

# HAVE A NAGEELA SHABBOS

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**SEASON 9, EPISODE 2**  
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**PARSHAS NOACH 5785**



## Torat Scene-Eye

This features an AI generated picture that has numerous hints to the weekly parsha or relevant holiday. How many hints can you find? This week's is about Parshas Noach.

## For real, this time

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Welcome to season 9 of Nageela Shabbos. In case you were wondering, this is Episode #328 (which has the numerical value of שכח - forgot).

We are experimenting with new features, a whole bunch of them actually, and we're not going to keep them all, so your feedback is important.

We're planning on keeping our core features most weeks: Dvar Torah, Stump the Rabbi, LOLZ and Pickle Jewz.

Here are some of the new features we're trying (and we won't get to all of them this week):

Weekly poll, Torat Scene-Eye (Ai generated photo hunt), Jewish Mythbusters, Your Turn, Wrong Answers Only, Nageela Fun Fact, Making it Personal. Wow, that is a lot!

## COMING UP SOON

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- NOV 2- HAVDALLAH GAME NIGHT  
Local in Las Vegas, and also broadcast on ZOOM.
- NOV 3- Regional Meetup  
A ZOOM gathering for 5-8 graders everyone. New contest will be announced!
- NOV 4- Las Vegas TNT (Teens N Tweens)  
5pm (grades 4-6) and 6:15pm (grades 7-8) @ZJA
- NOV 6- Park City Jewish Heroes

You can sponsor a week of Nageela Shabbos in honor of a special occasion or in memory of a loved one.  
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## Beep Thoughts

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*They say the universe is expanding... so why does my belt keep getting smaller?*



## MAZEL TOV!

We're excited to wish a BIG Nageela Mazel Tov to Aryeh Ephraim who celebrated his Bar Mitzvah last week!



## Poll of the Week

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With our new format, we'd like to add more features. Which would you like to see more of? Please email your vote to [dlocker@nageelawest.org](mailto:dlocker@nageelawest.org)

- ☆ I Only Make Up True Stories: A creative parable that totally really maybe happened.
- ☆ Making it Personal: A brief blurb about an important person in Jewish history.
- ☆ Book Review: Weekly feature on a kid-friendly Jewish book
- ☆ Jewish Mythbusters: All the things you thought you knew, but really didn't.
- ☆ Nageela Fun Fact
- ☆ Your Turn: A weekly question where we highlight your thoughts
- ☆ Wrong Answers Only: A fun way of looking at life

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VIP THERE WILL BE PRIZES



# DVAR TORAH

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planter, builder and rememberer of all things. All knowledge was recalled through him. All tools, instruments and devices, passed down through his auspices. It was a completely different job than the one he had as a mere 500 year- old youth, and a different responsibility than during his year afloat.

The great work of Jewish philosophy called Mesilas Yesharim talks about the importance of a person knowing his goals and purposes. He says a person must know his responsibility in "his world." Not "the world," but "his world." My world isn't the same as your world, and our responsibilities and goals also aren't matched up. Sure, we have a general responsibility to general goodness, but every person has a completely unique set of circumstances that frame their own mission. Even during one's own life, as with Noah, a person can be in several different worlds. Our job is to be able to identify "our world" and figure out our current mission.

If you're a student, then your mission is different than that of a parent, teacher or Mr. Potato Head.



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PLEASE PARDON OUR DUST...



## MEETUP

**SUN**  
**NOV 3**  
6PM PACIFIC

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## Wrong Answers Only

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We asked around for the best materials to make a Sukkah from, wrong answers only. Here were some of the answers we got:

Elephant	Salami
Cookies	Pickles
Saran Wrap	Mtn Dew Cans
Gingerbread	Snakes

## Torat Scene-Eye Explained

Here are some of the hints in this picture:

Noah's ark (yes, I know, the boat is the wrong size- you might have noticed the rest of this picture isn't exactly to scale) is resting upon a tall tower; a reference to the Tower of Babel. There's a rainbow, God's sign He would never destroy the world, and an umbrella because of the rain! A 'Giant' holding a vine, because Noah planted a grape vine, and a lion, which attacked Noah when he was late with a meal. There's a dove, which Noah sent to find dry land.

# PARSHAL PARSHA

*a brief summary of the weekly  
torah porshon*

## PARSHAS NOACH- Water is wet

- ❶ NOAH HAS THREE SONS. ONE OF THEM IS NAMED "NAME."
- ❶ THAT GENERATION WAS CORRUPT AND EVIL, SO GOD DECIDES TO BRING A FLOOD TO WASH IT ALL AWAY.
- ❶ NOAH SPENDS 120 YEARS BUILDING A LARGE FLOATING CRAFT (I GUESS IT WAS A CRAFT PROJECT) HOPING THAT THE PEOPLE WOULD SEE IT AND EITHER LEARN TO SWIM OR BECOME BETTER.
- ❶ NOAH BRINGS 2 OF EACH UNKOSHER AND 14 OF EACH KOSHER ANIMAL ONTO HIS ARK SO THEY COULD SURVIVE AND REPOPULATE THE WORLD.
- ❶ THE FLOOD LASTS A YEAR DURING WHICH TIME ALL THE PEOPLE WHO AREN'T ON BOARD AND ALL THE LAND ANIMALS ARE LOST
- ❶ NOAH GETS A DUI (DAVENING UNDER INTOXICATION), AND WHILE DRUNK, ONE OF HIS SONS (HAM) DISGRACES HIM, WHILE HIS OTHER SONS (SHEM AND YAFES) TRY TO HIDE HIS EMBARRASSMENT. THIS IS THE WORLD'S FIRST COVER UP (SECOND, IF YOU COUNT LAST WEEK'S FIG CLOTHING).
- ❶ NOAH'S CHILDREN HAVE CHILDREN OF THEIR OWN AND FOR THE NEXT FEW HUNDRED YEARS THEY BEGIN FORMING NATIONS.
- ❶ THEY ALL GET TOGETHER TO BUILD A TOWER AND CHALLENGE GOD (YEAH, SMART IDEA KIDDOS). GOD DISABLES THEIR GOOGLE TRANSLATE APPS AND THEY END UP BEING UNABLE TO WORK TOGETHER. THEY SCATTER TO FORM NEW NATIONS WITH THEIR OWN LANGUAGES (ONLY SOME OF WHICH MAKE ANY SENSE).
- ❶ WE ARE INTRODUCED TO ABRAM, THE SON OF TERACH



### Making it Personal

One of the greatest Jewish characters of the past 500-600 years is Don Isaac Abarbanel. Born in 1437 in Portugal, Abarbanel was a really powerful government official, acting as the finance minister for the Spanish royal family, King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella.

In this capacity, he's probably the one who financed Columbus' journey. He wrote lots of commentaries on Torah, the prophets and the Holy Writings, and his books are still studied today.



### Nageela Fun Fact

Camp Nageela West has visited (at least) 10 National parks on camp trips. Can you guess which?



### Jewish Mythbuster

Today's topic in Jewish mythbusters is the Hebrew Alphabet.

Though Hebrew hasn't changed that much over thousands of years, our current letters aren't originally Hebrew. Pictured to the left is a coin with the original 'Ivrit' lettering. Our current lettering, called 'Assyrian text' originated elsewhere. Perhaps Assyria or Babylonia.



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DAYS TILL NAGEELA WEST GIRLS SESSION



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DAYS TILL NAGEELA WEST BOYS SESSION



# 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.

## TALL TALE?

Hi Rabbi,

I've heard so many Torah stories about giants, including one about a giant who got a ride on Noah's ark, like it was some amusement park log flume. Do we actually believe in giants? They seem so unlikely. And if we do, what were they actually like?

Thanks,  
Eli Manning

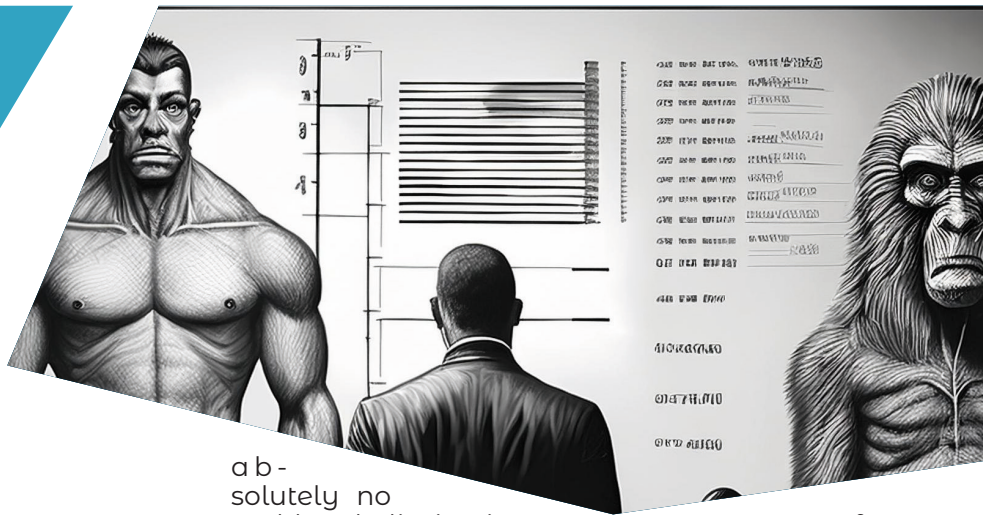
Dear Eli,

There are not many similarities between certain cultures. You can have cultures from Europe, Asia, Africa and Native American cultures with vast, gaping differences. They believe in different gods, eat different foods, have rather disparate opinions on what constitutes morality, edible foods or good fashion sense. Yet there are things called cultural universals. These are things that nearly all cultures, regardless of how they came to be, agree upon. Like not putting an empty milk carton back into the fridge (are you really even human if you do that?), putting pineapple on pizza or wearing a bathing suit to a wedding (or a tuxedo in the pool, for that matter). Just about every culture I've heard of has some myth regarding giants. Japanese, Hindu, Norse, Greek, African, Celtic... it's pretty accepted across the board. I actually have a personal experience with a giant-related earthquake.

I was living in an apartment building in New York, when, on a Sunday evening in February 2008, my building shook. A large apartment building in Queens, shaking, because of one giant! Well, maybe it was two Giants, named David Tyree and Eli Manning.

At any rate, my first point is that it's no accident that nearly every culture in the world has some giant myth. It's not proof, of course not. But the idea that so many cultures share a common truth lends a great deal of reliability to these stories.

The second idea I wanted to share is about dinosaurs (which, I know, you didn't ask about- too bad). According to current paleontology, there were some dinosaurs that may have been over 100 feet long. I find it interesting that many people who are extremely doubtful about the supernatural stories the Torah tells, including those about giants, have



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problem believing in  
long chicken lizards. People would prefer to believe in Godzilla, than God without the zilla.

Now, so far, I haven't actually discussed whether giants are real or not. Just that I find the idea rather believable. Let's address that core question itself. There are many, many sources in Midrashic, Kabbalistic and Talmudic literature about giants, and some of them contradict each other, so let me throw down some truth, the way I understand it. The Torah often describes events that are supernatural. The sea splitting was a miracle. Straight up. The plagues, Moses turning his staff into a serpent, Moses surviving 40 days with no food or water on Mount Sinai. We're not apologists. We believe the things the Torah says. Yes and, there are later commentaries, Midrashic comments, Talmudic traditions and others, which may not all be quite literal. So if the Midrash says that Adam's head reached the heavens, that might be a metaphor for his spiritual prowess, or an exaggeration of his extreme (but still more believable) physical height.

The Torah mentions giants. There were giants. Game over. Yet the Torah does not give us much info about how they came to be, or how tall they actually were.

Some opinions put the giant Og in the skyscraper category, telling stories of him attempting to drop a mountain to bury the entire Jewish nation, and of his ankle standing nearly 50 feet about the ground. Others assign him a more modest 'giant' status a bit closer to Hagrid or his mishpacha. Where they came from is again a matter of some debate, because the Torah doesn't tell us clearly. Some opinions bring proof from the Torah that these giants were essentially demigods, children of a marriage between angels and human women. But again, there are other ways of explaining those Torah sources, so the Torah doesn't explicitly say the giants came from angels.

So, were there giants? Definitely. How large and awesome were they? I've got no idea. Where did they come from and did they go? Where did they come from, Cotton eyed Joe? Theories, but nobody knows for sure.

Have a Nageela Shabbos,

*the Rabbi*



**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.



## Answer of the Week

The giant Og!  
He was known by other names, including 'Hapalit.' According to Tosafos, he was called Og because when he visited Abraham (to tell him Lot was taken captive), Abraham was baking cakes- Ugos.

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### HOW TO BECOME A JEWISH HERO

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## PICKLE JEWS

I LOVE  
BUBBLES SO MUCH!  
I THINK I'M GOING TO  
BUILD A TOWER OF  
BUBBLES!  
THE BIGGEST TOWER OF  
BUBBLES EVER!

DA-DA  
GA-GA  
OOGA

Something got lost in the  
translation

I DON'T UNDERSTAND  
WHAT THAT GUY IS  
SAYING. I THINK I'LL  
JUST BURST HIS  
BUBBLES

## YOUR TURN

A weekly question, up for discussion

We asked this question and asked for your ideas:

After the flood, God places a rainbow in the sky as a sign that He would never destroy the world. The Torah says, "...and I will see the rainbow in the cloud. And I'll remember the treaty between Me and between you...and water will no longer be upon the ground to destroy all life. And the cloud will be in the sky and I will see it, to remember..." (Genesis 9:14-16).

Basically, God is saying that when He is angry with the Jewish people, He will see the rainbow and remember His deal. THE QUESTION: God has a perfect memory, and isn't subject to whims of mood. If God decides to promise an end to destruction, how does 'seeing' the rainbow help? Let the answers flow like floodwaters!

Some of your answers, not mine:

*"The rainbow's appearance is as much a reminder for God to not act out of anger as it is for us to be aware of the choices we make given that we are made in God's image."*

*"We often ask God to 'remember' things. This doesn't mean He would forget. Rather, we're asking God to view the positive elements and 'remember' us with mercy rather than with judgement."*



## Happy Birthdays!

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