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PARSHAS KI SAVO 5785

Torat Scene-A-Eye

*This features an AI generated picture that has numerous hints to the weekly parsha.
This week's is about Parshas Ki Savo*



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?

STUFF IS HAPPENING

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- The year is really getting heated up!
 - Las Vegas Jewnior NCSY has begun with weekly programming for 4th through 8th graders. The calendar of important events is contained yonder in these very pages. Take a gander on page 6.
 - This coming week, we kick off Jewnior NCSY in Arizona with an awesome trip to Slick City Scottsdale for amazing slides, jumps and spins! Details on page 6.
 - Nageela Hebrew School in Las Vegas is every Sunday for age 5 and up, and will begin next week, Sept 21, at Young Israel. Registration is open at campnageelawest.org.
 - EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT for Nageela West by Midwest ends this Monday, so now is the best time to ensure your \$500 discount plus DOUBLE REFERRAL CREDIT.
 - Jewtah NCSY gets kicked off in a couple of weeks!

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Deep Thoughts

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Have you noticed that the words 'silent' and 'listen' have the same letters?



JOIN US!

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



Mazel Tov to the Lind family upon the engagement of Zeesy to David Friedman!



ANSWER ON PAGE 7

Question of the Week

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What common word that we use dozens of times each day, is listed twelve times in this week's parsha, but only one time in the rest of the Torah?

DVAR TORAH

EMPTY SHELL

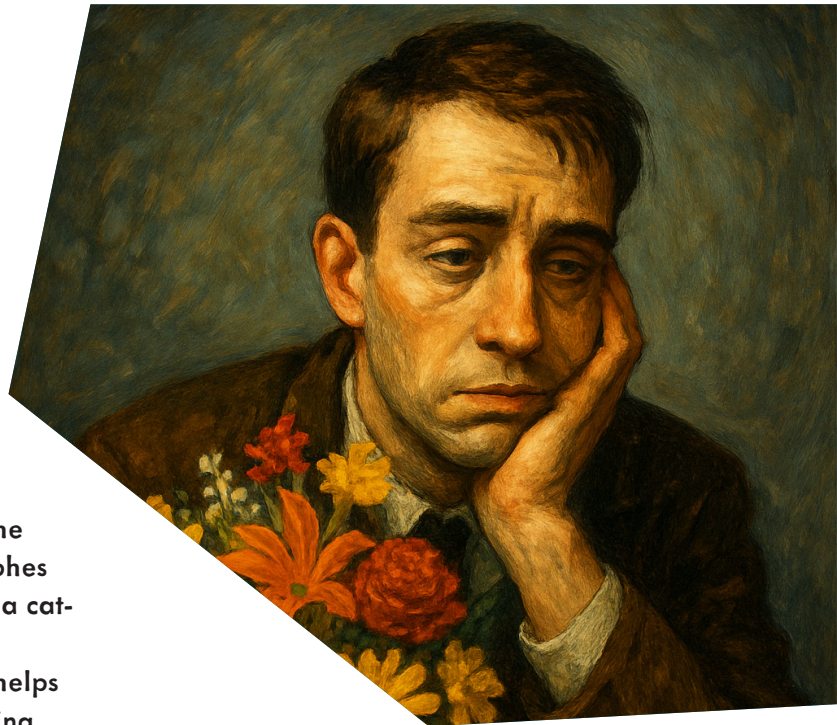
98 is a pretty high number, unless you're a skydiver, then 98 is a pretty low altitude. But 98 curses, 98 tragedies the Torah predicts should we fail to live the way we need to, that's a whole lot of ouch. Something many people are puzzled by is the reason the Torah gives (or at least one of them) for these catastrophes (which could just be a word for an apostrophe used by a cat-I dunno). "Because you did not serve God with Joy..." Uh, really? Sure it's good to be joyful. It's a bonus, it helps upgrade your mitzvah performance, but why does missing the joy crush the entire value of the experience? Why does joylessness create disaster?

If you view life as duty, and Judaism as service of God, then that's a fantastic question. When it comes to duty or service, attitude is helpful, but the key is to just get the job done. But the question sounds silly if we view life and Judaism as a relationship. If you're married, let's say, and you do every single thing your spouse asks; you do the dishes, the shopping, vacuum, mow the lawn, change the diapers, pickle the herring and weedwhack the kids' hair... but it's clear that you're doing all of it BECAUSE YOU HAVE TO, in order to fulfil your obligations, but not because you care, want to help or enjoy bringing happiness to your partner... oooooooy you in for some trouble.

But what do you mean? I've done everything you asked? Haaaaave you? Reaaaaallllly? I mean, technically yes, but how meaningful is it to your relationship that you checked the boxes? Not very.

Torah is not a book of boxes to check on some technical quest from a bureaucratic deity. Don't think of it even as merely meaningful rules for life.

The Torah is a love letter in which God tells us the things that will improve our relationship with our loving maker. Doing any of those things without joy truly misses the point and comes up as empty and superficial. This is why in the depths of the worst predictions of doom and destruction, it can all be related back to a lack of joy. That means a Jew could technically be checking the boxes (I was referring to the tefillin boxes, of course), crossing the finish line (finishing the whole talmud), tying it with a bow (of course, I mean bowing in



prayer), delivering the goods (could be mishloach manos or charity), pulling it off (removing shatnes), and sealing the deal (of buying land in Israel)... technically be doing all these things, but really be doing pretty empty actions. The point of this isn't to dishearten anyone. The opposite. It's not hard, if we try, to do one or two actions each day with true appreciation for God. I find blessings before food to be a quick and easy way to stop and consider our love and appreciation before saying those words of appreciation. But everyone should find their own way to feel and express joy and love for God through the mitzvos we do.



LOLZ

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Why do cows have hooves
instead of feet?

Because they lactose.



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PARSHAL PARSHA

a brief summary of the weekly
Torah parshon

PARSHAS KI SAVO

KEEP IT BLESSED, PEOPLE!

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- A number of commandments are commanded (as commandments tend to be) that apply only when the Jewish people enter the Land of Israel
- When we produce our new crop of one of the seven species that Israel is known for, we bring the very first of those fruits to the Holy Temple in Jerusalem. The giver then says a paragraph which you might recognize as part of the Passover Haggadah. It gives the history of the Jewish people from Jacob, through the Egyptian exile, culminating in these fruits being produced in Israel. Yay!
- On the third and sixth year of each seven year 'shemittah' cycle, 10% of our produce goes to the poor
- When the Jewish people enter the Land of Israel, they are to erect ginormous stones with the entire Torah written on them in seventy languages
- There are a series of blessings and curses that would be given to the people in the vicinity of two mountains, Mount Gerizim and Mount Eival. Six of the twelve tribes would stand on each mountain to accept these divine promises
- The Torah specifies what these curses and blessings are. Stick with the blessings, trust me
- The Torah then details a long, long list of terrible tragedies that would (and have) befall the Jewish people over history
- Moses reminds the people of the many miracles they had personally seen, from the plagues brought upon Egypt, to their miraculous survival through the desert for 40 years. He specifies that their clothing and shoes did not wear out, and the defeat of the mighty kings Sichon and Og



hello

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Las Vegas

MIDDLE SCHOOL

MEETUP

For Jewish boys & Girls of all backgrounds

Mondays
5-6pm (grades 4-6)
6-7:15pm (grades 7-8)

@ Zucker Jewish Academy
10050 Banbury Cross

GAMES, FOOD,
DISCUSSION,
PRIZES

GOOD IDEA

Please RSVP to locker@ncsy.org or 917.613.1037

Torat Scene-A-Eye Explained

Ki Savo describes the great mitzvah of bikkurim, the bringing of the first fruits.

They are brought from the seven species of Israel, wheat, barley, dates, figs, pomegranates and grapes, and were put in baskets. They were then brought in a procession, along with other beautiful fruits to the Holy Temple in Jerusalem.

Here we have a procession of people in colorful clothes, representing various denominations of Jews from different areas, joining together for this mitzvah, walking through a field of grain toward Jerusalem.



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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.

USE WITH CARE

A BRAND SPANKING NEW STUMP, MANUFACTURED IN NEVADA

Hi Rabbi,

I think you're busted. Last week you wrote all about how it's against the Torah to be cruel to animals, yet I don't see evidence of that in the Torah's rules. Judaism seems to be fine with eating meat, using animal skins for the temple, and other things. You also mentioned Billam hitting his donkey, but don't animal drivers whip animals all the time? Is that forbidden, too?

I'd love some clarification.

Thanks,

People for the Ethical Treatment of
Pickles

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Dear PETP.

Can you figure out where this quote is from?

"It is prohibited to carry out interventions or treatments involving considerable pain or injury on live animals for experimental purposes..."

It sounds like a compassionate law preventing experimentation on animals. It's actually a direct translation from the November 1933 Reichstierschutzgesetz, or



Reich
Animal
Protection

Law. Yes, you guessed it, by the same evil people who practiced scientific experimentation on humans. The topic of kindness and cruelty to animals is important to understand in a balanced way, within a system and context of total kindness and responsibility. So, for example, acting with cruelty to an animal for no good reason is immoral. Showing kindness to an animal where it would cause human suffering is also immoral.

Where do we draw the lines?

As you might imagine, there's some debate of exactly how and when we should be concerned about 'Tzar Baalei Chayim-Pain to living creatures,' and the purpose of this publication is not to give specific halachic guidance, but here are a few points that might be helpful:

- It is clear that the Torah wants us to avoid causing pain to creatures. Last week we brought many examples of this, so I won't go into it today (you can always check the archives at nageelawest.org).
- It is also clear that we are allowed to utilize animals for our benefit. For example, the Torah explicitly allows

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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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humans (after Noah) to eat meat. The mishkan, our portable travel Temple was covered with various animal skins, not synthetic leather made in a Chinese lab.

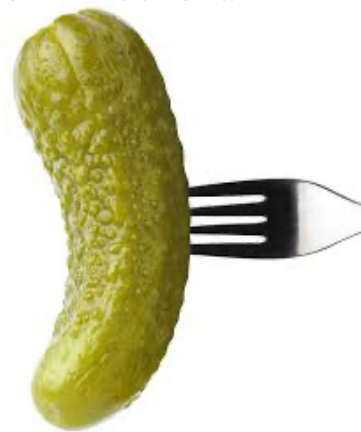
- We are allowed to use animals to carry loads, yet we are supposed to be careful not to overload them. We are permitted to whip or hit an animal within reasonable boundaries, but not excessively. You mentioned Billam. Apparently his donkey spanking was excessive, or not useful.
- Some authorities say that as long as there's a useful purpose for humans, the animal's pain isn't prohibited, and only senseless cruelty is a problem. Others limit it to a mitzvah purpose, communal or royal use, or a matter of great need.
- Some publications distinguish between mammals and smaller animals such as insects and rodents.
- There's discussion about hunting and fishing for sport (meaning, not for food or skins) and many halachic authorities are against these practices.

- There may be grounds to permit animal testing for medications and other things that are important for human health and happiness, but it may depend on how much discomfort is caused to the animal, and also how direct the benefit is to people (a scientific study that might nebulously help some people down the road vs. testing a medication that can help a specific ill person now).
- There are other factors, disagreements, and discussions that are beyond the scope of today's publication.

The bottom line is that God designed a universe for us to enjoy, and we are supposed to use everything in it for our benefit. At the same time, we take care not to do undue or cause great pain when use the world.

Have-a Nageela Shabbos

*The
Rabbi*



QUICK FIX

Bikkurim started as a simple mitzvah but ended up as this cool event.

When a farmer harvested his very first produce of the season, he would designate it as bikkurim- the first fruits. That produce would be placed in a basket along with other decorative stuff and brought to Jerusalem. But something amazing would happen: Along the way, a large procession would form and loads of people would escort this farmer on his pilgrimage. Hmmm. This seems like a

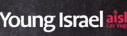
personal 'thank you' to God. Why does it become a public thing?

Because gratitude needs to be public. Gratitude is a dish best served proudly, loudly, and apparently, fruitily.

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Explaining what's going on this summer:

Last year, Camp Nageela West and Camp Nageela Midwest joined forces for an even bigger

and better camp.

This year we're doing that plus more!

The main camp session will be the 3 weeks in Nageela Midwest.

There will also be an additional 8 day Adventure Travel camp BEFORE each session, starting in Las Vegas, and ending at CNM.

Registration is open for the CNM segment!

LAS VEGAS

JEWNIOR NCSY CALENDAR 2025-2026

Sep 02	Skating Kickoff	City National Arena
Oct 11	Sukkah Sleepover	Campout under the stars & schach
Oct 19	Summer Info Night	Learn about all our amazing summer opportunities
Nov 7-9	ADVENTURE SHABBATON	Alamo, NV
Dec 5-7	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!

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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Shown below, Nageela West alumni,
Yoni Stein, Natan Goldman, Matan
Stockman and Noam Goldman, all
proudly defending our people!



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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QUESTION ON PAGE 1

Answer of the Week

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That would be the word
“Amen!”

The Jews use it as a
response to the twelve
curses in the parsha.

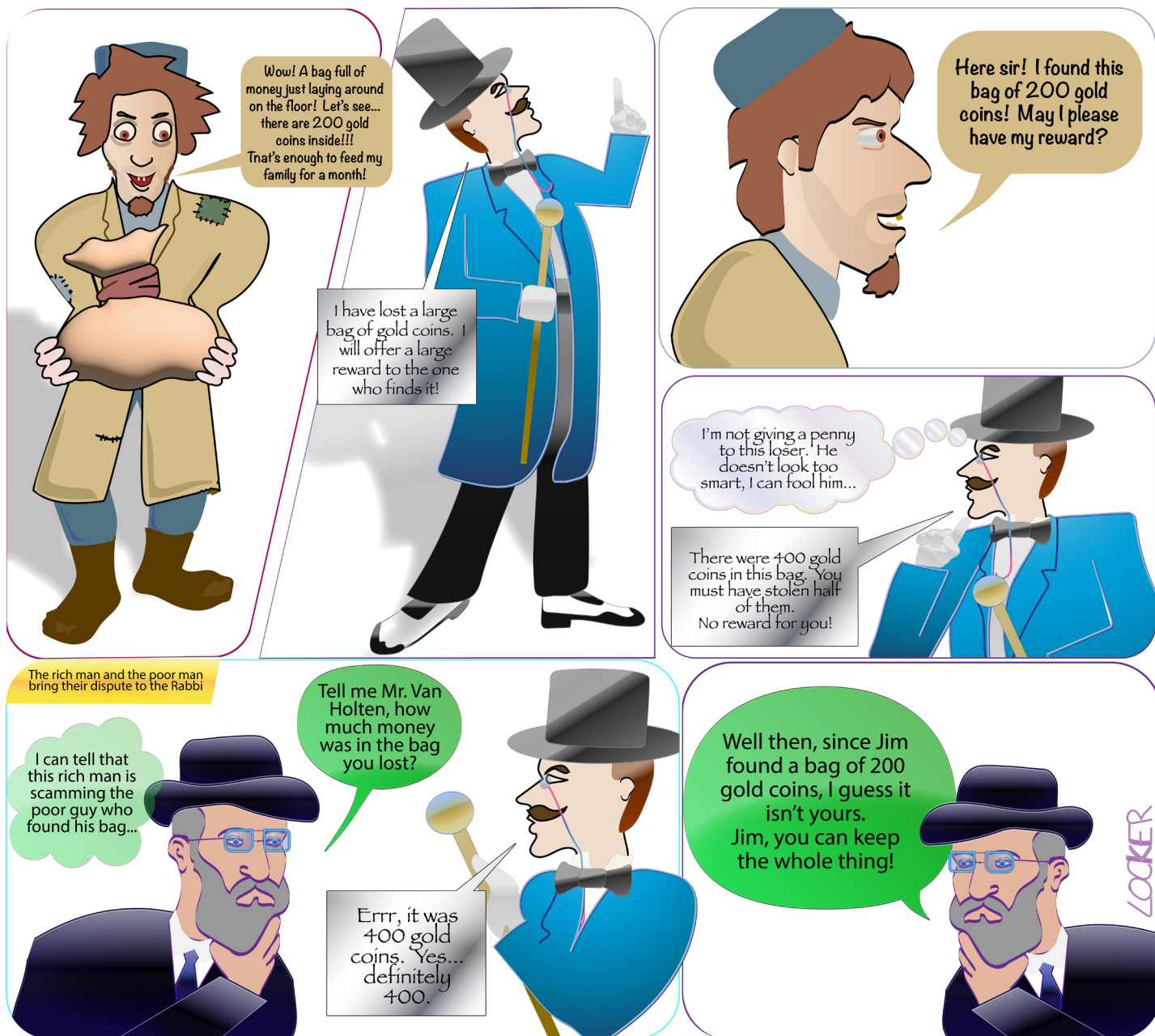
LAS VEGAS JEWNIOBS KICKOFF AT CITY NATIONAL ARENA



WITH SOME OF OUR STUDENT BOARD MEMBERS



PICKLE JEWS



Happy Birthdays!

Noam Goldman
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Simon Factor
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Shua Leiter



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