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Season 4
Episode 5

Esav was a GOAT?

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Let's talk about goats. I mean G.O.A.T.s... What does that even stand for?

Greenest Of All Toads?

Golden Oldies Are Terrific

Gulping Ostrich Ate Timmy

Growling Only Angers Tigers...

OK. I mean **Greatest Of All Time**. This is a huge debate in many areas of life. Who is the GOAT?

Jordan or Lebron? Dumbledore or Gandalf?
Montana or Brady? Pele or Ronaldo? Ali or Biggie
Mayweather? Shwekey or the Beatles? Jay Z? Newton or Einstein?

Esav was the G.O.A.T. at one thing. One good thing, anyway, and that is the way he honored his father. Centuries later, some of the greatest Rabbis and leaders were still in awe of the great respect and love Esav showed toward his Dad, Isaac. Esav prepared food for his father, served him, and even wore his best clothes every time he had the chance to do something for his father.



Which leads me to a question. Here's the background:

Isaac was getting old and was ready to give his big 'life blessing' to his older son, Esav. Jacob, the younger twin, following his mother's directions pretended to be Esav (Isaac couldn't see very well and Zenni didn't deliver to Chevron in those days) in order to get their father's blessing. Jacob covered his hands with goat skin so he would feel hairy to Isaac's touch (see, I told you Esav was the goat!), but he was unable to disguise his way of speaking. When Jacob talked to Isaac, he said, "Father, please arise." When Esav arrived, he gruffly said, "Yo, pops. Get up!" (I might have paraphrased that slightly) The point is that Jacob spoke more softly and respectfully than Esav did. So now my question:

If Esav was the GOAT when it came to parental respect, why didn't he speak nicely, too? He was sooo good at being good to his Dad. He should have spoken more respectfully!

But habits are hard to break. When you get yourself used to speaking a certain way, you can't just turn it on and off like your wifi. Esav was a rude and gruff person. So even though he tried to honor his father really well, it may not have even occurred to him to change his way of speaking. It was just what he was used to.

Even GOATs are creatures of habit.

Who lives in a pineapple under the sea?

Not people who sponsor Nageela Shabbos. They live in pickles.

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A book just fell on my head

But I've only got myself to
blame!

OUCH! GROAN!

got a better joke? Email it to dlocker@nageelawest.org

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*mazel
tov!*

*to Nageela West staff member
Talia Hassan upon her
upcoming wedding this week!*

**Thank
You**

Tremendous thanks to
Rabbi and Rebbetzin Wyne
and the entire Young Israel
Aish community for hosting
our YOLO5 Shabbaton last
week and truly making us
feel welcome.

DEEP THOUGHTS

**What do people in China call
their good plates?**



Jewnior NCSJ ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS WEEK:

- Monday: LV Summerlin: 4-6 grade at 5:45. 7-8 grade at 7pm.
- Monday: Tarzana Jr. LNL - 7pm
- Wednesday: San Diego Jr. Board Meeting- 8pm
- Thursday: Irvine Jr. LNL 6pm
- Thursday: Los Angeles City Jr. LNL 5-6:30

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Orange County Juniors Shabbaton
Dec. 13th-14th - Including CircusTrix

Phoenix Juniors Event
Dec. 12th 6:30pm

San Diego Donuts & Skating
Dec. 19th - 6pm

Winter Regional Shabbaton Weekend:
Jan. 17th-19th (MLK weekend) San
Francisco! SEE FLYER- Registration has
opened!

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Ten Tickles (which is how many tickles you need to make an octopus laugh)

Hi Rabbi,

I've been hearing a lot about Abraham's ten tests. Why would God need to test Abraham? Doesn't He already know what the result will be? Also, can you explain in more details what these tests were?

Thanks,

Nyssa Youn



**stump the
rabbi**

Stump the Rabbi is a forum where kids can ask ANY Jewish question. Have a question? Please send it in to stump@nageelawest.org

Questions here are real. Names and some wording have been changed.

Dear Nyssa Youn,

I almost missed my eye exam because I was too busy studying for it... So tests. Yeah. If you want to know the purpose of God testing people, please take a look at Nageela Shabbos Season 1, Episode 3. As a short summary, God challenges us to become greater people by putting obstacles in our way. **They're not for God to 'see how we'll do.'** He already knows that. They're for us to build up our spiritual muscles.

When an athlete shows great talent, that's when you make them work super hard to become truly great. Abraham, as one of the most awesome people ever, and the founder of our nation, was challenged with ten difficult obstacles. There's no doubt Abraham was pretty great on his own. So he needed these challenges to push him harder, and make him the father of our nation.

The Talmud (Avos) tells us that Abraham had ten challenges, yet there are some disagreements as to exactly which challenges are counted. Please see the next page for a 'Tree Stump' segment on the ten challenges of Abraham as listed by

Rabbeinu Yonah:

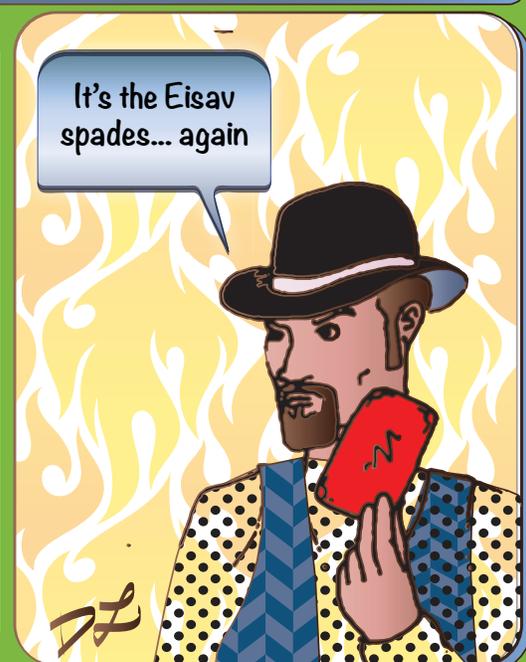
Have-A Nageela Shabbat,

the Rabbi

PICKLE JEWS

GALACTICALLY SYNDICATED COMIC STRIP

Magic tricks in biblical times be like:



tree stump

an expansion on the Stump
The Rabbi topic



Abraham's Ten Challenges

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| 1 | You're on fire! | Abraham was threatened with getting burned alive if he would not renounce his commitment to ONE GOD. He passed the test, risking his life. He was miraculously saved. |
| 2 | Oh, the places you'll go! | God commanded Abraham to leave his home and everything he'd ever known and journey to an unidentified land. Scary test of trust. |
| 3 | Bait and Switch | When Abraham finally arrives in the land where God has promised him all kinds of awesomeness, there's no food, and he has to leave. They travel to Egypt until the famine ends. |
| 4 | What's yours is mine | Sarah is abducted by Pharaoh, the King of Egypt. Abraham gives Egypt a one star rating on AirBNB. |
| 5 | Fortnite? | After his nephew Lot gets captured by four powerful armies, Abraham takes a small tactical team and goes on the first ever black ops rescue mission. |
| 6 | Not just bagels | At age 99, Abraham circumcises himself. It was painful and dangerous, and really showed his commitment to God. |
| 7 | Again? Seriously? | Sarah is abducted AGAIN! This time by Abimelech. Customer service is called and complaints are filed. |
| 8 | Go, my son. | On the advice of Sarah (after consulting with God), Abraham makes the difficult decision to send away his older son, Ishmael and Ishmael's mother, Hagar. |
| 9 | I love you too, Dad. | Abraham is commanded to sacrifice his son, Isaac. With a great amount of love and devotion, Abraham hurries to follow the instructions until God intervenes and tells him, "Just kidding." Approximately. |
| 10 | Prepare for land-ing. | When it's time to bury Sarah, Abraham can not find an appropriate burial spot. Despite being promised the land by God, he must pay a lot of money to buy a cave to bury her. |



Photo of the Week

YOLO SHABBATON!

55 Participants and 10 staff members gathered for a memorable Shabbaton in Las Vegas this past week. Pictured here, part of the group at Adventuredome indoor amusement park.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Happy Birthday to Nageela family members celebrating this week!

Hillel Nissim
Michaella
Gazala
'Babbi' Locker
Yaakov Polonsky

Zevi Frid
Rabbi Locker
Eli Banner
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HAPPY UNBIRTHDAY TO EVERYONE ELSE!



Nageela West breaks the mold of old school Jewish outreach by providing out-of-the-box social and educational programs for Jewish children across the west coast. Through afterschool activities, weekend retreats and our signature summer camp, we engage elementary and middle school children in a fun and meaningful experience.

Our "questions encouraged" mindset makes Nageela a comfortable learning and growing environment for Jewish children of all backgrounds.