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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 Parshas Vayakhel- Pekudei and Hachodesh



Disclaimer: These AI generated images are NOT meant to portray actual people or events from the Torah. They are simply hints to get you thinking.

## WHAT'S UP

### THAT'S TWO, SON.

Not backwards today. Kind of boring, but people probably do want to actually read this. So here goes. Last week was extra exciting for a couple of reasons:

First of all, the price of pickles declined slightly, making it easier to stockpile them. I'm closer to my world domination goal.

In slightly less important news, West Coast NCSY successfully raised over \$500,000 this week to help support Jewish programs for over 6,000 kids each year. That's over 20,000 Jewish experiences, including hundreds of meaningful immersive experiences like Israel trips. Thank you to all those who contributed! The Las Vegas campaign, where I focused has raised \$122,692.50 at the time I'm writing this, which is wayyy too close to Shabbos.

HUGE, HUGE thanks to the nearly 1000 donors who participated, including the 369 in the Las Vegas campaign and of course our extremely generous matchers! We could not have done it without you. For those who haven't given yet, you probably realize that a large scale operation affecting so many thousands doesn't get funded with just half a million dollars, so new contributions are very necessary and appreciated.

In other exciting news, our first EVER Tucson Jewnior NCSY event took place this past week! We interacted with over 30 Tucson Middle schoolers, made some great connections, and we can't wait for the Tucson Shabbaton in one month!

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

I would feel so powerless if I was an eraser in a sharpie factory.



### 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

Why did the toddler get thrown in jail?

He was resisting a- rest.

# DVAR TORAH

## STOP IN THE NAME OF...

Has anyone ever told you to stop doing something good?

"Julie, could you please STOP studying for your test?"

"Abe, I've just about had enough of you always making your bed and helping with the dishes. Enough is enough!"

Well that did happen with our ancestors in the desert, so very long ago, as they launched a donation campaign for Mishkan building supplies. They started bringing, then they brought enough, and they were starting to bring too much, so they were commanded to STOP!

So I get that once they reached the goal, and had enough materials to build, the people would have been told they don't need to bring any more, but here they were given a firm order. Why were they actually commanded to stop? Is there any harm in giving more if you really want to?

There could be.

We are used to looking at decisions as either good or bad. Stealing = bad. Charity = good. Saving a life = awesome. Taking a life = disastrous. Of course that's true. Yet even our good actions can have unintended consequences, ripple effects that can impact others negatively. Our main job is to make good choices. However, if we really



want to get it right, it's worth looking at

the downstream effects of every action.

In our scenario, giving donations to build the Mishkan is obviously a great choice! Still, giving too much can give people the impression that, "Charity can make you poor," or "These Rabbis just want to take all my money!" People seeing how much was being given might get discouraged from future generosity. When donations were needed, that was still the right thing to do. However, once donations reached the amount they needed, it was no longer necessary, and so it became important to look at the downstream possibility of discouraging future donors.

Right now, you're making decisions. We usually are juggling a whole bunch of choices. Some are certainly clear. How far down the line, how many steps into the future do we consider the consequences of our actions? Hopefully the consequence of my decision to write this will be some people considering the consequences of their own decisions.



ANSWER ON PAGE 6

## Question of the Week

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How often do we read an entire biblical book (sefer tanach) in public?

**Mazel Tov!**

**Mazel Tov to Nageela legend Idan Rosenstein upon his engagement**



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# PICKLE JEWS



# PARSHAL PARSHA

*a brief summary of the weekly  
Torah porshon*

## PARSHAS VAYAKHEL- PEKUDEI DO YOU EVEN GLAMP?

- Moses gathers the entire Jewish nation. Imagine how many peanut butter and jelly sandwiches all those moms must have packed.
- Two master builders, Betzalel and Ahaliav are appoint to oversee the construction of the Mishkan and all its furniture.
- People start bringing donations.
- People continue bringing donations.
- They have to be told to stop.
- While we're on that topic, I am totally not going to ask you to stop. We're collecting donations. No purple wool, though. Too itchy.
- The Mishkan gets built. Lots of boards, hooks, sockets, curtains and rings. Divine glamping.

**Jewnior  
NCSU**

Middle and High School Boys are invited to:

**Scholars**

**WITH SUSHI**

Thursday, 8:15-9:00  
@ Mesivta of Las Vegas  
2600 Lake Sahara

Please RSVP to Rabbi Locker at 917-613-1037

# Answer of the Week



QUESTION ON PAGE 3

We read Shir Hashirim on Passover, Koheles on Sukkos, Ruth on Shavuot, Jonah on Yom Kippur, Esther on Purim and Eicha on Tisha B'av. We also read Ovadiah as the Haftarah to Vayishlach. Some have the custom to read Devarim on Hoshana Rabba, and some read Shir Hashirim every Friday.



## CAMP NAGEELA WEST SUMMER 2026

**GIRLS MAIN SESSION**  
JUNE 23- JULY 15

**GIRLS ADVENTURE WEEK**  
JUNE 16- JUNE 23

**BOYS MAIN SESSION**  
JULY 15- AUG 6

**BOYS ADVENTURE WEEK**  
JULY 8- JULY 15



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LAS VEGAS

## JEWNIOR NCSY

# CALENDAR

2025-2026

**Sep 02** Skating Kickoff  
City National Arena

**Oct 11** HUT DOG  
Campout under the stars & s'mores

**Oct 19** Summer Jump Session  
Learn about all our amazing summer opportunities

**Nov 7-9** ADVENTURE SHABBATON  
Alamo, NV

**Dec 11-14** SKI Weekend  
Utah

**Feb 13-16** Jewnior Regional  
California Extended Shabbat experience with Jewniors from six states

**April 17-19** AZ District Shabbaton  
Tucson

**May 24** Summer Sendoff  
End the year with a bang!

Director Info -  
Rabbi Dani Locker

**FUNLY FIRSTLY**  
Fun Days, the first Sunday or Monday of the month:  
Monday Nov 3- Laser Tag  
Monday Dec 1- Bowling  
Monday Jan 5- Flipn Out  
Sunday Feb 1- Ski Day  
Sunday March 1- Glow Party  
Monday April 13- Roller Skating  
Monday May 4- Sports Day  
Monday June 1- Ice Cream Party

Weekly Programs:  
Sunday 10am Hebrew School  
Monday 5pm Tween Night (grades 4-6)  
Monday 6pm Teen Night (grades 7-8)  
Thursday 8:15pm Scholars Study (boys)

Look out for...  
Giving Days- Fundraising Drive March 8-9  
Our Board run Instagram account @lv.jewniors  
Sticker Drop Days  
ZOOM classes  
Monthly Challenges and other info at westcoastncsy.org/jewniors.

WEST COAST



## Happy Birthdays!

Akiva Gross  
Nuni Piriyeva  
Panina Rast  
Noah Montoya  
Adina Rothman  
Sofia Leos  
Aviv Kohen  
Tal Kohen

Jacob Lev  
Phoenix Todd  
Judah Hafter  
Hailey Mischel  
Jacob Zalk  
Darby Kankoski  
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