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**SHEMINI ATZERES
SIMCHAS TORAH
PARSHAS BEREISHIS
5785**



Mount Scene-Eye

This features an AI generated picture that has numerous hints to the weekly parsha or relevant holiday. How many hints can you find? This week's combines the double holiday and Bereishis.

New Format, New Features

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Welcome to season 9 of Nageela Shabbos. We're grateful for the opportunity to share fun and meaningful Torah insights most week in an easy-to-read style. If you're new to Nageela Shabbos, we produce about 40 episodes a year, and there are always Torah components, jokes, and some news or upcoming events for Jewish middle schoolers on the West Coast. Since this is a new format, we'll toy with different features for the first few weeks, so please give us some feedback on which features are your favorites, which you wouldn't mind replacing, and any ideas for new features, columns or articles

COMING UP SOON

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OCTOBER 27- Regional Meetup
A ZOOM gathering for 5-8 graders everyone. New contest will be announced!
- OCTOBER 28- Las Vegas TNT (Teens N Tweens)
5pm (grades 4-6) and 6:15pm (grades 7-8)
- OCTOBER 30
Los Angeles Jewnior NCSY Paint Night
- OCTOBER 30-
Park City Jewish Heroes



Deep Thoughts

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Why do people cook bacon and bake cookies?



What will You See Here?

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Featured in these pages you'll find information about Camp Nageela West, as well as information for West Coast Jewnior NCSY, which services 4-8 graders from NV, CA, AZ, UT, WA and OR



Take Note

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This week, we begin our annual cycle of Torah reading! That means we start at Bereishis, with the very creation of the universe!



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DVAR TORAH

DON'T BE THAT GUY

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Just two typical brothers with a rivalry. These guys, Kane and Abel (or if you prefer the accurate Hebrew pronunciation, Kayin and Hevel- I just use Kane and Abel because that's what the Starbucks barista calls them) each want to do something awesome for God. So they bring sacrifices.

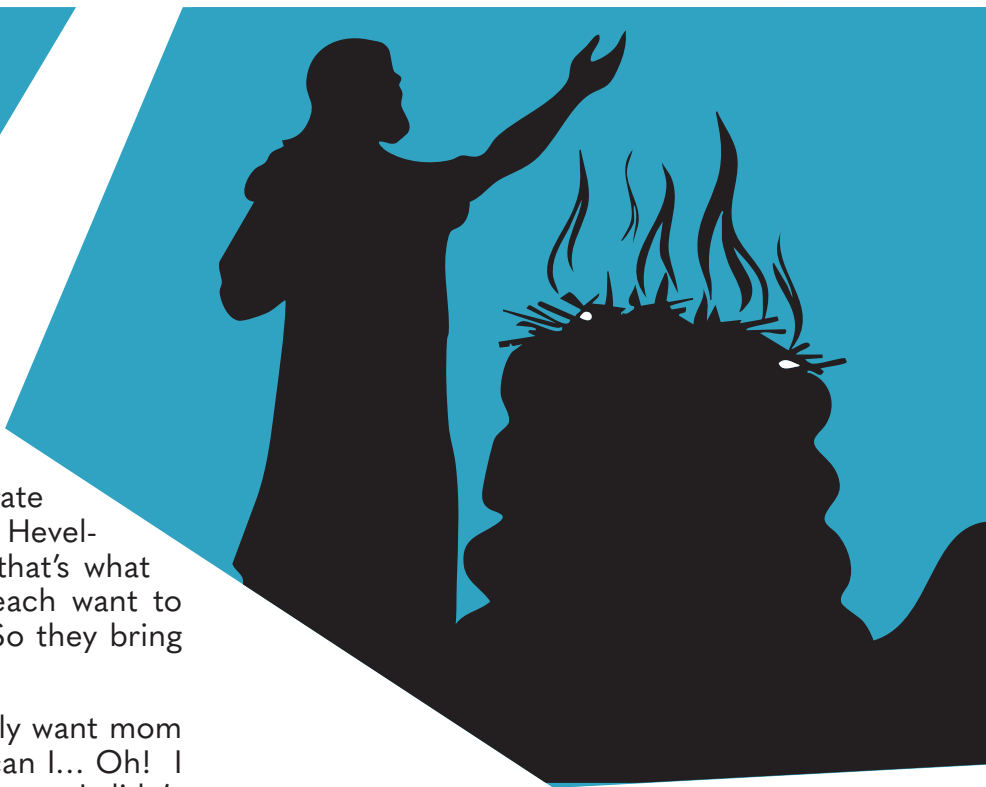
Kids, don't try this at home. "I really want mom to like me. What can I do... what can I... Oh! I know! I'll sacrifice the cat!" Don't say I didn't warn you.

Anyway, these two brothers each brought offerings to God, and none of those were cats, so we're all good. God accepted the offering of Abel but rejected Kane's sacrifice, which came back with a big 'Return to Sender' stamped on one of the potatoes.

Why did God accept Abel's offering and not Kane's? You might have heard the common sansser, that Abel was generous and was willing to give some of his very best, while Kane gave the leftovers which weren't as high quality. Yet there's another answer given in the Midrash that I'd like to highlight.

Have you ever met someone who took a self defense class, but then got so used to 'self-defending' that they started using it to 'self-defend' other people for no good reason? The diea behind the self- defense class is good, but once you become the aggressor, it's no longer self defense. The question usually is, at what point do you stop being the victim and start becoming the bully.

Kane felt threatened by Abel's generosity. He got defensive. He hated Abel for it. The Midrash says THAT is when his offering got rejected. Only after Kane became the 'chaser' rather than the 'chased' did God reject him, because God loves to protect victims. Kane chose to attack Abel (not



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LOLZ

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I had a really realistic dream that the ocean was filled with orange soda!

Turns out it was just a fant-sea!



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DVAR TORAH

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physically at first, but it seems that there was some argument first), thereby becoming the chaser. The chaser's offerings were not appreciated.

People get upset at each other all the time. Sometimes (an itty-bitty percentage I think) it's even for a good reason. It's justified.

Now what?

At the point that you've suffered at the hands of someone else, God is probably on your side. But if you now take the initiative to fire back, to go on the offensive, to hurt that other person, shut them down, ruin something in their lives, you become the chaser, and that ain't cool. [For any kids reading this, I'm definitely not recommending you let yourself be bullied. If you're being bullied, speak to an adult so a proper resolution can be reached] In Kane's situation, Abel wasn't doing anything to hurt him. Wanna know the funny thing? Kane was upset because he thought his offering wasn't accepted. Had he done nothing else, it **WOULD HAVE** been! In trying to get his sacrifice accepted the wrong way, he created his own problem. Don't be that guy. Don't be the person who gets so insulted or angry that you hurt yourself in the process. Sounds hard? Don't worry. You Kane do it! You are very Abel!



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MEETUP

SUN
OCT 27
6PM PACIFIC

CALLING ALL JEWISH MIDDLE SCHOOLERS IN THE WEST COAST!
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BRING A FRIEND
AND EARN TEN EXTRA RAFFLE ENTRIES!

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Mount Scene-Eye Explained

Here are some of the hints in this picture. Shemini Atzeres is compared to a king who dines with his own children after a many day fest with others. The number 8 represents the 8th day of the holiday. They're eating challah in honor of the first Shabbos, which is introduced in Bereishis. He's holding a Torah and there's music in honor of Simchas Torah. They're also eating figs, which is a reference to Adam and Eve who used fig leaves after the mistake. According to many, the fruit they ate was an Esrog, hence the citrons at the bottom right.



Answer of the Week

Jacob built Sukkos booths,
and so did the prophet Jo-
nah



PICKLE JEWS

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Happy Birthdays!

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