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PARSHAS KI SEITZEI 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 SEITZEI*



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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- A few things you should know:
 - 1. It is fruitless to attempt to indoctrinate a superannuated canine with innovative maneuvers.
 - 2. We have officially announced and opened registration for part of our summer program. Nageela West 2026 will include a one week adventure travel camp for boys and one for girls and...
 - A 3 week traditional camp for each group together with Camp Nageela Midwest.
 - This past week, Las Vegas Jewnior NCSY kicked off the year with more than 40 participants skating at City National Arena. Shout out to the board members and volunteers who helped out!
 - Lookout for kickoff events in Phoenix, LA and Park City in the coming weeks!
 - Starting this Monday, we're back at Zucker Jewish Academy for JR NCSY from 5-6 for tweens and 6-7:15 for teens.

This week is sponsored by Eitan and Renee Goldman in honor of their son Natan, a Nageela alumnus, who is following his brother and drafting into the IDF this week!



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 Nageela legends Heshy and Racheli Robinson who got married this week!



ANSWER ON PAGE 7

Question of the Week

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There's a Torah verse that was added to the prayers, 8 times per week, because of persecution. What is it?

Visual Torah Blast

Ki Seitzei

Amalek

There is a nation called **Amalek** who is forever hated by God and the Jewish nation.



Remember

There's a special commandment never to forget **Amalek** and what they did to us.

What did they do?

As the Jews were traveling the desert, Amalek attacked them along the way. They are forever public enemy #1.



Come on!

Lots of people have attacked us. Like really a whole lot. So why is Amalek so vilified?

It's about coolness.

No, I don't mean they were cool. The Jewish people were feared and respected after the events in Egypt and the sea. Amalek was the **FIRST** to attack, and so they 'cooled off the water.' They made it easier for all the later baddies to disrespect our status. Their boldness disrupted the upward trajectory.



Don't be cool like Amalek

People get inspired all the time, yet often, something cools down the inspiration. A friend's smirk, a negative comment, or even an innocent question at the wrong time. We should try to be people who strengthen growth, not deflate it.

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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!



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PARSHAL PARSHA

a brief summary of the weekly
Torah parshon

PARSHAS KI SEITZEI

THE RIGHT WAY TO WAR

- The Jewish people, who are about to enter a war for the land of Israel, are given a bunch of instructions for the right way to go to war
- There's a very specific way to deal with captive women that is very different than what has been the immoral standard of wars through most of history
- The Torah has specific laws of inheritance. For example, the oldest son gets a double portion of the inheritance, even if the father has reason to like a different son better, like in the case of my family where I'm the favorite even though I'm youngest.
- If a child is extremely rebellious and does specific acts that show he's headed for a life of serious crime, the court may choose to execute him rather than have him reach his negative potential
- Any time someone is executed by the Jewish court (which, as we mentioned last week was super- uber-duper uncommon), the body must be buried on the same day. They may not be left out in disgrace, because even a criminal deserves some basic human decency
- We are reminded to return lost objects that we find. We aren't allowed to ignore them, pretend not to see them, or 'forget' about them. We have a moral obligation to take any returnable item, and hold onto it until the owner claims it or until the Jets win a Super Bowl. Whichever comes sooner
- Men and women are forbidden to dress in the clothes meant for the other
- There's a unique commandment given, if one plans on taking eggs from a nest, to first send away the mother bird, as an act of kindness
- Have a safe trip, see you next fall... we want to be safe, not to trip or fall. That's why the Torah commands us to have a fence around roofs, porches, balconies and space stations (wait, if there's no gravity, what's the point? To prevent you from falling up?)
- We are given a number of commandments about how to deal with a man who makes an untrue claim against a woman, and similar offenses
- Male descendants of the nations of Ammon (named after their favorite cleaning chemical) and Moab (named after their favorite part of Utah) are never allowed to marry into the Jewish nation, even if they convert. This is in contrast to Edomites and Egyptians who are eventually allowed to fully join the Jewish people
- When lending money to or borrowing money from a Jewish person, we keep it boring. Meaning, we do not charge interest
- Pay your bills! If someone pledges a donation to charity, it's important to actually fulfil that pledge. Did you hear about the synagogue that was robbed? They stole \$10,000 in pledges!
- The Torah gives instructions about how to get divorced properly, if necessary
- A kid napping is a good thing (if he's tired) but a kidnapping is really terrible
- Yeebum, yee-haw. If a married man dies without children, his brother may marry the widow so that the child will be a merit for the deceased brother
- The Torah stresses the importance of being honest in business
- The parsha ends with a warning to always remember the nasty sneak attack of the nation of Amalek. We are commanded to remember to erase their memory so that we won't remember to remember to forget.



Torat Scene-A-Eye Explained

Man handing grain to a woman with a basket = Leaving behind part of the harvest for the poor. Child standing near them = orphans who benefit from this law.

Stone wall with a boy climbing/standing near it = Ma'akeh: the obligation to build a guardrail or safety fence on high places.

Woman with a donkey = Assisting someone with their burdened animal.

Small lamb and calf = Do not crossbreed animals or tza'ar ba'alei chayim (treating animals with kindness).

Man holding a bird + Tree with a nest and bird = Shiluach HaKein: sending away the mother bird before taking the eggs. Woman with a jug = Pay workers on time / do not oppress a worker.

Fence in the background = protective boundaries in society. Bearded man gesturing with his finger = A "teacher" or "judge" type figure, symbolizing the mitzvos of honesty, justice, and memory (e.g., "Remember Amalek").



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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.

CRUEL TEA

A BRAND SPANKING NEW STUMP, MANUFACTURED IN NEVADA

Hi Rabbi,

What does Judaism say about animal cruelty? Does the Torah say anything about it? Is it one of the commandments?

Thanks,
DJ Dolittle, PhD

Dear Dr. Dolittle,

Sometimes animals are cruel. There isn't really anything we can do about it... What? That's not what you meant? Ahhh. Oh, that's embarrassing. The Torah has two ways it tells us what God wants. One is with the 'official' commandments, where God says, "do this." Or "Don't do that." Those are the 613 commandments people usually refer to. However, about half of the Torah, our great book of God's instructions, isn't formatted as detailed instruction, but as stories; stories which tell us just as clearly exactly what God deems great or nefarious behavior. Lemme give you an example: When the Jews were about to enter the land of Israel, they sent out a scouting party. Unfortunately, the result of this expedition was a breakdown in the faith and confidence the nation had in God. Be-

cause of this lack of trust, the Jewish people were forced to spend 40 years in the desert, and that original generation of the exodus was deprived of ever entering the Land of Israel. There's no direct commandment, but we get a very clear picture of God's morality. We see that trusting in God and His prophet are hugely important and that ignoring God's promise can lead to catastrophe. Why am I telling you this? I'm trying to explain that there are many really important values the Torah teaches which may not be directly listed in the 613 commandments, yet that doesn't take away from their value to God.

This part is cool. I'm gonna show you many places in the Torah that make it clear that being cruel to animals isn't simply frowned upon, but is actually forbidden (as is explicitly stated in the Talmud):

- If you see an animal that's overloaded with cookies, ski boots, salami or anything else, there's an actual commandment in the Torah to help unload the burden. According to Rashi, the reason is due to the discomfort the animal is experiencing.
- When an animal is working for you around grain, it's forbidden to muzzle it.

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DAYS TILL NAGEELA WEST BOYS SESSION



STUMP THE RABBI

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According to some commentaries, this teaches us that it's forbidden to cause discomfort to an animal.

- Maimonides derives the commandment from the story of Billam. If you remember the story, after getting stuck in bumper to bumper traffic, Billam gets frustrated and begins to hit his donkey. He gets pulled over by the angelic highway patrol, and the angel asks why he hit his donkey (that question can only be asked by someone who hasn't driven in New York). The fact that God sent an angel to criticize Billam hitting his donkey means there's something wrong with the practice!
- Charedim says we can simply derive this from the commandment to be like God. God cares for each creature so certainly so should we.

I can give you about 5 more options for

which Torah source teaches us the evil of animal cruelty, including all the rules of Kosher slaughter, the prohibition against plowing with two species of animal together, feeding your animals before you eat or sending away the mother bird.

So it is indeed clear that animal cruelty is against the Torah. I'll add one more point here. Most of our greatest ancestors were shepherds, people who practiced care for animals as their main daily activity. Moses showing particular care for one thirsty sheep is one of the markers that singled him out as the future leader of the Jewish people. So it's not subtle and it's not controversial. God and the Torah very strongly promote the importance of kindness to all creatures.

Have-a Nageela Shabbos

The Rabbi

WE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR OUR SISTERS AND BROTHERS RISKING THEIR LIVES TO FIGHT FOR OUR SAFETY

QUICK FIX

If you find something that was lost by someone else, it's a mitzvah to return it. The Torah instructs us to return that lost cat or bicycle or dirty sock as often as it gets lost.

Someone scatterbrained or irresponsible might lose his stuff a lot. Yet we still have to return it over, and over and over and over and over and over.

If that is true for someone's property, it applies even more strongly when it comes to someone who is lost themselves. If someone

you know is lost, can't find their way to a meaningful life, or needs guidance, our obligation and privilege is to help guide them on the path.

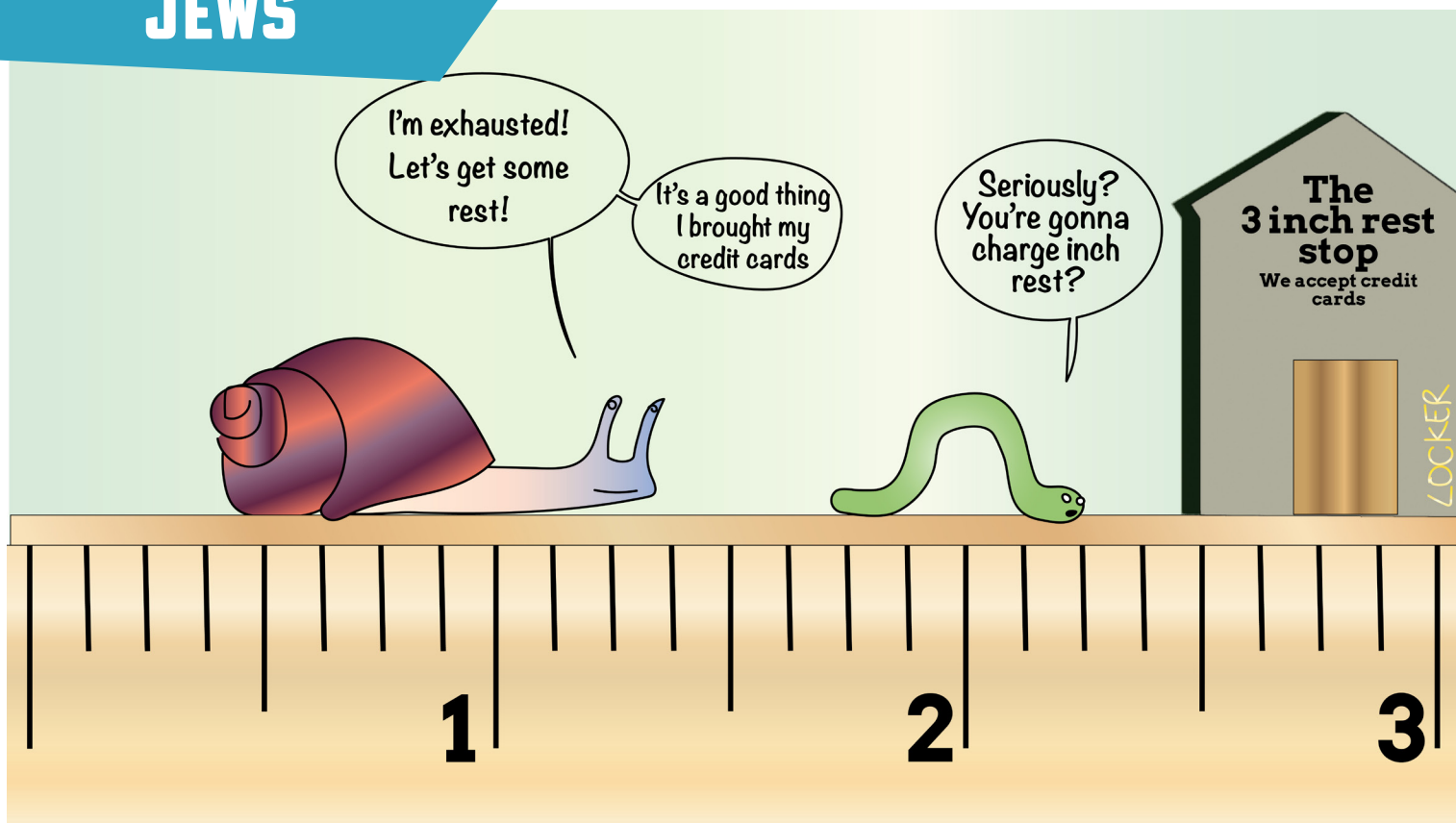
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- Oct 11** Sukkah Sleepover
Campout under the stars & schach
- Oct 19** Summer Info Night
Learn about all our amazing summer opportunities
- Nov 7-9** ADVENTURE SHABBATON
Alamo, NV
- Dec 5-7** SKI Weekend
Utah
- Feb 13-16** Jewnior Regional
California
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
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QUESTION ON PAGE 1

Answer of the Week

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You've heard of this verse. It's Shema Yisrael. Aside from its normal positioning in prayer, it was added at several points due to a government decree in the 5th century banning the recital of shema. It was added in the 'korbanos' section each day (normally said at home or informally, so it was likely to escape government detection) and when the Torah is taken out on Shabbos, after the soldiers left (they were impatient for kiddush, too)



LOLZ

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I'm trying to redo my house. I mean, the first floor is great, but upstairs is a whole nother story.



Happy Birthdays!

Benaya Atias
Lavan Bikesh
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