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## Are You Wiser

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## DVAR TORAH

I have a great business idea. Check it out: Have you heard of the game show called, "Are you smarter than a 5th grader?" My idea is

a show called "Are you wiser than an angel?" In the show (hosted by Morgan Freeman for obvious reasons), people will be given life choices, and then see if they'd do a better job than one of the angels in the show. I'm still working on getting a number for the angel acting agency, they seem to be unlisted.

I know what you're thinking: "Angels are way smarter than any people could possibly be! They have access to all the information stored in the cloud!" The truth is, you'd be right. Though I've never given an IQ test to an angel, some have described them as pure thought. We can

certainly assume no person ever could

## QUESTION OF THE WEEK

WHO HAD THE FIRST

**GUARD DOG**

IN THE TORAH?

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DON'T CHEAT, WE'RE WATCHING... HEY! STOP!

be as intelligent and knowledgeable as an angel.

But that wasn't the question.

The question was "Are you WISER than an

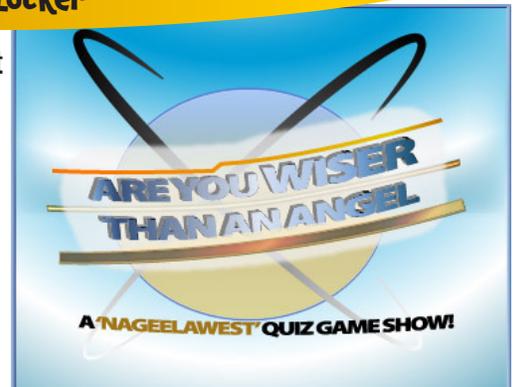
angel." Listen to what this Midrash says. When God created the first people, the angels asked, "What's the deal with these creatures?" God answered, "Their wisdom is greater than your wisdom."

WOW!

People are wiser than angels? How can that be?

Wisdom is not the same thing as knowledge, smartness, brightness, understanding, smarts, precocity, cleverness, acumen, comprehension, wit, aptitude or brainpower (case in point, I had enough intelligence to look up those words in the thesaurus, but not enough wisdom to stop myself from

Would you consider sponsoring an episode? I'd tell you about all the blessings & rewards you'll get, but then you might lose out on some of the merit!



# DEEP THOUGHTS

## SHOULDN'T WE FEEL PERFECTLY COMFORTABLE WHEN IT'S 98.6° OUT?

typing them all). Wisdom is the power to make better decisions based on all the information you gather, and the maturity to know which decisions to act on and not to act on. So for example, someone really smart might be able to fool the teacher and cheat on a test. Someone wise will realize that it won't help them in the long run, and they'll gain more by working for their grade. Someone crafty might be able to sneak candy into their room without their parents knowledge, or read with a flashlight long after they should be sleeping. Someone wise will recognize that they are far better off following their parents' lead in deciding when to sleep and when to have treats.

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Angels are way smarter than people are. But wisdom can only be gained through trial and error. Through failing. Then failing again. Angles don't fail. They can not become truly wise because they can not experience that painful, yet uplifting experience we get by getting knocked down and leaning to do it differently.

A few lessons from this: Don't assume just because you're smart that you know best, and if someone else is smarter than you, don't let that get you down either, because you may be wiser than they. Don't get discouraged by mess ups, failures and boo boos. They are annoying but they might just make you wiser than an angel.

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**SUMMER 2023**

**3 WEEKS OF ADVENTURE**

AMAZING DESTINATIONS  
JEWISH EXPERIENCES  
LEARN NEW SKILLS  
DEVELOP CONFIDENCE

**GIRLS**  
JUNE 27- JULY 18

**BOYS**  
JULY 16- AUG 6

\*tentative dates, subject to change

# LOLZ

MY LUGGAGE WENT MISSING SO I TOOK THE AIRLINE TO COURT.

I LOST THE CASE.

THINK YOU CAN DO BETTER? YOU'RE PROBABLY RIGHT. SEND YOUR JOKES IN TO [DLCKER@NAGEELAWEST.ORG](mailto:DLCKER@NAGEELAWEST.ORG)

WE'D LIKE TO WISH AN AWESOMETASTIC  
**MAZEL TOV** TO NAGEELA WEST HEAD COUNSELOR **YEHUDA & ROCHIE LEITER**  
UPON THE BIRTH OF THEIR NEW DAUGHTER, ROSIE!

WONDERING WHEN YOU CAN EXPECT TO SEE  
**JEWNIOR NCSY** EVENTS IN YOUR CITY?  
PHOENIX/ SCOTTSDALE- OCT 26  
LOS ANGELES- OCT 27  
LAS VEGAS- NOV 1  
PARK CITY- NOV 3  
THE SHABBATONS ARE COMING!

**ANSWER OF THE WEEK**  
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KAVIN (OR GAIN). HE WAS EXILED FROM THE GARDEN OF EDEN AND GOD GAVE HIM A PROTECTION. ACCORDING TO SOME COMMENTARIES, THIS PROTECTION WAS A DOG.



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