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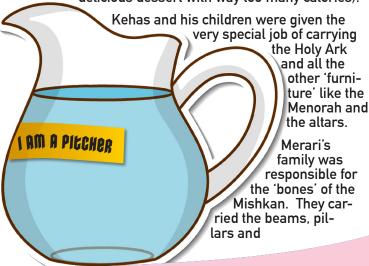
You might have answered arms or shoulders, to throw the ball hard. If your knowledge of baseball is more complex, you might have mentioned fingers, because how a pitcher grips the ball is extremely important. You probbbbbably weren't gonna say his toe. Am I right?

This week's Torah portion...

Hey, weren't we taking about toes?

Fine. This week's TOE-RAH portion speaks about the children of Gershon, from the family of Levi. Basically, Levi's family (or tribe) were the ones responsible for the temple service, sacrifices, and spiritual life. Levi's three sons each were given a responsibility for their respective families to take care of while in the desert.

Gershon, the eldest, was tasked with transporting all the curtains, draperies and tapestries (tapestries sound like a delicious dessert with way too many calories).



Among the very first words of the portion are "Lift up the heads of the children of Gershon, ALSO THEM..." Kehas got the really important job. His family carried the ark. That's like, whoah. The children of Gershon might have thought, "We're not very important. We didn't get the seriously huge job. We don't matter much." So the Torah tells us to LIFT up their heads, and count them. Count them, so they know they count.

Different people may have different roles in life. Some positions, jobs or talents make certain people seem more valuable. God teaches us that all people, even those with simple responsibilities are equally valuable. As we are about to find out, the same thing is true in our bodies.

Pedro Martinez may be one of the best pitchers in the history of Major League Baseball. Throwing a 97 mile an hour fastball, he had some of the most epic seasons in baseball history and was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame in 2015.

Yet histoery was not kind to him. Autocorrect keeps trying to fix the word histoery. I'm shutting off autocrrect now becuase eye neede too spel histoery wright. Waht I meen, of cuorse is thatt his TOE is waht runed his carreer. OK, imma turrn autcorrect back onn. Are you all still with me? Pedro was throwing extremely well, poised for an absolutely historic carreer when he broke his toe. Ouch. Not a lot of fun, but toes heal right?

[ya know, I was tempted to write 'toes heel' but I held myself back]

Pedro's toe healed just fine, but he was never the same pitcher again. In the next two seasons, his pitching was meh (that's a technical term), and he ended his career on a disappointing note.

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But it's just a toe!!! One of the greatest arms in the history of arms. An amazing grip and control of the strike zone. Why should one eensy weensy toe make a difference?

Because it's not JUST a toe. A toe is a part of an entire body. The toe bone is connected to the nose bone. I think. Maybe. Point is, though the triceps might be the most 'important' part of a pitcher's motion, if any small part is left out, it can and will throw everything off.

Every person is extremely valuable. Every person means something. Every person counts, and deserves to be counted. Every person makes an impact on history... errr... histoery.

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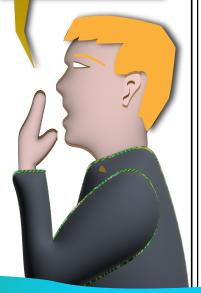
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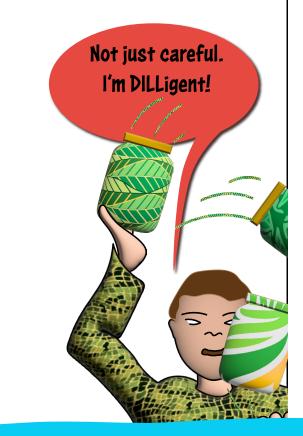
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