

# HAVE A NAGEELA SHABBOS

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## TRIBAL FLAG MIX-UP!

Uh oh. The flags got mixed up during desert transport.  
Can you return each banner to the correct tribe before traveling resumes?

**MATCH** each flag (by NUMBER) to the correct tribe.

<b>A. REUVEN (RED)</b> - mandrakes / water	<b>E. YISSACHAR (DARK BLUE)</b> - sun & moon	<b>I. GAD (GRAY)</b> - camp / tent troops
<b>B. SHIMON (GREEN)</b> - city of Shechem / sword	<b>F. ZEVULUN (WHITE)</b> - ship	<b>J. ASHER (OLIVE)</b> - olive tree
<b>C. LEVI (BLACK/WHITE/RED)</b> - Urim v'Tumin	<b>G. DAN (SAPPHIRE BLUE)</b> - snake	<b>K. YOSEF (EPHRAIM) (BLACK)</b> - ox
<b>D. YEHUDAH (SKY BLUE)</b> - lion	<b>H. NAFTALI (WINE PURPLE)</b> - deer	<b>L. BINYAMIN (MULTICOLOR)</b> - wolf

**BONUS!**  
One of these symbols definitely does NOT belong.  
**Which one?**

(Answer key - upside down!)  
1-H, 2-A, 3-E, 4-L, 5-F, 6-T, 7-I, 8-C, 9-K, 10-D, 11-A, 12-K

## WHAT'S UP

### YEAR ENDS EARLY IN WEST COAST

The Jewish people in the desert! We're beginning the 4th book of the Torah, called Bamidbar, or the book of Numbers. As we close in on our 400th episode in a couple of months, we look forward to exploring some meaningful and fun content. We'd love our readers to give us feedback about which parts of Nageela Shabbos are your faves!

Tickets are now available for our May 31st SIX FLAGS trip. This trip will have limited spots so and it will likely sell out. May 31st. Can't wait! Message us or look at the West Coast NCSY website for the registration link.

We had absolutely amazing year end programs this past week in several palces. Here are some highlights, and next week we hope to share some photos.

Tucson and Scottsdale each had year end trampoline park trips, wirth record attendance, tons of creative photo ops, and some exciting year end awards.

We celebrated our final visits at several schools including Ther Meadows, Phoenix Hebrew Academy, Pardes and the Adelson School. These events included (but not all together) an ice cream sundae bar, a BBQ, ICE PONG, dance party, Name that Tune and of course, more food and prizes.

Our Nageela fundraising campaign is coming soon. Start looking beneath your couch cushions for that loose change!

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

Food that contains mushroom isn't technically plant based.



### 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

What does an an annoying owl say?

Whom, whom.

# VISUAL TORAH BLAST

## PARSHAS BAMIDBAR



### BOOK OF NUMBERS

THE FOURTH BOOK IN THE TORAH is usually called the book of numbers. It involves counting the Jewish people several times.

### BIG MISTAKE

Thinking of these events as counting numbers is a mistake. That's not what was happening.



### DEHUMANIZATION

Crunching numbers and analyzing data often makes it seem like each person isn't very meaningful. If 67.67 million Americans wash their hair with 3 in 1 (a completely made up stat- why would anyone waste their time with separate conditioner?), that ignores the personal story of each of these people.



### NAMES, NOT NUMBERS

The Torah counts the Jews TO THE NUMBER OF THEIR NAMES, meaning each person was asked their names.



### FAMILY FIRST

Not only their names, but their family history was included. Because YOUR NAME and YOUR STORY is important to God.

### PEKUDIM

Traditional sources actually call the book Sefer Hapekudim- not the book of counting, but the book of people being called to importance.



### KNOW THEIR STORY

We should avoid looking at people as just numbers, or nameless parts of a group. Each person and their story truly matters. Hear them.

### YOU COUNT

IT'S NOT ABOUT BEING COUNTED. IT'S ABOUT BEING SOMEONE WHO COUNTS



BOOK OF PEOPLE WHO COUNT



*Mazel Tov to Nageela staff member Natalie Chowaiki upon her engagement!*



Middle and High School Boys are invited to:



THURSDAYS  
MAY 14 - ON  
MAY 21 - OFF  
MAY 28 - ON

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

Please RSVP to Rabbi Locker at 917-613-1037



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# PARSHAL PARSHA

a brief summary of the weekly  
Torah porshon

- We have a big census, using all of our senses, and half shekels, not cents(sus)
- Men from age 20 until 60 are counted
- The leaders of the tribes, also called Nessi'im or princes, are listed
- The grand total of the census is 603,550, but this excludes the tribe of Levi who are counted separately
- The Torah outlines the exact formation each tribe was supposed to travel in, with 3 tribes in each direction, and the Levites near the center
- Levi is divided into three families, each with a specific job
- Gershon's family carries all the curtains, coverings, carpets and caffeinated beverages
- Kehas (that's the family of Moses and Aaron) is responsible for carrying the holiest objects, such as the ark, the altars and the menorah
- Merari's family carried the hardware; all the boards, poles and beams
- In previous years, the first born sons were the ones responsible for the temple service. Now a ceremony is made where the tribe of Levi replaces the first borns. There's a lot of waving

## PARSHAS BAMIDBAR YOU CAN COUNT ON ME, LIKE 1, 2, 3

WEST COAST JEWNIOR NCSY & JUNITY

Invite you to

# Six Flags

MAGIC MOUNTAIN  
CALIFORNIA

## YEAR-END TRIP

**\$150**

 **Sunday, May 31, 2026** LAS VEGAS  
6AM DEPARTURE  
11PM RETURN

**PASS** ADMISSION INCLUDES:  
TRANSPORTATION LUNCH, BBO DINNER AND EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

 TRANSPORTATION  LUNCH  EPIC BBQ DINNER  EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

SOME HALF PRICE SPOTS AVAILABLE FOR 11<sup>TH</sup> AND 12<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS AS JR STAFF.

THERE ARE LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE, AND REGISTRATION WILL CLOSE ON MAY 24  
USE THE LINK OR QR TO SIGN UP OR CONTACT  
RABBI LOCKER AT 917-613-1037

**REGISTER**



## PICKLE JEWS



# 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](mailto:stump@nageelawest.org)

(Most) questions here are real. Names and some wording have been changed.

## THE MOST IMPORTANT

A BRAND NEW STUMP THE RABBI EPISODE #289

Hi Rabbi,

I hear so many different Hebrew words for God, and I don't know why we use different names. God is God, isn't He? Even in every blessing, we use two different names. What gives?

Thanks,

Clayton Nomen



Dear Nomen, Clay,

Here's a game. I'll give you a list of ten original names, and then what they were changed to. I've scrambled it, so you'll have the challenge of matching the person to their nickname (or legally changed name).

Elton John

Mark Twain

Cassius Clay

Dr. Seuss

Bob Dylan

Charles Dodgson

Vin Diesel

R' Yaakov Yisrael Kanievsky

Shlomo Ben Yitzchak

David Ben-Gurion

Samuel Clemens

Robert Zimmerman

Lewis Carroll

David Grün

The Steipler

Muhammad Ali

Reginald Kenneth Dwight

Rashi

Mark Sinclair

Theodor Geisel

So many famous people you've heard of have changed their names. So if you can change a name, what does a name actually mean? Is it something that defines your core identity, or is it just a convenient way to identify someone?

When it comes to names of God, we certainly can not claim to understand God's core identity. God is so beyond our understanding that we don't have the vocabulary to describe. However, the way we relate to God is through the way He acts. So the various names of God are used to describe how God acts, or at least the things we can see about God's



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DAYS TILL NAGEELA WEST GIRLS SESSION



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DAYS TILL NAGEELA WEST BOYS SESSION

# STUMP THE RABBI

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actions and attributes. So here are a few examples of typical names of God and what they mean. I will spell them out with dashes in between the letters, out of respect. Also, can I give a disclaimer here? This is not a kabbalah class. We are not in a position to think that we can truly even understand God's attributes. What I'll give you here is a very, very, very simplified version of what we mean when we use terms to refer to God.

Ε-L-O | H-I-M As we discussed in a recent Stump the Rabbi, this is the name we use to describe God's powers. It's the idea that all the forces in the universe, from gravity, to weather; from seismic rumblings to planetary orbits, all those powers ALL belong to God. It's because another, simpler word we use for God is Ε-L, which means mighty. Ε-L-O | H-I-M is the plural, meaning all the powers.

This is also the name that's usually used to describe justice or toughness, an aspect of strength.

Y-H | V-H is a name of God so revered, that we don't even pronounce it. It's a combination of the words, Haya, Hoveh, Yihyeh- was, is and will be. It's the concept of God being eternal, constant and reliable. This name is used to refer to God's kindness and mercy. When we see this name spelled out in the Torah or a prayerbook, we verbalize it as...

A-D-O | N-A-Y means 'my master.' It's the most commonly used reference (at least verbally). It's the declaration that He is in charge, and not we.

Here are a few other frequently used terms for God:

SHA |D-A-Y represents the idea that God is and has everything, and doesn't need anything from us. He's also the one who creates boundaries.

M-A | K-O-M literally means 'the place.' It's used to describe how God is everywhere, and how the universe is all dependent on God. There are more, but these are some of those you're most

likely to run into.

There are so, so many deep mystical combinations of letters that are used in Kabbalah for names of God. I don't understand them, and if I did, this wouldn't be the place to explain them. But each special combination of Hebrew letters refers to some attribute or aspect of God.

And this brings us to HASHEM. Hashem is not a name for God. Rather it's the word we use instead of using a name. It means 'the name.' It's important to remember that we avoid using any of God's names except in the proper format of a blessing or reading a biblical verse. Therefore many people use the term Hashem instead, as a nod to the reverence we show to the names that actually refer to God's attributes.

The next time you pray, read a segment in the Torah or study some Jewish wisdom, use these tools to understand the concepts better. Why was this name used in this sentence? Why are there sometimes combinations of names? Using this a framework it will truly deepen your own understanding of Torah and the world.

Have a Nageela Shabbos,

## The Rabbi

FOR MORE ON THIS TOPIC, CHECK OUR ARCHIVES. SEASON 2, EPISODES 22 AND 23, AND SEASON 6, EPISODE 13.



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**LAS VEGAS**

## JEWNIOR NCSY CALENDAR 2025-2026

Sep 02	<b>Skating Kickoff</b> City National Arena	COMPLETE
Oct 11	<b>HUT DOG</b> Campout under the stars & sky	COMPLETE
Oct 19	<b>Summer Jump Session</b> Learn about all our amazing summer opportunities	COMPLETE
Nov 7-9	<b>ADVENTURE SHABBATON</b> Alamo, NV	COMPLETE
Dec 11-14	<b>SKI Weekend</b> Utah	COMPLETE
Feb 13-16	<b>Jewnior Regional</b> California Extended Shabbat experience with Jewniors from six states	COMPLETE
April 17-19	<b>AZ District Shabbaton</b> Tucson	COMPLETE
May 24	<b>Summer Sendoff</b> End the year with a bang!	
May 31	<b>SIX FLAGS</b> Join with LA chapter for an unforgettable day!	

**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.

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# 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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## Happy Birthdays!

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 Hannah Naffas  
 Shani Kanfi  
 Aden Nodheim  
 Zeidy Locker  
 Manny Rosen  
 Isaac Wheeler

Gabriel Hafter  
 Maxim Quint  
 Tuvia Reback  
 Gabby Rivera  
 Ashley Sellen  
 Dylan Parry  
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