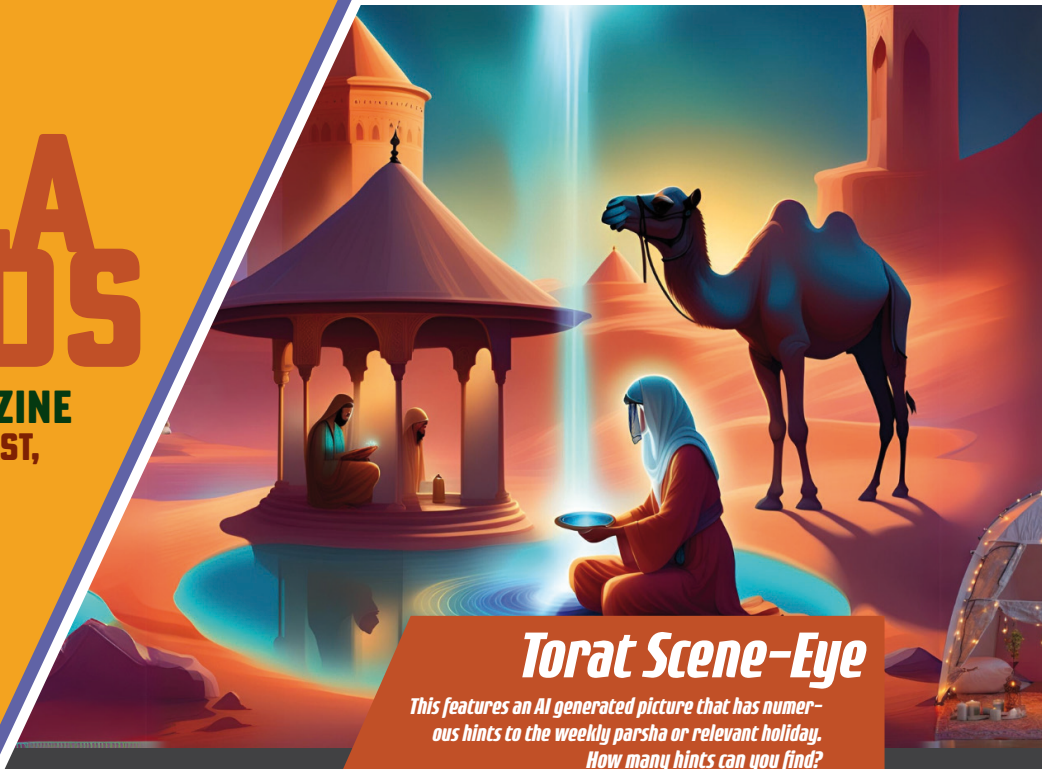


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PARSHAS CHAYEI SARA
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Torat Scene-Eye

*This features an AI generated picture that has numerous hints to the weekly parsha or relevant holiday.
How many hints can you find?
This week's is about Parshas Chayei Sarah*

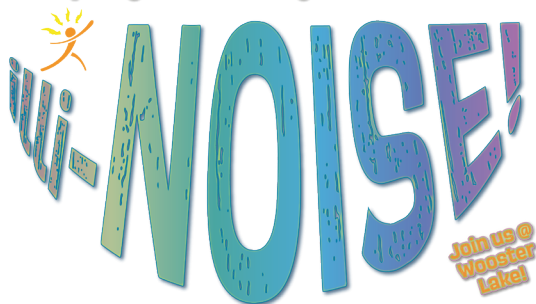
Important News

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We had some exciting developments this week in Nageelaland.

CNW 2025 will be taking place in Wooster Lake, Illinois, as we temporarily partner with our sister camp, Nageela Midwest! See more info on later pages.

camp Nageela West is gonna make some



COMING UP SOON

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- NOV 25- Las Vegas Smoothie and Game Night
- NOV 20- Park City Jewish Heroes
- DEC 4- Scottsdale Latte N Learn
- DEC 6-7- Las Vegas Girls Shabbaton
- Dec 11- Los Angeles Pizza Night

*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!*



Beep Thoughts

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*You should be grateful to
your fingers.
You can always count on them.*



JOIN US!

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



Poll of the Week

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*Please take the time to vote on which
new features you'd like to keep!*



DVAR TORAH

THE TOOLS OF THE TRADE

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Geoffrey was proud because his new podcast had reached a huge milestone; he had 6 subscribers! With another five or ten years of hard work, he was confident he could ramp up his following to twelve or more! "Tools of the Trade" was a show in which Geoffrey, whose personality was about as interesting as you'd expect from someone who spells his name so... Geoffreylike, would examine and talk about the various tools used for different professions. In his first episode, he had visited a dentist's office, where he spent the full two hours of his podcast comparing the relative torque of two dental drills; the Alden Cavitator 3409 and the Microaire Dental whirl 7. It was, umm, fascinating. In his next podcast, he had decided to get a little more exciting, tackling the topic of football. So he visited a sporting goods store and spent his podcast debating, for a full three hours this time, about the 4 primary brands of knee pads, and what scientific benefits a player could derive from using a particular one for joint protection.

Yes, Geoffrey was going places. Speaking of going places, have you ever wondered whether you should get your bike an ISO 622 700C tire with a Presta valve or the Schrader 650b with a width of 23mm-47mm? Yeah, I know. Obvious. Well to Geoffrey, this was an opportunity, so his next podcast was based in a tire warehouse, where he learned his way around bike tires.

Then something happened that left Geoffrey confused. Searching for his next big project, he walked into a large warehouse, expecting to find automobile carburetors or kitchen blenders, or something else, but what he found shocked him. He found... everything!

This warehouse was stocked with everything!

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ANSWER ON PAGE 6

Question of the Week

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It's common for people to get a blessing that causes them to have children. Who was UNABLE to have children because of a blessing?



LOLZ

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Someone asked the DJ to go back to his roots

So he decided to turnip the beets.



Nageela Fun Fact

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The first Camp Nageela was founded by an organization called JEP (Jewish Education Program) of Long Island. Nageela East is still operated by JEP.



How much do you love being Jewish?



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NA-NA-NAGEELA

DVAR TORAH

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They had dental drills and bicycle tires, they had protective gear for sports and parts for cars. They kitchen appliances, electronics, clothing, toothbrushes and those dinosaur shaped flossers. They even had podcast equipment ("Hey, Geoffrey thought... I should do a podcast about podcasts!"). He didn't understand. On all of his previous episodes, he had visited places that specialized in one type of equipment. Dental, sports, surgical; each establishment was a place where he could explore something. What did this location seem to have so much variety? After a bit of searching (the place was HUGE), he found an office labeled "Acme Importers." Now Geoffrey understood.

Acme was not a dental company and they were not an engineering company. They didn't produce jet engines (though they had some), ramen noodles (though they had many), toys or alien octopi (they didn't have any of those. Just checking if you were still reading). They were importers. That meant they gathered the good stuff from hundreds of different companies and helped distribute them. That's why they needed to have access to loads of types



Answer of the Week

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Rebecca.

When she left to marry Isaac, her brother Laban blessed her. God did not want to reward the blessing of this wicked man, so it actually prevented her from having children for a while, until Isaac prayed for it.

of products. Hmm, they must also need people who knew about products.

A couple of hours and one job application later, Geoffrey left with a name tag, a new job, and at least 4 followers for his new podcast, "Tools of ALL the trades."

Why on Earth did I tell you this story? People have many different talents, interests and abilities. Some bring great wisdom, while others contribute creativity. Still more provide organizational skills, entertainment or efficiency. All of these blessings come from God who bestows his goodness upon people. The Torah tells us "God blessed Abraham with ALL." Abraham, and in his place, all of us, his children, are God's importers of blessing to the world. When we act as we should, everything is more successful. Dentists drill more accurately, football players' knees hold up better and bicycle tires provide grip and traction on the road. Even if a Jew isn't an expert in a particular area, we are the conduits for blessing for all areas. All we need is a few more followers.



Torat Scene-Eye Explained

Here are some of the hints in this picture:
The scene features Rebecca, wearing a veil (as she did later in the story) kneeling at a well to get water for Eliezer's camels. The water is miraculously rising, and Eliezer is holding glowing jewels. Isaac is also represented here, as he is mentioned in the Parsha as praying. Sarah's tent is represented in the bottom right corner, with candles and bread that lasted the whole week.



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DAYS TILL NAGEELA WEST GIRLS SESSION



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DAYS TILL NAGEELA WEST BOYS SESSION

PARSHAL PARSHA

*a brief summary of the weekly
torah porshon*

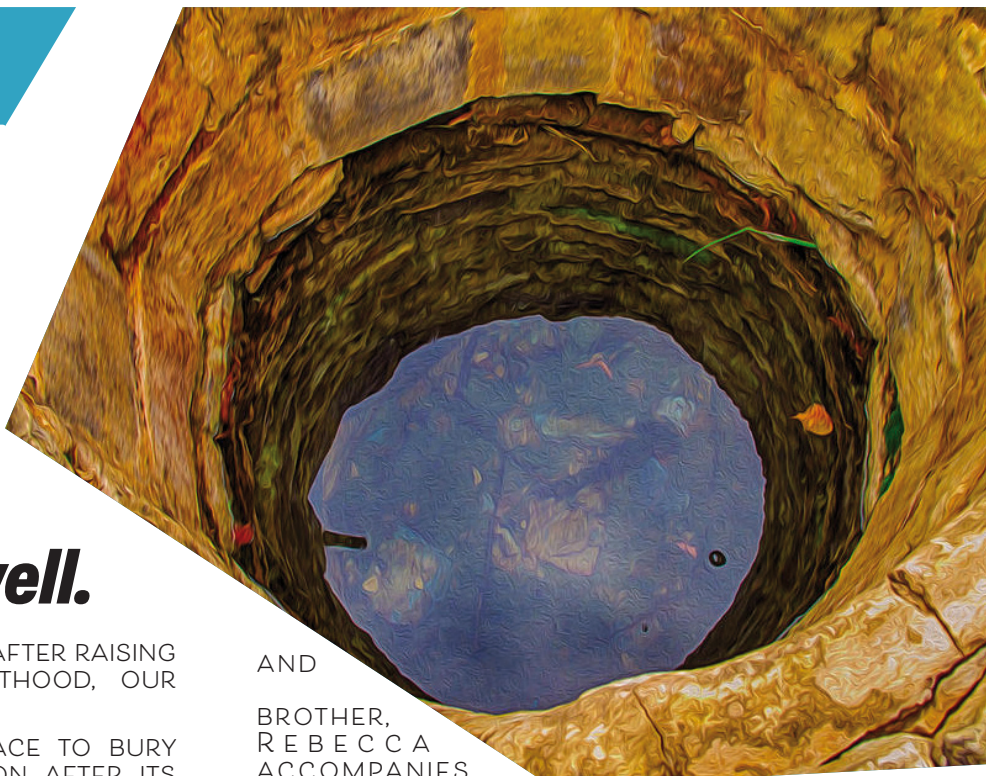
PARSHAS CHAYEI SARAH- All's well that begins at a well.

- ❶ AFTER 127 WONDERFUL YEARS, AND AFTER RAISING THE INCREDIBLE ISAAC TO ADULthood, OUR MATRIARCH SARAH PASSES AWAY.
- ❶ ABRAHAM FINDS THE PERFECT PLACE TO BURY SARAH, AND NAMES A GAS STATION AFTER ITS LOCATION.
- ❶ ABRAHAM PAYS 400 SILVER SHEKELS FOR THE BURIAL SPOT WHERE MOST OF OUR 'FOUNDING FATHERS AND MOTHERS' WOULD EVENTUALLY BE BURIED. INCIDENTALLY, 400 SILVER SHEKELS IS ALSO ABOUT THE PRICE OF A GALLON OF GAS IN CALIFORNIA (HENCE THE GAS STATION NAMING. OHHHHHH).
- ❶ IT'S TIME FOR ISAAC TO GET MARRIED, SO ABRAHAM SENDS HIS TRUSTED ASSISTANT, ELIEZER, TO SELECT A PERFECT WIFE FOR ISAAC. HE'S TOLD NOT TO CHOOSE SOMEONE FROM THE LOCAL CANANANANANANANITES.
- ❶ ELIEZER DOES HIS JOB [AT A] WELL, AND DISCOVERS REBECCA, WHO IS KIND ENOUGH TO GIVE WATER TO ELIEZER AND HIS CAMELS.
- ❶ AFTER SOME NEGOTIATION WITH REBECCA'S FATHER

AND

BROTHER,
REBECCA
ACCOMPANIES
ELIEZER BACK TO
ISRAEL TO MEET ISAAC.

- ❶ ISAAC ESTABLISHES THE AFTERNOON SERVICE, KNOWN AS MINCHA.
- ❶ WHEN REBECCA AND ISAAC MARRY, THE BLESSINGS OF SARAH RETURN. THEY LIVE HAPPILY EVER AFTER (IF YOU BELIEVE THAT, YOU HAVEN'T LEARNED MUCH TORAH).
- ❶ ABRAHAM MARRIES KETURAH (SOME OPINIONS SAY SHE WAS ACTUALLY HAGAR) AND HAS A BUNCH OF CHILDREN. ABRAHAM SEND THEM AWAY WITH GIFTS, TO MAKE IT CLEAR THAT ISAAC IS HIS TRUE HEIR.
- ❶ ABRAHAM PASSES AWAY AT AGE 175, AND IS BURIED BY ISAAC AND ISHMAEL, WHO HAS SINCE CHANGED HIS WAYS AND IMPROVED AS A PERSON.



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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.



iPRAY

Hi Rabbi,

Is it proper for me to use my phone in a synagogue? What if I don't talk, but just text? What about just having it with me? What if I'm expecting an important call? What about a Siddur app?

Thanks,
Shaun D. Stracht

Dear D StrachtShaun,

Do you WANT everyone to hate me? OK, this may be unpopular, but here we go:

I heard about a weird story that happened to a teenager named Millie recently. She was doing her usual thing, scrolling through her feed, liking and commenting on videos, when this rude adult walked up and grabbed the phone right out of her hand! Millie couldn't believe it! This person (who had some made up title like 'teacher' or something, had the nerve to tell Millie that she would fail her 'classes' (did you see my air quotes there?)) and that she wasn't allowed to use her phone in this room called 'class' (again).

Yeah, I know it's an exaggerated story, but the point is real. Let's look at it this way.

Prayer is pretty serious business. In Jewish law, there's a whole lot of rules about how to pray, when to pray, where to pray, with whom to pray. For example, did you know that you shouldn't pray in front of a mirror? It looks like you're praying to yourself, and it's distracting besides. You're not supposed to pray on a raised platform unless it has a railing, because you might get distracted by fear of falling (so if you work for Cirque du Soleil, sorry, you'll have to come down first- I wonder if you can pray while in skydiving freefall, what can happen already?). We don't pray while riding an animal (not just because of the smell, but because you have to concentrate). And we certainly should not pray with a phone pinging, dinging, buzzing and reminding us of all the appointments, notifications and entertaining memes right there, calling to us.

Rab-

bi Moshe

Feinstein ruled that

if one has to pray on an airplane, and he might be distracted by people passing by in the aisle, fasten seatbelt lights going on or peanuts being tossed at his head, it's better to sit for the entire prayer, rather than to stand and pray in a distracted way. Some of us have an easier time concentrating, but many of us get distracted rather easily (look, a pickle- I'm out). When we pray, we want to create a kind of bubble where we can genuinely feel connected to God. That's not gonna happen every time, but we should make the best setting for it. That's why we designate a building to pray in, rather than praying in a bus station (of course if you're in a bus station and it's time to pray you do the best with what you have).

Humans have always had a challenge of getting distracted, and phones are very helpful in the distraction category. 5 star review. Suuuuuuper distracting.

So I hope it's clear and obvious that having a phone out, checking notifications or responding to them is certainly a bad idea. Keeping your ring-er on won't just distract you, but will also distract others. You don't wanna be that guy. And yes, people around you see you on your phone and it distracts them even if it's quiet. However, I find that even having my phone on vibrate in my pocket takes some of my mental bandwidth. It's like having too many windows open on your computer and getting that rainbow wheel of death. Personally, I'm a fan of shutting the phone off completely, and if possible having it in a separate room. Preferably in a fortified underground bunker with biometric security.

But my phone has a great Siddur app! Can I use that?

It's actually really amazing that phones have wonderful prayer and Torah apps, and we should make good use of them when traveling. It's super convenient to have a siddur in your pocket when you have to pray on the back of a tow truck. But if you're in a synagogue where there are real prayerbooks, it seems unnecessary to use a phone to pray. The same way a synagogue may not have pictures on the walls (unless they're above eye level) because they're distracting, and prayer-



Note & Disclaimer: We call this 'Stump The Rabbi' for fun, but that's not really the point. The goal is to learn something important in an interesting way. The answers here should not be taken as halachic decisions. You should always ask a competent Rabbi personally.

books are not supposed to be illustrated for the same reason, a phone siddur app is no better than an illustrated prayerbook. Of course it should be self understood that if you have to pray with a phone, it should be on airplane mode and Do Not Disturb.

What if I'm expecting an important call? Stump the Rabbi isn't meant to render halachic decisions, so check with your Rabbi, but here's what I think. I'd venture to say that if you're expecting such an important call that you need to have your phone out, you should skip the syna-

gogue and pray alone. I don't think bringing a distraction into people's sincere prayers is excused by your desire to pray with a minyan.

I understand that this is an emotional topic for a lot of people, especially for teenagers, and nobody is perfect. As we mentioned earlier, the goal is to give ourselves the best tools we can to succeed as often as we can. We're big fans of scrolls, but not big on scrolling.

Thanks,

The Rabbi

PICKLE JEWS

SOME THINGS DON'T CHANGE...



SHABBATON FOR GIRLS DEC 6-7

DETAILS AND REGISTRATION COMING THIS WEEK!



Happy Birthdays!

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