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# WELCOME

FOR THE OPENING SHABBAT OF MORASHA 1993 SHALHEVET BRINGS YOU A MINI EDITION - THREE OF OUR MOST POPULAR COLUMNS. MORE NEXT WEEK . . .

## Torah Thoughts

from:

Growth through Torah by Z. Pliskin

True compassion is based on seeing the entire picture.

ויחזק אף אלקים כי הוֹדוּ הַאֱלֹהִים הַיְיָ וְיִתְּנוּ מִלְכָּם ה' רַבֵּן עֲרֵסְטֵן אִי (בְּמִצְרַיִם כֵּן בְּכֹה)

Rashi explains that the angel that stood in Bilaam's way was an angel of mercy that wanted to prevent him from transgressing so that he should not be lost. In Verse 31 we read that the angel had a drawn sword. R.Zalman Sorotzkin commented on this that at times an angel of mercy who is trying to save a person will appear to him as an adversary who is out to harm him. When a person has many faults, he will often have friends and relatives who keep trying to influence him to improve. He is likely to view their nagging as extremely irritating and painful & will consider them as his enemies. But the truth is that they have his best interests in mind. He should not only not be angry at them but should even be appreciative and grateful that they are concerned about his welfare. When someone tries to have a positive influence on you, thank him for it.

R. Zalman Sorotzkin also commented that from here we see that at times an angel of mercy has to be willing to take an aggressive stance in order to prevent someone from destroying himself and others.

True compassion is based on seeing the entire picture. For instance, a parent who allows his child to do whatever he wants just because he does not want his child ever to cry, might allow his child to do all kinds of things that are destructive both spiritually & to his physical well-being. When you really care about someone, you do not want him to harm himself & will be willing at times to be strict in order to protect him from his own ignorance or foolishness.

## THE ROVING REPORTER

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

What was the hardest thing for you to part with?

Ronit Frenkel G-14: My teddy bear

Yael Wagner G-17: My parents

Debbie Meskin, Alufot D.H.: My telephone

Lara Ostreicher G-17: My good friend

Joanna Steinlauf JC G-15: The California Sun

Cindy Rosenblum JC G-14: My mother's car

Yael Sudberg JC G-13: My mother's potato kugel

Adam Loskove SC B-10: Israel

Penina Savitsky, Ilana Cohen, Machon: Barney

Jennifer Hellman, Machon: No curfew

Amy Rosenfeld, G-14: My refrigerator

BONUS QUESTION:  
What was the first thing you did when you got to camp?

Carley G-18, Aliza G-13, Lea G-12, Ayala G-11, Meredith G-2: CRY

## News

### ONEG SHABBAT

All staff is most cordially invited to attend an Oneg Shabbat tonight at 10 PM in the Pargod. Guest speaker will be Captain Zvi Gelfand on "The Long Road Back to Yiddishkeit."

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# NEWS



## STAFF AND CAMPERS SET FOR ANOTHER SEASON OF SUCCESS

Staff and campers are in position and set for another successful season under the direction of Rabbi Abraham Wahrhaftig and his competent administration.

New staff members include Shmuel and Sheri Feld from Chicago. Sheri is head of Older Ilanot Girls and Shmuel heads the Younger Ilanot Boys. The Boys' Waterfront Head in July is Aaron Berger. He will be replaced in August by Alan Pelikow. Sara Lamm Dratch has returned to be Assistant Head of the Girls' Waterfront after an absence of 10 years.

Michael Selesny, formerly a Machon counselor, is now Alufim Division Head. His wife Julie is Infirmary Administrator. Debbie Meskin has gone from Ilanot to Alufot. Shmuel Furmansky is the new Boys Nitzi Head.

Mimi Hershkowitz, who has been in charge of the Dining Room for many years, now supervises the Canteen while Jill Sanders, a former Alufot D.H., has filled Mimi's former position.

### \*\*\*\*\* MAZEL TOV

Mazel Tov to all members of the Oratz, Orlian, and Siff families on this week's additions to their families, to Rabbi Tully & Safreda Besser on the Bar-Mitzvah of their son, Yechiel, and to the camp B'nai Mitzvah of this week, Judah Koller, B-7 (and parents Elayne & Jerry), and Josh Schwartz, Yehuda Chanales and Nachshon Rothstein of B-8.

### \*\*\*\*\* GUESS WHO



Rabbi Abraham Wahrhaftig, Camp Director, is aiming to oversee a free summer - free of Lashon Hara and free of Machloket. Let's each do our part to help him.

## NEW FACILITIES:

Facilities added to Morasha this season include a big tent (the Morasha Ohel Moed) on Boys' Campus to replace the Shul that collapsed under a load of snow, an addition to the Boys' Machon bunk, a new Beis Medrash for the HS Kollel, and more housing for staff. Bunks 14, 15, and 16 have been enlarged.  
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## STAFF LECTURES ON & AFTER SHABBOS

All staff is cordially invited to hear Rabbi Mark Dratch speak at tonight's Oneg. The time is 10:00 PM. The place - the Pargod.

On Shabbos night at 11 PM, Maish Yarmush, MD, PhD, will lecture sponsored by the Morasha Day Camp Committee on the Wonders of Science. Dr. Yarmush heads the sports department at Morasha.

See schedules for weekly lectures by Rabbis Berman (Monday), Schwartz (Wednesday) and Willig (Thursday).  
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## DEPARTMENT DETAILS

This week in:

**EDUCATION** - This is the week of Emet - Truth and Honesty according to the Ed Staff program of the 13 Midos of Rav Salanter. Rabbi Joel Cohn, Ed Staff Head, also reports that Midreshet Machon is in full swing with 4 girls. Two staff additions are Etan Tokayer, formerly of Kollel and Jeff Kobrin, former Machon counselor.

**DRAMA** - Nitzis & Shtilis are practicing for their debut of the season. On Sunday night Nitzis will play The Littlest Etrog Tree and Shtilis are doing A Button for My Yarmulke.

**SPORTS** - Staff is facing tryouts this week. The team members will be announced soon.

**MUSIC** - Boys & girls are getting ready for the SHIRIAH next Thursday.

