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*יב' תמוז תשנ"ו*

*Shabbat Parshat חקת-בלק*

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# Welcome to Camp Morasha 1996



*Welcome all new  
and returning  
campers and staff  
members- looking  
forward to a great  
summer!!!*

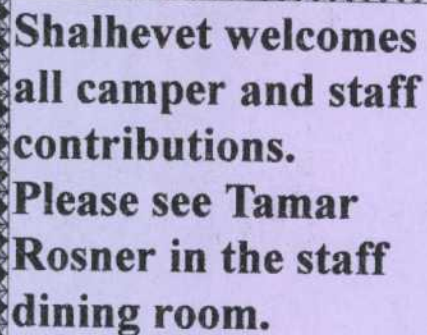


Friday night  
speaker:  
**Rabbi Raymond**  
**Harari**  
10:15- Pargod  
Hope to see  
you there!



## **Shabbat Times:**

7:20 - latest candle  
lighting  
7:00- Kabbalat  
Shabbat



Shalhevet welcomes  
all camper and staff  
contributions.  
Please see Tamar  
Rosner in the staff  
dining room.

# שבת שלום

# TORAH THOUGHTS

**By: Rabbi A. Schwartz**

Two times in the *Torah*, *Bnei Yisrael* thirsted in the desert and were miraculously satisfied by water flowing from a rock. In both instances, *Moshe* produced water from the rock by striking it with his staff. In the first story, at *Parshat Beshalach*, nothing is wrong and indeed *Moshe* was told to strike the rock. In *Parshat Chukat*, the first of this week's *Torah* portions, *Moshe* is punished for striking the rock after he was told to speak to the rock to produce water. Our commentaries grapple with the differences between the two stories. First, we must be cognizant of two points within our story: (1) *Moshe* was told to take the stick in his hand and talk to the rock, (2) our story takes place 38 years after the first, at the end of the 40 year stay in the desert.

Now we are prepared to explain the underlying difference between the stories. *Hashem* purposely told *Moshe* to talk to the rock with the stick in his hand to teach *Bnei Yisrael* a valuable lesson. For forty years *Bnei Yisrael* had been testing *Hashem* in the desert, and were punished again and again,

*Mei Meriva*, the *Eigel*, *Kivrot HaTaava*, the *Meraglim*, *Korach*, and *Baal Peor* to name but a few. To them, *Hashem* wielded a heavy stick. Now *Hashem* wanted to show a new generation, about to enter the Promised Land, that you can discipline with the mouth. *Moshe* was to teach this lesson with stick in hand- the very symbol of physical punishment, and then choose the tongue to speak, over the stick to beat. *Moshe* lost this opportunity to teach a new lesson to *Bnei Yisrael* entering the land and was punished *Midah Keneged Midah*.

We all stand now towards the end of year 5756. A few short summer weeks separate us and the *Yamim Noraim*. Camp Morasha affords us excellent opportunities for preparation to enter the "Promised Land" of a new year of Life, Health, and Happiness. This summer's theme is *Yerushalayim*, the city of our unification. May we all be *zocheh* to enter her glorious gates, and may we see true peace in our Holy Land.



# Roving Reporter

What's the one thing you wish you had in camp but couldn't bring?

Anna Wruble, nurse- Yerushalaim

Shira Abilevitz, MH-my bed

Ahuva Epstein, Ed Staff-my husband

Aliza Boim, G5- T.V.

Sara Winkler, G5- a pool

Rebecca Feiner, G6- Air conditioning

Rachel Farkas, counselor- my Mommy

Dana Stern, G10- my purple nail polish

Yael Renoff, G11- my little brother

Dani Gopin, B4 -marshnellow fluff

Dani Eckstein, B4- a telephone

Yehuda Peters B4- my entertainment system

Mordechai Shapiro, d.c.- my basketball

Bezalel Gersten, wtr my brother Eric

Mrs. Warhaftig- I have everything I need

Seth Dimbert, DH- good kids

Jason Abromowitz B10- a housekeeper

Adam Sprung, B10- a fridge

Daniel Fruchter, B11- my bike

Nachshon Block, B11- friends

Mordechai Freidman, B11- my Teddy Bear

Ashi Weisstuch, B8- a house

Robby Tennenbaum, B8- my shower

Jeff Kobrin, HC- time

Mordy Bloom, B13- my tehillim book

Josh Blechner, B15 -computer/Email

Julie Lowe G20- my own line

S. Garber & M. Mitgang, G 20- voices & brains

Rachel Martin, Mach.- my Husband (pillow kind)

Renana Eisenberg, Mach- my soap operas

Shira Kats, Mach- my computer- its my life

Dena Koren, G19- normal food