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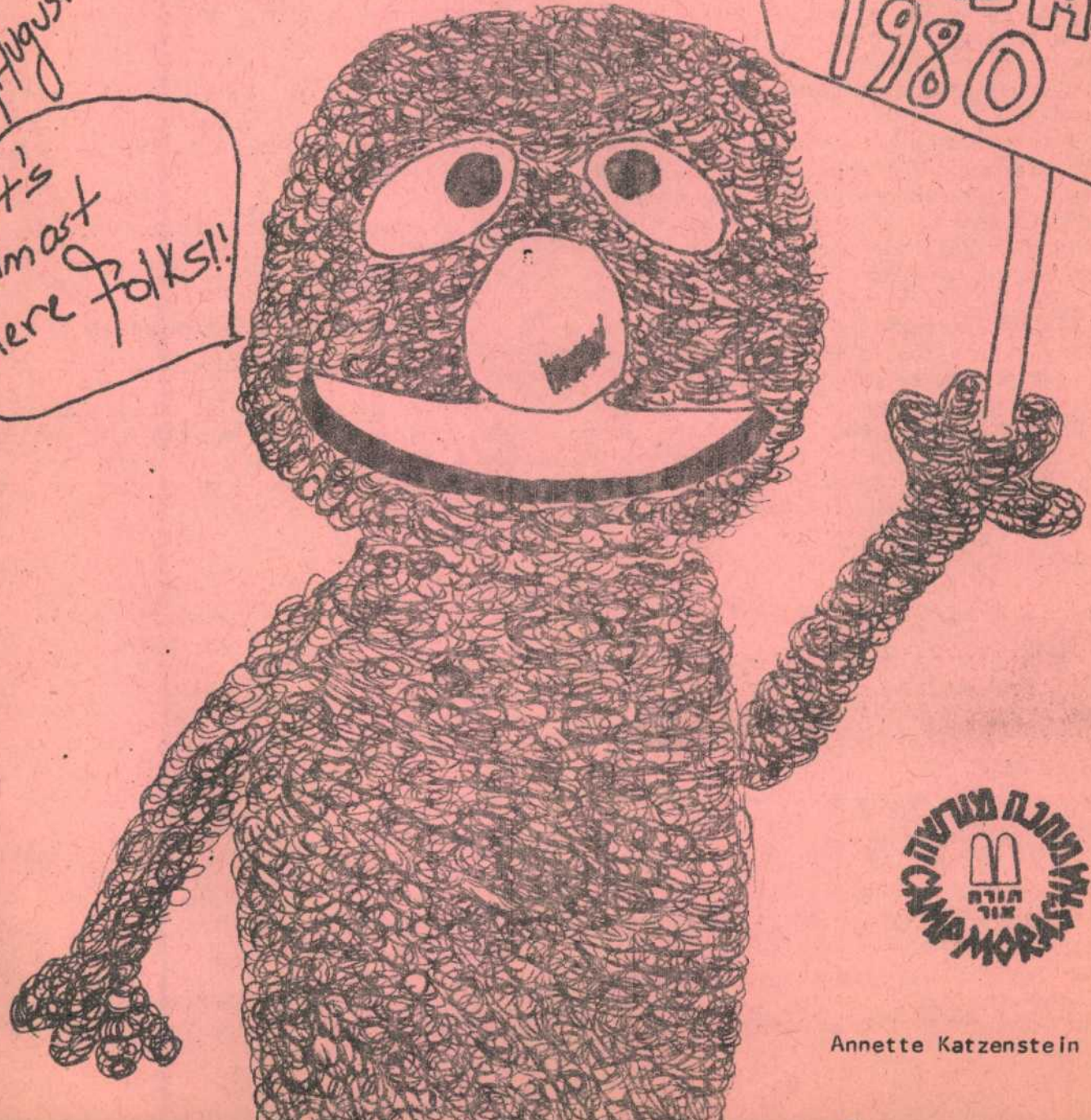
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It's Almost here folks!!

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MORASHA MATMIDIM-MATMIDOT
ENROLL IN EXCLUSIVE PROGRAM

Morasha's Matmidim-Matmidot Program, under the direction of Rabbi Eli Lerner and Chana Zweiter of the educational staff, is now in full swing.

Only those campers who volunteer to learn Torah on their own time are admitted to this exclusive program.

Over one-third of our campers have already signed up to do extra learning in addition to their Sheurim, generally during rest hour or Shabbat afternoon.

The topics one can study range from Jewish history and Chumash and Mishna and Gemara. Those campers who fulfill their pledges to learn will have their parents and school principals notified of their participation in the program.

All of the participants are listed on two large white charts in the main dining room next to the sports listings.

It's still not too late to have your name added to the list of Matmidim-Matmidot. Those who wish to join should inform a member of the educational staff as soon as possible.

Remember: Talmid Torah K' Neger Kulom.

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SHALHEVET WELCOMES THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO CAMP MORASHA AND WISHES THEM MUCH HATZLACHA IN ALL OF THEIR UNDERTAKINGS. MAY THIS WEEK'S MEETING PROVE TO BE AS FRUITFUL AS THOSE UNTIL NOW !!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- TONIGHT: Onegei Shabbat
- MOTZEI SHABBAT: LTP in Sound of Music
- SUNDAY: Staff Cafe Morasha Opening - Pargod
- MONDAY: Movie Nite- "Journey to the Center of the Earth"
- TUES., WED., THURS., : MORASHIA

MORASHA PREPARES FOR WAR
CO-ORDINATORS MAN THE HATCHES

Campers- counselors- specialty people kitchen staff- office crew- everyone is getting ready for Morashia- the Camp Color War.

The big event- a highlight of the camp season will begin Tuesday and last until Thursday night. Morashia gives everyone a chance to use his and her abilities to the utmost in a spirit of camaraderie and good sportsmanship.

Frimmit Markowitz heads the co-ordinating committee. Her staff includes Mark Dratch, Jackie Feinstein, Raizie Fendel, and Akiva Tekuzener.

For more details. see next week's SHALHEVET.

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LTP PRESENTS SOUND OF MUSIC
TO PLEASE EVERYONE

The Sound of Music, which will be presented by LTP for Machzor Bet tomorrow night. is the type of play that pleases everyone. It is a musical drama adventure and love story all rolled up in one.

The setting is Austria during World War Two. Maria Reiner, played by Shari Appleman, becomes a governess for the children of Captain Von Trapp, played by Eli Weber. From there on the story just flies, but we won't tell any more...

So sit back and enjoy! LTP shall once again prove its wonderful acting abilities.

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HEADS OF Y.U. AND BOYS CAMPUS TO LECTURE

Rabbi Dr. Norman Lamm, president of Yeshiva University, will deliver the lecture at the Oneg for Staff and Guests tonite in the Bondi Complex. His topic: Pirkei Avot
Larry Wachsmann, head of Boys Campus will speak to LTP on the topic "The Counselor as a Role Model."

TORAH THOUGHTS

D'VAR TORAH ON PARSHAT RE'EH

By Nathaniel Helfgot
High School Kollel

PARSHAT RE EH- ON THE EVE OF COLOR WAR

By Dr. Shmu'el Schneider
Educational Staff

The Medrash Rabbah at the beginning of Sedrat Re'eh quotes one of the last Pesukim in Sedrat Ekev: *וְיָשַׁב אֱלֹהִים וַיִּבְרָא אֶת הַיָּם וְאֶת הָאָרֶץ וְאֶת הַשָּׁמַיִם וְאֶת כָּל הַיְּצִיאוֹת וְאֶת כָּל הַמִּצְוֹת וְאֶת כָּל הַשְּׁמֵרוֹת וְאֶת כָּל הַשְּׂמִיטוֹת וְאֶת כָּל הַשְּׂמִיטוֹת וְאֶת כָּל הַשְּׂמִיטוֹת* and offers a commentary.

He explains that the Torah and a person's life and existence are each compared to a candle or flame and G-d promises man: if you guard and keep my flame, i.e. Torah, I will guard and keep your flame alive, i.e. a man's life, but if you extinguish my flame, I will extinguish yours.

The message of the Medrash is quite clear, but I would just like to point out the importance of the fact that the Torah is compared to a flame or candle. From this comparison we can see some beautiful things. First of all, just as a flame has different colors ranging from blue to red to yellow and these differences are due to different intensities of temperature, so too Torah is varied and is made for many different levels. It is not closed off just for an elite group of intellectuals, but is given over to be learned by every person on his or her own level.

Moreover, we see that just as a candle or flame only grows in intensity if oxygen is fed to it, so too Torah and growth in Torah and Yahadus requires a tremendous input from each person.

Finally, we see that just as a flame tries to light up every part of a room even that part which is far away, so too Torah has the potential to reach everybody, even those that are at present not yet religious and bring them closer.

Therefore, we should always strive to achieve these goals and with G-d's help we will be Zocheh to the Nar of the Posuk:

יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ יִשְׁמְרֵנוּ וְיִבְרַךְ אֶת כָּל הַיְּצִיאוֹת וְאֶת כָּל הַמִּצְוֹת וְאֶת כָּל הַשְּׂמִיטוֹת
Good Shabbos.

At first sight, Sefer Devorim seems to be a summary of the events of the past a sort of Chazarah- hence its name Mishneh Torah; it appears to be an abridged history book of Jewish events since Yetziat Mitzrayim up to the last phases before entering Eretz Yisroel, with emphasis on the main "event" of their short history, the different mitzvot that were given to them.

In spite of this fact the true underlying concern of the Sefer Devorim is the future, not the past. Reviewing the past in Sefer Devorim resembles the type of review prior to a final examination or that of a commander with his soldiers before departing on their mission. Parshat Re'eh, like all other Parshiot of Sefer Devorim, has to be viewed in the same light. B'nei Yisroel are going out on their mission to conquer and inhabit the country promised them. Success in this mission could only be achieved by obeying the instructions of the chief of staff, Hashem: *וְשָׁמְרֵם מִכָּל הַחַיִּים אֲשֶׁר בְּאֶרֶץ כְּנָעַן וְאֶת כָּל הַיְּצִיאוֹת וְאֶת כָּל הַמִּצְוֹת וְאֶת כָּל הַשְּׂמִיטוֹת וְאֶת כָּל הַשְּׂמִיטוֹת וְאֶת כָּל הַשְּׂמִיטוֹת* Disobeying Hashem means disregarding the "military plan" and thus, certain failure.

On the threshold of entering Eretz Yisroel, and the ensuing war, B'nei Yisroel have to choose between the Brochah and the K'lolah- the appropriate military strategy that will enhance the chances for success:

(וְשָׁמְרֵם מִכָּל הַחַיִּים אֲשֶׁר בְּאֶרֶץ כְּנָעַן וְאֶת כָּל הַיְּצִיאוֹת וְאֶת כָּל הַמִּצְוֹת וְאֶת כָּל הַשְּׂמִיטוֹת וְאֶת כָּל הַשְּׂמִיטוֹת וְאֶת כָּל הַשְּׂמִיטוֹת)
In the context described above we can understand the first objective of Hashem's command: *וְשָׁמְרֵם מִכָּל הַחַיִּים אֲשֶׁר בְּאֶרֶץ כְּנָעַן וְאֶת כָּל הַיְּצִיאוֹת וְאֶת כָּל הַמִּצְוֹת וְאֶת כָּל הַשְּׂמִיטוֹת וְאֶת כָּל הַשְּׂמִיטוֹת וְאֶת כָּל הַשְּׂמִיטוֹת* The first mission is to destroy the enemy's bases. The strongholds of the people of Canaan were, their places of Avodah Zorah that were everywhere (א, ב). It was a real "Kulturkampf" (Cultural War). Avodas aillilim the culture of B'nei Yisroel's neighbors was and is, as history has proven over and over

Shalhevet Features

MEET OUR DIVISION HEADS...

RABBI RICHARD F. AUMAN, Ilanot

By Jay Brent Silverman, Staff

The SHALHEVET is pleased to present Rabbi Richard F. Auman as this week's Division Head of the Issue.

Richie first came to us four summers ago from Hillcrest, New York. In his first year at Morasha, he was a member of the educational staff, followed by Shtilim Division Head and this year he was again promoted to head of Ilanot.

During the year, Richie serves as the administrator of the Bicultural Day School in Stamford, Conn. In addition, he is the Youth Director of the Young Israel of Hillcrest. He is also an adjunct lecturer of mathematics at Queensborough Community College. Richie had been director of Rambam Day Camp for three summers.

His formal education includes graduating RJJ High School and Yeshiva College with Rabbis Mordy Besser and Mordecai Willig. Richie has to his credit a B.A. in Math, a M.S. in Jewish History from Bernard Revel, Semicha from RIETS and an M.A. in Math from Queens College.

Also in camp with Richie is his daughter Tammy. When asked what he likes most about camp, Richie replied, "I like the many varied staff activities as well as the wonderful day camp."

Richie in his spare time is a member of the Boy's Campus Maintenance Crew that fixes among other things sinks, toilets, golfcarts, and flagpoles. Richie's symbol throughout the camp is his computerized clipboard.

SHALHEVET wishes Richie and his family all the best for now and in the future.

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COLOR WAR ADVICE

REMEMBER: It doesn't matter if you win or lose, it's how you play the game that counts!

STAFFERS OF THE ISSUE

*****MORDECAI AND SEMA REICH

Education and Sports Staffs

By Shari Chesner, Mechina

SHALHEVET is very glad to welcome back Sema and Mordecai Reich after a year's absence from Camp Morasha. This time they are back with their son Betzalel Eliyahu who is 15 months old. Sema serves on the sports staff and Mordecai on the educational staff.

Sema was a J.C. in 1971 and in 1972 was the first woman ever on the sports staff of Morasha. In 1973 she went to Israel as a counselor for Gesher Morasha.

Sema and Mordecai were married in 1977 and came back to Morasha, she as the Nitzi Division Head and he on the ed. staff.

Sema was graduated from Hili and Stern College. Mordecai went to M.T.A. and Yeshiva College and then to RIETS for Semicha. Between the two of them they went through 21 years of Yeshiva University schools.

Sema is the Director of the Stern College Dormitory and Mordecai is Associate Director. Betzalel is the dorm mascot and the youngest male in the Stern dorm.

Sema and Mordecai both have Master's Degrees in secondary Jewish education and Mordecai is a full time student at Ferkauf graduate school where he is working on his Ph.D. in clinical psychology.

Although Sema and Mordecai have been to many camps, Morasha and the Nitzanim are especially dear to them.

We wish them continued Hatzlacha in all of their endeavors.

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