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# WELCOME '89

FOR THE OPENING SHABBAT OF MORASHA '89, SHALHEVET BRINGS YOU A MINI-EDITION. A MORE COMPLETE ISSUE WILL BE PUBLISHED NEXT WEEK.....

## TORAH THOUGHTS

### PARSHAT KORACH

A Thought from GROWTH THROUGH TORAH by Pilskin

At times kindness requires that we use harsh measures.....

"And Moshe said, with this you shall know that the Almighty sent me to do all these things. I did not make them up." (Bamidbar 16:28)

Moshe goes on to tell Korach and his followers that they would soon die unnatural deaths (verse 29-35). This might appear to be very cruel on Moshe's part. To explain Moshe's reaction, the Alshich gives the analogy of a doctor who sees a need to amputate a person's hand or foot in order that the disease not spread. Although this might seem cruel, it really is an act of kindness because it saves the person's life. Similarly, Moshe saw that Korach's rebellion was spreading and he had 250 followers already. In order to save the rest of the nation, Moshe with his compassion for everyone else, had to use stringent measures.

True kindness at times will obligate us to use approaches that might appear very strict. But the key factor is always our motivation and the entire situation. If someone sees a young child playing with matches and grabs them from him, the child will most probably cry and think that this person is very cruel. But only a person who is apathetic or callous would allow the child to continue playing with matches. Using harsh measures when they are not needed is cruel. But failing to use harsh measures when they are the only approach available in order to help someone is also cruel. The person who is truly kind will weigh each situation carefully to see what is needed. People who lack compassion use this concept as a rationalization to be cruel, which is very wrong. But misplaced softness also has negative consequences. Much wisdom and compassion are needed to apply the appropriate methods in each situation.

## *Roving Reporter*

QUESTION: WHAT WAS HARDEST TO PART WITH WHEN YOU LEFT FOR MORASHA ? ? ? ? ?

Jeff Braverman, Music Asst: My stuffed elephant named Snorkey

Jeff Kobrin, DH Shtilim: My driver's license

Romy Gardenschwartz, G 20: My family

Maren Steinberger, G20: My baby sister

Dena Preminger, G 20: My mother's cooking

Michal Sonnenberg, G 19: My quilt

Lisa Oppenheim, G 19: My best friend

Rena Cohn, G 19: My cushiony mattress

Ayelet Lichtiger, G 19: My pool

Jennifer Kasner, G 20: My room

Stephanie Dienstag, G 19: My babysitting charges and friends

Safreda Besser, Office: Chili

Jennifer Zomick, Office: My mother

Robin Landsman & Yael Hochberg, Alufot SC's: Air Conditioners

Amy Sorscher, Chanle Fruchter, & Susie Silverstein: Israel

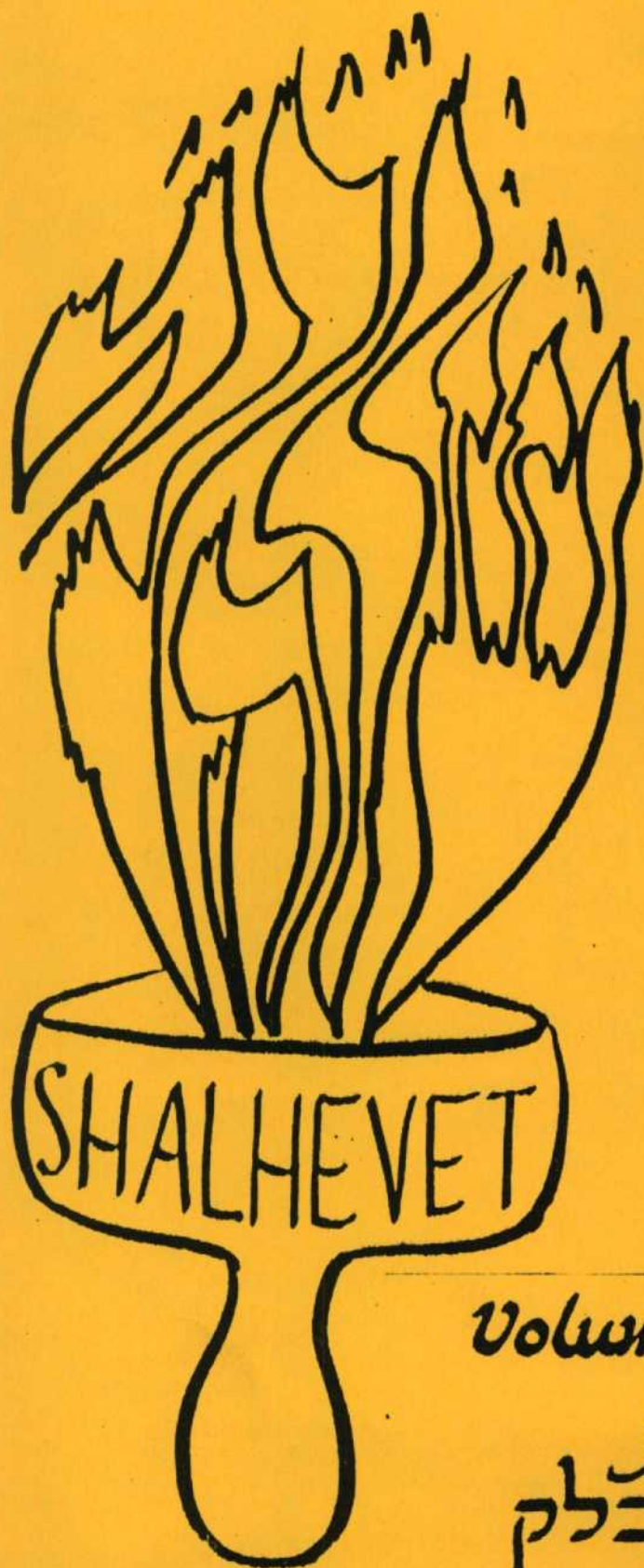
Malkie Klein, SC G18: Television

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# News of the Week

## NEW PAVILION, BUNKS, COURTS, DOCK AND STAFF ADDED FOR SUMMER 1989

A new pavilion (What would you call it?) new bunks for campers and staff, a beautiful new dock on boys' waterfront, and a new tennis court on Machon, as well as air conditioning for the infirmary and Bais Medrash are among the major innovations in place as Camp Morasha enters its second quarter century.

The structure on Girls' Campus near the lake is used for davening, dancing (What a difference! even if we don't have a pole in the middle to bump into," says Shayne Schwed, Dance Head), and many other activities. A contest is underway to find a suitable name. Submit your suggestions to the SHALHEVET envelopes in the HCs and Office. The one who names the Pavilion will be properly rewarded.

Morasha's waiters now enjoy brand new housing as do the Division Heads on Girls' Campus. Screen doors and exhaust fans have been installed in each bunk. The new tennis court adorns the once beautiful Morasha golf course.

Staff additions include an assistant to the Day Camp Director, Geula Twersky, whose husband Yitzchok, a Kollel alumnus, is on the ed staff, Paula Spodek has been added to the all-year round office staff, the infirmary has a full complement of nurses and aides to assist our capable physician, Debby Yarmish is back on the waterfront, and the Hararis have returned once again.

All in all we're in for another great summer led by our Director Zvi Reich, Assistant Director Rabbi A. Wahrhaftig, and their outstanding staff in all areas.

MAZEL TOV TO RABBI AND MRS, YITZCHOK COHEN AND FAMILY OF THE HIGH SCHOOL KOLLEL ON THE BAR MITZVAH OF YAACOV BEZALEL, ONE OF THE FEW MORASHANIKS BORN IN HONESDALE, PA.

## MACHON HOSTS YACHAD IN INSPIRING DAY OF ACTIVITY

Machon boys and girls played host to members of Yachad in a program combining chesed, learning, fun, and inspiration last Sunday and Monday.

After intergroup recreational activities and supper, a spirited session of singing and dancing was led by the Morasha Music Staff and Rabbi Naftali Besser. Jeff Braverman offered a moving rendition of "You and I are Not So Different."

Each group presented a D'var Torah. "Doing the Mitzvos keeps us together and that is what Yachad is All about," said Mendy Dreilick from Yachad. Zahava Weitschner of Machon pointed out that no one person can do 613 Mitzvos, but Yachad-together we can.

Elana Goldscheider, former Shtili counselor, accompanied Yachad as Assistant Director. "The Machoniks were very receptive to Yachad and made them feel very welcome here. Many thanks for a great time."

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## SHIRIAH TO BE HELD MONDAY

SHIRIAH- An annual highlight of the Morasha season will be held this coming Monday night, before the beginning of the Three Weeks.

Boys, led by Jeff Kobrin, Hillel Scheinfeld, and Jonathan Paley, and Girls- led by Dassy David, Shira Friedman, Lisa Wahrhaftig, and Shuli Rubin, will each present three songs.

Under direction of the Music Staff led by Sandy Sudberg and Jeff Braverman, the program also includes songs by Machon and Day Camp.

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WHERE ARE THE 12 DAUGHTERS OF KING WILLY GOING EVERY NIGHT? ? See the SHTILI PRODUCTION DIRECTED BY RICKI ZIBBIT.....



# TORAH THOUGHTS



A D'VAR TORAH...  
ON PARSHAT CHUKAT

By Tzvi Pittinsky, HS Kollel

In Parshat Chukat we find the story of Moshe's hitting the rock. Bnei Yisroel cried out to Moshe to give them water to drink. Hashem told Moshe to talk to a rock causing water to come out for Bnei Yisroel to drink. This miracle would sanctify Hashem's name before Bnei Yisroel.

Moshe did not listen to Hashem. He gathered Bnei Yisroel and called them rebels for doubting Hashem. He then hit the rock rather than talking to it, and caused water to come out. For this Moshe was punished severely. He was not allowed to enter Israel.

The Rambam and Ramban argue over what sin Moshe did to deserve such grave punishment. The Rambam explained that Moshe was punished for getting angry at Bnei Yisroel and insulting them with names. The Ramban says that Moshe was punished for hitting the rock rather than talking to it, thus diminishing the miracle.

We can actually explain these opposing views as one sin. There were two ways Moshe could have approached the problem at hand. Bnei Yisroel were doubting the power of Hashem to give them water. Moshe could have rebuked Bnei Yisroel so that they would repent for their sin.

However he could have taken a second approach and praised Bnei Yisroel. This would have embarrassed them and make them feel sorry for their sins. Through Moshe's praise, the rock would have acted on behalf of Yisroel and water would have come forth. By rebuking, Moshe insulted the rock. The rock responded by forcing Moshe to hit it in order to bring forth water.

From here we see the way we should approach arguments. The true way to deal with friends is calmly. By not getting angry, we save ourselves much future pain.

OUR FACULTY SPEAKS....  
ON PARSHAT CHUKAT

By Rabbi R. Harari, Ed. Staff

One of the saddest episodes in the entire Torah appears in Parshat Chukkat. G-d punished Moshe and Aharon prohibiting them from entering the Holy Land about which they had dreamed. What was their sin? In G-d's words, "They did not believe in me to sanctify Me before the Children of Israel."

The commentators have debated what exactly was the severe sin committed by these great leaders. Perhaps the most instructive for us is that of Maimonides. Maimonides writes that Moshe erred by admonishing the people with the words, "Listen you rebellious people." G-d neither commanded him nor wanted him to speak angrily to the people. Leaders are expected to deal with the people with respect and exactly as G-d had commanded. Once Moshe had violated this, he was no longer entitled to enter Israel as the people's leader.

This unfortunate incident leads us to understand the importance of treating everyone - friends, counselors, teachers - with respect. What an important lesson as we begin a new season of Morasha activity.

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PARSHA QUIZ ??

Submit your answers to the HC by Monday.  
Winning bunks will be rewarded.

1. Which animal protected the master who had been cruel to it?
2. Which important person didn't say what he wanted to?
3. Who did a good deed when he killed two people?
4. Who was Pinchas' grandfather?