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## SheepTube by Rabbi Dani Locker



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### Quick quiz:

You are being offered one of these jobs (let's say all will make the same amount of money), which one do you pick?

1. Youtuber
2. Stock trader
3. Inventor
4. Artist
5. Shepherd

Ok, how many of you guys chose YouTuber? If you didn't, you're probably too old to be reading this. Interestingly, most of our great ancestors chose to be shepherds. Trust me, that not just because YouTube didn't exist. Well it might have something to do with it, but seriously, could you imagine Jacob having a YouTube channel? "Hey guys, make sure to subscribe below! If we hit 100,000 followers by next week, I'll show you how to breed speckled and striped sheep!" Yeah. No.

As the original Jewish family moved to Egypt, Joseph introduced them to King Pharaoh (who had a terrible YouTube following and felt completely inadequate), as shepherds. He instructed his brothers to stress to the King that shepherding was in their blood, partially so he wouldn't try to get them to post any videos for his channel, and partially so that they'd be able to live in the Jewish community

of Goshen, within the Egypt Eruv boundaries. Why was shepherding so important? Why is it that so many of our ancestors, including Jacob, Moses, David and the twelve sons of Jacob were shepherds?

A friend of mine had a good job as a stock day trader. Basically a day trader finds stocks that he expects to go up in value, buys them, holds on to them for a few minutes or a few hours, then sells them. It's a quick-thinking business, and if you know how to read market trends, you can do well. He was making money, and he enjoyed the work. Then he quit. He explained to me why. Almost any job you can get is either providing goods or services to people. Meaning, you're doing something for someone. If you are a locksmith, you help people protect their homes. If you're a web programmer, you help companies interact with their customers and advertise their businesses. If you're a nurse, you help people stay healthy and recover from sickness. Whether you're a home builder, a book editor, engineer, lawyer, plumber, air traffic controller, food server or coal miner, you're doing something that helps people. As a day trader, my friend felt all he was doing was making money. Sure, it's nice to make money, but he felt kinda empty doing a job that helped nobody but himself.



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If someone offered you \$1,000,000 contingent on the agreement that you cannot do ANY work for the rest of the year, would you do it?

Why or why not?



Dani Locker @lockeroom

Replying to

Nope. The goal of work [should be to] be productive and accomplish a goal. You can't pay me to be intentionally unproductive.

were puzzled. "Rabbi, we paid him straws. How is it kindness to work and make money?" Their teacher explained to them that people choose different ways in which to make money. The innkeeper chooses to make his money in a way that helps people. That is kindness.

To help illustrate this point, this is a screenshot of a twitter thread from Friday morning (honestly, I had no idea I was even writing about this topic when I tweeted). What would you answer to this question?

There are jobs that are selfish, and there are jobs that develop kindness. Shepherding is an uber-kindness job. It's whole purpose is to provide care for creatures. The day is spent caring for others. That's one reason why our forefathers chose to care for a flock.

A travelling Rabbi and his students once stopped at a roadside inn, where they ate and slept before moving on to their journey. The Rabbi gave the innkeeper a lot of respect, and told his students, "This man is involved in constantly helping people. He's a man of chessed (kindness)!" His students good money. He doesn't do this for free. There was even a surcharge for plastic straws. How is it kindness to work and make money?" Their teacher explained to them that people choose different ways in which to make money. The innkeeper chooses to make his money in a way that helps people. That is kindness.

As we go through life, all of us do what we need to do to survive. We go to school, we get jobs, we cook and clean. If we want to be like our special, holy ancestors, we will make sure that at the same time as we take care of ourselves, we do it in a way that helps others as well. You can even do that on YouTube. Speaking of which, have you subscribed to my Selfie Torah videos...



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# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Happy Birthday to Nageela family members celebrating this week!

Madi Speidel  
Tanner Eckmann  
Mordechai Shirit  
Yaron Weiss

Jacob Sundberg  
Mathan Ben-Yehuda

HAPPY UNBIRTHDAY TO EVERYONE ELSE!

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### THIS WEEK:

- Monday: LV Summerlin: We're Baaaack! 5:45 for 4-6 grade 7-8 for grades 7-8
- Wednesday, Tarzana LNL
- Thursday: Irvine Jr. LNL 6:15pm
- Thursday: Los Angeles City Jr. LNL 5-6:30

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Gravady All Nighter - Las Vegas Feb. 15th, 11:30pm
- Treats for Troops- Arizona Feb 23rd
- Winter Regional Shabbaton Weekend: Jan. 17th-19th (MLK weekend) San Francisco! SEE FLYER- Registration is closing soon!

# Bloody Poetry

Hi Rabbi,

You know how we check for blood in eggs? Silly question. Of course you do. what do you do when it comes to hard boiled eggs? I don't think it's possible to check those. Is it ok to eat hard boiled eggs without knowing if there's blood inside?

Thanks,

Adam Bates



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Dear Bates, A.,

What a great thinking question! It is indeed true that we check eggs for blood spots before we eat them. For some reason, this discussion is bringing out my inner Seuss.

I will not eat red eggs with blood,  
Not on the grass, not in the mud,  
I will not eat them with a fork,  
Cause blood is just as bad as pork,

I would not, could not on a bagel,  
It will not get a Kosher label,

Not cold or hot,  
Not on Shabbat,  
Not with some cheese,  
Stop asking, please

If i will check and find some blood,  
I'll throw them down with a thud,  
'Cuz you will find, if you study,  
Jews do not eat foods that are bloody

Soooo,  
as I was  
saying, we  
don't eat eggs with blood, so we check our  
eggs before eating them, and if there is a  
bloodspot, we remove it. However, there  
are two reasons hard boiled eggs are not  
a problem.

First of all, how often do you find a blood  
spot in an egg? One percent of the time?  
Ten percent? It's certainly nowhere near  
most of the time. In Jewish law, we tend  
to follow the probability. When it's possible  
to guarantee there's no blood, we do, which  
is why we check. But if it's not practical to  
check, like with a boiled egg, it's perfectly  
fine to eat the egg, assuming that since  
the vast majority of eggs don't have blood,  
you're good and bloodless (Disclaimer:  
the rules about when we use this logic of  
'majority rules' are complicated, so please  
don't make up your own application of this  
idea without running it by a Rabbi).

Howevuh (that was my inner New Yawkuh  
coming out), most eggs don't even have  
any problem. You see, modern egg farms  
produce eggs that are not fertilized, which  
means any blood in them isn't real blood,



What do you call a sheep that  
can swing from branches?

A baaa- boon

**OUCH! GROAN!** got a better joke? Email it to [dlocker@nageelawest.org](mailto:dlocker@nageelawest.org)

because there was never a potential baby bird in that egg. When we check for blood spots, we're actually just checking for spots that 'look like' blood and we are careful not to eat them. We are careful not to eat those spots and even to check eggs so as not to accidentally eat them, but this is based on a strong custom, and not in biblical law. If someone forgot to check, and already scrambled up some eggs, it's fine to eat those eggs. They don't need to be thrown out.

With a thud. Got that, bud?

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*the Rabbi*

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