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NAGEELA SHABBOS

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DVAR
TORAH

So you're walking
down by the docks,
and you bump into
Elijah the Prophet.
Cool, right?

you explain
to God
why you
didn't learn his
beautiful Torah?"

Phishing for Prophet
by Rabbi Dani Locker

He asks you, "What do you do?"

You're all, "I'm a fisherman, I catch fish. And the occasional old sneaker."

At this point you might be wondering how this story can be true, considering you're probably not actually a fisherman. Have no fear. I only make up true stories.

Elijah leans against a wall, looks you up and down and continues, "I see you've got some big muscles from all the fish hauling and pilates you must do. But tell me, my son. When do you have time to study Torah?"

"Torah?" You ask... "I don't study Torah. Like I said. I catch fish! Do you want some sushi?"

"Oh. I'm sorry to hear that."
Elijah looks genuinely sad. "Why don't you study Torah?
It's like really, really important. How will

You put your arm around Elijah's shoulder (which if you think about it is really disrespectful- shame on you) and whisper conspiratorially (for those who don't goodly know Englishness, that means like you're telling a secret), "I have a good excuse. God can't bother me about Torah learning."

"Hmmm, why not?"

You continue to whisper, but a bit louder... "Because I'm not very smart. I can't study Torah. I just don't have the brain for it. Besides, I'm totally ADHD."

"You sure you're not smart enough to study Torah?"

"Yes. I'm confident in my limitations. I could never understand the complexities of Torah study."

"Realllly..." the prophet drawls. "Tell me, how do you catch your fish? You just sidle up to the river and reach inside with your hand?"

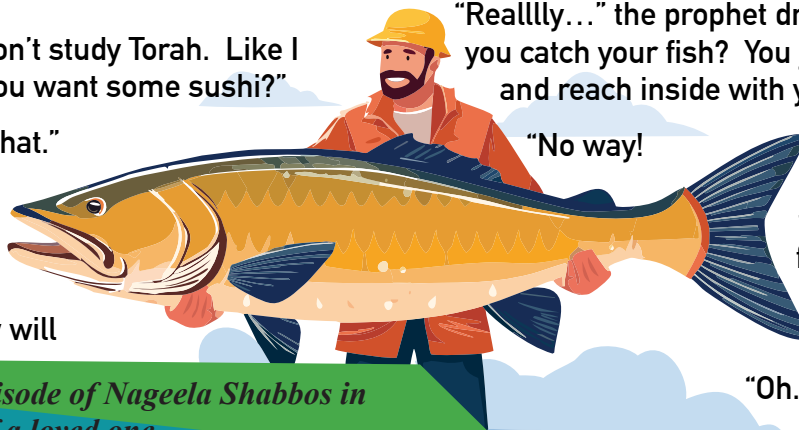
"No way!"

There's a lot of hard work involved. I have to use nets, but the nets from Temu are all the wrong size, so I weave my own nets!"

"Oh. I see. Is it easy to

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continued on two, too.



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those nets?" weave

what?

Who ever said you have to be a super scholar to study? Yet it's very difficult to work at something day after day without a feeling of success. The fisherman thought he wouldn't be successful in Torah study so therefore he didn't even try. How often do we do the same thing, giving up on doing great things because we think we won't be good enough.

Elijah's message to him is powerful. If you can succeed at anything, you can succeed at Torah. Torah has power steering.

Erm... What do I mean by that?

One of my kids asked me recently why it's easier to turn a car's steering wheel while you're driving than when you're parked. I explained that there's something called power steering which helps you turn the wheel, because let's face it, cars are really heavy, and it's not easy to turn a wheel under a 4,600 pound minivan. The power steering mechanism helps you along. Even if you're not super brilliant, when you start to turn the wheel, the Torah itself powers you along.

Anybody want some sushi?

"Not at all. I first grow my own flax, then comb it, spin it, mark it with a 'B', then I use a complex weave I learned, using a netting gauge, attach the lead line and the float line, design a trawl winch... it's really complicated. You probably wouldn't understand."

Elijah smiles and sighs. "You see my son? You are intelligent enough to plant crops, spin thread, trawl, crawl and whatever else you do. You are certainly smart enough to study Torah."

While I may have slightly changed some of the words, that's pretty much a real conversation that took place between the prophet Elijah and fisherman. There are a few really cool lessons here.

Fishermen use something called a trawl winch. Never knew that.

This fisherman thought that he couldn't study Torah because he wouldn't properly understand it. So

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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Can you think of a father and son mentioned in Tanach (biblical literature) whose names are both palindromes?

Answer is on page 6.
DON'T CHEAT!

**Classic Stump
#107
Core
Workout E**



**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.

Note & Disclaimer: We call this 'Stump The Rabbi' for fun, but that's not really the point. The goal is to learn something important in an interesting way.

The answers here should not be taken as halachic decisions. You should always ask a competent Rabbi personally.

Dear Rabbi,

You've explained in the past why we need the Torah to tell us what is right and what is wrong, because we would not necessarily know on our own. I think that's enough! Why is God looking over our shoulders waiting to punish us for doing bad stuff? Is He that angry?

Thanks,

Cameran Huron

In

this series of

classic Stump the Rabbi articles, we're doing a 5 week series on the core beliefs of Judaism, broken down by Maimonides into 13 principles.

Dear Huron Camera,

What would you do if there was one day when you could do whatever you wanted?

I mean complete immunity. No consequences, nobody could get hurt, you were unable to get arrested, bullied, criticized, detained, expelled, fined, grounded, held accountable, implicated, jailed, killed, lambasted, misunderstood, nagged, ostracized, policed, questioned, rebuked, shouted at, told-off, undermined, vilified, whipped, Xhorted, yelled at or made to feel like a zero... for anything you do. How would you act? If you knew that God's cameras and microphones were all shut off for 24 hours. How would you act? If police, parents and school faculty would not and could not bother you or get you into trouble for anything you did.

Hey, you're getting way too excited. Calm down! This is hypothetical, Okay?

You might not go all crazy and start robbing banks, but let's be honest. If there was no accountability, and no consequences, we would act different. We would be less careful with other people's feelings and property. We wouldn't concern ourselves quite as much with doing the right thing, caring, time management, honesty, hard work

and all the other good values we believe in. Why? If we know something is wrong, we'd stop ourselves, right?

No. We wouldn't.

People need accountability. In every school, every office and workplace, every family, there are certain rules and consequences. The reason for this is that even if we know something is right, we still act in a totally different way if we know someone is watching. Ask any adult who drives. When you see a cop while driving, you suddenly drive more safely, slowly and responsibly. **DON'T YOU BELIEVE IN BEING SAFE AND RESPONSIBLE?** Even without the police nearby? Of course! Yet having someone pay attention makes us want to work harder to succeed.

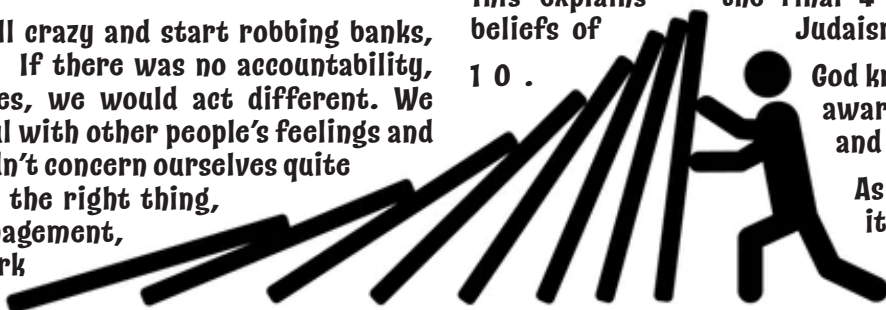
An uncaring god would NOT bother with punishing or rewarding us. We would be ignored. The reason God pays close attention and **REACTS** to our actions is because God loves and cares about us.

This explains
beliefs of
10.

the final 4 cores in our 13 core
Judaism:

God knows what's what. He's aware of the things we do, and even our thoughts.

As we mentioned above, it's important for us to know that "this call



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**DAYS UNTIL
CNW GIRLS
2025**

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**DAYS UNTIL
CNW BOYS
2025**

Don't get tooo excited, these are just tentative dates.

OKAY, get CRAZZZZY EXCITED!!!! YEAH!!!!

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be monitored for quality
purposes.” Knowing that God is aware of every
action we do, that the cameras are NEVER off,
will help us focus on doing what’s right.

11. There’s a system of reward and consequences. We
will get awesome reward for doing what we should,
and uncool results when we mess up.

Aside from knowing that our deeds are put in
the database, we need to know that crime doesn’t pay.
We need to understand that if we do the right things,
blessing will follow, and if we aren’t careful, we might
cause ourselves harm.

12. There will be an end to our long exile. A great leader
(Mashiach) will come, and can come at any time.

It’s not enough to know that there are rewards
for out good deeds (Here, have a candy). This core
reminds us that if we earn it, there will be a time
period of incredible perfection and joy in the world.
The dream and promise of Mashiach has kept Jews
going through tough times for thousands of years.



13. Eventually (when
G-d wills it to happen) those who
have passed away will live again

Along the same lines as Mashiach, this is an even
great promise. There will eventually be a time when
all the normal rules and limitations of our physical
world are shattered. Where the dead will come back
and live wonderful lives beyond the normal lifespan of
a human. This idea is a supreme motivation for us to
become the very best and holiest people we can.

This concludes our 5 week miniseries on the 13 core
beliefs of Judaism. I’ve included the Core beliefs
infographic on page seven.

Have a Nageela Shabbos,

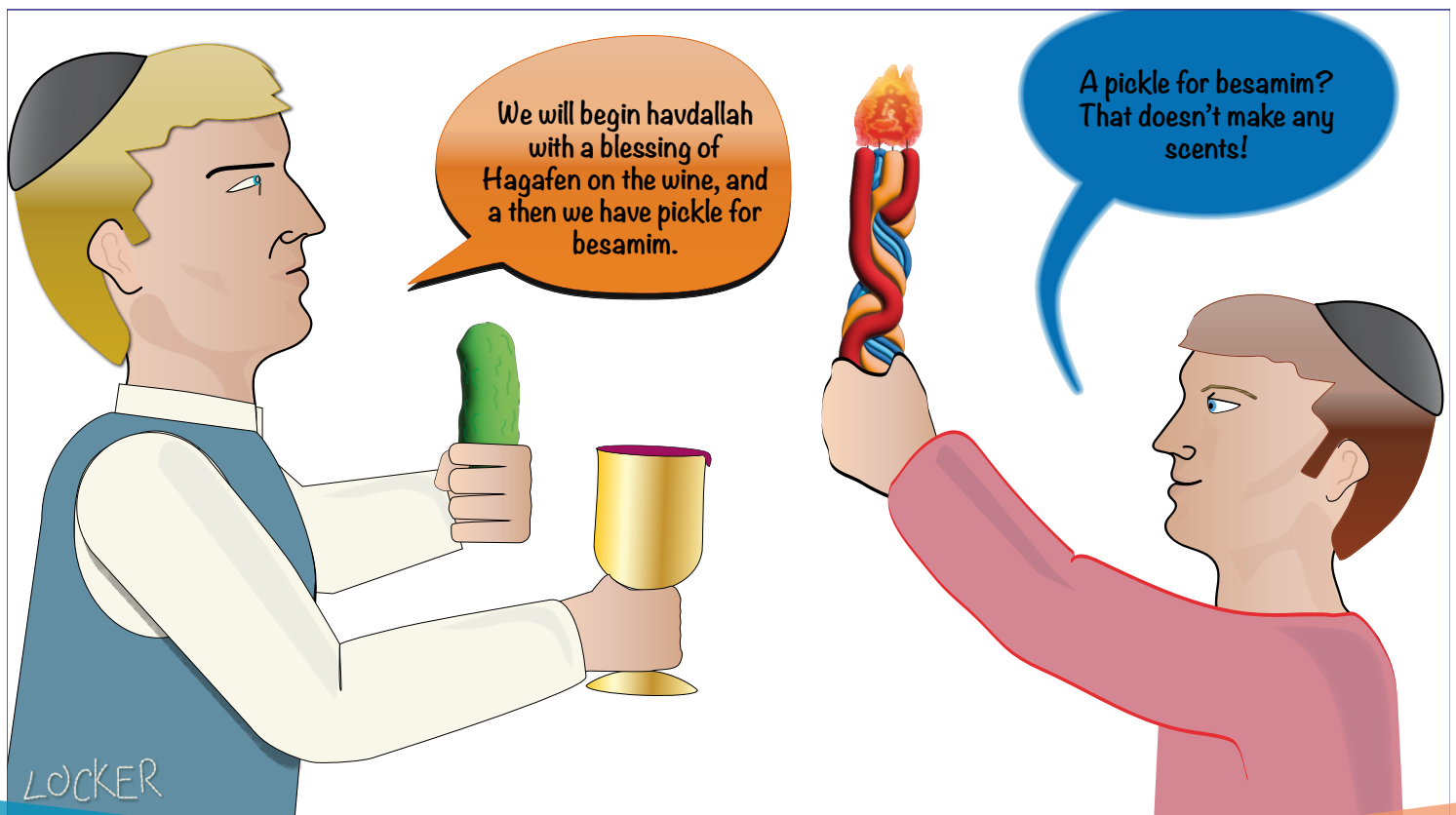
The Rabbi

PICKLE

by Dani Locker 2024

JEWS

**GALACTICALLY
SYNDICATED
COMIC STRIP**



PARTIAL PARTIA

The Torah is the Jewish book of everything. For thousands of years, we've been dividing the Torah into smaller bitesized portions, each called a 'Sidra' or 'Parsha' and reading a portion or two each Shabbos. Most of our Dvar Torah articles are based on the weekly Parsha, so we're including this as a weekly segment, giving bullet points of what happens in the Parsha of the week. With some side comments thrown in. Enjoy and please give us feedback!

Partial Partia -Nitzavim- Vagelech Last Will and Testament

- 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 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 was placed inside the holiest part of the Mishkan, either inside the Holy Ark or on a shelf right beside it

**HOW MUCH DO YOU LOVE
BEING JEWISH?**

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**WHY DID THE
MEDIEVAL
NOBLEMAN GO TO
THE BEACH?**

**HE LIKED TO GO
SERFING!**

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QUICK FIX

AS IN SPORTS, SCHOOL AND MANY OTHER AREAS OF LIFE, THE WAY YOU END SOMETHING COUNTS A WHOLE LOT MORE THAN THE BEGINNING.

WE'RE AT THE FINAL WEEK OF THE YEAR, WITH ROSH HASHANA COMING THIS WEDNESDAY NIGHT.

ACCORDING TO THE HOLY ARIZAL, EACH DAY OF THE LAST WEEK OF THE YEAR HAS THE POWER TO FIX MISTAKES MADE DURING THAT DAY OF THE WEEK DURING THE YEAR.

WERE YOU GRUMPY ON MONDAYS? MAKE THIS MONDAY EXTRA KIND AND POSITIVE.

DID YOU IGNORE SHABBAT? THIS FINAL SHABBAT CAN PATCH UP YOUR SHABBAT HISTORY.

WHAT A POWERFUL WEEK WE'RE IN TO STEP UP OUR GAME IN TORAH STUDY, PRAYER, CHARITY, KINDNESS, PATIENCE AND EVERYTHING ELSE WE WANT TO IMPROVE.

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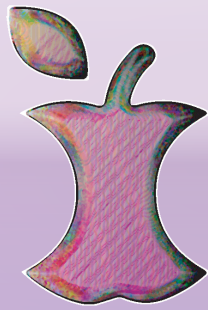
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It's been a great couple of weeks! Pictured here, a reunion of some long, long time Nageela campers, a Jewish club and parent meeting in Simi Valley and ice cream in LA!

the 13

core



beliefs

of judaism

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G-D

1. G-d created everything and still runs the show. It didn't happen by itself.
2. There's only one G-d. No partners, demigods, trinities or split personalities.
3. G-d does not have a body. No knees, shoulders, ears or toes. For that matter, G-d has no matter.
4. G-d existed before anything else, and will exist after everything else.
5. We only pray to G-d. Nobody else. We don't pray to trees, statues, prophets or Rabbis.

Torah

6. There were people called prophets who truly delivered messages from G-d to the Jewish people.
7. Moses was the greatest prophet, and his word is final. Any prophets who argue with Moses aren't prophets at all.
8. Ya' know that Torah we have? It's the same text Moses first showed us. Nothing has changed in three thousand+ years.
9. The Torah will never be changed. G-d gave us the final edited version. Done.

Consequences

10. G-d knows what's what. He's aware of the things we do, and even our thoughts.
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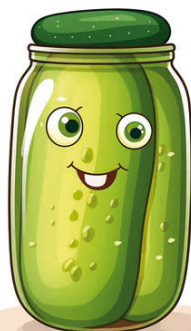
TO NAGEELA HEAD STAFF ALUMNA
SHIFRA (TABAK) PEARL
UPON HAVING A BABY BOY!

MAZAL TOV!!!

TO NAGEELA STAFF ALUMNUS
MOSHE (SPIKE) MARCUS
UPON GETTING MARRIED THIS WEEK

INTRODUCING

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PICKLES

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NEWS STORIES, TORAH
LESSONS AND PICKLE
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Beginning right after the
holidays

DEEP THOUGHTS

If you wear cowboy clothing, does that make you ranch dressing?

Yo, whatcha lookin at?
You gotta think first!

ANSWER OF THE WEEK

QUESTION ON PAGE 4



King David and his father Yishai. In Hebrew, here are the spellings of both palindromes:

OUR 15TH SUMMER IS IN THE BOOKS!

NAGEELA NOTES:

Camp Nageela West campers share some of their memories of summer 2024



My highlight of Nageela was biking across the Golden Gate Bridge! At first we didn't think we would make it all the way, it was a 10 mile journey! But we pushed our limits and discovered that it wasn't so difficult. We even got to ride an awesome ferry back that included a stunning view of San Francisco. - **Ruby (1st year camper)**



My favorite memory from camp this summer was the third Shabbat in San Diego. Everyone was on a high after a day of surfing and having such a great time singing, dancing, and lots of fun overall. You could definitely feel how the atmosphere changed from the first day of camp to the last few days. We had grown so close and knew as camp was coming to a close that we would miss it so much. - **Aurelia (5th year camper)**



HBD

Happy Birthday wishes to the following
Nageela family members

Ari Steinberg
Seth Goldklang
Eitan Malka
Liel Malka
Elie Cheikka

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Lian Bega
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