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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 ROSH HASHANA. Can you figure out what's going on?

WHAT'S UP

here's a little
week.

We visited the Valley View Middle School in Simi Valley where we gave out apples and honey and spoke about the Jewish new year to over 1,200 students! From there we had a high energy Jewish Brain Freeze event in Tarzana, with dozens of excited Jewish middle schoolers, learning about Yom Kippur and having a blast. The ice cream at Anita Gelato is actually insane. Finally, it was Pico's turn, where we kicked off our Middle School board, and got some powerful learning about opportunities, while enjoying pizza and a rather intense series of gaga games. Can't wait for the next visit!

We have confirmed the weekend of January 22nd for our annual Jewnior Regional Shabbaton! We're expanding it this year, brining in new cities and at a much bigger place. Stay tuned for details and signup info dropping real soon! In the meanwhile, we're planning some other local Shabbatons. Both Vegas and Arizona should expect to see a Shabbaton by November.

Let's take a minute to highlight one of our local programs: The Meadows School is a staple of the SUMerlin area, with a very high concentration of Jewish students. Just last year we began a weekly JSU club in the Middle school, and kids have been coming, enjoying, and even coming to events outside of school!

Do you enjoy reading Nageela Shabbos? We enjoy making it, and we'd really like to increase our reach. As the new year begins, we invite you to join our email list to receive Nageela Shabbos in your inbox each week. You can use this QR code, or email info@nageelawest.org.



You can sponsor a week of Nageela Shabbos in honor of a special occasion or in memory of a loved one.
Help us reach more Jewish kids with interesting Torah content!



Deep Thoughts

If you didn't understand last week's deep thought, does it count as a deep thought, or a rather shallow one?



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 heard electric cars feel discriminated against, because most of the driving laws are not current.

DVAR TORAH

HIDDEN IN PLAIN SIGHT

As the private jet touched down at a small airfield outside the city, Stuart could tell something was a little bit off. Maybe more than a little bit. He'd been to this small, war torn country on business before, but the revolutionaries', counter revolutionaries', and counter- counter revolutionaries' constant fighting had destabilized the economy, compromised safety and made it a pretty overall lousy place to visit. Looking out the windows, he could see heavily armed... soldiers isn't the right word... thugs guarding the air-strip. So why was Stuart here in the first place? We'll find that out a bit later in the story. Cliffhanger? No, silly. He's on a plane, not a cliff.

As Stuart stepped onto the tarmac, he was, predictably, approached by the militia men who insisted that he turn out his pockets. "You're gonna rob me right out here in the open?" Stuart asked, incredulous.

"No, no rob. Tax. We take tariff on you." They quickly skipped over the credit cards in Stuart's wallet, knowing they wouldn't be able to use them without getting flagged immediately for fraud. The skipped over his no-name watch, a pack of playing cards, and a small pack of Tic Tacs. Opening his wallet, they found \$670 in cash, as well as one UNO reverse card.

"Are you really gonna rob me over \$670? Really? And risk me calling the United States embassy and making this an international incident?"

The men conversed with each other for a few minutes until one of them, who seemed to be in charge, said, "We let you go. You are worthless!"

"Why thank you!"

Stuart responded, as he shoveled his belongings back into his pockets. "Tic Tac anyone?" He offered, proffering the candies toward them. They ignored him. How rude.

Before we find out more of what happened to Stuart, let's discuss what happened to Moses, the great Torah receiver, that is alluded to in this week's Torah reading.

Instacart would not deliver the Torah to the foot of Mount Sinai, so Moses climbed to the top, somehow entering the realm of heaven and the angels. What happened then? The angles were not cool with the prospect of Moses taking the Torah, removing it's primary ownership from heaven, and bringing it down to Earth. To people. They were like, "No." Now there

are a number of Midrashic accounts about this spiritual tug of war, but this particular Midrash says Moses held up the tablets and said something like, "Hey, I'm just taking two stone

blocks here. Nothing of real value. Nuttin to see here. You can go back to doing your angel harp things, and I'll just take the escalator down with my shopping bag of nothing too important." And yes, that is somewhat paraphrased, not an exact quote.

You may have looked at Stuart thinking, "He isn't so smart. He should have known



OUR JOB IS TO PULL THE
WISDOM OUT OF THE STORY



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better. Why would he fly there if he's just gonna get mugged?" Stuart is smart. So smart that his tech company has developed some of the most advanced AI capable computer chips. The prototypes are worth hundreds of millions, and Stuart wouldn't trust anyone else to deliver them, which is why he cleverly hid them inside his specially made playing cards. His would-be muggers had no idea what value they were allowing to slip through their fingers, because it looked simple.

But angels are smarter than that. How did smart, sophisticated angels get bamboozled by Moses' ploy? Don't you think they knew that those two tablets contain wisdom valuable beyond all other things?

The playing cards also work as playing cards.

Of course the angels know the value of the Torah's wisdom. They just didn't

realize that Moses knew. The Torah is an incredible document for many reasons, one of them being that it reads like a children's book. You can look at the Torah and see simplicity. You can read the rules and think it's a legal system. It's possible to examine the narrative and think there moral nursery rhymes. Be nice. Don't steal. Murder is bad.

There's so, so, so, so, so much wisdom and depth hiding in plain sight, but it's precisely because of this format that Moses was able to pool the sapphire over the angels' eyes. Were the angels right? Do we read the Torah and just pull out the superficial minimum? Our job is to pull as many microchips as we can from those playing cards.



ANSWER ON PAGE 4

Question of the Week

How is it possible to have a set of twins, both in perfect health, and only the younger one would be obligated to fast on Yom Kippur?

PICKLE JEWS

This year, I'm taking Yom Kippur very seriously. My main focus is on personal improvement!

So I've made a list...

A list of all the things everyone else has to improve!



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REBUS CHALLENGE

can you figure out this Hi themed phrase?

ANSWER ON
PAGE 6



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Torat Scene-A-Eye Explained

PARSHAS HAAZINU IS A SONG WITH MUCH SYMBOLISM. HERE ARE A FEW
THINGS THAT ARE ALLUDED TO IN THE PARSHA.

Did you find these things?

- An ear / listening heavens — "Give ear, O heavens"
- The earth hearing — "and let the earth hear"
- Rain — "May my teaching drop like the rain"
- Dew / droplets — "my words flow like dew"
- A rock — one of the parsha's central repeated images: Hashem as the Rock
- An eagle with a nest / young birds — "Like an eagle arousing its nest..."
- A wilderness / desert scene — "He found him in a desert land"
- The pupil of an eye — "He guarded him like the pupil of His eye"
- Honey or sweetness from a rock — "He fed him honey from a rock"
- Oil from flinty stone — "and oil from the flinty rock"
- Grapes / vineyards — from the imagery of produce and vines
- Wine / blood of grapes — "the blood of the grape, foaming wine"
- A sword — part of the imagery of punishment
- Arrows — "I will use up My arrows against them"
- Fire / flame — "a fire has been kindled in My anger"
- A protective / nurturing figure — reflecting Hashem's care for Israel in the wilderness
- A song or musical hint — because Ha'azinu itself is a shirah, a poetic song

Did Jew Know?

Haazinu is a rare section of the Torah where the format in a Torah scroll is unusual. It's written in columns, like poetry, or song lyrics.

Answer
of the
Week

.....
If they are 12, and the
younger twin is a girl.
Her older brother would
be exempt!

QUESTION ON PAGE 3



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.

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A FRESH, ORIGINAL STUMP THE RABBI, MADE IN NEVADA, 2026

Hi Rabbi,

If God has no needs, why did He need to make people? What is the purpose?

Thanks,

Rhea S. Onabul

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Dear Reasonable,

Oh, I thought that was obvious. God created people because his Wi-Fi was down and he was bored. Thought you knew that. JK, obviously. God can't be bored because God is awesome and perfect, and boredom is a human weakness. So why did God create people?

It should also be obvious t h a t we can't expect to fully know with confidence what God's thinking or what God's motivations are. He's way too deep and beyond our comprehension. However, some of the great works of Jewish philosophers give us some direction in this area. They say that God by definition is GOOOOD. It's just like GOD, but with an extra few O's for overwhelming, outstanding, off-the-hook, and OMG. God is good, and goodness means giving and generosity. The very essence of God is giving goodness, and humans were created as the recipients of this largesse (that means 'generous bestowal

**GOD WANTS TO GIVE ME
AWESOMENESS, HAPPINESS
AND PLEASURE**



of gifts, not a gigantic letter S).

What is God's plan for my life? To give me awesomeness, happiness and pleasure.

When we're happy, God is happy. What is the best way to get happiness? Well that's the trick, right? Let's do some math (in a discussion about happiness? What???)

Parents want their kids to be happy

+ Candy makes kids happy

= Parents should give kids candy 24/7.

Make sense?

Of course not. We all understand that when you want someone to have the absolute best, it takes planning and details, not just giving them whatever they want whenever they want it.. That's why God gave us planning and details in the form of the Torah, and a future place for ultimate pleasure. Those are

topics for a different day. For now, know that you are here to receive the large S. Or as my grandmother would say, "S, mein kind."

Have a Nageela Shabbos,

The Rabbi



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DAYS TILL NAGEELA WEST BOYS SESSION

PARSHAL PARSHA

a brief summary of the weekly Torah porshon

HAAZINU

SING US A SONG

- Moses recites the song of Haazinu, which speaks poetically about events in the past, present and future of the Jewish people
- Many events are prophesied here, but there's no way to give a quick summary; it's actually one of the hardest to understand passages in the Torah
- After the song is finished, Moses urges the Jewish people to take it very seriously, because it is their life
- God tells Moses to climb Mount Nevo, and informs him that he will die there, and never enter the Land of Israel

REBUS ANSWERS

can you figure out this Rosh Hashana themed phrase?

PUZZLE ON
PAGE 4

STAR + T = START



YURT - T = YOUR



Y +



Y + EAR = YEAR



OFF



RIGHT



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WE WOULD LIKE TO WISH A VERY, VERY HAPPY UN-BIRTHDAY TO APPROXIMATELY 99.73% OF THE WORLD!



Happy Birthdays!

HBD to the following family members

Rome Eden
Leah Kantrowitz
Tamar Orgel
Noam Goldman
Jordan Darrison

Noam Eden
Rabbi David Shenker
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