit turned out to be a good deal longer than the one minute allotted to visiting counselors.

You may be thinking- so what? who cares? Camp Morasha has enough staff to handle the matter, and besides, Machoniks are paying for the experience of taking over a screaming bunk of 12 kids. But- the Crisis thickens:

On Sunday, July 15th, Machon and Mechina were at Camp B'nai B'rith. The J.C. of the adjoining bunk was off somewhere enjoying her day off, and Jill Stamler was left with 24 kids- she'll never forgive Aliza and Linda, who are in the midst of a dilemma- Jill and Ellen Feder are begging them to "get well" while their kids are urging them to rest up a long time. At least while they are making their decision, they have one thing going for them- they are taking their day off together- something they would never be able to do under normal circumstances.

P.S. Note to Ilanot counsellors- Now is it clear to you why three counselors cannot take off on one day?

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LOST: While putting up the Eruv on Machon Road: A locking knife with a wooden handle. If found, contact Yaakov in the JSS Kollel.

NATIONWIDE SEARCH LEADS TO SCHWARTZ

BY A. Reader

Immediately after Danny Behar, former Morasha technician (see Shalhevet V,6), gave notice of his intent to leave Camp Morasha, Zvi Reich, Director, launched a nationwide, extremely intensive search for his replacement. This search led him to every village and city in the mainland, including Des Moines, Iowa.

After an equally intensive search of the Des Moines orthodox community, Mr. Reich found Paul Schwartz. Paul is well trained in all aspects of sound, lighting, and stage managing. He worked for two years for W.H.O. Television in Des Moines.

Paul is looking forward to working and playing here at Morasha and we look forward to having Paul on our staff.

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## ROVING REPORTER

QUESTION: WHY ARE YOU LOOKING FORWARD TO VISITING DAY?

ANSWERS:

Two skinny Mechina girls: We're hungry!

Shelly Schulman, Counselor, G5: So my kids will be happy.

Barbara Ciner, G5: To get away from the counselor's nagging.

Marshal Staiman: Considering the weather is always nice on Visitor's Day, I'm looking forward to nice weather.

Susie Katzenstein, G5: So I get my pastrami sandwich and pickle.

Debby Berger, G16: I'm not. My parents aren't coming.

Ellen Gertel and Julie Savitsky, G 1: To see out parents, of course!