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Fix Your Furniture

by Rabbi Dani Locker

Forty years is a long time for a road trip. If you had to be on the road for so long, what would you take along?

A laptop? Food? Deodorant? Me? I'd go with pickles.

For our ancestors in the desert, the answer was a small, yet special building (more of a tent really) dedicated to prayer and service of G-d. There were many important parts of this Mishkan, which somehow translates into TABERNACLE, like that's helpful.

(Jen: "Hey Bob, what's a Mishkan?"

Bob: "It's a tabernacle."

Jen: "Oh. Now I get it. Evertyone knows what a tabernacle is.")

The most important part was the Aronthe Holy Ark which contained the divine tablets Moshe

brought down from Sinai. This Aron (not to be confused with Moshe's brother Aron, who was in charge of this aron) represents the soul of the Mishkan, and everything else centers around it. You'd think that the most time and effort was put into building the Aron, and not the other items which made up the furniture. Yet the Torah spends much more time discussing the construction and placement of the Shulchan (special bread table), the Menorah and the Incense Altar.

In a lecture given, of all places, in Shanghai, China, Rabbi Yechezkel Levenstein explained

the lesson here.

Imagine taking an incredible paint-ing from one of the greatest renaissance artists, and hanging it in a filthy, moldy, bug infested shack. It doesn't work.

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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Where in this week's Parsha (in one pasuk) is there a reference to the five books of the Torah and the 6 sections of the mishna, and what's the lesson?

Wait! Stop!

It is no fun and no challenge if you just skip to the answer on page 4. Think, crack open a chumash. LMK if you figure it out!

answer on page 4

you've got to decorate the house respectably, prepare the hosuing and THEN you can hang the artwork.

In order to perfect our souls, we can't simply try to perfect our souls. We have to make sure our souls are surrounded with the continued from page 1

Give your soul the home it deserves!

proper housing. We must work hard

to have a kind and generous home, a wise and inquisitive mind, a pure and gentle tongue. Then our soul will naturally thrive. Give your soul the home it deserves and it will be awesome!

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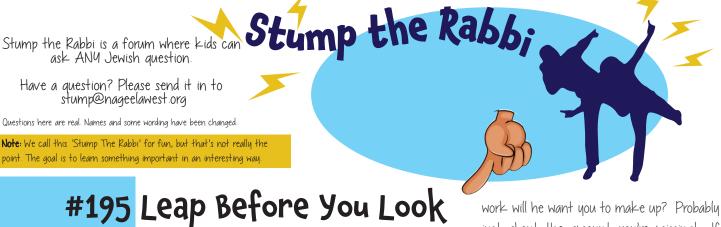


ask ANY Jewish question.

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Questions here are real. Names and some wording have been changed.

Note: 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.



#195 Leap Before You Look

Hi Rabbi,

My birthday is February 29th, which is pretty cool because I only have a birthday every fourth year, so I guess I'm only 3 years old. I heard that the Jewish calendar has a whole month on leap years. How does that work, and why?

Thanks.

Sheiny Adar

Dear Adar, Sheiny,

I've heard some businesses do well during leap years. Especially trampoline parks.

BTW, if you want to get a basic understanding of how the Jewish calendar works, you can take a look at the Nageela Shabbos archives, Season 3, Episode 11.

Have you ever missed school for more than a couple of days? Maybe your family went to Hawaii, or you had the flu, or your pet hippo ran away to join the circus and you needed to chase

> her across 6 states with only a scooter and a bag of pistachio nuts; just to name a few common reasons for missing school. When you get back, there's a problem. You're missing a whole bunch of assignments. Maube it isn't your fault, because that silly hippo also ate your homework, but still, your teacher might want you to make up some work. How much

just about the amount you're missing! If you've missed a couple of days you might just need to come in for a few days of work. If you've missed a few weeks, you might need summer school.

Leap years are make-up assignments. Think about it... how much time needs to be made up by a typical leap year? The standard calendar we all use (it's called the Gregorian calendar, named after a dude named Gregry who delivered the pizza to the people in the calendar factory- maybe don't quote me on that) misses a quarter of a day each year. It ACTUALLY takes the earth 365 1/4 days for the earth to make its round trip around the sun. We can't have a calendar with quarter days (because who wants fireworks at 6am?). So the calendar year gets 365 days, and we're missing 14 of an assignment each year. Every fourth year we make it up with one day. Happy birthday to you! I Just thought of something. If quadruplets have their birthday on February 29th, does that count as one full birthday? Like do they get a whole cake?



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ANSWER OF THE WEEK

The question is on page 2. Hey, be patient. Try to figure it out without looking right away. Heyy, yeah, you!

the written torah.

EXODUS 26:9. In detailing the curtains of the mishkan, the Torah says, "You shall attach the 5 curtains by themselves..."

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Betzalel's mother was confused: "Honey, did you really use donations to build the Mishkan?"

"It's true, ma."

OUCH! GROAN! Why do bad jokes happen to good people? Find a better joke. Send it to dlocker@nageelawest.org

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The Jewish calendar needs more makeup time. Each one of our months is just 29 1/2 days, which comes out to just 354 days in a year. That means we need 11 (actually 11 1/4) make-up days each year! To fix this, we add an entire month every 2-3 years (actually it's 7 times every 19 years). It's like summer school, except the extra month we add is an extra month of Adar, which is the happiest month of the year, so better than summer school. Adar usually starts some time in February. During a leap year, since there are 2 Adars, it'll go all the way into April. Partyyyyy!

Which Adar is the real one? If you were born in Adar, your bar mitzvah would be in the second Adar, and Purim is always in the second Adar. When we commemorate a yahrtzeit (the anniversary of the day someone passed away), most Sephardic Jews use the second Adar, and most Ashkenazic Jews do both months. For people who have birthdays in Adar, you can celebrate twice this year (did I forget to mention that this year is a leap year and we're in the 1st Adar now?), though most opinions seem to hold that the second Adar is the main one.

Just remember to look before you leaap.

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the Rabbi

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