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TORAT SCENE- A- EYE

An AI generated image representing Isaac's servants digging wells as Avimelech's servants fill them in... it's a (almost) never ending loop)

DEEP THOUGHTS

Instant gratification takes way too long.

LOLZ

What do you call two monkeys who share an Amazon account?

Prime Mates!

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DVAR TORAH

DADDY'S BOY?

It's the last day of the marking period, and your teacher calls you over.



"I see you've worked pretty hard this period. I don't know that your work itself is worth an A, but your dad was a pretty awesome friend of mine and a great student. So I'm going to give you an A because of him."

You might be happy that he's honoring your dad, and you're certainly happy that you got an A, but you have to feel a little bit disappointed. You worked really hard for this. You feel like you've earned it. You don't want to get it because of someone else deserved it. In a way, this is what happened to Isaac.

We know that our four great patriarchs; Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, were all great in their own right, and they all had their own personal path to that greatness. One of the amazing elements of our origin story is how there are so many legit paths to awesomeness. This week's Torah portion talks primarily about Isaac. At one point, there is a famine in the land of Israel, just as there was in Abraham's generation, and Isaac considers going down to Egypt. God tells Isaac, "No, don't go. Stay in Israel, and I'll protect you.

Why? Because your dad was awesome."

Because my dad was awesome? What about me? Isaac didn't ask that, but he may have been wondering it, and some of the commentaries are bothered by this very question. Isaac was a tremendous tzaddik- a hugely good and righteous person. Why is God protecting him in the merit of his holy father and not in his own merit?

The great Torah commentator Seforno tells us something shocking. The reason God protected Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob was not because of their own merits. It's because they stood up and proclaimed God to the world. It's because they taught the world. It's because they were consistently promoting the ideas that the Torah teaches.

WHAT GREATNESS DO YOU CONTAIN THAT YOU CAN BE SHARING WITH OTHERS?

Abraham, of course, spent his entire life teaching many, many people. Jacob was a super studier, and during his studies, he taught and interacted with many students. Later in Isaac's life, the Torah proclaims that he 'called out in the name of God,' which means he did declare and teach the world about the divine. But that had not happened yet. At this point in his life, Isaac was internally

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DVAR TORAH

DADDY'S BOY?... CONTINUED

focused. Isaac was creating himself, and even though he was great, he had not yet shared that greatness with anyone else. It was this reason, says Seforno, that Isaac needed his father's merit for protection.

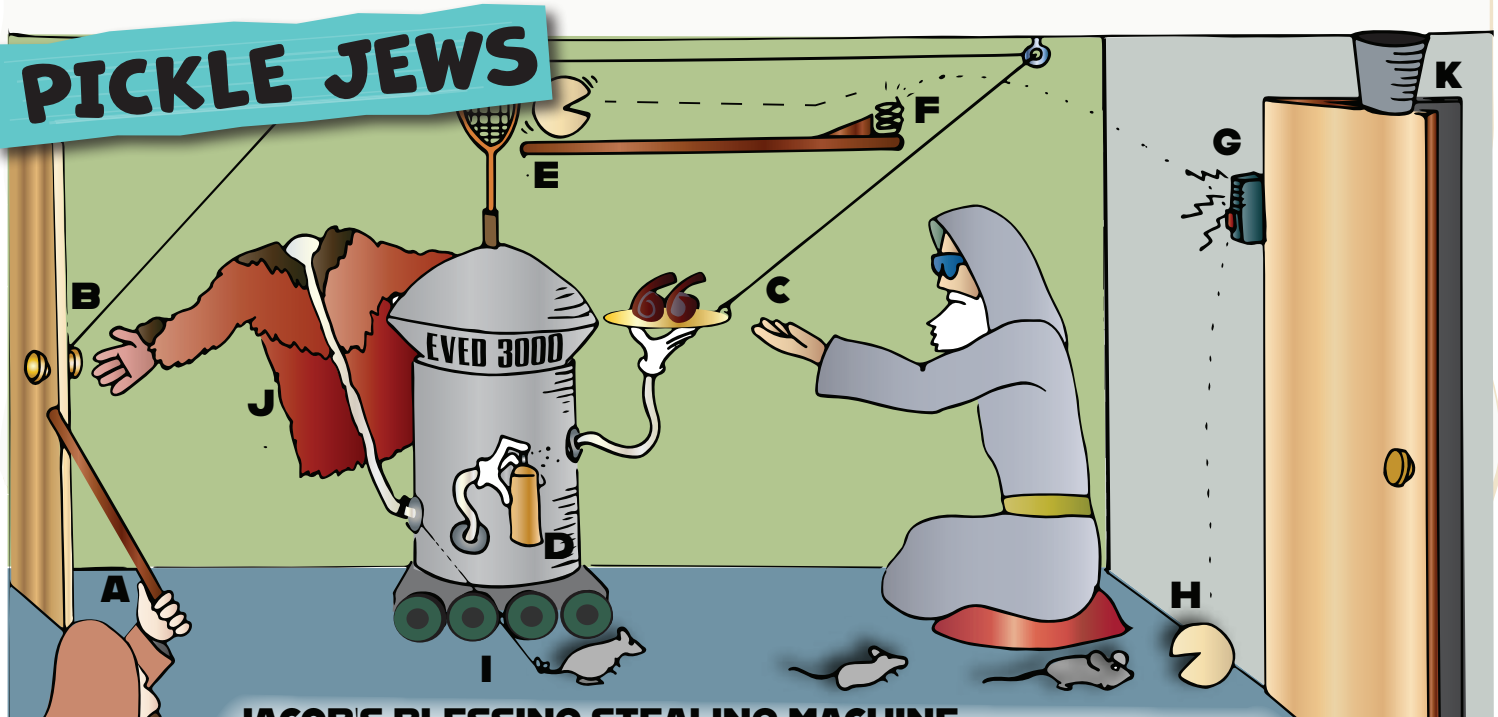
As great as he was, he had not yet shared that with the world, and that prevented his greatness from earning personal protection. What values do you have inside you? What greatness do you contain that you can be sharing with others? It's great to be great, but it's only by helping others achieve greatness that we can truly step into our own awesomeness.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

How many times (and what are they) does the Torah refer to the sense of smell?

See the answer on page 5

PICKLE JEWS



JACOB'S BLESSING STEALING MACHINE:

JACOB USES STICK (A) TO CLOSE DOOR, CAUSING STRING (B) TO PULL THE LAMB CHOPS (C) CLOSER TO ISAAC. AS THE ROBOT MOVES CLOSER, ISAAC CAN SMELL THE 'RAYACH HASADEH- HUNTING SCENT' (D). TENNIS RACKET BUMPS THE WHEEL OF CHEESE (E), WHICH ROLLS DOWN THE SHELF, UP THE RAMP AND SPRINGS (F) OVER ISAAC'S HEAD, PUSHING THE RED BUTTON (G) ON THE INTERCOM WHICH PLAYS ESAU'S PRERECORDED VOICE SAYING, "I AM ESAU". CHEESE THEN DROPS, ATTRACTING MICE (H), THE SOUND AND FEEL OF WHICH FURTHER CONVINCE ISAAC THAT ESAU IS ABOUT. ONE MOUSE IS TIED TO THE ROBOT (I) AND RUNNING FOR THE CHEESE, IT SPINS THE ROBOT SO THAT ESAU'S SPECIAL ANIMAL SKIN COAT (J) MOVES TOWARD ISAAC IN A HUGGING MOTION. FEELING THE HUG, ISAAC BLESSES JACOB.
WHEN ESAU ENTERS, BUCKET (K) FALLS OVER HIS HEAD, OBSCURING HIS VISION LONG ENOUGH FOR JACOB TO MAKE GOOD HIS ESCAPE.



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PARSHAL PARSHA

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- Isaac marries Rebecca when he's 40. Remember that. It may be on the test later.
- At first Rebecca has trouble having children, so they pray.
- Rebecca becomes pregnant with twins. However, her insurance doesn't allow ultrasound, so doesn't know it's twins and she is confused that her kid seems to have a split personality.
- She goes to seek divine advice, and is told that she doesn't just have two kids inside, but two whole nations that will always be in competition, yet the older will serve the younger. As the youngest child in my family, that makes me happy.
- As soon as the boys are born it's clear how different they are. Esau comes out first. He's hairy. The younger one is called Jacob because he's grabbing his brother's heel, trying to get ahead.
- The kids grow up, and Esau becomes an outdoorsman who enjoys hunting, skiing, mountain biking and the occasional murder. Jacob is a scholar who stays indoors, studies and probably doesn't have much of a tan.
- Isaac develops a special affection for Esau, either because he's a good cook, or because he pretends he's righteous. Rebecca understands that Jacob is the one.
- When their grandfather Abraham dies, Esau finally goes off on a truly evil rampage. When he returns from his day of debauchery, he's hungry (and tired- see this week's Dvar Torah) and trades his rights as first born to get Jacob's cholent (and bread- people always forget to mention the bread).
- There's no food, so guess where Isaac and family goes? To the Philistines! No relation to any other groups with similar names. Isaac is extremely successful in the Philistine land, but his relationship with the people was the pits. Literally, they kept fighting over pits. It didn't go well. They kept fighting over wells. Isaac keeps digging wells like Stanley Yelnats, and the Philistines keep filling them in like... i dunno, like people who fill in wells.
- When Esau turns 40, he decides to get married to a bunch of women who were the pits.
- Isaac's vision fades, and the same insurance company won't allow him to get Lasik.
- Not knowing how long he has to live, he decides it's time to impart his final life blessing on his children. He asks Esau, the eldest to prepare him a delicious meal so he'll be in a good mood to give the blessing.
- While Isaac is out hunting, Rebecca and Jacob cook up a plan and some goats. Jacob impersonates Esau to his blind father and gets away with the blessings that will determine the future of the Jewish people.
- Esau vows to kill Jacob who then flees the country. Before he goes, Isaac and Rebecca instruct Jacob to look for a wife in the same place Isaac had found Rebecca, at her ancestral home in Padan Aram.
- Oh yeah, Esau gets married. Again.



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WEEK HIGHLIGHTS

ANSWER OF THE WEEK

Question on page 3

God 'smelled' the scent of Noah's offering (post flood).
In this week's Parsha, Isaac smells the scent of Jacob's 'borrowed' clothing.







ADVENTUREDOME!



WHAT A week!

WHAT GOES IN AN EZRA ROLL, ANYWAY?





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