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TORAT SCENE- A- EYE

An AI generated image representing Jacob's dream. What hidden details can you discover?

DEEP THOUGHTS

The best part of a cucumber tastes the same as the worst part of a watermelon.

LOLZ

My wife told me to stop impersonating a flamin-go.
I had to put my foot down

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DVAR TORAH

REDIRECTION

"Excuse me sir..."

"Yes, how can I help you?"

"May I see your passport?"

"Ummm, what's it to you? Are you with the feds or something?"

"Yes, I'm with FROST- Foreign Reentry Official Security Taskforce. And you seem to be in violation of your travel permit."

"Hmmm, let's seee... I'm a Holyland Angel."

"Yes, I can see that in your paperwork. That's the problem. As a holyland angel, you're not permitted to travel outside of... umm... the holy land. It's in the name."



If you were the angel pulled over by a FROST agent, what would you say back?

A whole bunch of commentaries are bothered by this very question. Jacob is traveling back to Israel, and he notices a camp of angels. I don't know about other places, but EVERYONE in MY camp is an angel. Anyway, back to Jacob, he calls the place 'camps' which is a plural. We're told that is because there were two separate groups of angels. The out-of-Israel angels were on the way out, and the Holy land angels had come to take over in a divine changing of the guard. Cool, right? The problem that arises is that he was not yet in Israel. He was still some distance away. So why were the Holyland angels allowed to be there? They should be deported! In fact, when Jacob left Israel, he had this dream with the ladder (that was wayyyyy back this morning ago), indicating that the Israel angeles had to leave before Jacob left Israel. So why were they now allowed to escort him well before he entered Israel?

IN JACOB'S MINDSET, HE'S ALREADY IN ISRAEL.

One solution may be Jacob's destination. In the ladder scene, he's leaving Israel. Now he's on the road to the holy land. Being on your way to Israel basically puts you there. The angels can join him before he actually enters the land of Israel because in his mindset, he's already in Israel. He may be crossing the Yabok river, but his mind is afloat in the dead sea. Though he's physically in the Sinai desert, his spiritual presence is in the Judean hills. Because where you're headed is so much m0re important than where you are.

I think I tend to write on this theme often, because WOW is it important! We get so hung up on how

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DVAR TORAH

DADDY'S BOY?... CONTINUED

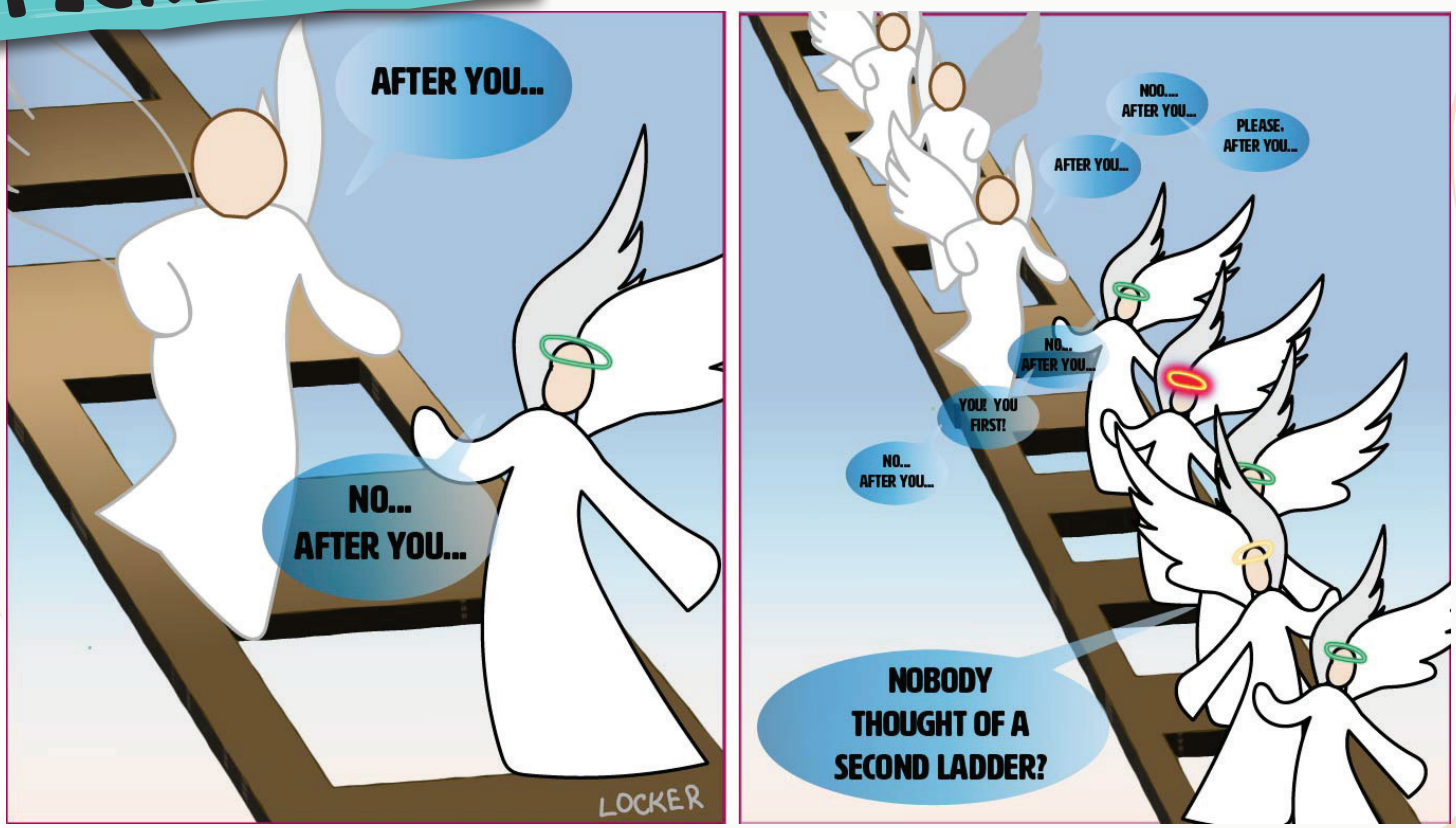
we're doing, and we don't think nearly enough about where we're going! What is your direction? Where are you headed? What address is in your GPS? Let's set ours to the holyland, and we'll be escorted by holyland angels.



QUESTION OF THE WEEK

The Torah is written in Hebrew, right?
There are two Aramaic words in the Torah. Can you identify them?
See the answer on page 5

PICKLE JEWS





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PARSHAL PARSHA

VAYEITZEI
The Brady Bunch

- Jacob sets on what turns out to be a many year journey away from his parents. On the way, he stops at a holy place, encounters some talking rocks and dreams of angels on ladders. The angels represent a changing of the guard, as he was exchanging his 'Israel guard' for his 'Diaspora Guard.'
- Jacob arrives at a well on the outskirts of the town. He rocks the roll, errr, he rolls the rock from over the well when he sees Rachel coming with her sheep, despite its extreme weight.
- BTW, Rachel and Leah were the daughters of Laban, which makes them Jacob's first cousins. Jacob decides to marry Rachel who was the younger one (as he was).
- Laban, who was Jacob's uncle, tries at every turn to cheat Jacob. First by stealing his piece of pie at desert, then by swapping daughters at the last moment, causding Jacob to marry Leah, instead of Rachel, whom he preferred.
- Jacob ends up working for laban for fourteen years, just for the privilege of marrying his two daughters, then another 6 years for some stripey sheep
- While in Laban's hood, Jacob and his 4 wives (wait, 4? Where'd they come from?) begin to build a large family. Actually, I'll tell you where they came from. Laban gifted Leah and Rachel each a maid, Bilhha (to Rachel) and Zilpah (to Leah). Eventually, they became a type of partial wife that was known as a porcupine. Or something like that. Clementine? Concubine? It has something to do with getting poked with sharp needles, I'm pretty sure.
- Leah gives birth to Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Yissachar and Zebulon. Bilhah has Dan and Naphtali. Zilpah gives birth to Gad and Asher. In all this time, Rachel has not been able to have any children. Leah has a daughter, named Dina.
- Finally, Rachel has a son named Joseph, and Jacob decides it's time to go back home to his family.
- God also decides Jacob should return to Canaanananananan (AKA Israel).
- Jacob takes his family and goes, but Laban chases him down. Partially because Rachel stole some of his dolls. I mean idols. That just sounds like a little girl's toy manufactured by Apple. Introducing the iDoll. Oh, I should use that for a Pickle Jews comic!
- Jacob and Laban make a treaty that involves a pile of stones. Because... yeah, I really don't know what the stones were about.
- On his way back to Israel, 36 years after he originally left (according to Rashi's count), he meets the Israel angels again, bringing this parsha's story full circle.



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WEEK HIGHLIGHTS







HEBREW SCHOOL PROJECT



WHAT A week!

mazal tov Miya!





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Norcal kids and parents learning about our programs