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TORAT SCENE- A- EYE

An AI generated image representing the Tower or Bavel. What interesting details can you find?

DEEP THOUGHTS

Was it a good idea for Noah to bring termites onto the ark?

LOLZ

Who plays music at Sea World?

The Orca-stra

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DVAR TORAH

BUILD AN ARK. BUILD A CITY.



Noah was reArkable. Sorry, typo. Let's start again.
Noah was remarkable. Really the story of all the great leaders is not just how great they were, but how they thrived in a sea of sharks. I know, I can't stay away from the ocean analogies. Abraham stood out as the lone voice for God and morality in a world full of murderous idolatry. Joseph and Moses both retained their greatness despite doing serious time in the corrupt palaces of ancient Egypt. Jacob came into his own while struggling against a dishonest and manipulative Father- in- Law and boss. Noah probably brought 14 goats into his ark, be he was The GOAT when it came to resisting the crowd. We'd probably list Noah's lifetime (at least the first 600 years) as one of the worst stretches in human history (come to think of it, that's a pretty high percentage), yet Noah is good. He is righteous. He's a tzadik.

Should we throw ourselves into difficult challenges in order to prove our greatness? I don't think so. The risk is too high. Believe it or not, we can learn this lesson from our very own, very infamous first murderer, Cain. The Torah says Cain named his son Chanoch, and then built a city, which he called, very unoriginally, Chanoch. So when Cain filled out his online application for city naming, he had no corporate sponsors so he used his son's name. Is that what the Torah is telling us? There's gotta be more than that. The Torah is very intentional about wording. If the Torah specifies that he named the city the same as his son Chanoch, there's a purpose. There's a lesson. There's a deep connection between the city's name and what Cain was trying to do.
We discussed last week that Cain repented, and spent time seeking redemption for his terrible mistake(s). How to do that? Well one way is with *Chanoch*. What does it mean? Well not exactly education, not

THE NAME OF THE CITY REPRESENTS HIS PLAN FOR THE FUTURE

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BUILD AN ARK. BUILD A CITY.

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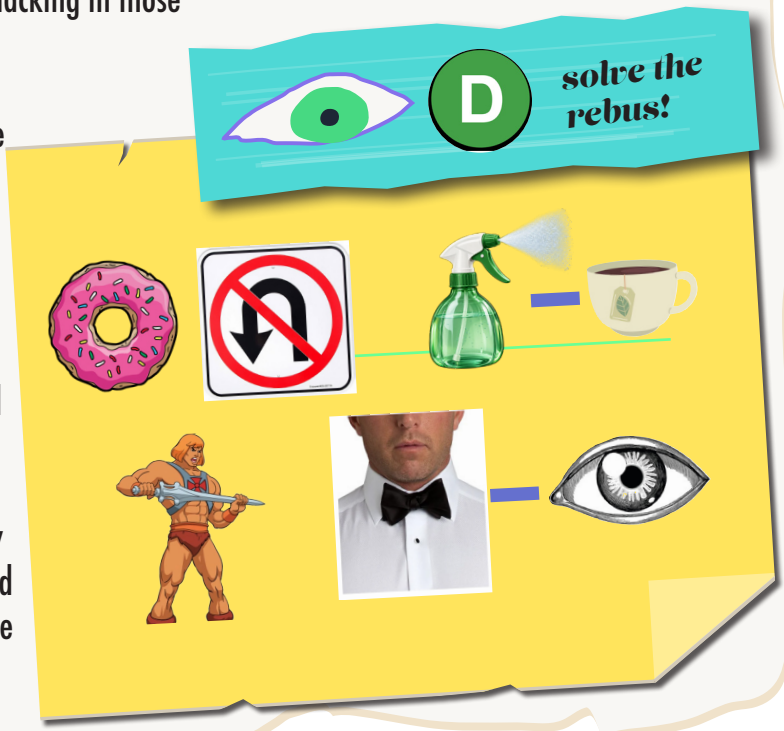
exactly preparation... kind of in between. Let's call it training. Cain names his son for the trait he believes will be the most effective in preventing new mistakes: good training. Proper indoctrination to moral virtue at a young age. This is awesome! Way to go, Cain! But he knows that isn't enough, because not everyone is a Noah. Most of us, even with wonderful training (which Noah undoubtedly had from his great grandfather (meaning his grandfather who was awesome) and his great- grandfather (meaning the awesome father of his awesome grandfather) whose name was also Chanoch), won't stand up to all the negative outside influences we'll face. So Cain came up with an innovation. Build a training city. He didn't just name a city Chanoch, he made the whole purpose of the city Chanoch. The city was built on the principle of filtering out the noise and successfully raising a society of morality and goodness, that was so lacking in those times.

None of us live in sheltered cities of moral purity. Those probably don't exist in our world. Yet we have so many concentric circles of our connections and influences, and each one is a bit of a city. Our school contacts, our neighbors, the media we ingest. Our relatives, the spammer calling about our car's extended warranty, and the sports announcer. Our favorite influencers, and the ones we really can't stand. Classmates, teammates, bunkmates, cellmates... All these groups are our own little cities, and there's no question that we're massively influenced by all of them. The more we are able to build our 'cities' as 'Chanochable' as we can, the better chance we have of emulating the Noahs of our history.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Who was the first person to name his son after his father?

See the answer on page 8



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NOACH

don't forget your umbrella

- Noah has three sons. One of them is named "Name."
- That generation is corrupt and evil, so God decides to bring a flood to wash it all away.
- Noah spends 120 years building a large floating craft (I guess it was a craft project) hoping that the people would see it and either learn to swim or become better.
- Noah brings 2 of each unkosher and 14 of each kosher animal onto his ark so they could survive and repopulate the world.
- The flood lasts a year during which time all the people who aren't on board and all the land animals are lost
- Noah gets a DUI (davening under intoxication), and while drunk, one of his sons (Ham) disgraces him, while his other sons (Shem and Yafes) try to hide his embarrassment. This is the world's first cover up (second, if you count last week's fig clothing).
- Noah's children have children of their own and for the next few hundred years they begin forming nations.
- They all get together to build a tower and challenge God (yeah, smart idea kiddos). God disables their Google translate apps and they end up being unable to work together. They scatter to form new nations with their own languages (only some of which make any sense).
- We are introduced to Abram, the son of Terach

PICKLE JEWS



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WHAT'S UP?

We're pleased to announce our first Jewnior NCSY Shabbaton of the year! Registration will be opening this week for the Las Vegas 6-7 Shabbaton, featuring Adventuredome! Oops, that's supposed to be a secret, don't tell anyone!

In the next few weeks we'll be announcing kickoff events in Norcal, in San Diego and much more going on in LA, LV and AZ.

We hope you've been enjoying the new format of the Nageela Shabbos for Season 11...

Oh, one more thing. Early bird registration for Camp Nageela Midwest ends in about a week, so if you want to take advantage of $500 off, double referral credits and awesome swag, go for it now!



HBD!

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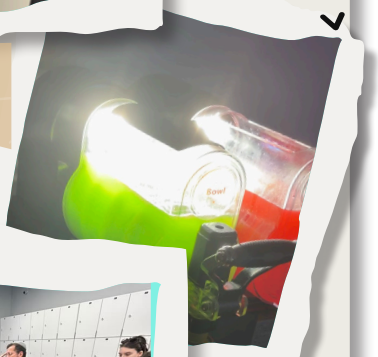


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Our slushee machine

Important conversations belong everywhere!

STUMP THE RABBI

THE BRAIDED BUNCH?



Hi Rabbi,
Why are Havdallah candles braided? And what's their purpose to begin with?
Thanks,
Meira Or Shalhevet,

Dear Meira,

One Saturday night, a dad had no havdalah candle, so he cut off daughter's braid and used it instead. True story that I made up.
Actually, no. I'll give you the real reason havdalah candles need to be braided, and the answer is... they don't really. Though there is a purpose.
Let's take a step back:
The very first Saturday was kind of a mixed bag of emotions. I mean Shabbos is awesome, and certainly Adam, and Eve, as spiritual and holy people, appreciated it. But Friday late afternoon had been a time of epic failure for them. They had eaten from the forbidden tree, refused to take ownership, and caused death and destruction to come to the world. As a result, the special divine light that had existed until then was hidden away. When Saturday night came, Adam saw the darkness and panicked. He thought it was all over. In His great kindness, God taught Adam how to make fire, by striking two stones together (he must have had lighter fluid, because Adam had never gone on a camping trip or Boy Scouts meeting). This discovery, or invention of fire on Saturday night is one of the reasons we light a candle and recite the blessing ' borei meorei ha'esh' on Saturday night. As an interesting little detail, if you make Havdallah on a different day (it's OK to do through Tuesday), this blessing is left out. The words of that blessing, too are plural, because, as the Talmud says, fire has many different lights within it. Without getting into the many mystical interpretations, some of the more mundane explanations have to do with the idea that fire is comprised of multiple colors and hues, or that it can serve many different purposes.
In order to create a large and significant light, the custom is not to use a single candle, but a torch. One wick does not equal a torch, but 2 or more wicks technically do. Braided candles have become a practical way of lighting a torch without burning down the neighborhood, but if you have two wicks together in one piece of wax, that counts as a torch as well. It's important to note that if you just have one candle or one match, that's still OK. The torch is the preferred method, but not the only method.
So reason 1: Multiple wicks for the multiple facets of fire.
Reason 2: Multiple wicks creates a large and significant light.
Reason 3: To remind us to braid our daughters' hair.

Have a Nageela Shabbos,

The Rabbi

I'M PUZZLED



CAN YOU FIGURE OUT THE REBUS?



DID YOU FIND...

- the donkey?
- the doves?
- the nest?
- the hanging stones?
- the upside-down builders?
- the pointing foreman?
- the carts of bricks?
- the ladders?
- the scaffolding?
- the stairway that makes no sense?

MAZEL TOV!

Nageela Staff Alumnus Yisrael Wealcatch upon his engagement

Nageela Midwest legend Betzalel Engelson upon his marriage!

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ANSWER OF THE WEEK

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Terach, the father of Abraham.
His father was Nachor, and one of his sons was, too.

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