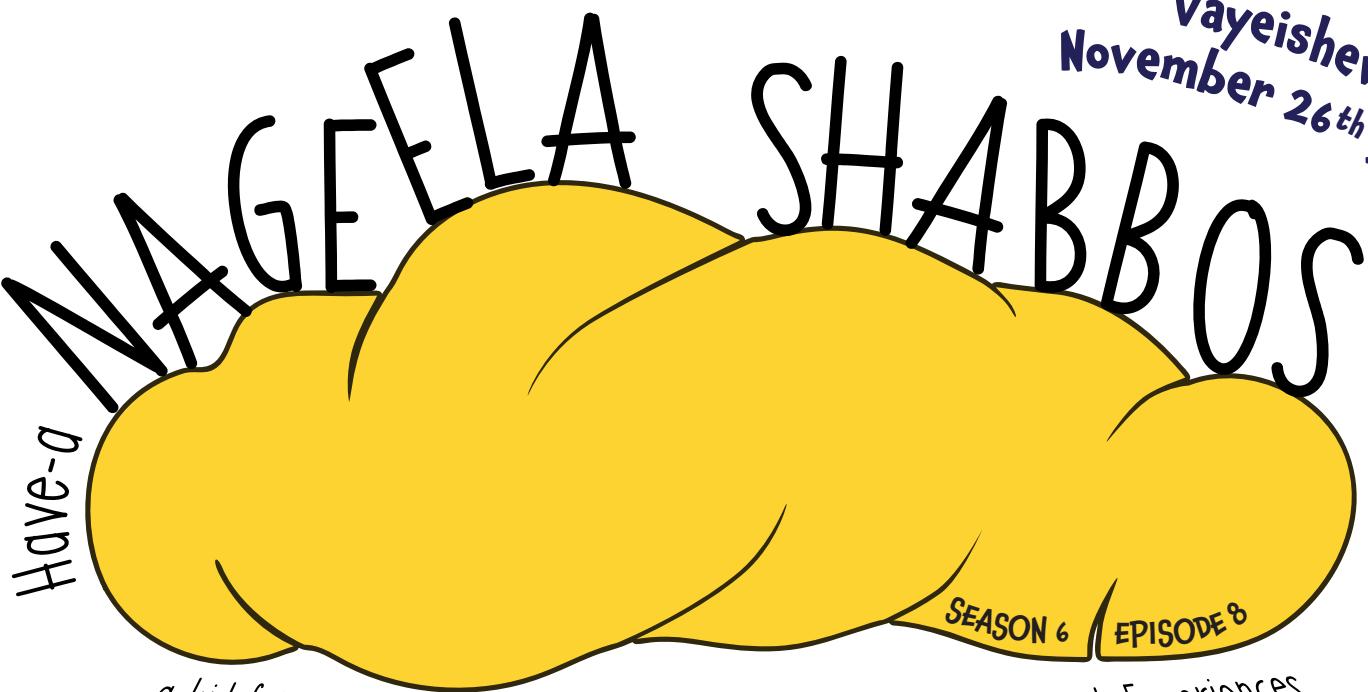


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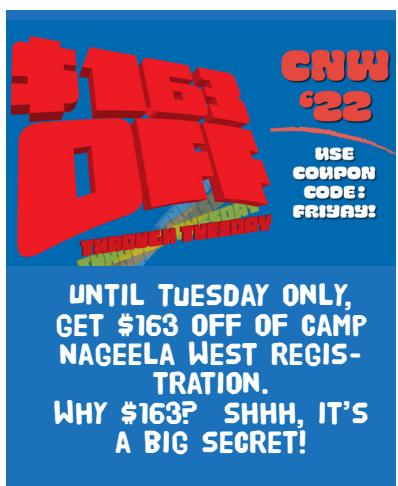
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SKREEECH!

by Rabbi Dani Locker

Do you have smartboards in your classroom? If not, you probably have a white board. You don't have a blackboard. Unless you live in a bunker somewhere. Or if you're a barista. Sometime in the past 20-30 years, blackboards, also known as chalkboards (which makes a whole lot more sense since most blackboards are green), have entered the endangered species list. Since Martin Heit invented the first whiteboard, people have decided they are far preferable to chalkboards. If you're old enough to remember that one kid who always banged erasers together, creating a toxic cloud of smoke in the classroom, you'll know why. Certainly the benefits of a smartboard are obvious, aside from the ability to play games on a large screen during recess.

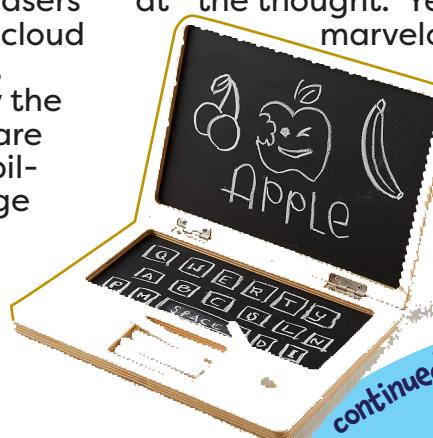


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thought today. Well, second most random (my actual MOST random thought today involved toads, ice hockey and french toast; don't ask). In my opinion, the move away from blackboards has created one of the most important advances in modern society. Any guesses? It virtually eliminated the scourge of humanity, the curse of existence, the terror of terrors which was the sound of nails on a blackboard.

The sound of nails on a blackboard. It's hard for me to even type those words without shuddering. Truly my soul shudders at the thought. Yet, in a

miracle of science and human progress, 21st century children will



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never know the horrors.

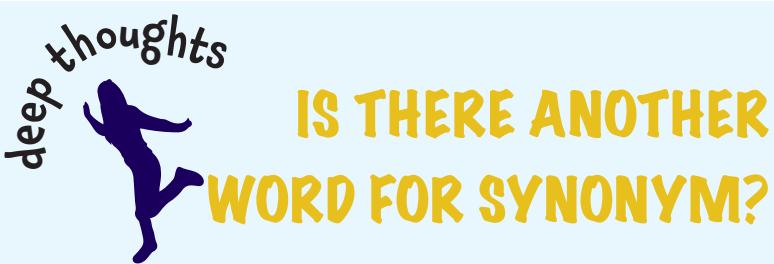
Sometimes the unintended ramifications of our actions can be more valuable than our intended purpose. Take Joseph's brothers, for example. They thought they were doing the right thing. In their minds, Joseph was a threat to the family, a threat to the future of the Jewish people, and a threat to the leadership of the tribe of Judah, the royal family of the Jewish people (and the source of the name "Jewish"). Because of this, they acted against him. Through their actions, Joseph was able to save his family and nation during a great famine. Ironically as well,

through this story, Judah ended up fathering Peretz, who is the ancestor of the Jewish royal line- exactly what the brothers feared would end.

Was it God orchestrating the invention of dry erase markers (white boards never really took off when they were using sharpies) for the sole purpose of saving our eardrums and sanity? No idea. Yet God certainly does utilize our actions to the best purpose. Our job is to do our best. The end result might not be exactly how we intend it, but hopefully it won't be nails on a backboard.



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