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PARSHAS ACHAREI MOS-
 KEDOSHIM
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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 ACHAREI MOS AND KEDOSHIM



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.

WHAT'S UP

HOW MANY SONS?

ALRIGHTY! At long last, here we are back in business. We have soooo much to catch up on, I don't even know where to start! So maybe I'll start in the middle, move a little to the left, then loop around. Yeah, that makes sense.

How many sons are in the Passover Haggadah? 4 son.

How many sons were in last week's Jewnior NCSY plans? Tucson.

It was just about a month ago that we pioneered our first Middle school event in Tucson, and that was quickly followed by an absolutely amazing Shabbaton this past weekend! 25 middle schoolers joined us for inspirational singing, meaningful learning, exciting entertainment and a challenging, custom escape room experience! We can't wait to visit Tucson again in May!

Moving onward, 2 beautiful middle school programs took place in the LA area this Tuesday. The first was at the extremely cool Anita Gelato ice cream joint in Tarzana, and that was followed by a gaga and pizza party on Pico Blvd. Check out the pix on page 4.

Oh yeah, this is important! If you live in Nevada and you're considering Jewish summer camp, you should know that the deadline for the Jewish Nevada camp scholarship program is in less than a week, on April 30th. Now is the time to sign up for Camp Nageela!

Here are a couple of more things coming up. This week Thursday, our boys Scholars program will feature a BBQ and expanded program. This week's Hebrew School will be from 9:30-11 to allow for setup time at the community event.

Stay tuned for a May 31st SIX FLAGS trip!

You can sponsor a week of Nageela Shabbos in honor of a special occasion or in memory of a loved one.
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Deep Thoughts

FACT:
 Tall people get hotter showers



JOIN US!

We have programs for Middle School kids from all over the West Coast. Please contact us for details!



LEADERSHIP

Information: A leadership cohort of committed, responsible 7-8 graders who want to help Jewish kids their age. Please contact us!



LOLZ

I'm happy Ford didn't invent the airplane.
 That would not have been Wright.

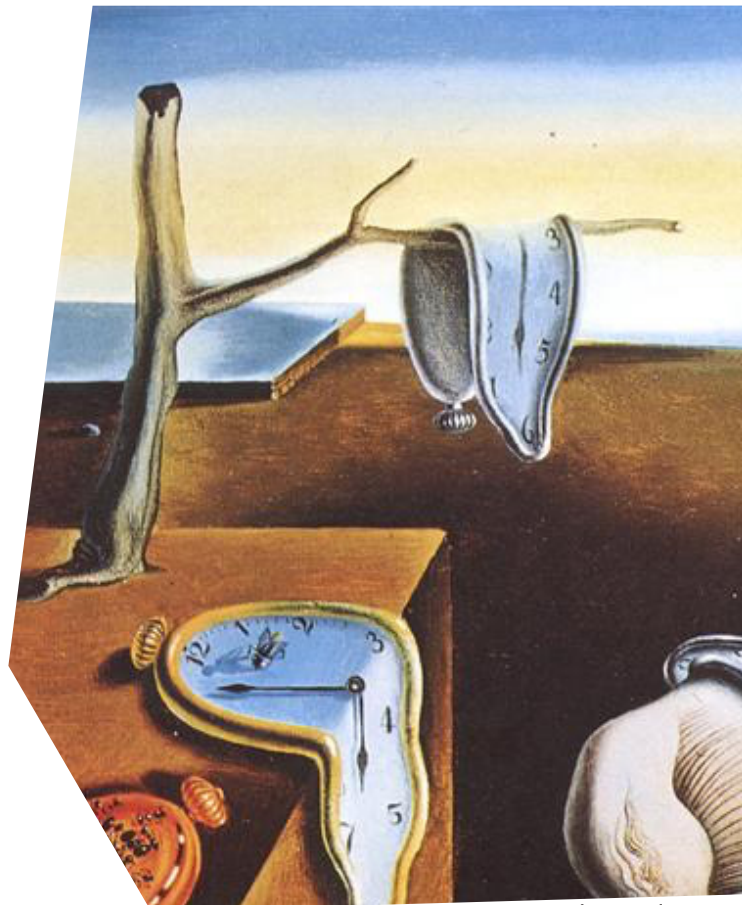
DVAR TORAH

YOU'RE OUT OF TIME

My wall clock has stopped working. I still haven't fixed it... it just never seems to be the right time. In all seriousness, time is a big part of everything we do. In Jewish practice, we're always thinking about time. What TIME is Shabbat candle lighting? How much TIME did it take to bake those Matzos? Hopefully under 18 minutes! What TIME does the fast end? How MANY MINUTES did the Rabbi go overtime on his speech? Usually we're all in on the boundaries created by time. Yet, once in a while, it's good not to be tied down to time. Let me explain what I mean.

This week's Torah portion begins by telling Aaron, the very first Kohein Gadol (high priest, KG for short) that he may not go 'at any time' into the holiest section of the Temple. It was too holy even for the holiest Jew. The typical explanation is that he may not enter any OTHER time, except on the holiest day, Yom Kippur. Yet the wording of 'at any time' is a little hard to read.

Based on an interesting reading by Kli Yakar, here's another interpretation. The Jewish people want to be forgiven, but ya know, we may not always be worthy of forgiveness. Therefore, as our representative, the Kohein may not go AT ANY TIME, period. He can NEVER enter. The only way he may enter is if we completely bypass time. On Yom Kippur, we don't eat or drink, we don't really do ANYTHING that requires attention to time. In fact, we attempt to resemble angels who are beyond our concept of time. By kind of forgetting about time, the KG may enter the HOH (Holy of Holies). The truth is, the whole concept of repentance and forgiveness requires time to be set aside. Forgiveness is time travel. The way God does forgiveness, anyway. He doesn't just forego punishment; if done right, God will actually erase history, and make it as if we hadn't done anything wrong to begin with (this is the cue for all us geeks to start debating which version of time



travel

theory can be supported by this concept).

This may be what the Torah means. The KG may not enter the HOH at any TIME. It is only when we forget about time that we become worthy, and he may enter the inner sanctum. Indeed, sometimes we get too caught up with time. How fast or slow a prayer service is... How many minutes late is Uber... We can lose our connection to the things we can gain. It's hard to imagine having a meaningful meeting if one party is constantly checking his watch. By loosening our infatuation with time, we can be more present, more moved, and better time travelers.



ANSWER ON PAGE 6

Question of the Week

What are the two words in biblical literature for a 'lottery?'

When is lottery mentioned in the Torah?



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PARSHAL PARSHA

*a brief summary of the weekly
Torah parshon*

PARSHAS ACHAREI MOS- KEDOSHIM

**HOLY DAY INSTRUCTIONS, HOLY
PERSON INSTRUCTIONS AND
RELATIONSHIPS**

Acharei Mos-

- Aaron's two elder sons had died when they entered a holy place inappropriately. Aaron is therefore commanded never to enter the holiest part of the Temple except with a special service (and possibly only on Yom Kippur- see Dvar Torah)
- For the parts of the Yom Kippur service that involved entering the holiest place, Aaron wore only linen clothing, none of his bling
- Aaron (or the Kohen Gadol in later generations) would choose two goats, and use a lottery system to decide which one would go 'For God' meaning it would be brought as a sacrifice, and which would go 'For Azazel' which means it was pushed off a cliff in the desert.
- The Kohen would then burn incense (smokey, smelly stuff) and bring it inside the holiest sanctuary, behind the curtain
- He would sprinkle the blood of a bull on the ark
- He would sprinkle the blood of a bull and a goat on the altar
- Many other steps were involved to the Yom Kippur service, all listed in the Mussaf service we recite on Yom Kippur
- The Torah then commands us to keep Yom Kippur as a kind of 'super- Shabbat'
- We are forbidden from bringing any animal offerings outside the Holy Temple.
- Wait, stop! Put down that glass of Snapple blood- ice tea. We are forbidden to drink blood. Whew.
- When we slaughter wild animals or birds, there's a special mitzvah to cover their blood. I think it's so the blood fairy (a close relative to the toothy kind) can leave a dollar
- The Torah gives us many rules of morality and tells us which marriages and relationships are allowed and disallowed.
- The Parsha concludes by mentioning that oh, BTW, if we don't keep these laws, the land of Israel might get an upset stomach and spew us out, just like the people before us. I don't know about you but I don't want to get spewed.

Kedoshim

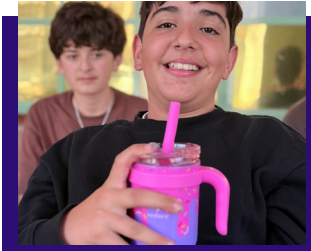
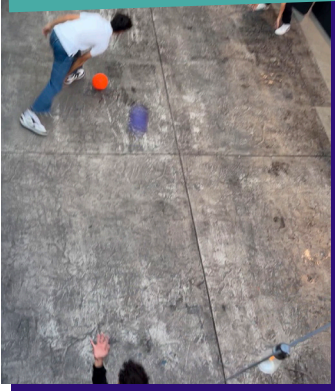
- This parsha gives many instructions, 51 to be exact, all centered around the idea of being 'holy'
- Here is just a partial list of the instructions listed in this week's portion:
- A person has got to act with reverence toward his parents. That includes not contradicting them. I'm only saying that because my parents told me to.
- When bringing a sacrifice, even thinking about doing it wrong can invalidate it
- The Torah tells us not to trip a blind person. That seems like a really cruel thing to do, unless you're one of the three stooges- right up their alley.
- The commandment not to trip a blind person, is actually meant as a warning not to cause someone else to do something against the Torah, like feeding a person food that isn't kosher, or asking someone to put pineapple on pizza
- There's a mitzvah not to be a peddler. I like to pedal my bike, but I suspect this means something else, like not to tell stories that will cause hatred between people.
- Two wrongs don't make a right, but three rights make a left. In other words, don't take revenge.
- When planting a tree, the fruit may not be eaten for three years after it's planted (or four years, depending on where you are)
- Sorry Darth Maul, tattoos are against the Torah. Hey, what do you call a skin marking done by a ballet dancer? A tatutu
- As important as it is to build the holy temple, it does not justify breaking Shabbos
- It's vital to be honest in business
- We are instructed not to act like the nations of the world
- Bagels are the holeiest bread

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PIX CLIX

SOME HIGHLIGHTS OF SOME RECENT STUFF



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PICKLE JEWS

Right turn?
That doesn't
seem right.



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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.

ALL THE POWER TO YOU

A BRAND NEW STUMP THE RABBI EPISODE #288

Hi Rabbi,

Jews believe in just one God, right? A Christian friend pointed out to me that that Hebrew word for God- Elokim- is plural. Gods. Is that true?

Thanks,
Patricia L Ural

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Dear PLUral,

This is a serious question and I'm so glad you asked. Let's give a little background. When's the last time you gave thanks to Artemis? Not the moon astronauts. The fictional deity worshipped by the ancient Greeks. Not recently? Why not? Aren't you grateful to the moon? And what about the last time you were in a boat; was Poseidon in your prayers? The moon, the sea, glitter; these are all mighty powers (I'm pretty sure glitter is actually immortal). So mighty that many ancients thought they must each have a separate divine entity (gods are apparently bad at multitasking). When we think about ancient religions worshipping their 'gods,' that mostly means they recognized a power in nature (wind, earthquakes, fire, thunder, the ocean, the sun) and gave respect to that power as its own autonomous force. Judaism revolutionized that by explaining that all 'mighty powers' aren't individual entities. There is one all-mighty being responsible for



all those powers. All powers come from one source, our Almighty God. Now let's look at the grammar. The Hebrew word spelled ALEF LAMED 5-8 , which I'll write here as K&L (the K is added so that our printed copies won't actually have one of God's names written on it) is sometimes used to refer to God, but often it's simply used to refer to something powerful. A strong or intimidating person, or a mighty natural power can be referred to as K&L. The Hebrew word for God is the plural of that- 'ELOKIM.' Your friend read that as many gods, but in reality it means 'many powers' or 'ALL POWERS.' I think this is so cool. The exact wording that your friend thought points to plurality, actually refers to unity. It means that all the powers of the universe are concentrated in this one ELOKIM. Cold day? God. Heat wave? God. Illness? God. Healing? God. Joy, love, war, stock market? God, God, God. Now you know, when someone uses the Hebrew word ELOKIM, that it refers to the idea that all powers in the universe belong to Him. What do the other names for God mean? Hmmm. Maybe that's a question for another week.

Have a Nageela Shabbos,

The Rabbi



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DAYS TILL NAGEELA WEST GIRLS SESSION



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DAYS TILL NAGEELA WEST BOYS SESSION

Answer of the Week

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In the Torah, the word 'goral' is used. In the megillah, it's 'pur'. The Torah uses lottery in reference to the Kohan Gadol service on Yom Kippur, and also for diving the land of Israel according to tribes and families.



QUESTION ON PAGE 2

LAS VEGAS

JEWNIOR NCSY

CALENDAR

2025-2026

Sep 02

Skating Kickoff
City National Arena



Oct 11

HUT DOG
Campout under the stars & s'mores



Oct 19

Summer Jump Session
Learn about all our amazing summer opportunities



Nov 7-9

ADVENTURE SHABBATON
Alamo, NV



Dec 11-14

SKI Weekend
Utah



Feb 13-16

Jewnior Regional
California Extended Shabbat experience with Jewniors from six states



April 17-19

AZ District Shabbaton
Tucson



May 24

Summer Sendoff
End the year with a bang!

May 31

SIX FLAGS
Join with LA chapter for an unforgettable day!

Director Info -

FUNLY FIRSTLY

Fun Days, the first Sunday or Monday of the month:

- Monday Nov 3- Laser Tag
- Monday Dec 1- Bowling
- Monday Jan 5- Flipn Out
- Sunday Feb 1- Ski Day
- Sunday March 1- Glow Party
- Monday April 13- Roller Skating
- Monday May 4- Sports Day
- Monday June 1- Ice Cream Party

Weekly Programs:

- Sunday 10am Hebrew School
- Monday 5pm Tween Night (grades 4-6)
- Monday 6pm Teen Night (grades 7-8)
- Thursday 8:15pm Scholars Study (boys)

Look out for...

Giving Days- Fundraising Drive March 8-9

Our Board run Instagram account @lv.jewniors

Sticker Drop Days

ZOOM classes

Monthly Challenges and other info at westcoastncsy.org/jewniors.



CAMP NAGEELA WEST SUMMER 2026

GIRLS MAIN SESSION
JUNE 23- JULY 15

GIRLS ADVENTURE WEEK
JUNE 16- JUNE 23

BOYS MAIN SESSION
JULY 15- AUG 6

BOYS ADVENTURE WEEK
JULY 8- JULY 15



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