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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 Eikev*



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?

16 SUMMERS IN THE BOOKS

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Earlier this week, we concluded camp for the summer.
Here are some of the highlights:

- The merge: Camp Nageela West campers and staff were privileged to spend 6 weeks with our sister camp (brother camp?), Camp Nageela Midwest in Ingleside, Illinois. It was a cool experience bonding with Jewish kids from 20 states and several countries on a beautiful 180 acre campus with some of the best mentors and Jewish influencers out there.
- Yes, we made a lot of Illi-noise!
- Nageela West girls had an additional 8 day adventure trip, enjoying some of the most beautiful spots in Utah including Antelope Canyon, camping in Bryce National Park and sandboarding at Coral Pink Sand Dunes.
- Exciting announcements about summer 2026 as well as West Coast JR NCSY programs are coming very soon!

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Help us reach more Jewish kids with interesting Torah content!*



Deep Thoughts

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**Tall people get
hotter showers**



JOIN US!

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We have programs for Middle School kids from all over the West Coast. Please contact us for details!



Heartfelt Mazel Tov to Nageela veteran staff member Aliyah Treizman upon her engagement to Reuven Samuels!



ANSWER ON PAGE 6

Question of the Week

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If a non-Jew recites a blessing, should you answer Amen? Can you prove your answer from this week's Parsha?

VISUAL TORAH BLAST

the
anGels

(not the
baseball team)

they asked
God a Q:

God doesn't take bribes
(The Torah says that) yet God
treats the Jewish
people with favoritism.
Good Q, right?

God responds:

The Jews bless me
even if they eat a
small amount of
bread

How can I NOT show them favoritism?

I
mean
OK...

Blessings are nice.
But why is blessing
on a small piece of
bread THE thing
that gets us the
royal treatment?

Here's the thing about
blessings:
They show an attitude shift.
They mean we appreciate
God. Even if we are wealthy,
we appreciate a small piece of
bread. God. LOVES. THAT.

That's also why b4
we ask for stuff in
our prayers, we
first give thanks.



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DAYS TILL NAGEELA WEST GIRLS SESSION



COMPLETED

DAYS TILL NAGEELA WEST BOYS SESSION

PARSHAL PARSHA

a brief summary of the weekly
Torah porshon

PARSHAS EIKEV

TAKE THE COMMANDMENTS SERIOUSLY

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Healing for your soul, or heeling for your sole? The Torah encourages us to pay attention even to those 'small' commandments that people tend to tread beneath their heels
- If we do what we're supposed to then things will go well. We'll be inoculated from all the plagues sent against the Egyptians
- Remembering what God did to Egypt will help us stand up to the nations and not be intimidated by their might
- God promises to make sure our conquest of the land of Israel will be slow, which surprisingly is a good thing, because a quick conquest would leave the land desolate and would make settling it successfully more difficult
- We're reminded of the great kindnesses God performed for us on the desert; our clothing didn't wear out, we ate mystical sky bread and we would be able to enter this amazing land. We're also warned not to allow the success and comfort of the holy land to give us a sense of personal greatness, forgetting who gave us these gifts



- Ummm, if we forget God, we get destroyed. That sounds like we should try really hard not to forget God
- Moses recounts how he carved the replacement tablets after the first ones were destroyed. Does that make the first pair the beta set because they weren't permanent, or are the second pair beta, as in the second letter? I'm confused
- If we do the right thing, we'll get rain and success (this is the second paragraph of Shema)
- We're reminded about tefillin and mezuzah



LOLZ

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How do you make
a water bed more
bouncy?

Add spring water.

Torat Scene-A-Eye Explained

Some of the highlights of this week's portion are represented here. The sandals represent mitzvos we might tread upon. The tefillin and mezuzah are obvious. The cloud represents the rain that comes if we listen to God, and similarly, the cup is a vessel for receiving God's blessing. The strips of cloth either represent the clothing that didn't wear out in the desert, or the first and second tablets. The pyramids are for recalling the exodus. The tree and greenery reminds us of the fertile land of Israel (but not too fertile, because we moved in slowly). If some of these seem weird or abstract, well hey. AI is even weirder than I am!



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NA-NA-NAGEELA



How much do you love
being Jewish?

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.

WRAP STARS

A NEW STUMP THE RABBI, MADE IN THE USA #283

Hi Rabbi,

I've now been asked to tie tefillin on several occasions by Rabbis in very random places. What is the meaning and purpose of tefillin, and why do these people care if I do it?

Thanks,
Phillip Actery

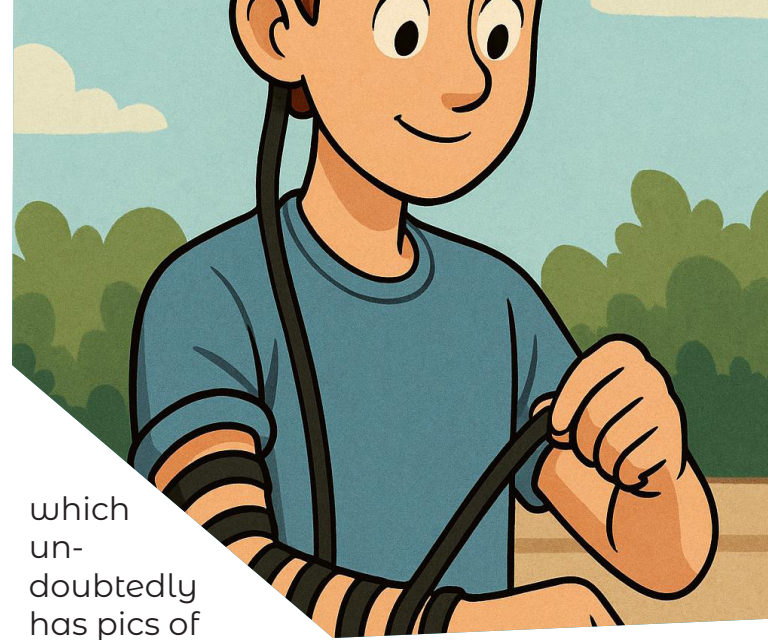
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Dear Phil Actery,

Tefillin have become one of the most recognizable Jewish symbols, thanks mainly to the Rabbis you're referring to (more on them later). If you didn't know any better, you might think this is a religious ritual done without much thought. There are zero things in Judaism that are meant to be rituals without thought. I'll repeat that for effect. I'm also turning up the reverb on my mixer so my voice has more gravitas.

There are zero things in Judaism that are meant to be rituals without thought. Do people keep Jewish rituals without thinking? Sure. But that's missing a large part of the point. Tefillin are meant for us to focus on a few things:

- We have a relationship with God. The contents of our tefillin talk about God, and the Midrash talks about God's tefillin, which talk about us. It's similar to your grandmother's photo album



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doubtedly
has pics of
you. BTW, do

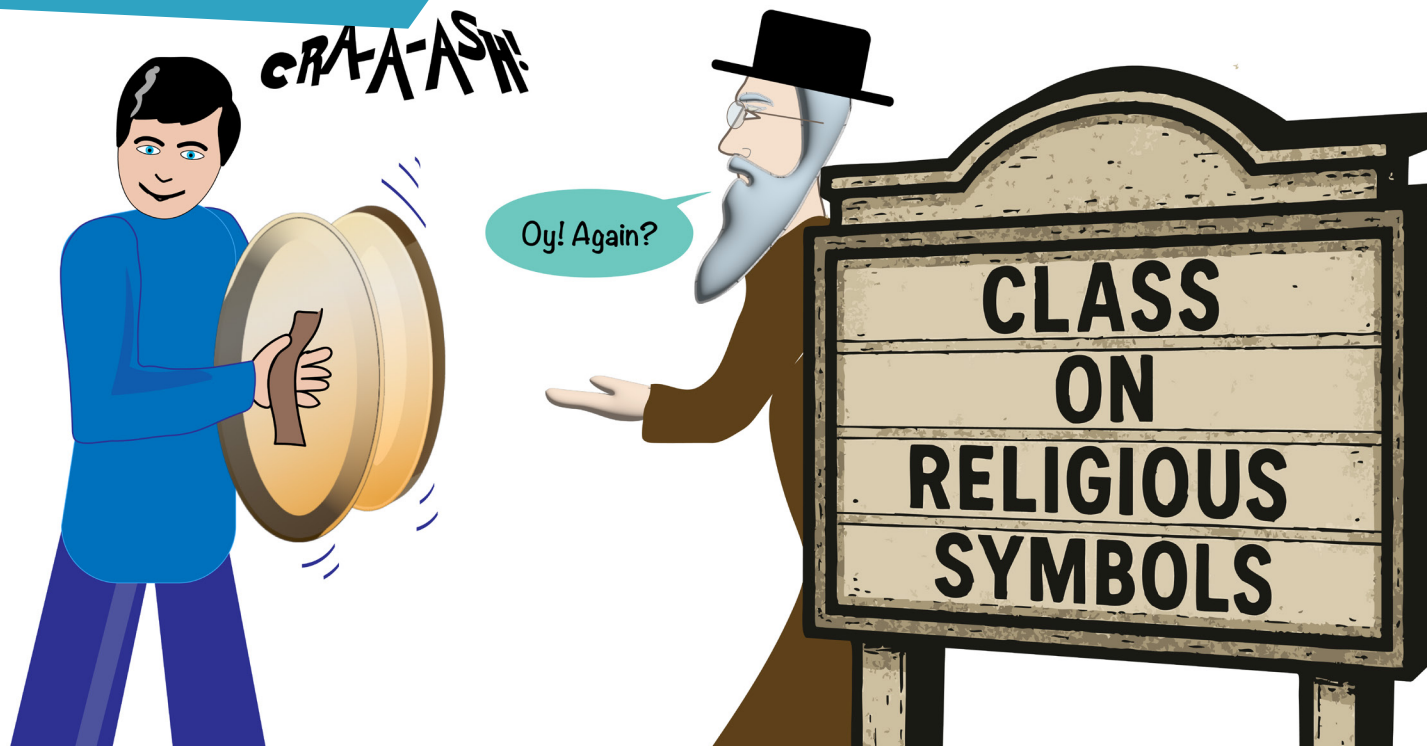
you have pics of her? You should.

- Many native American tribes had a concept called 'blood brothers' where two people would each make cuts in their palms and press them together, allowing the blood to mix. This symbolically made them family even without any genetic bond. BTW, please don't ever, ever do that. Tefillin are similar, though. Believing in God and talking about God is nice. But doing a physical act of tying a symbol of God to us, now that is a statement of strong commitment. We can't physically mix blood with God, but physically taking scrolls from the Torah and tying it to us (and the tying is done using Hebrew letter symbols representing God's name) acts to psychologically reinforce this idea that we are bound to God.
- We specifically tie tefillin on our heads to remind us to align our thoughts with God as much as we can.
- We specifically tie tefillin to our arms for a couple of reasons. One is to make sure we align our actions with God (arm represents action). Also, we're reminded to align our emotion with God (the arm tefillin are wrapped close to and point toward the heart).

Oh, for those who might not know what tefillin are, here are some basic details:
They are two

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PICKLE JEWS



STUMP THE RABBI

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black boxes made of thick leather. Each has parchment scrolls inside, with 4 paragraphs from the Torah, including shema. The head tefillin is made from 4 separate compartments with the parchment folded. The arm tefillin is one hollow box, with the parchment rolled up.

There are many Jews who belong to a group called Chabad, also known as Lubavich. Chabad representatives are engaged in many mitzvah projects including incredible hospitality, lots of Torah teaching and Synagogue services. Through their activities they have impacted, I dunno, maybe millions of Jews in positive ways. Tefillin is one of Chabad's go-to Mitzvah

campaigns for a number of reasons. I don't speak for them but my understanding is that aside from tefillin being a clear, positive Jewish action that is easy to get people to do with little discomfort or commitment (which makes it easier to get many more people than, let's say, getting people to give charity or attend a service), tefillin has many deep, holy effects upon a Jew. A Jew who puts on tefillin even once in his life has achieved something monumental.

Once I saw two Rabbis were racing to see who could wrap their tefillin faster... it was a tie.

Have-a Nageela Shabbos

The Rabbi

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**WE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR OUR SISTERS AND BROTHERS
RISKING THEIR LIVES TO FIGHT FOR OUR SAFETY**



QUESTION ON PAGE 2

Answer of the Week

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Yes. The Jerusalem Talmud derives it from the verse: "You shall be blessed from all the nations" and Shulchan Aruch applies it to responding amen to the blessing of a gentile.



Happy Birthdays!

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