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TORAT SCENE- A- EYE

An AI generated image representing Rebecca watering Eliezer's camels. How many details can you find?

DEEP THOUGHTS

If you want to become a pilot quickly, do you take a crash course?

LOLZ

Why was six afraid of seven?

Because seven ate nine!



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DVAR TORAH

BEST BUY

Who did Abraham buy the cave from?

Whom.

No, that's incorrect. It wasn't Whom. Try again. Who did Abraham buy the Cave of Machpeilah from?

Whom did he buy it from!

I'm the one asking the questions here. From who did he buy it?

He. Did. Not! He bought it from Chase!

The bank?

No, the nation. The Children of Chase.

I thought it was Efron.

That's what I said.



If you're confused as I am, raise your hand. I can't see your hand, silly.

Truthfully, the Torah is confusing on this topic. We know Abraham bought the cave from a guy named Efron, who was a member of the Nation of Chase (or Ches, or Chet, or Het). However, at times the Torah describes the cave as being purchased from Efron, and at times, it says he bought it from the Children of Chase. Which I guess isn't technically wrong, but it seems odd.

"Where did you buy your car?"

"From Mike's Used cars and Carrot Sculpting."

"You should have just said you bought your car from the Nevadans!"

IF WE WANT SOMETHING TO REALLY BE MEANINGFUL IN OUR LIVES, IT'S GOT TO HAVE STAYING POWER

Why would the Torah use Efron's sale and credit it to his nation?

Something bigger was going on here. We see from the beginning of the story that the Children of Chase respected Abraham. But there's a difference between respecting someone, and wanting him to live with you. They valued Abraham as a representative of G-d, but it would have been easy enough for them to say, "Come visit, stay for tea, and then be on your way." I've known many families who kind of treat Judaism this way. They have great respect and interest

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DVAR TORAH

BEST BUY... CONTINUED

in Torah, as long as it doesn't try to move in. It's an amazing place to visit, but it's not really my permanent reality.

By allowing Efron to permanently sell Abraham actual property, the Chasies (good name?) we doing much more than indulging a visitor, they were inviting him to hold a permanent stake in their community. That's big. So we give them recognition for their willingness to 'have us in the neighborhood' and we also remind ourselves that if we want something to really be meaningful in our lives- relationships, education, charity- it can't be a one- off. It's got to have staying power, and usually should come with a long term commitment that's hard to shake.

PICKLE JEWS





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PARSHAL PARSHA

CHAYEI SARAH

Happily ever...

- After 127 wonderful years, and after raising the incredible Isaac to adulthood, our matriarch Sarah passes away.
- Abraham finds the perfect place to bury Sarah, and names a gas station after its location.
- Abraham pays 400 silver shekels for the burial spot where most of our 'founding fathers and mothers' would eventually be buried. Incidentally, 400 silver shekels is also about the price of a gallon of gas (hence the gas station naming. ohhhhhh).
- It's time for Isaac to get married, so Abraham sends his trusted assistant, Eliezer, to select a perfect wife for Isaac. He's told not to choose someone from the local Canananananananites.
- Eliezer does his job [at a] well, and discovers Rebecca, who is kind enough to give water to Eliezer and his camels.
- After some negotiation with Rebecca's father and brother, Rebecca accompanies Eliezer back to Israel to meet Isaac.
- Isaac establishes the afternoon service, known as mincha.
- When Rebecca and Isaac marry, the blessings of Sarah return. They live happily ever after (if you believe that, you haven't learned much Torah).
- Abraham marries Keturah (some opinions say she was actually Hagar) and has a bunch of children. Abraham sends them away with gifts, to make it clear that Isaac is his true heir.
- Abraham passes away at age 175, and is buried by Isaac and Ishmael, who has since changed his ways and improved as a person.



QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Can you name 3 locations, mentioned in the Torah, whose names have numbers in them?

See the answer on page 6

We're so excited to be revamping our eighteen- year running Hebrew School! Through this partnership with Chazaq, this is an opportunity for elemntary school students to learn to read Hebrew, have fun learning about Jewish values and start their week out right!
Contact us to come try it out!

STUMP THE RABBI

WRONGITUDE



Hi Rabbi,
I hope you don't take this personally. Why can't rabbis agree on, like, anything? There's a torah, right? So can't everyone just agree on what it says, or make compromises? How do I know who is right? Maybe my rabbi will give me the completely wrong answer!
I bet if I would ask this same question to more than one rabbi I'd get more than one answer! Maybe there could be some kind of central rabbinic database or something.

Please help me get this,
Omar Pinion

Dear O. Pinion,
The old joke is, "Two Jews, three opinions." but they're wrong...
Let me start with this. Your solution, the central database, is not only an awesome idea, it is an ancient one! Did you know that for a thousand years after the Torah was given to the Jewish people on mount Sinai, there were pretty much no arguments! I mean, there was the standard, "my team is going to win the super bowl" type of argument, but interpretation of Torah and Jewish law was never in dispute! How is this, you might ask...
After we received the Torah, all disputes, questions and unusual tweets were decided by our great leader, Moses. After that, the Sanhedrin was established. Have you heard of Sanhedrin? No, it is not a city in California (San Francisco, San Diego, San Hedrin...), it was the name of the rabbinical high court. If two citizens, or even two rabbis disagreed on, say the proper thickness of matzah, or what type of candy to throw at as bar mitzvah (and even slightly more pressing debates, if you can imagine such a thing), the Sanhedrin would make a decision and EVERYONE followed that decision! There were no differing customs.
The first recorded rabbinical arguments occurred when the Sanhedrin was shut down due to Greek and Roman persecution. Once there was no central 'database' or court, differences stuck, and different rabbis' followers started to differ very slightly from one another.
Guess what. You keep slight differentiation for two thousand years of tough lives, exiles, pogroms and gefilte fish, and you end up with some major differences.

But which one is right? All of 'em! So long as you're asking your questions to a rabbi with a valid tradition dating back to Sinai, you can be safe in the knowledge that you're doing the right thing, even if it's different than what another rabbi tells his followers. If a rabbi is making up his own rules, well that's a different story.

Why can't we just compromise? I think it's because we care too much about truth! It's easy to compromise on silly, meaningless things, like who gets to ride shotgun.



STUMP THE RABBI CONTINUED

When it comes to torah and tradition, hey, that's serious stuff, and we follow our traditions faithfully.

It's really important to remember that the same way as your tradition or Rabbi's tradition is legit, other people's traditions are, too, and we've gotta be respectful of that, even if we disagree with them.

Have a Nageela Shabbos,

The Rabbi

ANSWER OF THE WEEK

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