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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 Terumah



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

WELCOME TO FABULOUS FEBRUARY

Who's ready for Purim? We are sooo ready! First let's bring you up to speed on all the things that have been going on in the universe of Nageela West and West Coast Jr NCSY.

We gotta start with the Jewnior Regional Shabbaton. About 95 kids joined in last week for an absolutely packed weekend! We started on Friday with buses and flights, and kids from 5 distinct NCSY chapters! Some of the highlights of the weekend involved our huge Saturday night carnival featuring some of the coolest attractions like laser tag, mechanical bull and the 360 degree showstopper (I know you don't know what that is. It's really cool though). Over the weekend, we utilized the large, beautiful hotel banquet space for meals, singing, games, more snacks, more singing, stories, prayers and more! On Sunday we visited the really unique camel safari for a photo scavenger hunt, and some sloth bonding. Special shout outs to the Phoenix/Scottsdale chapter on taking home the championship belt, and to the Silicon Valley chapter on doing amazingly!

The Shabbaton was followed up by more great programming in Las Vegas and in the LA Valley. This week we're starting our pre-Purim programs, and March is shaping up to be a really exciting month! March 11th is the next AZ major programming day, and we have trips planned for Utah, Norcal and Tucson in the near future!

Camp Nageela Midwest is now up to 175 campers registered for summer 2026! Keep it rolling!

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

The fastest way to lose something...
is to put it somewhere safe.



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

I told my suitcase there will be no vacations this year.

Now I'm dealing with emotional baggage.

DVAR TORAH

WHAT METAL ARE YOU?

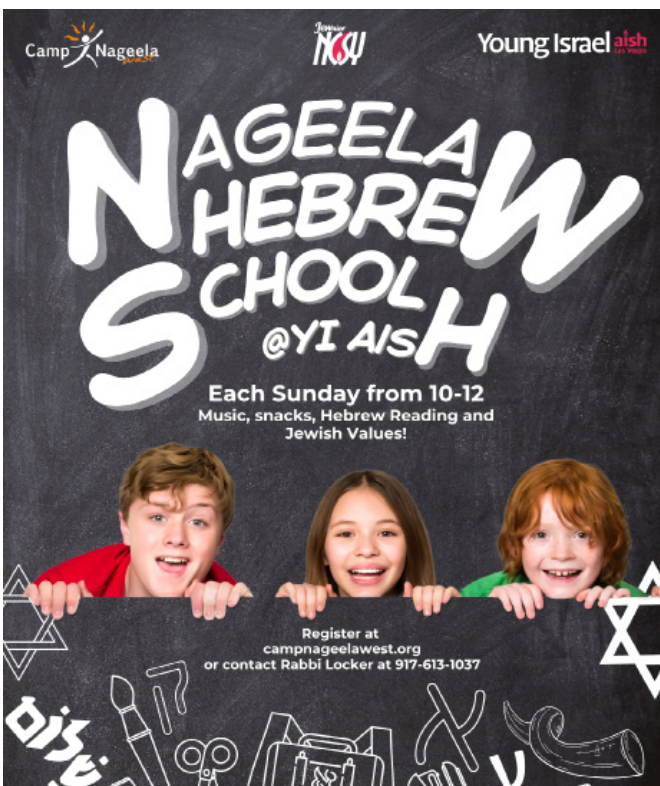
Ahh, this is beautiful! What kind of service does God want? What motivation? Does God want us to act through peer pressure, intimidation or ulterior motives, or does God want us to be motivated by pure altruism, love and service?

Well, let's take a look at the materials used in the construction of the Mishkan. Moses collects many materials, and the Torah specifically calls out gold, silver and copper. Many, many great Jewish thinkers have speculated about the significance of these three precious metals. Some say that they show different levels of motivation. Gold is for those who are truly giving for all the right reasons. Silver represents those who have mixed emotions, and copper is just for those who aren't really feeling it. They are giving because everyone else is giving, or because their mother-in-law said they should. Fine. Makes sense.



Here's what I think is awesome. God didn't have to take these donations. God doesn't need us. The Torah could very easily have said, "You know, if you're not pure of heart, go work on yourself and come back when you're altruistic. Or, we will find some good uses for your donations, but not in the Mishkan. Nope.

God says, "Partially motivated? Conflict of interests? IDC. Bring it anyway. I want you and I want your involvement. That's an empowering thought for us, because so many feel unworthy of getting close to God. We feel unworthy of entering the sanctuary. God says, you can even help build the sanctuary! I don't need perfect, I need you! Let that sink in. Next time we're feeling unmotivated, impure, hypocritical... it's OK. Bring what you've got. God wants it. God wants you.



NOPE

Wrong answers only

We asked some people...

Wrong answers only: What was the government agency officially responsible for the construction of the Mishkan?

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- IRS (Interim Rest for the Shechina)
- Area 51
- USAF Civil Engineers
- DHS (Department of Holy Sanctuaries)
- The Mishkanaries



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PICKLE JEWS

Hi,
I'm calling on behalf of the Mishkan matching campaign. For today only, any gold, silver or copper will be quadrupled...
Yes, if we gather enough we will you know...



LOCKER

Torat Scene-A-Eye Explained

- □ The Aron (Ark) strikes
- □ The two keruvim (winged children) facing each other
- □ The glowing menorah
- □ The Mishkan tent structure
- □ The parochet (curtain) entrance
- □ The construction blueprints
- □ Gold being shaped into sacred vessels
- □ Betzalel holding a golden hammer
- □ Sparks flying from hammer
- □ Someone measuring wood precisely
- □ Someone carving wooden beams
- □ Someone weaving blue (techelet) thread
- □ A pile of donated gold jewelry
- □ A worker carrying goat hair
- □ The word "Lev" hidden somewhere
- □ The word "Terumah"



ANSWER ON PAGE 8

Question of the Week

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This weeks' Parsha, like many others begins with the lter 'vav. Which biblical book contains only ONE verse that begins with a 'vav?'

Mazel Tov!

Mazel Tov to Shir Luke who is celebrating his Bar Mitzvah!

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PARSHAL PARSHA

a brief summary of the weekly
Torah parshon



PARSHAS TERUMAH

WE BUILD A LEGO HOUSE

- God commands Moses to collect donations from anyone who is motivated to bring.
- The needed materials were gold, silver, copper, blue, purple and red wool, linen and goat skin, dyed ram skins, tachash skin and shitim wood, oil, spices and precious gemstones.
- We are commanded to use these materials to build a sanctuary for God. This would be a moveable sanctuary, that could travel with the Jews in the desert.
- The 'Aron- Ark' was made to house the stone tablets, and was made of wood and gold. It had a solid gold top, with the images of two angels.
- The 'Shulchan- Table' is also wood, covered with gold, and is made to hold the twelve special loaves of bread eaten by the Kohanim.
- The menorah is made of solid gold.
- The Mishkan is usually translated as 'Tabernacle' which is silly because nobody has ever heard that word, unless they live in Utah.
- The Mishkan is made of curtains connected by hooks and poles, and was easy to disassemble and transport
- The main sanctuary within the Mishkan, called the 'Ohel Moed,' is made of wooden beams and covered with skins.
- The 'Mizbayach- Altar' is wood covered with copper, and had a long ramp leading up to it.

VISUAL TORAH BLAST TERUMAH

DESIGN



You're an architect creating a plan for a magnificent palace.

SOME PARTS ARE BEAUTIFUL



You create stunning banquet halls, sprawling gardens, lush bed chambers and even a pickleball court. There's marble, gold and mahogany.

FOOD PREP IS SIMPLE



There's a large commercial kitchen, but that's simple and spare. It's behind closed doors, and there isn't a bit of carpet or filigree anywhere. Not even a chandelier.

SHULCHAN WAS BEAUTIFUL



The holiest and most revered items in our Holy Temples were in the sanctuary, and that included the 'Shulchan' which is basically a bread rack. A pantry for feeding the Kohanim.

FANCY PANTRY?



Why is this a revered item in the Temple? You would never imagine that the kitchen would be a fancy or respected part of the palace.
IN THE MISHKAN, THE PANTRY IS REVERED.

HOLY FOOD



It's a mistake to think that there's spiritual stuff, like the temple, and then there's our physical needs. If we have the right focus, then **taking care of our bodies is an act of extreme holiness.** The lesson of the shulchan is to realize the Godliness in eating, sleeping and everything else, as long as we are doing it for the purpose of being better.

WHAT A WEEK!

SOME HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEK THAT WAS



Middle and High School Boys are invited to:

Scholars

WITH
SUSHI
+bourekas

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

Prayer Prompt:

PRAYER IS A BIG PART OF JUDAISM, BUT LET'S BE HONEST. MOST KIDS (AND EVEN ONE OR TWO ADULTS) DON'T REALLY UNDERSTAND WHAT THEY'RE SAYING. LET'S EXPERIMENT WITH THIS. WE HOPE TO WRITE A SMALL BLURB ABOUT ONE OF THE PARTS OF OUR PRAYER SERVICES EACH WEEK. MAYBE WE'LL START UNDERSTANDING SOME OF THEM!

FIFTEEN MEDITATIONS- PART 3

ONE OF THE FIRST BLESSINGS IN OUR DAILY SERVICE IS:

SHELO ASSANI AVED-[GOD] GRANTS ME FREEDOM

THINK OF THE STRESSES YOUR PARENTS HAVE. PAYING THE MORTGAGE, DECIDING WHERE TO SEND YOU TO SCHOOL, TESLA VS HYBRID, SOLAR ENERGY? WHAT JOB? SHOULD THE FAMILY MOVE FOR A NEW JOB? HOW MUCH SCREEN TIME SHOULD WE GIVE THE KIDS, AND WHAT AGE SHOULD WE LET THEM START DATING? TO VAX OR NOT TO VAX? DO THESE SHOES GO WITH THIS OUTFIT? WOULDN'T IT BE EASIER TO AVOID ALL THESE STRESSES? I HAVE A GREAT IDEA! WE HAVE A NEW PROGRAM CALLED SOCIETY FOR THE LIBERATION OF AMERICAN VALUES, EDUCATION. EVEN THOUGH THAT SOUNDS ENTICING, IT'S A TERRIBLE IDEA. OBVIOUSLY YOU DON'T WANT THAT. BECAUSE RESPONSIBILITY, STRESS, CHOICE. THOSE ARE WHAT ALLOW US TO BE AWESOME! GOD COULD HAVE MADE US ROBOTS, BUT HE DID NOT!

**I ONLY MAKE UP
TRUE STORIES
WITH RABBI LOCKER**



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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.

JUST A TASTE

A BRAND NEW STUMP THE RABBI EPISODE #285

Hi Rabbi,

Why does God want us to do mitzvos? I understand that a boss at a company instructs you to do things because the company needs stuff done. But if God doesn't need us... does He? If not, what are we even doing? Is the point to show dedication? Is it to, IDK, help others? Help ourselves? I'm a little lost here.

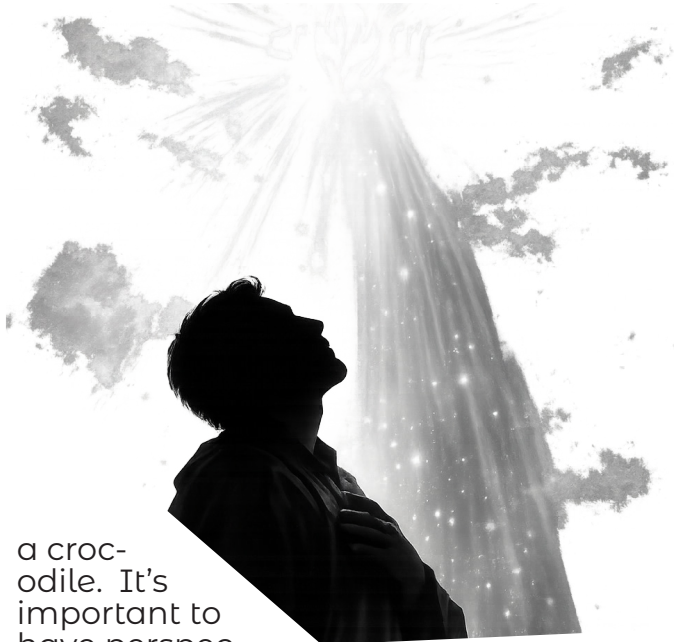
Thanks,

Thomas A. Mitzvah

Dear Tom A. Mitzvah,

I can't believe it's taken until season 10 to discuss this. Obviously the reason to do the mitzvos is because we're all being controlled by aliens, from their galactic royal seat in Area 51. Duh.

Actually, your question is one of the most important and challenging issues that we all need to understand. How can you go about your life, expected to do many unusual tasks, without a clue as to what you're doing and why? So yes, we all need to ask that question. However, this question is also tricky because, let's face it, we're not that smart. Yes, the human being is the smartest creature on Earth (contrary to Douglas Adams). Yes, we have great powers of reason and deduction. People are amazing! But we also all get confused between teaspoons and tablespoons, and most of us don't know the difference between an alligator and



a crocodile. It's important to have perspective.

Picture a brain surgeon, masked up and ready to operate.

"What method are you planning to use?" You ask.

"The patient's head is secured in a three-point Mayfield fixation system to eliminate micro-movement and preserve stereotactic accuracy relative to preoperative MRI and CT fusion imaging. Frameless stereotactic neuronavigation is registered using fiducial markers to establish spatial concordance between the patient's physical anatomy and the preoperative volumetric dataset, allowing real-time localization of the intended cortical entry point. The dura is opened in a curvilinear fashion and reflected to expose the cortical surface, taking care to avoid injury to cortical veins draining into the superior sagittal sinus or transverse sinus.

Cortical entry is planned to avoid eloquent functional areas such as the primary motor cortex (Brodmann area 4), primary somatosensory cortex (Brodmann areas 3, 1, and 2), or language centers in the dominant hemisphere, including Broca's area (pars opercularis and pars triangularis of the inferior frontal gyrus)." the doctor responds.

"No, no, no!" you reply. "I think you should use the other method. You know, the one where the thingy goes in the other thingy."



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DAYS TILL NAGEELA WEST GIRLS SESSION



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DAYS TILL NAGEELA WEST BOYS SESSION

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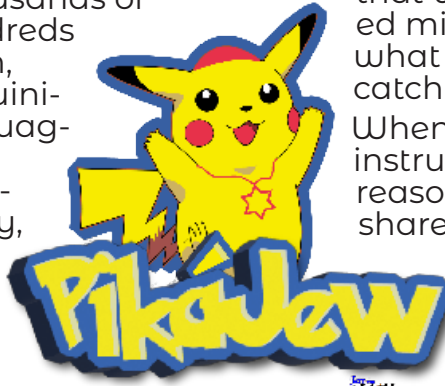
CONTINUED...

Without years of study, you are unlikely to fully appreciate, and certainly not have an intelligent opinion on what surgical method to use. Even less specialized doctors might not have an informed opinion. Now apply that to thousands of topics. Astronomy, law (in hundreds of categories) chemical research, nuclear science, linguistics, linguistics (the first one is about languages- the second is about pasta), construction, electrical engineering, meteorology, meatballology, football coaching (everyone things they know that better than the coaches, of course), nutrition, parenting, history, philosophy, geology, data programming, psychology... The list goes on. Humans are simply so limited in what we can understand. We should sure try our best, but we've got to enter the conversation knowing that we've got no shot at understanding all the secrets of life, the universe and everything.

Now there are two different questions here. One is "What's the purpose of the commandments?" The second is, "Why do WE do the commandments?" Those are very different things.

The purpose of the commandments, every single one of them, without exception is for our benefit. They are either to help us become happier, more fulfilled people, or they're to help us become better people (which will then lead us to become happier, more fulfilled people). I'm gonna repeat that because it surprises a lot of people and it's super important. The purpose of EVERY SINGLE commandment is for our benefit. Don't believe me? We'll dedicate a segment to going through a lot of them in a future week. It should keep us busy for a couple of centuries. There's a wonderful book called 'Sefer Hachinuch,' literally the Book of Education, which goes through all the mitzvos and gives what is usually thought of as reasons for the commandments. It would

be presumptuous to think we actually understand THE reason for anything. It's ridiculous actually. Even smart humans have many layers and deep reasons. God is playing 3D chess. Rather, it shares a 'taste' of the commandments. Something that we can grasp with our limited minds so we appreciate it. So what is the purpose? We can only catch a glimpse.



When a parent gives their child an instruction, they might have many reasons, and they might only share some of them. They want to give the children a taste of rationale, so they might explain, but it's rarely the full reason.

What benefits do we gain from the commandments? In a general sense, having a set of rules prevents us from becoming the type of people who just act out of habit and instinct like animals. They train us to be disciplined and thinking. They help us become more generous, selfless, compassionate and healthy. Next week we'll delve a little bit into some of the details of how each one of the commandments actually does that.

But why do WE do mitzvos? Easy, because the smartest, most loving, most responsible being who loves us more than anything we can imagine, told us they're good for us. He gave us the playbook, and even if we don't get it, following the playbook is usually wise. And it'll make the coach really happy.

Have a Nageela Shabbos,

The Rabbi



Find over 200 interesting educational videos at the Rabbi Locker YouTube Channel.
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How much do you love
being Jewish?

Answer of the Week

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The book of Shir Hashirim (Song of Songs) has only one verse beginning with the letter 'vav'.



QUESTION ON PAGE 3



CAMP NAGEELA WEST SUMMER 2026

GIRLS MAIN SESSION
JUNE 23 - JULY 15

GIRLS ADVENTURE WEEK
JUNE 16 - JUNE 23

BOYS MAIN SESSION
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BOYS ADVENTURE WEEK
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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!

Braden Martin Ayala
Ben-Shimon Adam Adelson
Michael Dahan Maya Bega
Madden Marks

Israel Ivgi Wyatt Rozea
Victorial'oren Sefia Lior Facher
Gitai Gazala Lielle Shlasinger
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