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Torat Scene-A-Eye

*This features an AI generated picture that has numerous hints to the weekly parsha.
This week's is about Parshas Devarim*



Disclaimer: These AI generated images are NOT meant to portray actual people or events from the Torah. They are simply hints to get you thinking.

DVAR TORAH

ON SECOND THOUGHT...

Lots of big and scary enemies, giants and armies and massive walled cities. That sounds like the trailer for some new movie with kings and dragons... well, minus the dragon part, that's pretty much what it is. Except it isn't a movie (at least not yet). It's our history. The fifth section of the Torah, known as Devarim (or Deuteronomy, for some inexplicable reason) is the recap of the Jewish people's adventures in the desert. As our great leader Moses is nearing the end of his life, he spends time reminding his people about all the positive and challenging events that had happened during the previous 40 years wandering the desert.

One of the stories he reminds them of is when they sent scouts to the land of Israel because they didn't trust God's word that it was a good land.

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Epic fail.

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Deep Thoughts

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illi-NOISE

DVAR

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They were afraid to go to Israel, which was a huge lack of faith on their part, and lots of badness and sadness followed.

Then they decided they wanted to go to Israel. Moses said no. A group of them decided to go anyway.

Epic fail, the remix.

Here's my question:

So, hey; please decide what you want, Moses our great leader. If you want us to be pumped about going to Israel, then don't be upset when we're excited to go. If you want us to be cautious and take our time, then don't be upset when we seem nervous to go! How are the Jewish people supposed to know what to do?

Aha! That's exactly it! We have a really good way to know what to do. We have excellent leaders, who are wise and connected to God. Life is complicated, and we don't always know what to do on our own. One of the foundations of Judaism is the understanding that God wants us to listen to prophets and Torah leaders. When the Jews originally sent the scouts, Moses was against it. They should have listened to him. When they were pumped to go to Israel,



Moses

informed
them that
they'd lost
the chance, and
guess what... they should have listened to him. Especially when you've got a leader like Moses, JUST LISTEN TO HIM!

We don't have leaders like Moses. Not even an itty, bitty, teensy, tinsy bit close to Moses. Yet the Talmud tells us that each generation's leaders are equal to Moses, when it comes to listening. Who are the great Rabbis in your town? The world? Do you know? It's a good idea to find out. Following them is an epic win.



ANSWER ON PAGE 4

Question of the Week

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Out of the 24 books of Tanach (Jewish biblical literature), 7 of the books' names are mentioned in this week's parsha. Can you name them?



LOLZ

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Did you know that dogs can not operate MRI machines?

However, catscan.



COMPLETED

DAYS TILL NAGEELA WEST GIRLS SESSION



ONGOING

DAYS TILL NAGEELA WEST BOYS SESSION

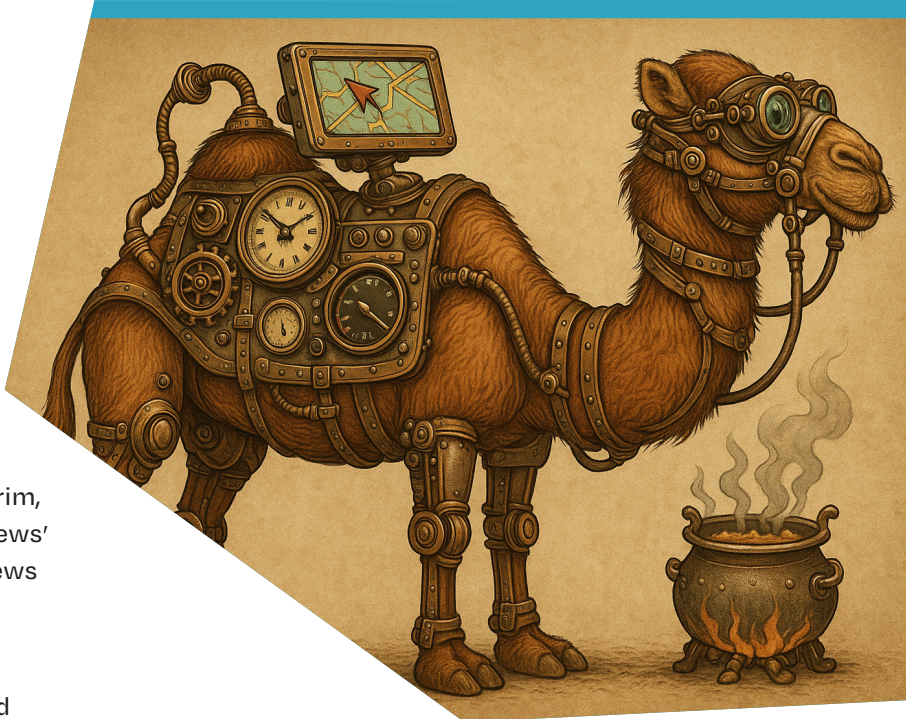
PARSHAL PARSHA

a brief summary of the weekly
Torah porshon

PARSHAS DEVARIM

HOMESTRETCH

- As the fifth book of the Torah (out of five), Devarim, AKA Deuteronomy gives a partial review of the Jews' 40 years in the desert. Kind of a "Last time on Jews in the Desert..."
- Moses speaks to the entire nation, near the end of his life. It's basically his extended last will and testament
- Mention is made of the appointment of judges to help Moses judge and adjudicate and a-jew-dicate
- We recall how the Jewish people sent spies to scout out Israel, believed a bad report and got grounded for 40 years
- As a result every Jew of age passed away in the desert with the exception of Joshua and Caleb
- In traveling toward Israel they avoided the lands of Edom, Amon and Moab, but had a war with the two great kings, Sichon and Og, who were angry because their parents gave them terrible names
- Joshua is named as the successor to Moses who would actually bring the Jewish people into Israel
- Moses gives Joshua encouragement, telling him to be strong and bold



SUMMER HIGHLIGHTS

CAMP NAGEELA MIDWEST GIRLS SESSION CONCLUDED AN AMAZING SESSION A COUPLE OF WEEKS BACK! NAGEELA WEST IS EXCITED TO HAVE JOINED!

CAMP NAGEELA WEST GIRLS ADVENTURE WEEK WAS A HUGE SUCCESS, TRAVELING TO SOME OF THE MOST AMAZING SPOTS IN UTAH, AND ENJOYING A FANTASTIC SHABBOS WITH OLD AND NEW STAFF AND CAMPER

WE'RE HYPED FOR THE SECOND SHABBOS OF NAGEELA MIDWEST BOYS, WITH MANY NAGEELA WEST PARTICIPANTS!

Torat Scene-A-Eye Explained

Some of the highlights of this week's review are represented here.

It's presenting the parsha as a maze, moving from Egypt toward the holy land. We see Moses guiding Joshua, the spies carrying fruits, and people gossiping to each other. We can also see people fighting a war, and people traveling.



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How much do you love
being Jewish?

STUMP THE RABBI

StumptheRabbi is a forum where kids can ask
ANY Jewish question.

Have a question? Please send it in to
stump@nageelawest.org

(Most) questions here are real. Names and some wording have been
changed.

WHAT IS A RABBI?

A CLASSIC STUMP REPRINTED FROM 2021

Hi Rabbi,

What's a Rabbi? I mean I KNOW what a Rabbi is, but what does it mean? What kind of training is required to become a Rabbi? Are all Rabbis the same? Is there a college course or something?

Thanks,
Simi Cha

Dear SimiCha,

Here's a grammar question for you: The plural of mouse is mice, the plural of fish is fish, and the plural of cactus is cacti. So what is the plural of rabbit? Rabbi.

If you'd asked me this question when I was a kid I might have told you a Rabbi is someone with a big beard. Now that I've learned more, I know that some great Rabbis have medium beards. So a Rabbi is someone with a truly painful sense of humor. Alright, I'll answer your question now.

The word Rabbi comes from the term "great" and no, it's not just referring to beard size. The original Rabbis were certainly people who earned that term- great scholars, leaders and moral giants. The process of what it takes to become a Rabbi has changed several times over the generations. Way, way, way back when Moses was ready to pass the torch to the next generation, he leaned his hands on his stu-

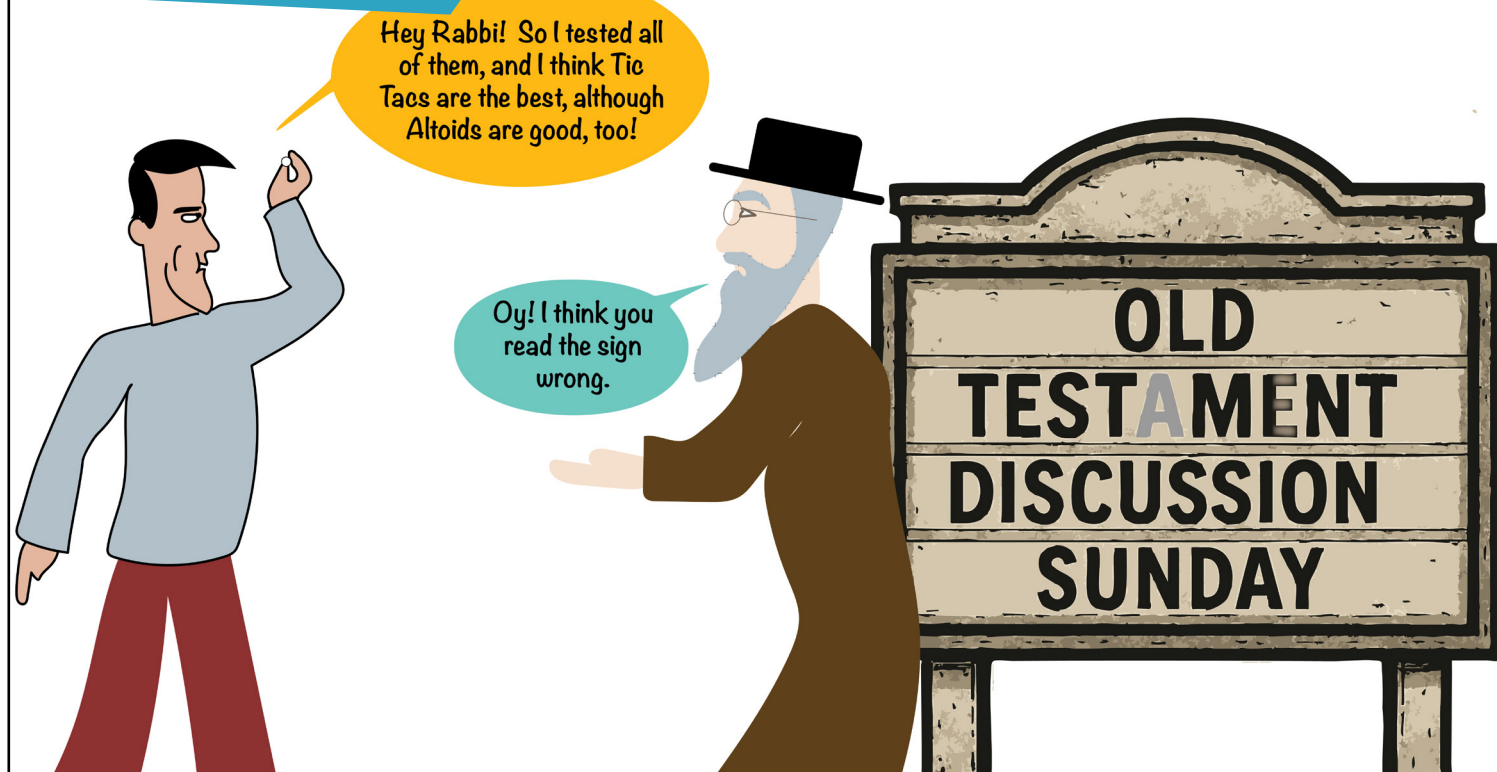
dent,
Joshua.

This lean-
ing symbol-
ized the greatest
Rabbi of all time
passing on
his leadership to a worthy successor. This
process continued for many generations,
with each leader performing "semicha-
leaning" on the most worthy students.
People who achieved this were usually
called "Rabi," hence the modern word.
This went on, teacher to student until
around the destruction of the second tem-
ple, when the last group of official Rabbis
were killed before they could pass it on.
After this, for quite some time, there was
no official semicha or rabbinical training
program. In later talmudic times, the
greatest scholars and leaders were given
the respectful title "Rav" which indicated
that they didn't have the semicha chain
from Moses, yet they were worthy.
Here is something cool to note: Most job
certifications, like if you become a CPA, an
RN, MD or PhD don't say anything about
the type of person you are, or whether
you're actually good at your job. Tradi-
tionally the title of Rabbi was granted by
experience. It was a kind of a communal
recognition that this person deserved it.
That kind of respect doesn't come from
passing a test or writing a thesis, but from
sincerity, compassion, leadership and
honesty. There's something nice about
how informal it all was.
That has largely changed. Although
there are some

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PICKLE JEWS



STUMP THE RABBI

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scholars who identify as Rabbis without 'official' ordination, most 21st century Rabbis have gone to a Rabbinical school where they have studied and tested on a variety of important subjects. Generally to become a Rabbi you have to have a pretty good handle on halacha (Jewish law), gemara (talmudic study), chumash (biblical study) and mussar (personal lessons from the Torah). Often, expertise in Kosher laws, customs and rules of marriage and legal disagreements is included in a modern semicha program. Although there are

many different specific types of programs for semicha, the original concept still applies- Rabbinical ordination means that the person receiving it is worthy of a leadership position within the Jewish people. Of course, some people just become Rabbis because they're great pickle experts. I won't name names.

Have-a Nageela Shabbos

The Rabbi

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QUICK FIX

THE JEWISH PEOPLE ABSOLUTELY LOST THEIR MINDS WHEN TEN OF THEIR SCOUTS FRIGHTENED THEM, BRINING A LOW CONFIDENCE REPORT ABOUT ISRAEL. THE WORRY THEY HAD MAY HAVE BEEN UNDERSTANDABLE, BUT THEY ACTUALLY SAID, "GOD TOOK US OUT OF EGYPT BECAUSE HE HATES US." (SLIGHTLY PARAPHRASED) THAT'S CRAYCRAY.

RASHI GIVES A METAPHOR TO HELP TRY TO EXPLAIN IT. IF A FATHER HAS 2 BUSINESSES, ONE OF WHICH HAS A GUARANTEED DAILY CASHFLOW, AND ONE WHICH HAS INCONSISTENT INCOME. IF HE HAS TWO

SONS, HE'S GONNA GIVE THE MORE CONSISTENT BUSINESS TO HIS FAVORITE SON. EGYPT, WITH A GIGANTIC RIVER, HAD MORE GUARANTEED INCOME. ISRAEL RELIES ON RAIN, WHICH IS SOMETIMES UNRELIABLE. THE JEWS WRONGLY ASSUMED THAT GOD WAS BRINGING THEM TO THE LESS CONSISTENT LAND BECAUSE HE DID NOT CARE ABOUT US.

THE EXACT OPPOSITE IS TRUE. GOD BROUGHT US TO ISRAEL BECAUSE IT'S FAR BETTER TO HAVE OUR RAIN, INCOME AND BLESSINGS DIRECTLY FROM GOD. IT'S THE GIFT FOR THE FAVORITE SON.

WE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR OUR SISTERS AND BROTHERS
RISKING THEIR LIVES TO FIGHT FOR OUR SAFETY



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Answer of the Week

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Devarim (Deut. 1:1), Numbers (Deut. 1:1), Eicha (Deut. 1:12), Yehoshua (Deut. 1:38), Vayikra (Deut. 3:14), and Melachim (Deut. 3:21). Shneim Asar (Trei Asar) (Deut. 1:23).



Happy Birthdays!

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