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# NAGEELA SHABBOS

DVAR  
TORAH

"Try to not get electrocuted."



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Face the Charge  
by Rabbi Dani Locker

Mr. James cautioned, half jokingly. "Obviously, since you are a professional, you know all the safety protocols. Anyway, as I was saying, you're hired! Our small town's electric company will be well served having an electrical engineer of your experience supervising our power grid. Welcome to the Energetix family, Mason!"

Mason smiled broadly, excited at the job he'd just landed. After moving to this small town, he had been nervous about finding work in his field of expertise. This was perfect. During his shift, he would be single handedly responsible for the electricity running through their power plant, providing light and heat to some 2,400 homes.

For 3 months, Mason faithfully did his job, avoiding electrical shocks, flipping switches, pushing buttons, and generally making himself useful. And then came the Super Bowl. "It is extremely reasonable," Mason thought to himself, "For me to take off one night a year." He bought himself a massively huge TV, an even bigger bucket of popcorn and settled down on his tiny couch to watch the game. He pushed the power

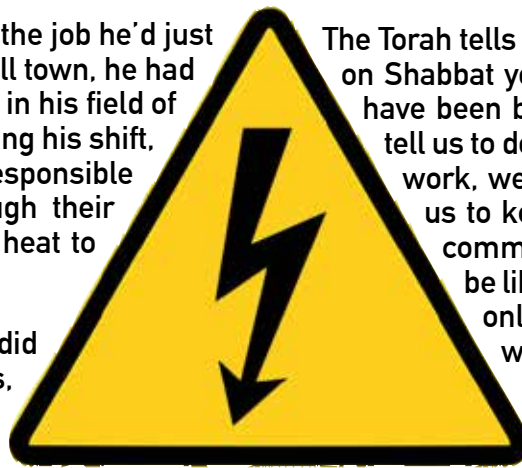
button on the remote, but nothing happened. Mason checked the batteries in the remote, but they were new. He tried manually pushing the TV's power button but there was no response. Mason slapped his forehead. Of course! Nobody was working the power grid, to provide the energy his new TV needed to show the game! Mason's own laziness backfired on him.

The Torah tells us, "Six days work will be done, and on Shabbat you shall rest." Many great thinkers have been bothered by why the Torah needs to tell us to do work for the six days. If we want to work, we'll work. The Torah should just tell us to keep Shabbat! The holy Or Hachaim comments that the Torah is telling us not to be like Mason. For six days work is done, only due to the energy brought into the word by Shabbat. Shabbat is actually the 'power plant' that supplies all the energy and blessing to the rest of the week.

Many people think, "If i work on Shabbat," (thereby neglecting the power plant) "I'll be more successful." They fail to realize that ALL of their success for the other six days comes as a result of Shabbat.

Do you want to succeed the whole week? Get a super- bowl... of cholent instead.

*You can sponsor an episode of Nageela Shabbos in honor or in memory of a loved one.  
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# QUESTION OF THE WEEK

The cover of the Holy Ark which had two figures of angels (Keruvim), was made from one solid piece of gold.

What THREE other items used by the Jews in the desert were fashioned from a single piece of metal?

Answer is on page 4.  
**DON'T CHEAT!**

# QUICK FIX!

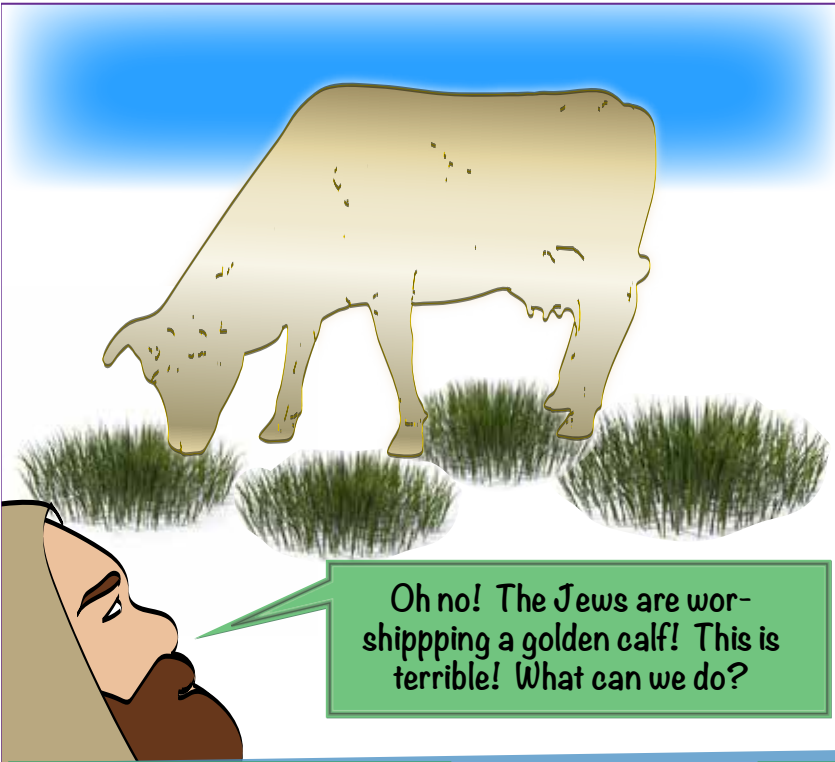
The law of supply and demand says that things that are rare are more valuable. While that might be true in dollars and cents, that does not seem to be how nature actually works. Water is certainly more important than, say, olive oil. Yet it is far less expensive. There are some brands of olive oil that sell for hundreds of dollars per bottle, while water is more or less free. Air is the most important element of all, and the government hasn't even found a way to tax that. It's completely free! The way God organized creation, the things we truly need are the most plentiful. This is perhaps one reason for this whole Parsha. Many people ask about the need for Parshas Vayakhel. You see, it is basically just repeating the Mishkan construction instructions that we've covered just a few weeks back. So why bring them up again? Because it's important. Because human beings having a place to 'bring God down to earth', to meaningfully connect, reflect and grow is not a luxury. It's as important as oxygen itself.

OOPS! Last week we forgot to include the right Pickle Jewz comic, so here's last week's. Enjoy!

# PICKLE JEWZ

**GALACTICALLY SYNDICATED COMIC STRIP**

by Dani Locker, 2024



**110**

**DAYS UNTIL  
CNW GIRLS  
2024**

**132**

**DAYS UNTIL  
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2024**

## #260 Where's Waldo



# stump the rabbi

StumptheRabbi

is a forum where kids can

ask ANY Jewish question.

Have a question? Please send it in to [stump@nageelawest.org](mailto:stump@nageelawest.org)

(Most) questions here are real. Names and some wording have been changed.

**Note & Disclaimer:** We call this 'Stump The Rabbi' for fun, but that's not really the point. The goal is to learn something important in an interesting way.

The answers here should not be taken as halachic decisions. You should always ask a competent Rabbi personally.

Hi Rabbi,

How can I have a relationship with a God who I've never met? I pray, but He doesn't reply, which is hard for me to relate to.

Thanks

Dori Wall

Dear Wall, Do,

What a profound question! You've touched upon a challenge that humans have faced since forever. Indeed it can be frustrating to try and connect with someone or something that does not seem to return your efforts. Imagine trying to have a conversation with someone who then ignores you. Like, if you've ever tried to have a conversation with a teenager who owns a phone, you'll know what I'm talking about. At best it's like you're talking to an NPC. So here are a couple of strategies that you can use to help relate:

A small child and his father are shipwrecked in a plane crash on an abandoned desert tropical jungle island planet (I think I've covered every possible scenario). As they're climbing over a river- mountain- cliff- volcano, the son falls and sprains his ankle. If that wasn't bad enough, they hear snarls coming through the foliage. Autocorrect wants me to say they hear snails coming through the foliage. I imagine that would not be nearly as terrifying as snarls, unless they were really, really big snails. So hey, why not. They hear the snarls of giant, man- eating underwater desert snails. They try to run, but the son's ankle just isn't up to it. His father lifts him onto his shoulders and begins running in a mad dash through the trees, pyramids and orange construction cones, keeping his

distance from the not-so-sluggish snails. The son, petrified, calls out to his father. "Dad! Will we be OK?" His father (either because he's preoccupied, or because he doesn't know English) doesn't answer him. "Daaaad!" No answer.

No verbal answer, but his father grasps his son's hand a bit tighter as he continues running.

Does this son doubt that his father loves him? Of course not. His father is showing his love in very real and meaningful methods, albeit not with words.

We speak to God when we pray. God does not (usually) send us direct verbal communication. Yet God communicates with us rather clearly. Each morning when you open your eyes and are able to get up from your bed, God is hugging you. When you successfully metabolize food, using the nutrients to give you energy and expelling the parts you don't need, God is carrying you on His shoulders. Whenever we are protected from harm, when Israel survives yet another attack, or when someone recovers from an illness; these are God's arm around our shoulders. It might be challenging- no, it IS challenging to think about this all the time. Yet spending just a minute each day thinking about the amazing blessings we have in life, can be a powerful tool to build this realization and help encourage us to feel warmly toward our Creator. In particular, there are two things I recommend. The prayer "Modeh Ani" is super short and is said right when we wake up. It's a quick thank you to God for giving us a new day of life. The second thing is blessings over food. We eat often. I eat really, really often. If we train ourselves to thank God each time we eat, we'll have a much easier time feeling His hugs.

**Have a Nageela Shabbos,**

*The Rabbi*



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# PARTIAL PARTIA

## Partial Partia- Vayakhel Enough talk, let's get to work!

- Moses gathers the entire Jewish nation. Imagine how many peanut butter and jelly sandwiches all those moms must have packed.
- Two master builders, Betzalel and Ahaliav are appointed to oversee the construction of the Mishkan and all its furniture.
- People start bringing donations.
- People continue bringing donations.
- They have to be told to stop.
- While we're on that topic, I am totally not going to ask you to stop. We're collecting donations (see the raffle flyer on the next page). No purple wool, though. Too itchy.
- The Mishkan gets built. Lots of boards, hooks, sockets, curtains and rings. Divine glamping.

A MOVIE

# THE JEWNIOR CHALLENGE

FOR AWESOMETASTIC 4-8 GRADERS

parsha Project

Read an article or watch a video about the weekly Torah portion, then send a video of yourself talking about it

Fantastic

## NAGEELA SUMMER CAMP INFO SESSION



## ANSWER OF THE WEEK

QUESTION ON PAGE 3

pleasing, doing not of the peeking. first, the thinking.

1. The menorah was, incredibly, made from a single piece of gold.  
2 and 3. Moses made two trumpets out of silver. They were each made from a single piece of silver.



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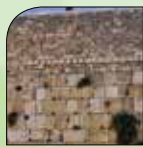
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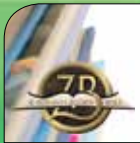
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**DEADLINE TO ENTER  
APRIL 4, 2024**



**DEEP  
DEEP  
THOUGHTS**

What does it smell like under water?

**LOLZ**

**HOW SHOULD A JEW DRESS  
WHEN SHOWING UP AT A BEIS  
DIN (JEWISH COURT)?**

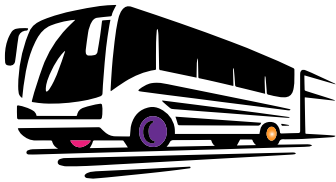
**IN HIS BEST LAW SUIT!**

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PROBABLY RIGHT.  
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NAGEELAWEST.ORG](mailto:dlocker@nageelawest.org)



**Some Paint and Some Par**

**Pictured above, Jewnior NCSYers in Las Vegas with their  
'Am Yisrael Chai' paintings.  
LV Jewnior board members at Top Golf.**



**CAMP  
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**SESSION 2: JULY 18- AUG 7 [BOYS]**



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