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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 Nitzavim*



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?

STUFF IS HAPPENING

- Enjoy this week's somewhat shortened Nageela Shabbos. We anticipate putting out a full length episode for Rosh Hashana. Yay!
- This past week, Arizona Jewnior NCSY kicked off in grand fashion! Jewish FUNdamentals presentation in a school, Shakes and Stories at a Cafe, and spectacular kickoff trip to Slick City. What a day!
- Early Bord registration for Camp Nageela West/Midwest was a great success, with over 100 campers already registered within the first few weeks!
- This Sunday in Las Vegas, we kick off this season's Hebrew School. No synagogue membership required! Join us Sunday mornings. For grades K-8.
- This Monday, as it's Rosh Hashana, there won't be any of our regular NCSY programs locally. We'll reconvene next Monday, Sept 29th.

*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

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Does a straw have one hole or two holes?



JOIN US!

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



LEADERSHIP

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



ANSWER ON PAGE 4

Question of the Week

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In Tanach (biblical literature, what things swallowed other things?
I can think of 5. How many can you get.

DVAR TORAH

I KNOW MY ABC...

It was a terrible pandemic. A disease of staggering proportions. They called it the Angel Breath Condition, or ABC. Let's just say that name was meant to be less embarrassing, but the main symptom of this disease was basically the opposite type of breath. I'm just assuming here that angels use mouthwash, cuz, you know, they're good and they probably also floss after every meal and sleep 8 hours a day. But I digress (which is another thing angels for sure never do).

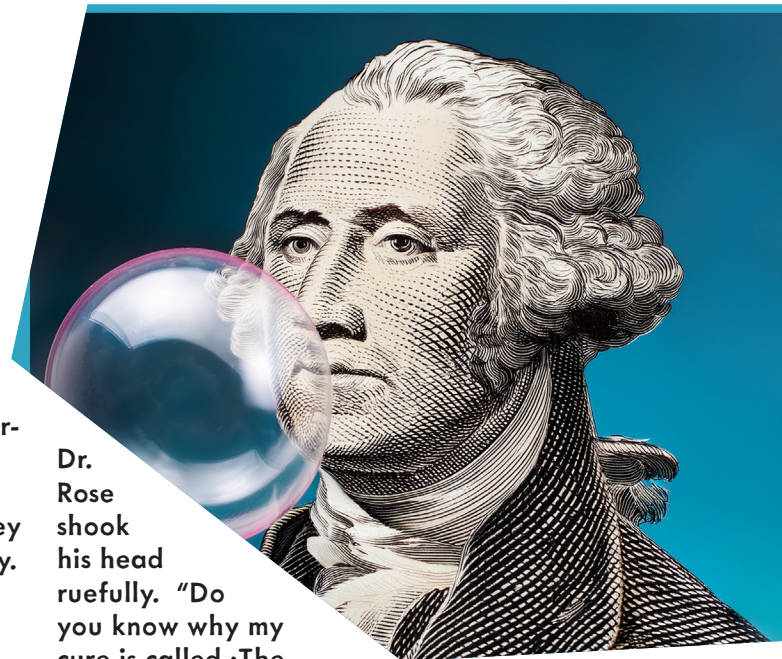
In the suburb of Halitownship, 3 citizens developed this dreaded disease, where their breath smelled like a combination of all the bad Jelly Belly flavors. It was torture for their families, co-workers and friends alike. People couldn't even talk to them on ZOOM meetings. It was bad. Then along came Dr. Rose, who had patented a medical procedure to cure ABC. Very creatively, he had named his treatment "The ABC cure." After doing an initial report, the Doctor discovered that the three patients were in very different situations. Mark was really excited for Dr. Rose's procedure. He hated his halitosis, and he was willing to do anything, pay anything to remedy his malady. Jasmine was also bothered by her condition. She was embarrassed by it and was willing to undergo treatment. But when Jasmine heard the price tag on Dr. Rose's experimental procedure, she got cold feet (which ironically was one of the scents coming from her mouth). She wanted to get healed (not heeled) but she had a limit.

And then there was George. You see, George's problem was that he didn't think he had the disease at all. Perhaps he was in denial. Maybe there were some deep emotional scars that stemmed from a yoga accident years before (don't ask), or maybe he just didn't mind the smell. Either way, George didn't believe he was suffering from a malodorous ailment. The truth is, he WASN'T suffering from ABC. He HAD the disease, he just wasn't SUFFERING from it. Everybody else certainly was suffering from his distemper, which is why he was willing to have a consultation with Dr. Rose.

After their initial consultations, Dr. Rose booked appointments to help Mark and Jasmine get treatment. Yes, even Jasmine. Determined to help, he was willing to provide financial aid to the reluctant sufferer. However, he refused to give George an appointment.

"Why not at least try with George?" He was asked.

"He says he's willing to undergo treatment. You're willing to help Jasmine, can you try to help George, too?"



Dr. Rose shook his head ruefully. "Do you know why my cure is called :The ABC cure?"

"Ummm, because it cures the ABC disease?"

"Oh... I hadn't thought of that! No, that's not the reason at all. It's because one of my main treatment methods is that the patient must swallow large amounts of ABC gum."

"What's ABC gum?"

"Already been chewed. By people with ABC."

After waiting for the predictable gagging sounds, the doctor continued. "It's hard to go through the ABC treatment. Mark is obviously willing to go through the process. Jasmine is short on cash, but she seems to genuinely want to get healed. But George doesn't think he's sick. Sure he was willing to come for a checkup, but someone who doesn't realize they have a problem will never be willing to do the work necessary to fix it. It's a waste of his time and mine to try."

Nitzavim is perfectly poised immediately before the High holidays, while discussing many of the themes of the season. In fact, the actual commandment to 'return to God' is listed in this Parsha. Fixing our deficiencies can be accomplished in many ways, and usually they don't involve swallowing someone else's mastication. Yet one ingredient is absolutely imperative. No mistake is getting fixed if we don't recognize the problem. Being real with ourselves and realizing that we're imperfect is the only way to begin the road to improvement. So let's do some self reflection (which is basically a selfie, but with less of a kissy face), and examine the parts of our lives we should improve. Then we can start along the road to ABC (Amazing Blessings from Creator).



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LOLZ

Russian dolls
bother me.

They're so full of
themselves.

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PARSHAL PARSHA

*a brief summary of the weekly
Torah parshon*

PARSHAS NITZAVIM (and Vayelech)

STAND UP!

YEAH, I know this week is only Nitzavim, but it's unlikely we'll have a publication next week (there will be one for Rosh Hashana, one for Yom Kippur and one for Sukkos, hopefully) and they're both so short, so here we go.

- On the very last day of Moses' life, he calls all the Jewish people together for a gathering, to reinforce the deal between God and His people. Everyone is there, from the leaders to the children
- We are all given responsibility for one another's actions. Every Jew needs to feel obligated for the success of every other Jew
- Nevertheless, we're only responsible for the things we can know about. We don't have to read people's minds. Hey, I wonder... what if a mind reader is illiterate?
- The Torah guarantees that even if the Jews will be spread to the four corners of the Earth (which we kind of are), will eventually be gathered in to Israel
- We are given the choice between life and death and we're advised (commanded?) to choose life
- Moses gives encouragement to his successor, Joshua, telling him to be strong
- Moses writes a Torah and gives it his tribe, the Levites
- Time to convene the convention. In the year after the Sabbatical year, all Jews gather in Jerusalem. Men, women and children all show up to hear a portion of the Torah being read
- The final commandment in the Torah is given. It's the commandment to write a Torah scroll
- A Torah scroll is placed inside the holiest part of the Mishkan, either inside the Holy Ark or on a shelf right beside it



Torat Scene-A-Eye Explained

Nitzavim describes the speech Moses gave on the final day of his life. He gathered everyone, and the Torah lists woodcutters, watercarriers, the old and the young, women and young children. The parsha continues by telling us the the commandments aren't in the heavens for which we'd have to climb a ladder to the heavens. Nor are they across the sea for which a ship would be required.



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NA-NA-NAGEELA



How much do you love
being Jewish?

YOU ARE STANDING HERE TODAY...

I GUESS SOMEONE
FORGOT TO BRING
THE CHAIRS.



Decode the
puzzle



QUESTION ON PAGE 1

Answer of the Week

- The 5 are:
1. The thin stalks swallowing the fat stalks in Parah's dream.
 2. The thin cows swallow the fat cows in Pharaoh's other dreams.
 3. Aaron's staff swallowing the staffs of the Egyptian sorcerers.
 4. The earth swallowing Korach and his followers.
 5. The fish swallowing Jonah.



Happy Birthdays!

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