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ROSH HASHANA
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WHAT'S UP?

STUFF IS HAPPENING

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- On behalf of the extended Nageela family we would like to wish all our readers and the entire Jewish people a year of health, peace, happiness and reaching greater spiritual and personal achievements!
- This past week, Arizona Jewnior NCSY kicked off in grand fashion! Jewish FUNdamentals presentation in a school, Shakes and Stories at a Cafe, and spectacular kickoff trip to Slick City. What a day!
- Early Bord registration for Camp Nageela West/Midwest was a great success, with over 100 campers already registered within the first few weeks!
- Hebrew School has kicked off in Las Vegas! We're excited for this awesome partnership between Young Israel Aish, NCSY and Nageela West! It started smashingly, and we can't wait to continue. Please send the info to any family you know whose children aren't in a Jewish school (yet).

*You can sponsor a week of Nageela Shabbos in honor of a special occasion or in memory of a loved one.
Help us reach more Jewish kids with interesting Torah content!*

Torat Scene-A-Eye

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



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.



Deep Thoughts

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*If you make a hole in a net,
it has fewer holes than it
did before.*



JOIN US!

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



LEADERSHIP

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*In formation: A leadership cohort
of committed, responsible 7-8
graders who want to help Jewish
kids their age. Please contact us!*



ANSWER ON PAGE 7

Question of the Week

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I was around 2,085
years before I was
seen or mentioned.
Who or what am I?

VISUAL TORAH BLAST

STEP ONE

What kind of things
do we pray for on
Rosh Hashana?



Rosh Hashana

STEP TWO

Well, look at the prayers. We ask for the world to recognize God, for the Messianic era of global unity, and for us to increase our own spirituality. But **we don't actually ask for our own physical needs** (in the formal prayers, at least).

[No prayers for rain, food, health, long life or pickles]



STEP THREE

RH is the day when God judges our potential for the year, **WHY DON'T WE ASK FOR THAT STUFF?**



STEP FOUR

Our ultimate perfection is when we care more about the world and God than about ourselves. In a backward way, that's how we achieve a good judgment.

By not being selfish.



STEP FIVE

FYI
We should also ask God for our personal needs on RH.
It would be **dishonest & haughty** to pretend we don't actually care.

[This is discussed by more modern Rabbis as the reality of our generations]



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NOPE

Wrong answers only

We asked some people...
What would be an
amazing thing to dip into
honey?

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An apple
(phone)
karpas
Pickles

Honey
Croutons
Ramen
North Dakota



LOLZ

.....
Some Chinese
companies claim they can
make synthetic honey.

Personally, I find that
unbelievable.

Torat Scene-A-Eye Explained

The Shofar Spiral motion suggests both sound waves and a cosmic, infinite call.
Hebrew letters emerging from it connect the shofar blast to tefillah.
The Scales are classic imagery of judgment. The Earth itself seems suspended in the balance – judgment applies to all humanity, not just the Jewish people.
The Crown is a symbol of God's Kingship, a major RH theme. Its central placement in the heavens suggests sovereignty over all.

The Ram's Shadow is an allusion to the Akeidah (Binding of Isaac).
The Line of People is the idea that all people pass before God on Rosh Hashanah.
The glowing gate symbolizes the Divine court or the entrance into a new year.
The Pomegranate Tree: Symbol of abundance, mitzvot (613 seeds), and blessing.
The Melting Clock: RH is both cosmic (the "birthday of the world") and deeply personal.
Suggests eternity, fleeting moments, and a year's judgment compressed into a single day.



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.

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SHARK TANK

A BRAND SPANKING NEW STUMP, MANUFACTURED IN NEVADA

Hi Rabbi,

Rosh Hashana is supposed to be the day when we're judged. But aren't we judged every day? Aren't we supposed to take stock about how we're doing consistently?

Thanks,

Justice Lawrence Wargrave

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Dear U.N. Owen,

Let's talk about Shark Tank. You're probably familiar with the popular show where people come with ideas, inventions or products and ask the sharks for money in exchange for a portion of their profits, usually in the form of a partnership. Umm, if you haven't seen the show you probably think I'm crazy. Not actual sharks. Wealthy business investors. Moving on... What kinds of things are the sharks looking for? They want a product that will succeed, of course, and they use a few things to determine whether that will happen.

Has it started making money already? If it has, that's a pretty powerful indicator that it might continue to do so.

Is it a product that I want to be connected with, and is the entrepreneur someone I



want to be associated with? Have similar products succeeded or failed in the past? That will have a real impact on the decision. How much of an investment is being asked? If they want 10K, that might be low risk for a shark, who is less likely to give a million dollar investment.

Rosh Hashana is Shark Tank for the year. It's not a day of 'judgment' in the sense of punishment and reward (that happens when life has ended). It's a day where God decides how much He's 'investing' in our year. Do we get the funding? We're asking God for a year of life, health, financial success and all the other things we want. Why should God grant us any of these things? Well, God put us here on this Earth so we can do good. How much good we're gonna do will be a huge factor in how much blessing God gives us. Does God want to be associated with us and our actions? Do we have a good track record of using His investments wisely in the past? Do we have momentum from the past year? Rosh Hashana is all about having our potential for the coming year determined.

Now let's look ahead. Imagine one of the

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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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sharks decides to invest \$500,000 with an entrepreneur. How often is he going to check up? They'll probably have weekly meetings, possibly even daily, to see how the company has been doing, and whether more or less funding or help should be given to the varying parts of the business. He's certainly not gonna say, "Here's the money, and we don't need to discuss it again."

There's actually a several way (seeming) disagreement in the Talmud about just how frequently a person is judged. Two of the opinions discuss Rosh Hashana as being the beginning of the process, which continues all year long. Then you have the opinion of Rabbi Yosi who says a person is judged each day, and the opinion of Rabbi Nosson, that a person is judged every hour. What's going on? Is our judgment daily, or is it on Rosh Hashana?

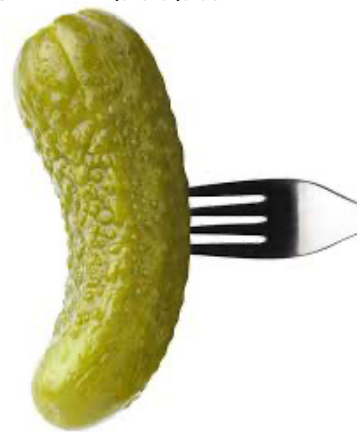
The great commentaries explain that there are, like in our shark tank analogy, two parts of this 'judgment.' Initially, on Rosh Hashana, all our potential for the new year

is determined. "OK, this guy says he's gonna give lots of charity, so we can allocate a greater annual income." Then on a daily, or perhaps even hourly basis, God checks in again... "Hmmm, that charity he promised hasn't really come through. Perhaps a little financial setback is in order." And no, it's not that simple. Sometimes it's more like, "Wow, this person is doing SO great in their life, let's make things challenging to really push them to greatness!"

In a practical sense, Rosh Hashana is when we set the goals for the year. Every day, we need to check if we're meeting those goals. May this year bring blessing and peace to the Jewish people and may God tell all of us, "You have a deal!"

Have-a Nageela Year

*The
Rabbi*



QUICK FIX

Dip the apple in the honey...

We all know the song, and we all know that one of the great symbols of Rosh Hashana is the symbol of dipping stuff (apple, challah, cinnamon toast crunch) in honey.

Why honey?

Why not sugar, or chocolate, or Splenda?

Bees sting.

Stings hurt.

Honey is sweet.

Most of us would like a world and a life of unlimited sweetness without any risk of pain or discomfort, but that just ain't how life works. We use honey on Rosh Hashana to teach us that although we wish for and pray for sweetness, we recognize that sometimes it takes work, and even discomfort.

Sugar packets don't hurt.

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New episode this week!





DIVINE, NOT DRUNK

CHANA, or Hannah, might be best known as the mother of the great prophet, Samuel. Yet she was pretty amazing in her own right.

She was childless for many years, and she was spotted by the High Priest Eli crying and praying silently at the Mishkan. He assumed she was drunk, because, ya know, talking to herself... Or maybe he thought she was on a bluetooth.

She explained that she was pouring her heart out in sincere prayer to God. We learn our current method of prayer- not loud enough for anyone else to hear- from Hannah! Oh, and BTW, her prayers worked and her son Samuel was an EPIC leader of the Jewish people! And BTW again... this prayer of hers was on Rosh Hashana!

WE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR OUR SISTERS AND BROTHERS RISK- ING THEIR LIVES TO FIGHT FOR OUR SAFETY

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 Mid-
west.

There will also be an additional 8
day Adventure Travel camp BE-
FORE 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
Monday 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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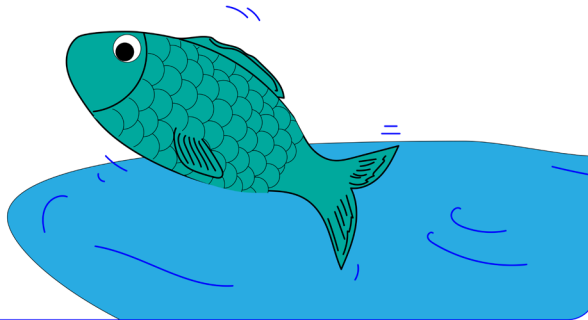
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Illustration of various Jewish symbols and objects: Star of David, menorah, shofar, Torah, etc.

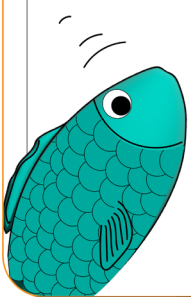
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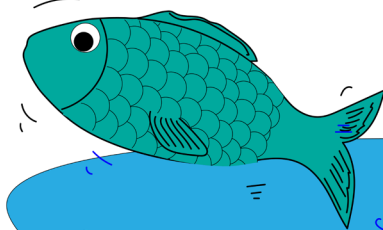
Doug, it's such an honor to meet you! You're truly one of the most important figures in Rosh Hashana.



I'd like to interview you at some point. We can discuss how you got ahead, and everything your life entails



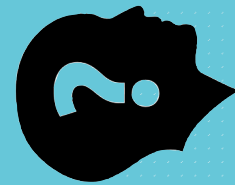
Sure.,
Drop me a line.



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Answer of the Week

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According to the Mishna (Avos (5:6) the ram that got stuck in the bushes, whom Abraham slaughtered and whose horn we remember when we blow shofar, was created on the very first week of creation (just before Shabbos).
The incident of Isaac's binding took place in the year 2085.



QUESTION ON PAGE 1

**WANT NAGEELA SHABBOS
IN YOUR INBOX EVERY
FRIDAY?**

**EMAIL US TO SUBSCRIBE.... TOTALLY
FREE!**

**WAIT, WE'RE DOING
SIDEWAYS WRITING
NOW?**

**WHY
NOT?**



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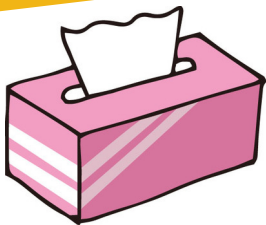




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puzzle



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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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