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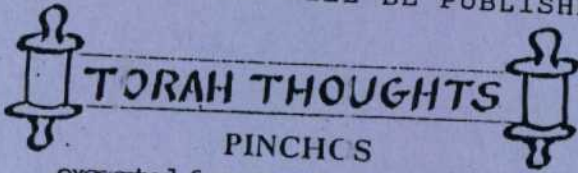
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# '91

FOR THE OPENING SHABBAT OF MORASHA '91, SHALHEVET BRINGS YOU A MINI EDITION - TWO OF OUR MOST POPULAR COLUMNS. A REGULAR ISSUE WILL BE PUBLISHED NEXT WEEK...



## TORAH THOUGHTS

### PINCHOS

excerpted from Growth Through Torah  
by Rabbi Zelig Pliskin

Be willing to do the right thing even if it is not popular.

ידבר השם אל משה לאמר. פינחס בן אלעזר בן אהרן הכהן השיב את  
מנתי מעל בני ישראל בקננו את קנאתי בתוכם ולא נליתי את בני  
ישראל בקנאתי. (במדבר כ"ז י"א)

"AND THE ALMIGHTY SPOKE TO MOSHE SAYING: PINCHOS THE SON OF ELIEZER THE SON OF AHARON THE PRIEST HAS TURNED AWAY MY ANGER FROM THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL IN THAT HE WAS ZEALOUS FOR MY SAKE AMONG THEM, SO THAT I DID NOT CONSUME THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL IN MY JEALOUSY." (Bamidbar 25:10,11)

The Alshich makes note of the word "among them." Pinchos's zealous action was not very popular and there were those who were ready to kill him for his zealousness. Nevertheless, Pinchos was ready to sacrifice everything to do the will of the Almighty. He took action even though many people disapproved of what he did. (Toras Moshe: Alshich)

There are many instances in life in which the correct thing to do is not always the most popular. For example, if a group of people are speaking *loshon hora* against others, they usually do not appreciate someone's telling them to stop talking negatively. But a person whose focus is on doing the will of the Almighty will not be deterred even if others will insult him for his behavior. In these matters there is always a thin line between what is proper and elevated and what is wild, impulsive, and counterproductive. A Torah scholar should be consulted whenever questions arise.

Quit while you're

**O H E D**

Not everyone can write for SHALHEVET. However, since we're not really doing anything else, and our golf cart is on the fritz, and the girls do all the work, and we have no refrigerator or lounge, we have received the honor of entertaining MORASHA readers on a weekly basis.

Love,

Cousins Jeff, Mike & Mike

## News of the Week

### T I S C H T O N I G H T

All staff is most cordially invited to attend an Oneg Shabbat tonite in the Main Dining Room at 10 PM.  
Guest Speaker: Rabbi Allen Schwartz

## ROVING REPORTER

QUESTION: WHAT AT MORASHA HAVE YOU BEEN LOOKING FORWARD TO MOST??

LYNNE BOTNICK, JC, G 8: Being on the Vaad.

RUCHIE WINKLER, GIRLS' HC: Choosing Lynne to be on the Vaad.

RABBI M. BESSER, PROGRAM DIRECTOR: Seeing what Lynne can do on the Vaad.

JESSICA RUSSAK, G 17: Finding out what the Vaad is.

### MAZEL TOV...MAZEL TOV...MAZEL TOV...

Ari Greenwald and parents camp physician Dr. Kenny and Regina Greenwald on his Bar Mitzvah this Shabbat in Morasha.

CAMP DIRECTOR RABBI ABRAHAM and JOYCE WAHRHAFTIG on the engagement of their daughter Lisa to Glenn Lesnick

PROGRAM DIRECTOR RABBI MORDY and EDNA BESSER on the marriage of CHUMI to MARK GOTTLIEB

RABBI ZVI SOBOLOFSKY, Kollel assistant, on his engagement

DEBBY and MAISH YARMUSH, VICKI and RAYMOND HARRARI, RABBI MORDY and ANNA WRUBLE on the births of sons.

COMING UP IN NEXT WEEK'S EDITION.....  
STAFF CHANGES AND ADDITIONS.....





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ראש חדש מנחם אב



# News of the Week

## NEW FACILITIES AND NEW STAFF ADDED FOR MORASHA '91

Under the direction of Rabbi Abraham Wahrhaftig, Morasha '91, with new facilities enriching old ones & new members added to the dynamic staff, is well underway.

Additions on boys' campus include a new staff house, a sports complex, a path around the campus, and new courts. On Girls' a new conference room for meetings of the Division Heads has been added to the H.C. A new wing has been built onto Day Camp Headquarters where a water fountain will also be installed. The drama department now has new flats for scenery. On Kollel campus, JSS, the original Kollel, now has its own new Beis Medrash Me'at.

A new addition to the Leadership Training Program is **Moreshet Machon**, a group of five girls in an intensive study program in addition to their Machon activities.

The Girls' Waterfront has a new head, Mindy Glicksman while Michelle Sarasohn serves full time as the assistant to the director. The Ed Staff is now headed by Rabbi Joel Cohn and new faculty members are Rabbis Allen Schwartz and Steven Prebor. Girls' Campus is directed by Ruchie Winkler while Tova Rhein leads the Nitzis. Three new nurses are on staff and Day Camp has a new co-director. Shirley Storch is now Office Supervisor/Comptroller.

New Staffers will be seen Closer-Up in future editions of **SHALHEVET**.

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**M A Z E L T O V ! ! !**

MAZEL TOV to Rita Ackerman, Life Guard and Daniel Goldberg, Infirmary escort, on their engagement as Morasha couple number 100+.

## MIDRESHET MACHON ENHANCES LTP PROGRAM

By Shana Feiner

This year Machon is not the same. No, Machon has not been shifted somewhere else like Mechina has, nor have they stopped participating in BBYO and Yachad programs. But this year there is an enhancing addition. Yes, there is a refrigerator in the girls' lounge (as well as a heater, fan, and blender), but there is still a more significant novelty.

Under the leadership and planning of Rabbi Heshie Billet, for the first time ever in Morasha, there is an organized learning program for girls of Machon Age, dubbed "Midreshet Machon" by the camp administration. Consisting of five girls (with a sixth coming in August)- Dassi Billet, Malki Cohen, Sara Feit, Rachel Hellman, and Leah Schacter, and supervised by Shana Feiner, this program provides an opportunity for girls to learn in a camp atmosphere while enjoying the benefits and counselling training of Machon.

The learning schedule consists of four sessions of shiurim in the morning (commencing at 9:30 AM) : Mrs. Rookie Billet for Rabbinical Responsa dealing with women's issues, Rabbi Billet- topics in Halacha (researched through Gemara and Rishonim), Rabbi Saul Berman- Hilchut Ishut of the Rambam, and one period of preparation time. In addition, nightly shiurim are given by Rabbi Allen Schwartz- psbat and drush, and Rabbi Raymond Harari, Gemara Massechet Pesachim which all Machon and staff members are invited and encouraged to attend.

This program, the first of its kind, has born fruit after years of hope and planning. Through the efforts of the administration and the enthusiasm of the participants, it has finally been implemented. The five Midreshet Machoniks, in addition to learning, work in the afternoons, and participate in all Machon activities.

Barbara Deutsch, Director of the Machon program and overseer of Midreshet (as well as interior decorator of the Strick Library where the learning takes place) has not only provided us with "awesome" cubbies, an air conditioner, and a folding door, but has succeeded in blending the two programs into one.

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O N E G S H A B B A T

Tonite's speaker is Rabbi J.J. Schacter, spiritual leader of the Jewish Center in Manhattan.





# TORAH THOUGHTS



OUR FACULTY WRITES. . . .

## ON PARSHAT HASHAVUA

By Rabbi Joel Cohn  
Ed Staff Head

In this week's Torah reading in Parshat Mattot we read of the request of B'nei Gad U'venei Reuven to settle in Ever Hayardane. After agreeing on a plan with Moshe the Torah tells us that Chatzi Shevet Menashe along with B'nei Gad and B'nei Reuven settled the Ever Hayardane. How did Chatzi shevet Menashe get involved with Ever Hayardane? No where do we find that they requested to settle that land.

One of the suggested answers is that Moshe realized that if B'nei Gad and B'nei Reuven would remain alone in Ever Hayardane over the course of time they will lose their connection to Eretz Yisroel. Moshe felt that they will settle Mechutz L'Eretz and prosper in their land and forget that the true place for Am Yisroel is Eretz Yisroel.

Therefore Moshe insisted that Chatzi Shevet Menashe join them in Ever Hayardane for they, being the shevet of B'nos Tzelaphchad, were known for their love of Eretz Yisroel. The Chatzi shevet Menashe will want to maintain a close relationship with the other chatzei of Menashe in Eretz Yisroel as well. The Chatzei Shevet Menashe would insure that B'nei Gad and B'nei Reuven would also remain committed to the other Shevatim and to Eretz Yisroel.

Hopefully, though we live Mechutz L'Eretz we also feel that Chatzi Hashevet is in Eretz Yisroel and that Im Yirtza Hashem we will have the z'chut to join them soon.

Shabbat Shalom.

A D'VAR TORAH ON. . . .

## PARSHAT MAASEI

By Benjy Fox, YP KOLLEL

We find in Parshas Maasei, the halacha for a person who accidentally kills somebody else. The Torah says that he must run to a special city called an **eir miklat**, and live there until the **kohain gadol** dies. If he does not do so, he is in danger of being killed by the dead person's relative.

This law, at first, may seem problematic. If the killer only killed accidentally, why does he deserve to be punished? Therefore, to understand the halacha, one must differentiate between different types of accidents. There are accidents that could have been prevented and accidents that could not have been prevented. The Torah only holds responsible one who has killed " **b'shogaig**" meaning that the killer was actually careless, and should have been more cautious with his actions.

Rav Goldvicht, the Rosh Yeshiva of Keren B'Yavneh, has pointed this out and added that the reason the Torah requires him to run to an **eir miklat** is because **Leviim** lived in the **eir miklat**, and the **Leviim** can teach him how to conduct all aspects of his life such that he will not come to do **aveiros**, even **b'shogaig**.

We can learn from this halacha the trait of "**zehirus**"- watchfulness. A person must always examine his actions to ensure that he will not come to do **aveiros**, even accidentally. The **Masillas Yeshorim** compares a person who does not examine his actions to a blind person who walks along the seashore. Just as the blind person is likely to fall into the water, the person who does not "look at what he does" is likely to do an **aveirah**. When we do **aveiros b'shogaig**, such as accidentally turning on a light on **Shabbas**, or accidentally eating something that is not **Kosher** we should not dismiss these **aveiros** as only accidents. Instead, we should realize that they are results of not taking the proper precautions.

Since we do not have **eiri miklat** today, one good way to know how to protect ourselves from **aveiros** is by following the examples set by our **rabbanim**.