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Season 4
Episode 6

Palace within the Palace by Rabbi Dani Locker



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Blake was overwhelmed. For a country boy like him, visiting the capitol city was an extreme adventure! He wandered through the streets, amazed at the shops sprawled across the main thoroughfares, and floored by the beauty of the parks and gardens. He gawked at the mansions lining the residential streets, and was baffled by how many beautiful, big, fancy cars lined the cobblestone driveways. Yet none of this could prepare him for what he saw next.

It was a wall of marble so tall he could not see the top, and so wide, it could play linebacker. There were beautiful inlaid golden designs, and massive bronze gates large enough to drive a jumbo jet through.

“What is this place?” Blake asked the first person he saw.

“It’s the royal palace.” replied the man. I work there, and I could give you a tour if you’d like.

So Blake and his escort entered the complex, where dozens of huge buildings stood.

“This house is where the financial minister lives, and the building over there is the royal medical clinic.” The man continued to point out more buildings. “That large square thingamabob is where the security guards and secret service members live and work. The strange rounded building is for the groundskeepers, and household staff. This large mansion is for the Prime minister.”

“What’s that big, big, wowfully big mansion in the center?” Blake asked.

“Why, that’s the Royal Palace!” the guide replied.

“But you told me this whole complex is the royal palace. How can this building be the royal palace?”

“Well...” began the man... “The entire complex belongs to the King. It’s all his palace. Yet he allows people who help him to live on the grounds. There are many buildings belonging to various people who are employed by the King. This building, however, is reserved for the King only. It’s not just for anyone. That’s why I can’t bring you inside as part of this tour.

When Jacob is traveling, he comes upon a place where he has an amazing dream of angels. He says, “How awesome is this place? This is the house of God.” Wait a minute, Jacob. The whole UNIVERSE is the house of God, isn’t it? Sure, the whole universe is God’s yet he allows us people to live, work, and generally do what we need to do. Yet there are some special places that are ‘the house of God.’ The inner palace. Places which require us to act in a more reserved and respectful manner. Take a look at this week’s Stump the Rabbi for more on this. We recognize that everyplace belongs to God. Yet it’s important for us to remember to treat holy places, like a synagogue or study hall with even more dignity and respect.

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Keep Scrolling

Hi Rabbi,

I was at a synagogue and when they were lifting the Torah scroll, the guy nearly dropped it. Everyone was completely freaking out and talking about fasting and stuff. Could you please explain what happens if a Torah falls, and why?

Thanks,

Sydney C. Roll



**stump the
rabbi**

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

Dear S. C. Roll,

What's the worst place for a scroll to fall?
On your toe-rah!

NOOOOOO... that was terrible! I mean
torahble...

Let me start again. Gimme a second chance.

We believe in showing a great deal of respect for people, places and things that are important. For example, we stand up when a parent or Rabbi walks into the room, we do not use a synagogue as a shortcut, and it's uncool to throw old prayerbooks in the trash. When we show respect for stuff, we appreciate them more. In an episode in the near future, we'll discuss the proper way to treat a holy place. Interestingly enough, we wrote about how to treat specific holy objects exactly one year ago, Parshat Vayitzei of season 3.

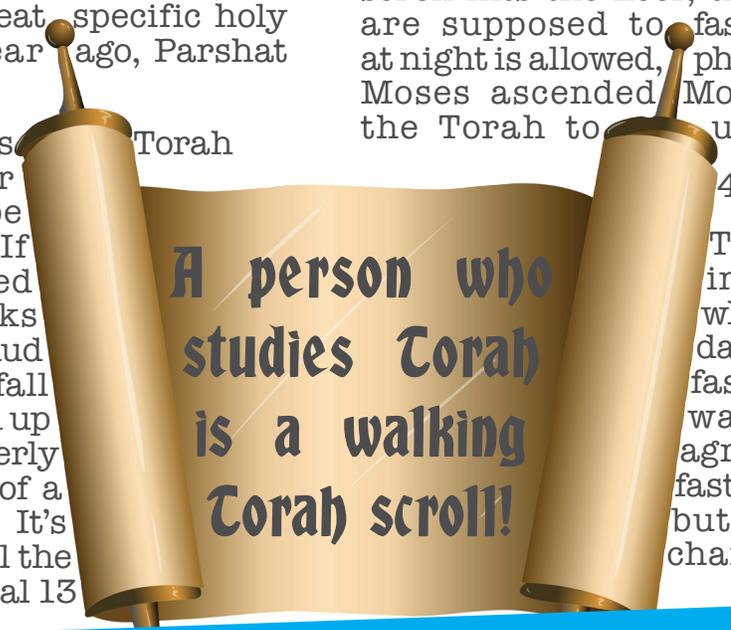
Any book that contains Torah information, quotes or fragments has got to be treated with respect. If a Chumash (the printed version of the five books of the Torah) or a Talmud (part of the Oral Torah) fall on the floor, we pick them up and kiss them. A properly written Torah scroll is of a much greater holiness. It's copied, torah to torah, all the way back to Moses' original 13

torahs. It's

handwritten on parchment, in a unique, specialized font, full of important and subtle details. Great care is taken that it's perfect, and not even a single letter is flawed. This Torah scroll is the holiest object that we have. Therefore we take extra care of it. We stand up when a Torah is taken out of the ark, kiss the cover when it passes, and we don't even touch the parchment of the Torah with our bare hands! When more than one Torah is taken from the ark, it should be held by a person, not placed on a shelf or stand.

And when a Torah falls, we fast. If a Torah scroll hits the floor, those in attendance are supposed to fast for 40 days (eating at night is allowed, phew). Why 40? When Moses ascended Mount Sinai to bring the Torah to us, he was there for...

40 days!



**A person who
studies Torah
is a walking
Torah scroll!**

To balance out the insult to the Torah which was given in 40 days, we symbolically fast for 40 days. But wait! Most Rabbis agree that nowadays, fasting isn't necessary, but we should give charity instead. The

charity given should be the amount of money it would cost for 40 days of food. I humbly suggest that the type of charity should be something that supports people learning Torah, like a Yeshiva or outreach organization.

Did I say a Torah is the holiest thing? Second holiest. A person who studies Torah is a walking Torah scroll! It's important to show great respect for a Torah, but it's even more important to show respect for other people. If we fast 40 days for a torah fall, imagine how concerned we must be for any pain or embarrassment our friends suffer. Respect everyone, from their head to their Toe-rah.

Have-A Nageela Shabbat,
the Rabbi



I asked a French guy if he plays video games.

He said Wii.

OUCH! GROAN!

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

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THIS WEEK:

Monday: LV Summerlin: @ USWIRL on Washington & Bufflao
4-6 grade at 5:45. 7-8 grade at 7pm.
Monday: Tarzana Jr. LNL - 7pm
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
Gravady All Nighter - Las Vegas
Dec. 21st, 11:30pm
Winter Regional Shabbaton Weekend:
Jan. 17th-19th (MLK weekend) San Francisco! SEE FLYER- Registration has opened!
Join your city's Junior Board

For ALL 5-8 graders- NO membership required

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DECEMBER 13-14

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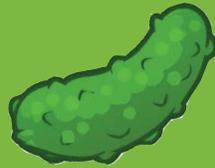
DEEP THOUGHTS

What do batteries run on?



PICKLE JEWS

GALACTICALLY SYNDICATED
COMIC STRIP



Yup!

So it will
be a
Safer
Torah!

Did you strap a
Torah scroll to
yourself?

Okay...
But, why?

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Happy Birthday to
Nageela family members
celebrating this week!

Tal Hirsh
Shlomo Berk
Alec Milton
Mayer Minkowich

HAPPY UNBIRTHDAY TO
EVERYONE ELSE!



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ALL NIGHTER

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Sat. Night Dec. 21
6-10 grade. \$40



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