

ROSH HASHANA
5786

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What do bees tell
their disobedient
children?
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DVAR TORAH

UNQUOTABLE

"If Superman had a cousin who loved praising God, he'd probably be called Hall-El."

~Thomas Jefferson

If you want to leave math class to praise God, you need a Hall[el] pass.

~Mrs. Trunchbull

"The place between hallways J,K and M,N is usually Hall L."

~Walt Disney

"I made up both of these quotes while stuck in Hall L with Superman's cousin"

~Tom Brady

"Is there a Dvar Torah here or is this a complete waste of time? We don't even say Hallel on Rosh Hashana!"

~Albus Dumbledore

Wait, we don't say Hallel on Rosh Hashana? Why not, Professor? I mean, Rosh Hashana is a happy day. We are supposed to get haircuts and shower, dress in nice clothes and eat delicious food. We don't do work, and exult in God's royalty. What's not to celebrate? The Talmud actually addresses this question, because it's a good one. It's actually a question that the angels asked! By rights there should be celebration! Yet the Talmud explains that since the 'books of life and death' are open, it's inappropriate to sing praises. Let's discuss this:

What are reasons not to praise God? We know that the angels were told not to sing God's praises as the Egyptians were drowning, likewise it's inappropriate to sing God's praises on a day when some people may get an unpleasant verdict.



Even though we are confident that we will merit

a good decree, probably not everyone will. It's therefore a day on which, inevitably, some people (nobody we know, of course) may have a negative outcome. We can't joyously praise God on such a day.

What a focus shift! We are so used to thinking of Rosh Hashana in terms of making sure we, our family and community can experience the best year possible. This teaching seems to promote the idea that we need to somewhat broaden our scope. The whole world's year hinges on these days, and it's our job to be concerned about all of it. We can not subscribe to the narrowness of, "I'm good." If there's anyone anywhere who may have a challenging Rosh Hashana and therefore a challenging year, that's something we all should think about, be considerate of, and feel. If anyone is suffering, we don't get a (hall) pass.

Did Jew Know?

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The Torah doesn't ever use the words 'Rosh Hashana' to describe today's holiday. It's called 'Yom Teruah- A Day of Blowing' or 'Zichron Teruah- A Memory of Blowing.'



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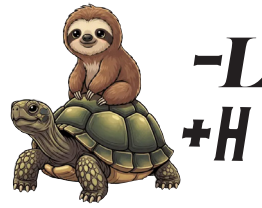
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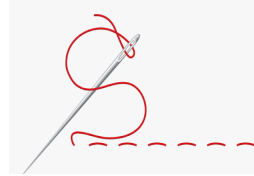
REBUS CHALLENGE

can you figure out this Rosh Hashana themed phrase?

ANSWER ON
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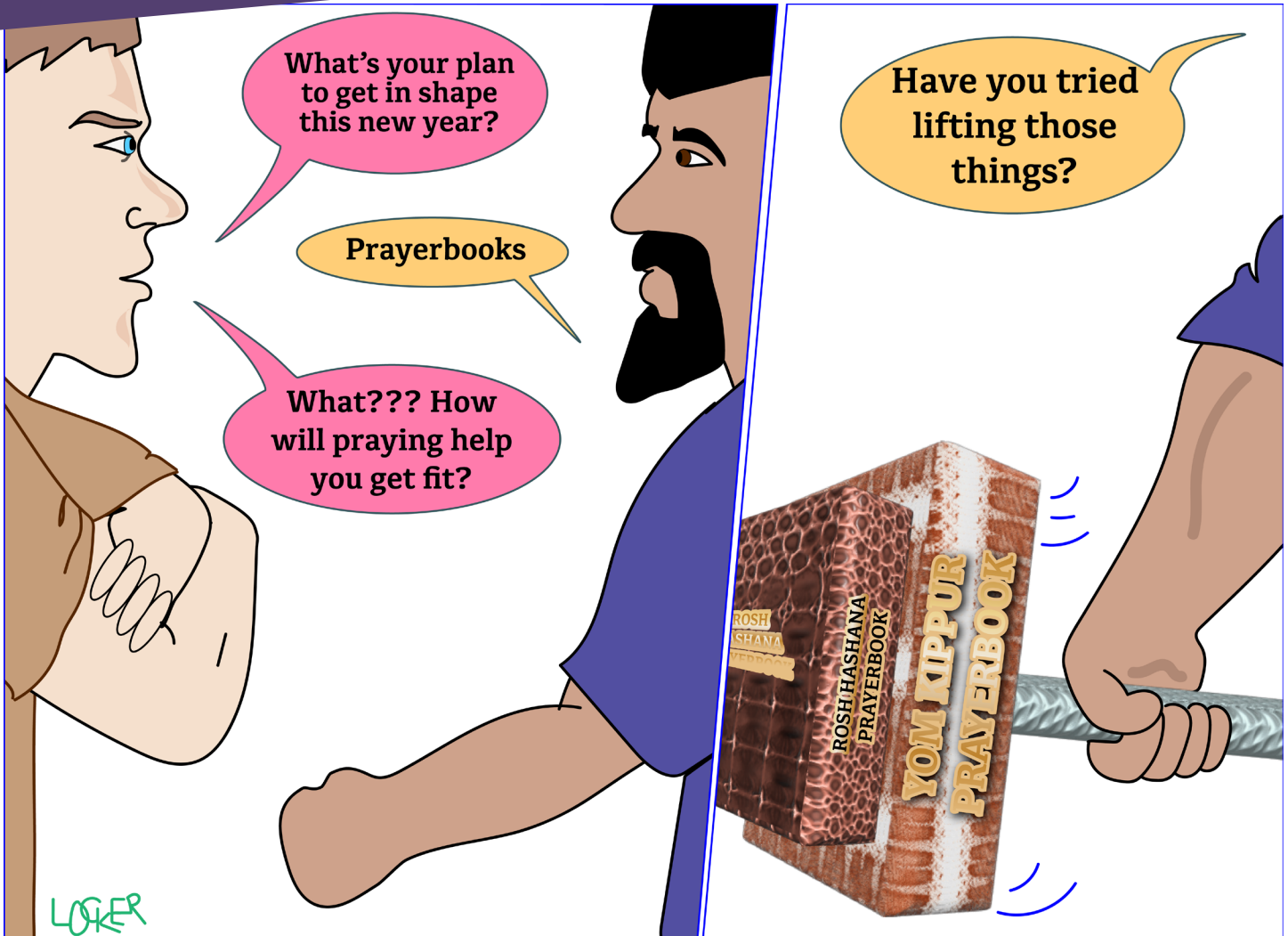


ANSWER ON PAGE 4

Question of the Week

Where is there a hint in the Torah that Tishrei is the first month of the year?

PICKLE JEWS



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Torat Scene-A-Eye Explained

Rosh Hashana marks our departure into a new and exciting adventure of 5787. Here are some of the details included in this image...

Did you find these things?



- Gate 5787
- A plane labeled "A Sweeter Tomorrow"
- A shofar at the Teshuva Checkpoint
- A ram
- A jar of honey spilling
- A round challah
- An apple
- Pomegranates
- A fish head in baggage claim
- A suitcase labeled "Mistakes"
- A suitcase labeled "Goals"
- A suitcase labeled "Kindness"
- A suitcase labeled "Family"
- A suitcase labeled "Healthy Habits"
- A suitcase labeled "Better Me"
- A tag that says "Handle with Hope"
- A sign that says "Boarding a Brighter Year"
- The "Teshuva Checkpoint" sign
- Bins labeled "Pride, Anger, Jealousy, Bad Habits"
- Bins labeled "Kindness, Patience, Good Choices, A Brighter Year"
- A kid holding an "I'm Sorry" sign
- A tzedakah box
- The "Duty Free Sweeter Things" shop
- A sleeping kid with a machzor
- A "5786" goodbye page
- A "5787" hello page
- A boarding pass that says "5787 - You Can Do This"
- A book that says "Small Steps Big Change"
- A dog wearing a "Kindness Crew" vest
- A suitcase/tag that says "Good Deeds Always Return"
- A tag that says "Head of the Year"
- A tag that says "A Full Year"
- A suitcase labeled "Health"
- A suitcase labeled "Parnasa"

SLOW -L = SOW. +H=SHOW

FAR



-L
+H



+D
-L



SEW



GLUE +D -L =GOOD

Answer of the Week

QUESTION ON PAGE 3

Both of these are from the Baal Haturim:

1. If you scramble the letters of the first word in the Torah, בראשית, it spells the first of Tishrei (i.e. Rosh Hashana).
2. The Torah uses the word מרשית to describe the beginning of the year. Those letters scrambled can spell מרשתי [beginning] from Tishrei.

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.

UNETERNAL (PART 2)

A FRESH, ORIGINAL STUMP THE RABBI, MADE IN NEVADA, 2026

Hi Rabbi,

I have a part one and a part two of this question. 1. The commandments were given to a group of nomadic people wandering the desert. Since we live in a totally different environment, is there a reason they should still apply? 2. If you believe they do apply, then how come so many of the commandments don't? I think there are a lot of commandments that only applied long ago, or only in Israel or something. So are the commandments eternal or not?

Thanks,

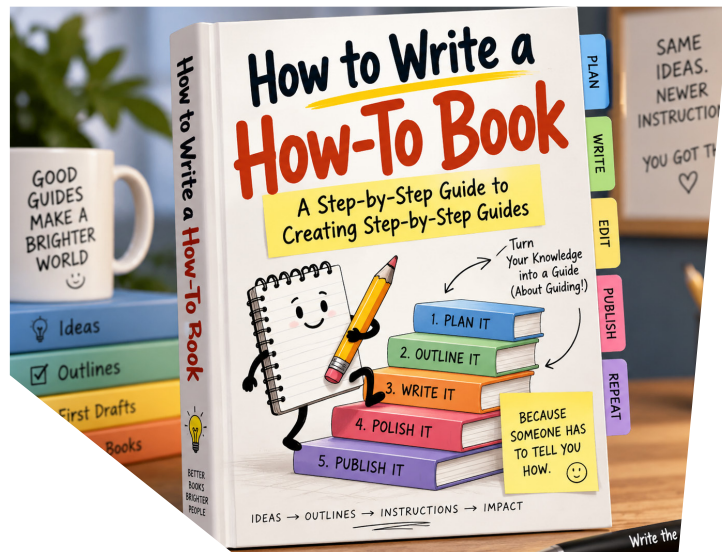
Eric T Ernal

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Dear E.T. Ernal,

Ready for Party #2? Here we go! Last week we addressed the first part of your question- are the commandments meant to be eternal, or temporary? We explained that for the most part, God's commandments define moral truth. Moral truth does not have mood swings. Right and wrong are eternal truths.

So yeah, that makes your second question way stronger. There are indeed many commandments in the Torah that do not apply anymore. So



why are some considered eternal truths while others aren't? And how can we decide which is which?

If you're ready for your brain to hurt, I'll do my best to explain this. When you buy a car and it comes with a manual, or you download the instructions for anything, those instructions are narrow. They teach you how to do JUST that thing. Imagine how weird this conversation would be:

"Heya, Seymour. Can ya get started on the onion soup while I start bakin' the rolls?"

"Uh, yeah, shua thing boss. Umm, how douya make onion soup?"

"What, Seymour, ya never made onion soup befaw?"

"Uhh, no boss. Never can say I did. What do I put in it? Douya have a, whadya call it? A receipt or somethin'?"

"Nah, but here. This here book gives directions.

You can look at it."

"Uh, boss, this book says "How to Train Your Dragon." Is that gonna help me?"

"Well it's a "How to" book, aint it? That means it's got instructions. See if there aint a section on soups. Everybody likes a good bowl a soup."

**MORAL TRUTH DOES NOT
HAVE MOOD SWINGS**



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DAYS TILL NAGEELA WEST GIRLS SESSION



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DAYS TILL NAGEELA WEST BOYS SESSION

STUMP THE RABBI

CONTINUED...

So if the Torah is an instruction book, what is it a book of instructions of? It does NOT teach you how to drain a tragon. It doesn't even tell you what a tragon is. It doesn't teach you how to change the oil in your car, make an origami swan or play a double harmonic major scale. *It teaches us how to live the best, most meaningful, happy, fulfilling, uplifting life that will simultaneously provide us eternal goodness.* And it does that in two different ways. You see, people function as individuals, and we also function as part of society. You can't fully separate the two, but they sometimes have different guidelines. It's similar to an athlete who plays a solo sport vs. someone on a team. The sport might be the same, but the strategy is completely different.

True, the Torah's instructions teach us how to lead our best life, but the instructions of how to live a good life on a desert island, and how to live your best life in a community are completely different. The ideal of the Torah always included a national society where the Jewish people would all live together in the Land of Israel, have a centralized place of spiritual growth and have our society revolve around our calendar year and Jerusalem in a synchronized dance of spiritual awakening, communal goodness, generosity, learning and responsibility. Many of the Torah's commandments are written to that end. How to live in a Jewish society. How to interact with our crops, the Temple, Jewish royalty, the priestly class, social welfare programs, criminal justice and real estate law. By definition, though these are part of the same, 'best life' instructions, they fit in the book titled, "How to Train your Society" rather than "How to Train Yourself." According to some opinions, since the ideal way for Jews to live is together in our homeland, doing them outside of Israel is kind of just practice. That's not the accepted opinion, nevertheless, the idea clearly shines through that a major focus in Jewish life was

on the society building. Creating the perfect civilization. Those rules just don't apply to the solo sport that is Judaism in the common era. Yes, the morality of all the Torah rules will always apply. Yet commandments that are specifically tied to the Land of Israel and/ or the Holy Temple will just have to wait until we figure out what a tragon is, and how it got flooded in the first place.

Have a Nageela Shabbos,

The Rabbi

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How much do you love
being Jewish?



Prayer Prompt:

PRAYER IS A BIG PART OF JUDAISM, BUT LET'S BE HONEST. MOST KIDS (AND EVEN ONE OR TWO ADULTS) DON'T REALLY UNDERSTAND WHAT THEY'RE SAYING. LET'S EXPERIMENT WITH THIS. WE HOPE TO WRITE A SMALL BLURB ABOUT ONE OF THE PARTS OF OUR PRAYER SERVICES EACH WEEK. MAYBE WE'LL START UNDERSTANDING SOME OF THEM!

FIFTEEN MEDITATIONS- PART 8

ONE OF THE FIRST BLESSINGS IN OUR DAILY SERVICE IS:

ZOKEIF KEFUFIM-HEALTH AND STABILITY

ZOKEIF KEFUFIM- HE WHO STRAIGHTENS THE BENT

OUR BODIES ARE AMAZING GIFTS, AND THEY'RE ALSO REALLY DELICATE. ON ONE HAND, TINY CRACK IN THE WRONG PLACE OR TEAR IN ANOTHER CAN SEVERELY IMPACT OUR LIVES AND HEALTH. ON THE OTHER HAND, OUR BODIES ARE PRETTY DURABLE, ALLOWING US TO DO THINGS LIKE GYMNASTICS, RUNNING, JUMPING WITHOUT GETTING INJURED MOST OF THE TIME.

THE BLESSING LITERALLY MEANS STRAIGHTENS THE BENT. HUMANS HAVE 206 BONES; OVER 600 MUSCLES AND 4,000 TENDONS! WE COULD NOT FUNCTION WITHOUT THEM!

LET'S BE GRATEFUL TO GOD FOR EVERY SINGLE ONE OF THEM.

THE TORAH GIVES US THE PATHWAY TO
ENSURE WE WILL CONTINUE TO

CHOOSE

L

LEARNING

Learning how to navigate our way through life is something that we gain from reading the words of the Torah

I

I PLACE BEFORE YOU

God says, "I place before you the choice between life and death, goodness and evil. You shall choose life." PLACED BEFORE US! WOW!

F

FREE CHOICE

This is a core concept. God lets us choose. He tells us we can choose either way, but then asks us to pleaseeeeee choose life. Our default setting is always have a hard time making the right choices.

E

EVERY DAY

How often is this choice we need to make? Do we choose life once, check the box, and now we're set on the right train?

CHOOSING LIFE

Is something we do many times per day. Every time we make a decision it's a chance to choose life again and again. ON ROSH HASHANA we start the trend, making choices toward life that can get us in the groove for the rest of our life- choices!

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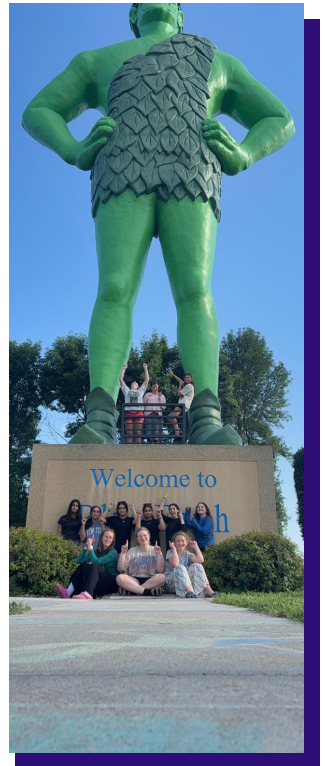
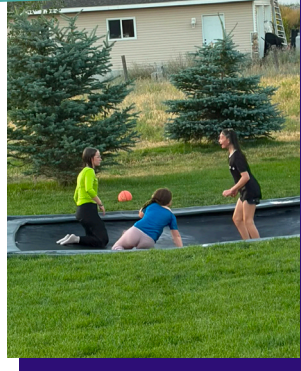
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PIX CLIX

SOME HIGHLIGHTS OF SOME RECENT STUFF



CAMP NAGEELA WEST GIRLS TRAVEL CAMP 2026 SOME HIGHLIGHTS

Happy Birthdays!

We're still in birthday catchup mode.
Here are some August birthdays we missed over the summer...

Zahava Locker
Poppy McGregor
Talia Sharaby
Eitan Goldwasser
Nadav Boskovitz
Michael Torres
Joney Shlasinger
Jaymari Stewart
Nathan Malis
Ellie Piriyeve
Jayson Stewart

Shylee Braner
Sidney Ghenassia
Chaya Greenfield
Gaylie Kaplowitz
Brody Beery
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Nochi Locker
Royce Rozea
Yoni Stein
Yosef Cassell
Jesse Eng
Benaya Atias
Justin Kalb
Shai Malka
Yitzchak Rambod

**WE WOULD
LIKE TO WISH
A VERY, VERY
HAPPY UN-
BIRTHDAY TO
APPROXIMATE-
LY 99.73% OF
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