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PARSHAS VAYECHI 5785

Torat Scene-A-Eye

*This features an AI generated picture that has numerous hints to the weekly parsha or relevant holiday.
How many hints can you find?
This week's is about Parshas Vayechi*



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DVAR TORAH

DON'T BLAME ME

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Have you ever been in a situation where there's a misunderstanding and someone thinks you hurt them- and you really didn't? It's uncomfortable, especially when that person is someone you care about and respect. Human nature is to want to smooth these things over quickly and make sure nobody suspects you of anything improper.

Jacob and Joseph had a very special relationship. Yet beneath it, Joseph had a deep- rooted complaint against Jacob. Rachel, Joseph's mother, had passed away decades earlier, while Jacob was traveling. Instead of burying Rachel in the most respectful place (which probably would have been in Hebron at our ancestral burial site), Jacob simply buried her at the roadside. We know that Jacob had a really good reason for this. He had a prophetic vision about the future exile of the Jewish people, and wanted them to be able to stop and pray at Rachel's tomb as they're being led out in chains. This prayer- pit- stop would be very important for them and also would help smooth the way for Rachel's prayers to ensure her children would eventually return to their homeland.

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in an empty room.***



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When Jacob speaks to Joseph near the end of his life, he reveals that he had a good reason, and hints that Joseph may have resented, for like 50 years, an assumption that Jacob simply didn't respect Rachel enough to bury her properly. Joseph doesn't deny this. So why did Jacob wait so long to tell his beloved son? Why not assure Joseph years earlier that he loved and respected Rachel, and buried her where he did out of necessity? Why let Joseph carry that burden for so many years?

Had Jacob revealed this info to Joseph, he would have had to tell Joseph about the bitter exile that would take place. In order to understand the importance of Rachel's burial spot, it would have been necessary to reveal just how serious the exile would be. Jacob chose to let Joseph resent him for so many years rather than pain Joseph with the knowledge that his descendants would go through such pain.

Now we're talking about an exile that would be like a thousand years later. Many generations in between. A thousand years is a pretty long time. Joseph had such sensitivity that just knowing there



ANSWER ON PAGE 4

Question of the Week

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Who waw the first
person to lead the
Children of Israel out
of Egypt?



LOLZ

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I wanted new
swimming trunks, so
I pushed a couple of
elephants into a pool.

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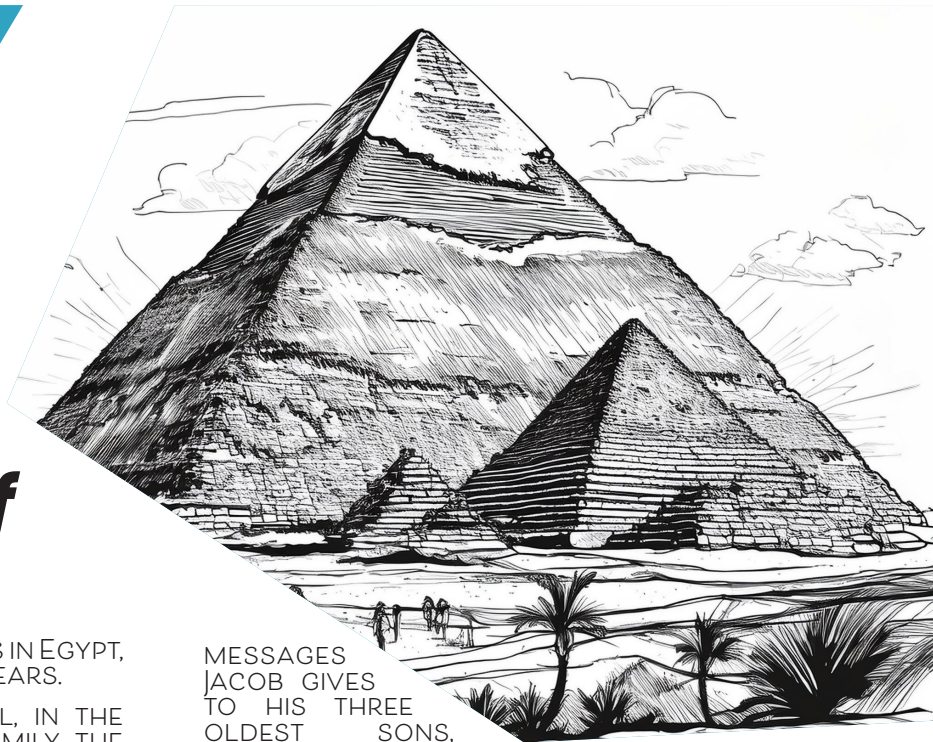
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DAYS TILL NAGEELA WEST BOYS SESSION

PARSHAL PARSHA

a brief summary of the weekly
Torah porshon

PARSHAS VAYECHI- The End of the Beginning



- ❶ JACOB IS 130 YEARS OLD WHEN HE ARRIVES IN EGYPT, AND HE LIVES THERE AN ADDITIONAL 17 YEARS.
- ❶ JACOB WANTS TO BE BURIED IN ISRAEL, IN THE ANCESTRAL BURIAL GROUND OF HIS FAMILY, THE CAVE OF THE PATRIARCHS, IN HEBRON. IN HEBREW THAT'S PRONOUNCED CHEVRON, NOT TO BE CONFUSED WITH ANY GAS STATIONS OF THE SAME SPELLING. HE HAS JOSEPH MAKE AN OATH TO BRING JACOB FOR BURIAL IN ISRAEL.
- ❶ JACOB THEN BLESSES JOSEPH'S SONS, MENASHEH AND EPHRAIM. THERE ARE TWO UNUSUAL THINGS ABOUT THIS BLESSING. FIRSTLY, THEY ARE GRANDSONS, NOT SONS, SO THE FACT THAT HE GIVES THEM INDIVIDUAL BLESSINGS IS QUITE UNUSUAL AND SHOWS THE SPECIAL REGARD HE HAS FOR JOSEPH. SECONDLY, HE GIVES THE GREATER BLESSING TO EPHRAIM, DESPITE MENASHEH BEING THE OLDER SON. AGAIN, JACOB SHOWS THAT HE'S MORE CONCERNED WITH WHO DESERVES THE BLESSINGS THAN THE BIRTH ORDER.
- ❶ THE JEWISH PEOPLE HAVE ADOPTED THIS BLESSING AS ONE TO GIVE TO OUR CHILDREN: "MAY GOD MAKE YOU LIKE EPHRAIM AND MENASHEH." IT'S STILL USED TODAY.
- ❶ JACOB CALLS ALL OF HIS CHILDREN TO HIM, AND GIVES HIS FINAL WORDS. MOSTLY, THESE ARE IN THE FORM OF BLESSINGS, PINPOINTING THE STRENGTHS AND TALENTS OF EACH SON. HOWEVER, THE

MESSAGES
JACOB GIVES
TO HIS THREE
OLDEST SONS,

REUBEN, SIMON AND
LEVI, SEEM MORE CRITICISM THAN BLESSING.

- ❶ JACOB DIES AND IS EMBALMED, TO PRESERVE HIS BODY. THIS MAY BE BECAUSE THAT WAS THE ACCEPTED EXPECTATION IN EGYPT. SOME COMMENTARIES PROVIDE OTHER REASONS WHY JOSEPH WOULD HAVE HAD HIS FATHER'S BODY EMBALMED, WHICH SEEMS TO GO AGAINST STANDARD JEWISH PRACTICE.
- ❶ AFTER GIVING THE NATION OF EGYPT SOME TIME TO GRIEVE FOR THE LOSS OF JACOB, HIS SONS AND A LARGE PROCESSION BRING JACOB'S REMAINS TO ISRAEL TO BE BURIED IN THE CAVE OF THE PATRIARCHS, THE SAME SPOT HIS PARENTS AND GRANDPARENTS ARE BURIED, AND WHERE HE HAD BURIED HIS WIFE, LEAH.
- ❶ THIS SPOT CAN STILL BE VISITED TODAY (THOUGH THERE'S A LARGE BUILDING BUILT OVER THE CAVE) AND MANY PEOPLE GO THERE TO PRAY.
- ❶ AFTER JACOB'S PASSING, THERE'S SOME TENSION. THE TEN OLDER SONS OF JACOB WORRY THAT JOSEPH WILL ACT AGAINST THEM IN REVENGE FOR WHAT THEY HAD DONE TO HIM MANY YEARS EARLIER. JOSEPH ASSURES THEM THAT HE HAD NO INTENTIONS OF REVENGE.

❶ JOSEPH MAKES HIS BROTHERS SWEAR THAT WHEN THE JEWS WILL EVENTUALLY LEAVE EGYPT THEY WILL CARRY HIS REMAINS TO BE BURIED IN ISRAEL, JUST AS HIS FATHERS WERE.

❶ JOSEPH DIES AND IS PLACED IN A COFFIN, BUT NOT ACTUALLY BURIED, AWAITING THE DAY WHEN THE JEWS WOULD RETURN TO ISRAEL.



Torat Scene-A-Eye Explained

The clock represents Jacob's 12 sons, and many of the blessings he gives to them are shown here. The balance scales (Dan), the olive trees (Asher), an ox (Joseph) and a lion (Judah). Stars in the sky represent the future generations for the Jewish people. Can you find any more?

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Joseph, when he lead his brothers to bury Jacob in Isra-
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PICKLE JEWS



Dad, I want YOU to be like our forefather Jacob!

When it was time to give a blessing, Jacob did a switch!

BLESSING SWITCH

This is the one I want...

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Happy Birthdays!

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