



Dance Music Theater



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פרשת עקב

News of the Week

MUSICOLE TO TAKE PLACE MOTZEI SHABBAT IN THE MERCAZIA

Under the direction of Shayne Schwed and her assistant Judy Fruchter of Morasha's Dance Department, accompanied by Sandy Sudberg, head, and assistants Jeff Braverman and Vicki Simon of Music, **MUSICOLE** will be featured Motzei Shabbat in the Mercazia.

The Music-Dance Extravaganza will include participants from Staff and campers from both campuses. Special treats are in store for all. Don't miss it!

MACHON AND STAFF TO PRESENT DON'T DRINK THE WATER ON SUNDAY

Machon and Staff will perform on the Mercazia Stage Sunday night in a presentation of "Don't Drink the Water". The story involves a couple from Newark who, while on vacation behind the Iron Curtain, are mistaken for spies and then seek asylum in the American embassy.

The cast includes Warren Cinamon, Doni Greenblat, Yehudit Beylus, Josh Segal, Tamar David, Michael Schreiber, Auralee Rothman, Aaron Twersky, Seth Cohen, Sheera Thurm, Martin Tollinsky, Ilana Harooni, Avi Levine, Shira Winkler, Tzipora Kilimnick, Leah Friedman, and Tzipi Wasserman.

THANK YOU

Thank you to all blood donors who volunteered their time and efforts on Thursday, August 2 at the Morasha Annual Blood Drive. Special thanks to everyone who worked behind the scenes to ensure that the blood drive ran smoothly and safely.

. . . The Chairmen

ONEG SPEAKER: Ms. Suri Kasirer - 10:15 Pargod

S P O R T S

P O KOLLEL PLAYS BASEBALL, BASKETBALL R

T This week the Kollel baseball team
S went on the road to Camp Mogen Avraham after beating them in Morasha. First, the Kollel played the Mogen Av kitchen staff and were shocked 12-4. However, the Kollel regrouped and beat the staff of Camp Avrohom Chaim Heller 11-10. The Kollel team was led in pitching by Steven Glanz and Gavriel Shapiro and in hitting by Avi Schreiber and Moshe Strauch.

In the second Annual 3 on 3 basketball tourney, 14 teams participated. The team of Shimon Solnica, Kenny Shiowitz, and Ari Shapiro prevailed in a close championship game, the final score being 12-10. The second place team consisted of Daniel Feinberg, Mike Slesny, and Elliot Kwestel.

ILANOT ANALYZE " AISHET CHAYIL" IN ONE DAY COLOR WAR

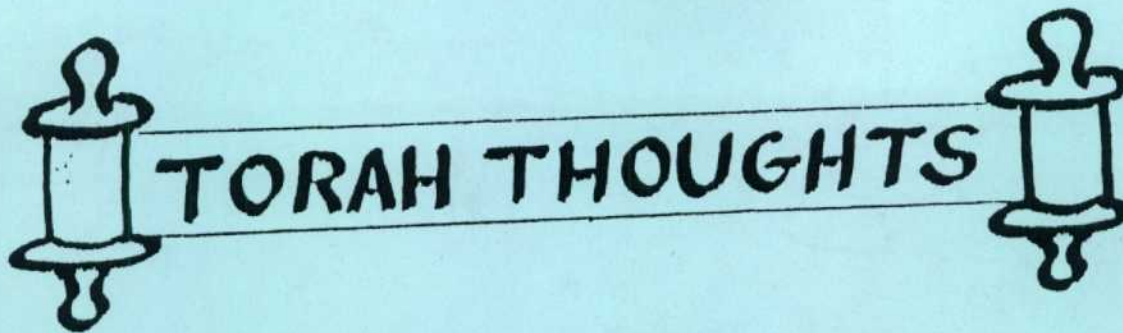
Ilanot analyzed the Aishet Chayil in a one-day colorwar - Yom Haemhot - last Thursday.

Members of six teams - Sara, Rachel, Rut, Esther, Chana, and Devora- and their captains had a fun-filled day including sports, a swim meet and the highlight, a co-ed volleyball game. The day concluded with a caucus, where each team presented its platform which mentioned the outstanding characteristics of its candidate. Each team presented a party flag and a bumper sticker, as well as a commercial and a musical ensemble. The beautiful party flags (banners) are now being exhibited in the Mercazia.

Special thanks to the co-ordinators, Elisheva Pomeranze and Avi Savitsky, to Rabbi Joel Cohn, and to Jill Jedwab and David Saffra.

The message of the day was quite clear; that although each one of these outstanding women was a complete individual, each contributed special attributes as her legacy for Am Yisroel. We as Bnot and Bnei Torah of Camp Morasha enhanced our own lives by studying theirs.

. . . Y.B. and J.J



TORAH THOUGHTS

OUR FACULTY WRITES. . .

PARSHAT EKEV

By Rabbi Dovid Wadler

The Gemorah in Brachot (48b) tells us that there is a positive Mitzva to bless Hashem after eating and being satisfied. The Gemorah quotes the posuk in this weeks Parsha, Parshat Ekev (8,10) "Ve'achalta ve'savata u'vayrachta..." The Gemorah then continues to list concepts that must be included in Birkat Hamazon in order to fulfill your obligation. Listed are the obligations to mention the beauty of the land of Israel, Brit (milah), Torah, and the kingdom of Bait David. The question arises as to why all these different concepts? Why not simply thank Hashem for the food we have eaten?

The answer can possibly be found in the posukim that follow. The Torah continues in posuk 11, "Take heed lest you forget G-d ... Lest you eat and are satisfied ... and your heart becomes haughty and you forget G-d... and you say in your heart 'MY POWER AND THE MIGHT OF MY HAND PROCURED ME THIS WEALTH!'"

The Torah recognizes that when a person is satisfied after eating they are most liable to forget Hashem, and therefore instituted a mini course in Haskafa, namely: Eretz Yisrael, Brit, Torah, and Malchut Bait David (the Rambam points out in Hilchot Brachot chap. 2 Halacha 4 that there cannot be a complete nechama - comforting - without the return of Malchut Bait David). Reviewing these major concepts of Judaism, exactly when we are weakest in our Emunat Hashem, insures that we never get to the stage where we believe in our own might.

On this second week of 'Nechama' may Hashem send us Moshiach Ben David for us to have the complete 'Nechama.

Shabbat Shalom.

A D'VAR TORAH ON

PARSHAT EKEV

By Dani Wadler, H.S. Kolliel

"Vekesef vezahav yarbeh lecha, vechol asher lecha yarbeh"
Your gold and silver will be increased, and all your possessions will be increased"
Devarim 8:13.

In this week's Parsha, Hakodosh Boruch Hu offers us the bracha that all of our wealth will be increased.

The Torah L'daat brings down the Shlah Hakodosh who said that it is customary to call rich people "baalei midot" - possessors of excellent character traits (such as giving tzedakah and doing chesed) even though they may not necessarily exemplify these characteristics. We can learn this from our posuk- "your gold and silver will increase and you will be rich, and all your possessions increase" - your midot will increase.

The Yalkut Gershuni brings down the question that Ben Zoma asks in Pirkei Avot (4:1) "Eyzeh hu Ashir- who is a rich man?" The Yalkut Gershuni gives a simple answer, a rich man is someone who has many worldly possessions. Is this true? We see that a rich man may not necessarily have worldly possessions, but the riches of a "Baal Midot"- excellence of character. Therefore we have to answer the question with "Hasanayach bechelko"- He who is happy with his share (of worldly goods)" This man is happy and doesn't seek out material wealth as a "rich man" in the usual sense of the word, seeks.

The Yalkut Gershuni does not mean to say that the sanayach bechelko doesn't care about his midot. A rich man, my mother often explains to me, is one who has one dollar more than he needs. This man is an Anav (modest person) and doesn't chase after a fancy life style or the title of "baal midot" In reality, this person too is a baal midot even though he does not bear the title of a "rich man".

SHALHEVET FEATURES

MACHON USINGS

By Shana Feiner

It has been (nearly) unanimously accepted here at Camp Morasha that Machon is exempt from overnights. As not to "disappoint" us, however, last Thursday night we held a campfire thereby enjoying overnight food and entertainment without the primitive sleeping arrangements. Our campfire was exceptionally conducted in class: we did not settle for the usual hot dogs and potato chips, but rather enjoyed Chinese food (provided by Sheera Thurm from Moshe Peking). In the spirit of the setting, however, we splurged on roasted Marshmallow Fluff (a unique eating experience).

Following an array of songs from "Yeliyushalayim" to "Grease Lightning" led by Lewis W. we retreated to our comfortable quarters for a good night's sleep. The Machon Boys, however, did not have too much sleep in store for themselves for early the next morning they awoke- or at least most of them did, to canoe down the Delaware.

The highlight of the week, however, aside from Shabbos of course, was Melave Malka # 2, which was not less "leibedik" than the first, and according to popular opinion had better food (milchig). We still managed to conserve some of our dancing energy for the following night as we accompanied the Alufot to Block senior citizen's camp where we both entertained and were entertained by one another's singing, dancing, and dramatic talents.

[Non-sequitur]: As we bid farewell to Machon boy's counselor Efram Schwab, we welcome Ari Wasserman and welcome back Josh Schulman.



MEET A MACHON COUNSELOR. . .

MICHAEL SCHREIBER

After nine years at Morasha, Michael Schreiber has attained the position of Machon Counselor. Michael came as an older Shtili and served as a Machonik, JC, and Alufim counselor before his present position. He gained the most satisfaction out of being a camper.

A resident of Kew Gardens Hills, Michael attended Mesivta Ohr Torah High School where "Educational Director Rabbi Rhein had a tremendous influence on me". Now he attends Queens College and Yeshivat Ore Chaim in preparation for going into chinuch and "spending my summers in Morasha."

In answer to the proverbial question: what does a Machon counselor do all day? Michael responded, " I try to instill Yiras Shomayim and Ahavas Hashem in all of the Machoniks while making sure they have a good time as I look for my Bashert".

All this while riding on a golf cart, of course.

CAMPERS CLOSE-UP

The subjects of this week's Campers Close-Up were met several weeks ago around camp.

DAVID SANDEL (B 3) comes from Toronto where he attends Grade 6 in Etz Chaim Yeshiva. He wants to be a businessman and his favorite camp activity is **SHIUR**.

NACHSHON ROTHSTEIN (B 17) is in the fifth grade at the Yeshiva of Flatbush where he lives. In the future he will be a psychologist, but now his favorite activity is baseball.

JUDAH HULKOWER (B 3) comes all the way from Los Angeles where he attends Yavnehg Academy. He wants to be a pediatrician. In camp he likes to play softball best.