

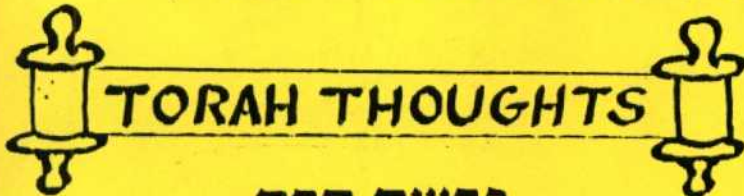
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פרשת קרח

WELCOME

FOR THE OPENING SHABBAT OF MORASHA 1992, SHALHEVET BRINGS YOU A MINI EDITION - THREE OF OUR MOST POPULAR COLUMNS. MORE NEXT WEEK . . .



פרשת קרח Parashas Korach

KOL DODI ON THE TORAH

... וַיִּקַּח קֹרַח — *And Korach took* ... (16:1).

The Torah says that Korach took something, but does not tell us what he took. Many commentators over the centuries have dealt with this question, but we will suggest a new approach.

The truth is that Korach took everything for himself. Hashem entrusted him with great wealth to use for His service, and Korach made the mistake of thinking that he had earned it himself. He treated it as if it belonged to him and he could do with it as he pleased. Thus, Korach's very wealth, in other words, his trait of always taking, was his downfall.

King Solomon had just such a situation in mind when he wrote in *Koheles* (5:12), *Wealth is held for its owners* [i.e., for those who feel that it is theirs] *to harm them*.

On the other hand, a wealthy person — who acknowledges that his money really belongs to Hashem and regards himself as nothing more than the administrator of a trust fund — will find his wealth to be a true blessing. If he diligently and faithfully oversees the fund which has been entrusted to him, in accordance with all the wishes and instructions of its true Owner, then he can be assured of a handsome reward in this world and in the next.

..MAZEL TOV..

CHERYL STEIN and AVI SAVITSKY, Machon Counselors, on their engagement.

BARBARA AND BOB DEUTSCH on the engagement of their son Dov

RABBI DR. MITCHELL Librarian and CHAYA, Camp Mother, on the birth of a grandson

RABBI AND MRS. PESACH ORATZ on the birth of a grandson and on the marriage of their son

ROVING REPORTER

QUESTION: WHAT WAS THE FIRST THING YOU LOOKED FOR AT MORASHA? ? ?

ANSWERS:

Risa Bench, G 8: A good bed

Deena Bashist, G 8: A lot of cubbies

Ezra Lerner, Daycamp: My cabin

Shayne Schwed, Dance Head: A new mattress

Debby Meskin, D.H. Ilanot: Bachurim

Machon Girls: Bathroom doors

Machon Counselors; Steven Usdan

Michal Wahrhaftig & Faygie Friedman, Counselors, G 8: A good waiter

Lynn Botnick, Sc, G 9: The Vaad

Yonina Halpern, G 8: My friends

Michal Sonenberg, G 8: A pool

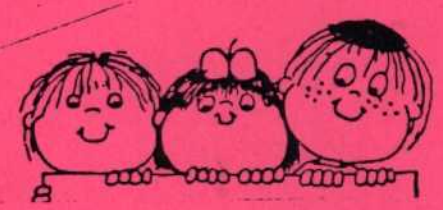
Rachel Mansdorf, G 7: My food

Machon Boys: Fish

News of the Week

ONEG SHABBAT

All staff is most cordially invited to attend an Oneg Shabbat tonight at 10 PM in the Pargod. Guest speaker will be the noted author and storyteller RABBI CHANOCH TELLER.



It's gonna' be a
great summer!

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פרשת חקת

News of the Week

BRIDGES, BLEACHERS, BRIGHTS, BRASS NEW FOR '92

Bridges - on both boys' and girls' campuses- a new Staff House (we're up to "C")- new lights and bleachers on the girls' court, a new boating dock on girls' waterfront, new lights for hot night swimming on boys' waterfront and a newly paved basketball court on Machon Campus are only some of the innovations for Summer '92 overseen by Rabbi Abraham Wahrhaftig, Morasha's Director.

Also new for '92 is a Coordinator for the Kollel Campus- Rabbi Shimon Kerner, formerly of the Ed Staff and a Kollel Assistant, and a Kollel Camp Mother who is Dena Kerner, formerly of the Infirmary Staff.

A revamped sports program for the girls to allow for improved instruction has already brought positive results (see Sports Page.)

New Division Heads and members of the Ed Staff will be detailed next week.

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NITZIS NUPTUALIZE

The Nitzanim Girls Division of Camp Morasha extends a **MAZEL TOV** to Shalom (a/k/a Shoshana) Chanales and Lani Bryk of Bunk G 17 on July 3, 1992. Despite the rainy weather, every seat in the house was filled. Special honorary guests included Mati Motechin and Rock Davis who joined in the ceremonies to wish Shalom and Lani hearty congratulations. Rabbi Ilan Berman married Shalom to her "awfully wedded wife", Lani, at approximately 3:32 P.M. under a terrycloth chupa. The bridesmaids and best man were in tears as the newly wedded couple made their way to the Caplan Dining Hall in "Switzerland in the Poconos." We wish the entire Bryk and Chanales families much nachas and joy from the union of their children. And a special Mazel Tov to Bunk G 17!

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LEAVE YOUR ARTICLES FOR SHALHEVET IN THE HC 2.

NITZIS AND SHTILIS OPEN DRAMA SEASON

"The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly," starring Nitzis and Shtilis with Machoniks and Staff in major roles will open this year's Drama season in the Mercazia. A musical review with selections from Little Mermaid, Oliver and Co., Oliver, and Grease, the presentation will take place Wednesday and Thursday evenings.

Directed by Michael Goldberg, all seventy Nitzi Girls will perform on the stage at the same time accompanied by ten Nitzi boys and many Shtilis.

Technical staff is Josh Sultanik and Martin Tollinsky. Background will be by Rena Greenwald, Shulamis Felsenthal, and Judy Goodman.

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The Latest On. . .

BEAR CARE

1. Bears are not to be feared- all they want to do is play and eat (not people).
2. If people do not feed them, bears maintain their distance.
3. Bears do not see well- they are drawn by smell- odors from Clorox and ammonia keep them away.

Thanks to Officer Frank Duley of the Pa. Game Commission for his visit and advice.

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ONEG SHABBAT

The speaker for tonight's Oneg Shabbat is Rabbi Nathaniel Helfgott. His topic: **WHEN THE HOLY SIN**. The event will begin at 10:15 in the Pargod.

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SHALHEVET extends special thanks to Paula Spodek for her assistance in publishing this issue and to Gita Schachter, Shani Offen, and Alisa Bruckstein for technical expertise. Thanks to Jay Lisker for his help and bear hunting.

Torah Thoughts

A D'VAR TORAH ON . . .

PARSHAT CHUKAS

By Rabbi Joel Cohn
Ed Staff Head

Moshe Rabbanu finds himself in a most difficult position when B'nei Yisroel once again challenge him for water. Hashem responds to Moshe: **Kach et Hamateh-** "Take your staff", We are all familiar with the mistake Moshe then made- namely: using the **mateh** to hit the rock rather than talking to the rock.

The question arises then: Why did Hashem command Moshe to take the **mateh** if it were not to be used? A possible suggestion might be that the **mateh** was supposed to symbolize something to Moshe. When he first met Hashem at Har Sinai and he was appointed to be the **Moshia Yisroel** he asked Hashem: What will happen if the Jewish people do not believe that I am a messenger of Hashem? Hashem then commanded to take the **mateh**- throw it in the ground, and it will turn into a snake. Rashi explains that it turned into a snake to tell Moshe that he had spoken **lashon harah** against B'nei Yisroel- accusing them of not believing that he is indeed the **Moshia Yisroel**.

Perhaps that is why Hashem commanded Moshe here as well: **Kach et hamateh-** Moshe, take the **mateh** and let it remind you that you are not to say bad about the Jewish people no matter how difficult they may seem to you.

May we be reminded of this message and always be **zocheh** to see the treasure which is present in every member of K'lal Yisroel.

A D'VAR TORAH ON . . .

THIS WEEK'S HAFTORAH

By David Schwartz, College Kollel

In this week's Haftorah we are told about the tragic story of Yiftach. When Yiftach went out to battle he swore that if he returned victorious, the first living being that he met would be a **korban**. After he won the war, he returned home ready to choose the first animal he saw as a **korban**. Unfortunately, his daughter greeted him first. The vow had fallen on her.

What was Yiftach to do? How could he let his daughter live her life as a "sacrifice"? She could never get married or live a normal life. There was only one way out. Yiftach knew he could get the vow annulled by Pinchas.

Yiftach refused to go to Pinchas. He felt it was below his dignity as the **Shofet**. Pinchas refused to go to Yiftach because he felt it was below his dignity as **Kohen Godol** to go to Yiftach. Neither one would give in and go to the other one. Chazal tell us that both Yiftach and Pinchas were punished for destroying Yiftach's daughter's life. Their concern for their own honor got in the way of their concern for others.

Chazal consider it an unforgivable sin to place their honor above the daughter's needs. We must be careful in our own lives to learn from the mistakes of these **tzaddikim** and not repeat them in our own lives.

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LICHT BENSHEIN IN LAKE COMO

7:10 P.M.