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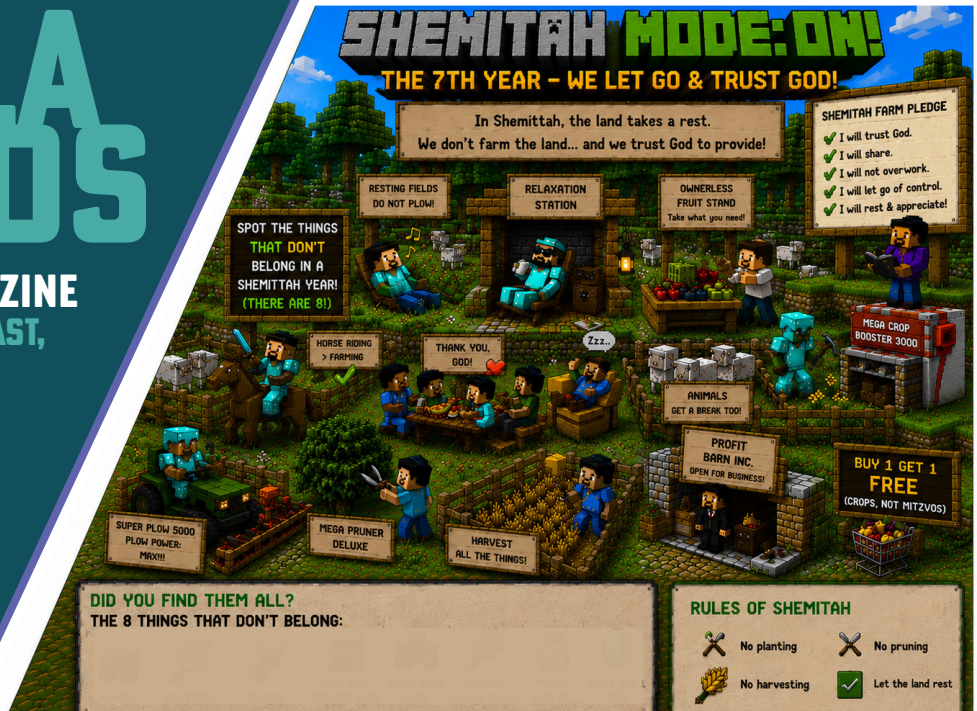
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Torat Scene-A-Eye

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



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

MORE OF MAY

What's up with Jew?

Tickets are now available for our May 31st SIX FLAGS trip. This trip will have limited spots so and it will likely sell out. May 31st. Can't wait!

May 29th, we have tentatively set a Shabbaton date for Las Vegas, and our year-end bash will be taking place in a few different cities.

This coming week is our final week of JSU for Meadows and Adelson Middle School clubs.

Exciting programs coming up this week in Tucson and in Phoenix! Did anyone sayu trampoline park?

Our Nageela fundraising campaign is coming soon. Start looking beneath your couch cushions for that loose change!

Deep Thoughts

No matter how big a number is, it's always closer to zero than to infinity.

JOIN US!

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

LEADERSHIP

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

Question of the Week

Yovel (the Jubilee year) take place every 50th year. What other '50's are there in the Torah? We can think of 8. How many can you get?

LOLZ

Bees tend to have sticky hair.

Yo would too, if you used a honey comb.

ANSWER ON PAGE

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!

DVAR TORAH

STRETTCCCHHH

Sandy hurries to answer the door. She wasn't expecting anyone, maybe it's a delivery. Peering through the little-hole-thingy-that-you-have-to-scrunch-up-your-face-to-almost-see-something, she can vaguely identify a human shaped blob. She opens it up to see a man she doesn't recognize.

"Are your parents home?" He asks.

"Yes, but they're kind of busy. What's this about?" Sandy counters.

"I'm a cousin to most of your neighbors, and actually this used to be my home, and my parents and grandparents home, too. Your parents bought it from me before you were born."

"Oh, OK. Did you just want to take a look at your old house? I can ask..."

"No, no. That won't be necessary. It's just that I wanted to find out when you guys are moving out."

"WHAAAT? Why would you think we're moving out?"

"Well, I mean, it's Yovel. Yom Kippur is in a few days. That's the deal isn't it? Please let them know they can stay until after Sukkos, but after that I'll be moving back into my ancestral home."

If this happened to you, you'd probably faint, as Sandy did. What's going on here?

First of all, don't worry. In the 21st century, if you buy a house, it belongs to you permanently. However, back when the Jewish people entered the land of Israel some 3,300 years ago, that's not exactly how it worked. As we conquered and settled the land, it was divided among the 12 tribes of the Jewish people, and then the tribal lands were further



subdivided into family homesteads. Family would live together, work together, and generally stick around other members of their own tribes. There were many exceptions, and many people married outside of their tribe, but always the land stayed within the tribe and the family. The law was clear; land sales were never permanent. You might buy a field to start a farming business, a home because you like the neighborhood, or an office building as an investment. Yet these were all considered long term leases. Every 50 years, the property would go back to the OG owner. Of course real estate markets adjusted. If your purchase was made in year 2 of the 50 year cycle, that's a 48 year lease and would cost much more than if you bought in year 45 and there were only 5 years left.

Let's talk about Sherpas. If you've heard the word you might simply think it means 'shleppers' or helpers. In reality, the Sherpas are an ethnic group from Nepal and Tibet, who are considered the best mountain guides in the world, and virtually every major mountaineering expedition to Everest or the staircase in my house (which feels like Everest



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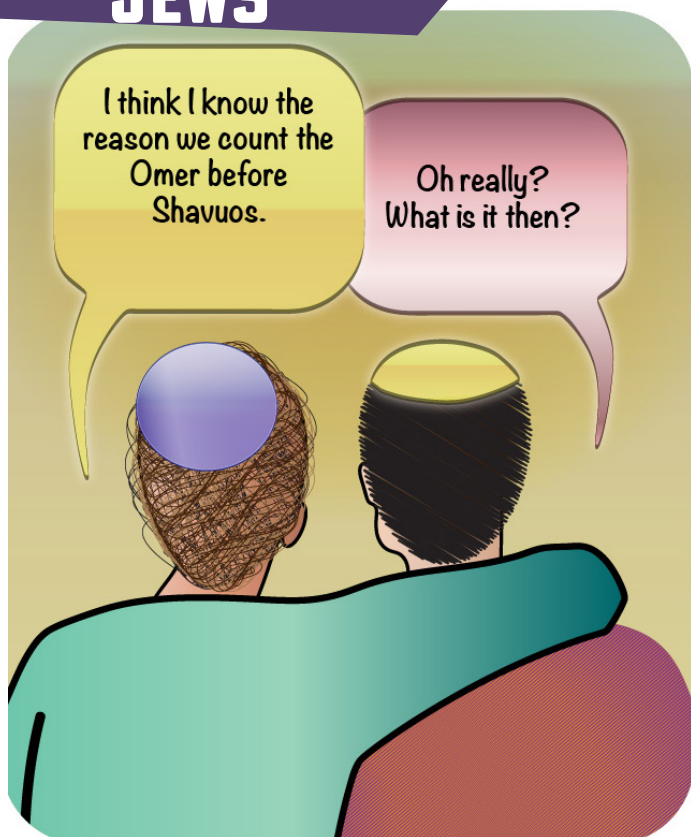
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every time) is staffed and guided by Sherpas. What makes them special? Why can't some athletic mountaineers from Switzerland or Alaska take over their business? Actually, many have tried, but Sherpas are almost universally relied upon. Because they have lived in these high altitude villages for generations, two important things have happened. One is actually physiological. Scientists have found that the Sherpa people process oxygen more efficiently, and can therefore be more effective in the low oxygen conditions of extreme altitudes, thriving with great stamina where others, even with oxygen tanks, struggle. The other thing is their centuries of shared mountaineering experience. Generations of sherpas have climbed, strategized, learned, fallen, planned, climbed some more, shlepped, navigated, guided and absolutely perfected their art. High altitude mountaineering is an extremely

dangerous sport, and the difference between a pretty good guide and the absolute best is often the difference between survival and the other thing.

What happens when families and tribes stick together for generations? They begin to truly excel at their crafts, ideas and cultures. Each one of the twelve tribes had specific specialties: Zevulun mastered shipping and trade, Judah were the political leaders. Asher was known for their proficiency at growing produce, and Yissachar were the Torah scholars. You can learn any trade in a few years and be good at it. Yet to truly grow in any area, imagine what generations, in the same area, can accomplish. This helps us understand the Torah's insistence that lands revert to the family every 50 years. This guarantees that while people can move around, explore new areas and live in different places, they'll always come back home.

PICKLE JEWS



PARSHAL PARSHA

*a brief summary of the weekly
Torah porshon*

PARSHAS BEHAR & BECHUKOSAI

**LAWS ARE REPEATED AT SINAI, AND
OUR ACTIONS HAVE CONSEQUENCES**

Behar

- While at Mount Sinai, God instructs Moses regarding the laws of Shemithah, the sabbatical year
- Similar to the counting of the Omer which counts 7 weeks of 7 days, totalling 49, we also count 7 groups of 7 years, totalling 49
- Every seventh year is called Shemithah. During this year, field may not be plowed, planted, harvested or worked in any way
- The produce of these sabbatical years are left for the poor, yet the owners may take the needs of their families and animals
- After seven such cycles are observed, the next year (the 50th) is celebrated as a Jubilee year. Or should we call it Jewbilee?
- A shofar is sounded and the fields are again left fallow
- When the Jewish people entered Israel during the time of Joshua, the land was divided based on tribes and families. The land received by a family was not allowed to be permanently sold to another. Each Jubilee year, each family would be able to return to their ancestral land. Purchase prices had to be set accordingly, knowing that buying land was really a rental, and not a permanent sale. I call this process YOLO (Your Original Land Only)
- It is forbidden to overcharge for a product

- God promises us that keeping the laws of the Sabbatical and Jubilee years will come with a blessing so that there will be enough food
- If someone sells a house within a walled city, then there is a window for the owner or his family to buy back that house, but if they don't within a year, it becomes a permanent sale
- The Levites were given cities to live in, and they could always buy back any homes they sold (for a fair price). Then I guess the buyer would have to leave-ite
- We are forbidden to collect interest from another Jew who borrows money from us, or to pay interest voluntarily. That's interesting
- If a Jew becomes so poor that they sell themselves into slavery to someone who isn't Jewish, it's a mitzvah to try to buy them back
- We are told not to treat our workers like slaves
- It is forbidden to bow, even to God, while kneeling on stone. Besides, it'll give you bad knees

Bechukosai

- Our actions have consequences
- When we follow the rules of the Torah good things happen. Here are some examples given:
 - We will have enough food
 - There will be peace in the land
 - No army will pass through our land, even peaceably
 - There will be so much abundance, that we'll have to get rid of old produce to make room for the new
 - God will be among us
- Now if we don't follow the Torah's guides, there can be severe consequences. I'll really just highlight a few of the less intense ones:
 - Land being unproductive
 - War, poverty, illness...
- Even in the worst of the times, God promises not to abandon us
- A person can dedicate his value or the value of another person or an animal as a donation to God. Instead of asking AI what you're worth, the Torah provides standard 'values' for each.



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DAYS TILL NAGEELA WEST GIRLS SESSION



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DAYS TILL NAGEELA WEST BOYS SESSION



Mazel Tov to veteran Nageela counselor Malky Locker upon her engagement!



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Middle and High School Boys are invited to:

Scholars

THURSDAYS
MAY 14 - ON
MAY 21 - OFF
MAY 28 - ON

Thursday, 8:15-9:00
@ Mesivta of Las Vegas
2600 Lake Sahara

Please RSVP to Rabbi Locker at 917-613-1000

Torat Scene-A-Eye Challenges



Jewbilee



Answer of the Week

- Noah's ark was 50 cubits wide
- Abraham prayed for 50 good people in Sedom
- Yitro's system of justice included judges set over 50 people.
- 50 loops & hooks connected the coverings atop the mishkan.
- The courtyard of the Mishkan was 50 cubits wide
- Shavuot is the 50th day of the Omer
- Levites would work until age 50
- After the war with Midyan, the Jewish people gave 50% to the Levites.



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LAS VEGAS

JEWNIOR NCSY

CALENDAR

2025-2026

Sep 02

Skating Kickoff
City National Arena



Oct 11

HUT DOG
Campout under the stars & sky



Oct 19

Summer Jump Session
Learn about all our amazing summer opportunities



Nov 7-9

ADVENTURE SHABBATON
Alamo, NV



Dec 11-14

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!

May 31

SIX FLAGS
Join with LA chapter for an unforgettable day!

Director Info -

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
- Sticker Drop Days
- ZOOM classes
- Monthly Challenges and other info at westcoastncsy.org/jewniors.



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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